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Spring Graduation Events

Kentucky Campus, May 9 - May 20, 2017



Dear Graduate,

Congratulations on completing your course of study at Asbury Theological Seminary. It has been our honor to count you among our students, and to be given the privilege of contributing to your formal training for ministry and service.

You are joining the ranks of thousands of ATS graduates now serving around the world, making an impact for Christ and His Kingdom. We look forward to celebrating your accomplishments and we pray for a wonderful commencement with you, and your family and friends.

This brochure provides a schedule of commencement events. Please check the deadlines and RSVP dates for these important details.

God's richest blessings,



Bill T. Arnold

Bill T. Arnold, Ph.D.

Acting Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, May 9

11 a.m.

Awards Chapel
Estes Chapel

Wednesday, May 10

11 a.m.

Graduates Chapel
Estes Chapel

Thursday, May 11

11 a.m.

Graduates Chapel
Estes Chapel

6:30 p.m.

Graduating Couples' Consecration
Cordelia A & B Dining Rooms

A semi-formal consecration dessert to celebrate the unique contributions of the spouses of graduates. Childcare provided. Please RSVP attendance and childcare needs by May 2 to formation.ministries@asburyseminary.edu.

Tuesday, May 16

12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

**Advanced Research Programs
Master of Theology (Th.M.) Graduates' Lunch**
ARP Seminar Room (AD101)

For Th.M. graduates, graduates' spouses, and supporting faculty by invitation. Reservations should be made by May 10 by email to advancedresearchprograms@asburyseminary.edu or by calling 859.858.2081.

Thursday, May 18

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

International Graduates' Celebration
Sherman Thomas Dining Commons

A dinner to honor graduating international students with their families. RSVP Required. Contact [beth.clevenger@asburyseminary.edu](mailto:clevenger@asburyseminary.edu) for information or to RSVP. Childcare available upon request to formation.ministries@asburyseminary.edu. RSVP for childcare by May 6.



Friday, May 19

12 p.m.

Golden Graduates' Lunch
President's Dining Room

Honoring fifty-year graduates, Class of 1967.

5 p.m.

**Advanced Research Program
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)
Graduates' Dinner**

Cordelia A & B Dining Rooms
For Ph.D. graduates, graduates' spouses, mentors, and invited guests (a maximum of 4 invited guests). Childcare is available by prior arrangement. Reservations for dinner and childcare should be made by May 1 by e-mail to advancedresearchprograms@asburyseminary.edu or by calling 859.858.2081.

5:30 p.m.

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Doctor of Ministry Graduates' Dinner
Wilmore Senior Community Center, Wesley Village
For D.Min. graduates and families. By invitation only. RSVP by May 4 to dmin.office@asburyseminary.edu or by phone to 859.858.2187.

7:30 p.m.

Celebration of Worship
Estes Chapel

Join family and friends for worship, student testimonies, Holy Communion, and a brief message from Dr. Tennent, President of Asbury Theological Seminary.

Saturday, May 20

8 - 9:15 a.m.

Commencement Rehearsal
Luce Center, Asbury University

Required for all graduates. Please assemble promptly to locate your assigned seat. Bring your cap and gown as you will remain at the Center until commencement begins.

9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Graduate Continental Brunch
Luce Center, Asbury University
Continental brunch for graduates provided by the Student Leadership Council.

10 a.m.

Doors open for families at the Luce Center. Guest seating is not reserved. Limited handicapped parking is available. Use the front door drop-off area as needed.

10:15 p.m.

Commencement Assembly
Luce Center, Room 182, Asbury University
Required for all graduates. Arrive promptly for commencement lineup. Faculty will gather in designated hallway of the Luce Center at 10:30 a.m.

11 a.m.

Commencement Ceremony
Luce Center, Asbury University
Guest seating is not reserved. Limited handicapped parking is available; please use the front door drop-off area if needed.

Attendance is required at both rehearsal and commencement unless the graduate has notified the Registrar in writing that his/her degree will be received in absentia. If you have any questions, please email registrar@asburyseminary.edu.

Caps and Gowns

Caps and gowns must be purchased online at collegegrad.herffjones.com. The prices for regalia are listed on this site. Your order must be placed by April 7. For PhD graduates wishing to purchase the Asbury Seminary custom regalia rather than the standard “keeper”, the order must be placed online at academicregalia.herffjones.com no later than March 20. Your regalia will be shipped directly to you. The cap, gown, hood and tassel will be yours to keep after the ceremony. (Students living outside the U.S. should contact our office to make arrangements for having your regalia shipped to the Seminary.) If you have any questions, please contact the Registrar’s Office at 859.858.2197.

Commencement Childcare

Commencement childcare reservations must be made by May 4. Childcare is provided for children of graduates and is limited to children age 6 and younger. To register, email: formation.ministries@asburyseminary.edu with children’s names and ages. Pre-registered children may be taken to the Bob & Ellen Stamps Community House one hour before commencement begins and should be picked up immediately after the ceremonies have concluded.

Diplomas

Actual diplomas will not be in your folders at commencement. When all grades are entered and records are cleared, degrees will be posted to transcripts and diplomas mailed. Please allow four to six weeks processing time from the end of the term in which you graduate. Doctoral graduates’ diploma mailings can take considerably longer due to dissertation processing. Please be sure to provide the Registrar’s Office with a current address.

Grades

Grades will be posted as soon as they are submitted and may be accessed through the student portal. Grades will not be released over the phone or by fax. Official transcripts can be requested by logging into the student portal and selecting “Order Official Transcript”. Transcripts can also be requested in person at the Office of the Registrar on the Kentucky campus. Official transcripts may be requested in advance and held until degree is posted.

Photographs

Individual professional photographs will be taken of graduates while shaking hands with the President and receiving diploma covers. Proofs will be available on the photographer’s website. Further instructions will be given at rehearsal.

Information Services

Seminary graduates will automatically be transitioned to the Alumni version of Asbury Connect and retain their Seminary email addresses. The ATLAS library database will continue to be offered as a resource for research needs. Please contact *information.commons@asburyseminary.edu* if you have any questions.