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## Spring Graduation Events

*Kentucky Campus, May 8 - May 18, 2019*



# Dear Graduate,

Congratulations are in order as you come to the conclusion of your ministry preparation at Asbury Theological Seminary. Much has occurred during your journey here. Friendships have been formed, spirits have been shaped, souls have been healed, and minds have been enlightened. Our God has been faithful.

May the same rugged faith that brought you to and through seminary carry you higher and deeper into Christ's heart and kingdom ministry. May the richness of your life in Christ overflow to those you are called to serve.

This brochure provides a schedule of events surrounding graduation. Please check the deadlines and RSVP dates for all events listed.



God's richest blessings,

Douglas K. Matthews, Ph.D.

*Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs*

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Wednesday, May 8

11 a.m.

**Awards Chapel**

*Estes Chapel*

### Thursday, May 9

11 a.m.

**Graduates' Chapel**

*Estes Chapel*

### Monday, May 13

6:30 p.m.

**Graduating Couples' Consecration Reception**

*Cordelia A & B Dining Rooms*

A semi-formal consecration dessert to celebrate the unique contributions of the spouses of graduates. Childcare provided. Reservations for attendance and childcare should be made by May 3rd to [formation.ministries@asburyseminary.edu](mailto:formation.ministries@asburyseminary.edu).

### Tuesday, May 14

11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Advanced Research Programs**

**Master of Theology (Th.M.) Graduates' Lunch**

*ARP Seminar Room (AD101)*

For Th.M. graduates, graduates' spouses (special

guest), and supporting faculty by invitation.

Reservations should be made by May 7th to [advancedresearchprograms@asburyseminary.edu](mailto:advancedresearchprograms@asburyseminary.edu) or by calling 859.858.2081.

### Wednesday, May 15

11 a.m.

**Graduates' Chapel**

*Estes Chapel*

### Thursday, May 16

11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Graduating Alumni Welcome Lunch**

*Cordelia A & B Dining Rooms*

Your Alumni Council would like to welcome you to the Asbury Theological Seminary Alumni family with a complimentary meal and some information about your alumni perks!

6 – 8 pm

**International Graduates' Celebration**

*Bob & Ellen Stamps Community House*

A dinner to honor graduating international students with their families. Reservations are required by May 3rd to [beth.clevenger@asburyseminary.edu](mailto:beth.clevenger@asburyseminary.edu).



## Friday, May 17

12 p.m.

### Golden Graduates' Lunch

*Cordelia A & B Dining Rooms*

Honoring fifty-year graduates, Class of 1969.

3 p.m.

### Doctor of Ministry Hooding Ceremony

*Estes Chapel*

For D.Min. graduates and families. Formal hooding of D.Min. graduates, as well as anointing and commissioning prayer.

5 p.m.

### Advanced Research Programs

#### Doctor of Philosophy & Doctor of Missiology 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 3rd to [advancedresearchprograms@asburyseminary.edu](mailto:advancedresearchprograms@asburyseminary.edu) or by calling 859.858.2081.

5:30 p.m.

### Doctor of Ministry Graduates' Dinner

*Wilmore Senior Community Center, Wesley Village*

For D.Min. graduates and families by invitation. Reservations should be made by May 3rd to [dmin.office@asburyseminary.edu](mailto:dmin.office@asburyseminary.edu) or by calling 859.858.2187.

5:30 p.m.

### Golden Graduates' Dinner

*TBD*

Honoring fifty-year graduates, Class of 1969.

7:30 p.m.

### Graduates and Families Worship Service

*Estes Chapel*

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

## Saturday, May 18

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 Luce Center until commencement begins.

9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

### Graduates' Continental Brunch

*Luce Center, Asbury University Room 182*

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. **Please note that the gymnasium doors close at 10:50 a.m. for the line up and procession of the graduates. No admittance will be allowed for guests until after the processional.**

10:15 a.m.

### Commencement Assembly

*Luce Center Asbury University, Room 182*

**Required for all graduates.** Arrive promptly for commencement line up. Faculty will gather in the designated hallway of the Luce Center at 10:30 a.m.

11 a.m.

### Commencement Ceremony

*Luce Center, Asbury University*

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*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](mailto:registrar@asburyseminary.edu).*

## Caps and Gowns

Caps and gowns must be ordered online at [collegegrad.herffjones.com](http://collegegrad.herffjones.com). The cost of the academic attire is included in the graduation fee that was assessed to your student account. Your order must be placed online by April 15th. Regalia will be shipped directly to you. (Students living outside the U.S. should contact the Registrar's Office to make arrangements for having the regalia shipped to the Seminary.) The cap, gown, hood and tassel will be yours to keep after the ceremony. PhD graduates will receive additional information from the Registrar's Office regarding the option to purchase the Asbury Seminary custom regalia rather than the standard "keeper". The deadline for the PhD custom regalia ordering will be March 22nd. If you have any questions, please contact the Registrar's Office at 859-858-2197.

## Commencement Childcare

Commencement childcare reservations must be made by Thursday, May 2nd. Childcare is provided for children of graduates and is limited to children age 6 and younger. To register, email: [formation.ministries@asburyseminary.edu](mailto: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 completed.

## 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

Professional photographs will be taken of each graduate at commencement while shaking hands with the President. Proofs will be available on the photographer's website. Further information will be given at rehearsal.

## Help Desk

Seminary graduates are automatically transitioned to the Alumni version of Asbury Connect and retain a Seminary email address. The ATLA library database will continue to be offered as a resource for research needs by Library, Information, & Technology Services ([guides.asburyseminary.edu/alumni](http://guides.asburyseminary.edu/alumni)). Please contact the Help Desk at 859.858.2100 and [helpdesk@asburyseminary.edu](mailto:helpdesk@asburyseminary.edu) if you have any questions.