

# Commencement Events 2026



[Join the UP community in celebrating our graduates at events around campus.](#)

## **STUDENT SLIDESHOW – Submit Now through Wednesday, April 1.**

### *Virtual*

Help us celebrate graduates by sending in photos or short videos for our student slideshow, to be run during our commencement activities. Email [registrar@uprovidence.edu](mailto:registrar@uprovidence.edu) with your photos.

## **GRADUATION FAIR (CAP & GOWN DISTRIBUTION) – Thursday, April 9 • 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

### *University Library*

Degree candidates who placed a Ship-to-School regalia order can pick up their regalia. Likewise, academic honor cords will be available for pickup during this time as well. Other fun prizes and giveaways for seniors will be available.

## **EAGLE FEATHER CEREMONY – Friday, May 1 • 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

### *Scholars Circle*

Our graduating Indigenous students will participate in an Eagle Feather Ceremony honoring their accomplishments. Participants must be approved for descentance requirements. All are welcome to attend the ceremony. Applications to participate are due in the Registrar's Office by April 1.

## **GRADUATION LUNCHEON – Friday, May 1 • 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

### *University Library*

Graduates and their families, UP faculty and staff are encouraged to attend the luncheon sponsored by Academic Student Support Services. No RSVP needed.

## **STUDENT COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL – Friday, May 1 • 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

### *McLaughlin Center, Gymnasium*

All degree candidates are encouraged to attend the commencement rehearsal, as it will familiarize them with the commencement ceremony flow. Degree candidates should bring regalia and will be ushered directly from rehearsal to Baccalaureate Mass. Caps will not be worn.

## **BACCALAUREATE MASS AND COUNSELING PINNING CEREMONY – Friday, May 1 • 4:00 p.m.**

### *McLaughlin Center, Gymnasium*

\*Faculty and students assemble by 3:30 p.m. within McLaughlin Center. Regalia should be worn for this service (no caps). The Master of Science in Counseling Ceremony will be included in this celebration. [Join the Live Stream](#)

**AFTER BACCALAUREATE MASS PARTY– Friday, May 1 • 5:00 p.m. –7:00 p.m.**

*McLaughlin Center, Argo Galley & Patio*

\*Come for Mass and stay for a party. Join us for an informal reception and gathering of graduates, family and friends. Light food and drink will be provided.

**COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY – Saturday, May 2 • 10:00 a.m.**

*McLaughlin Center, Gymnasium*

All participants in the commencement ceremony may begin check-in at 8:15am. Participating faculty, students, and stage party should arrive by 8:30 a.m. to participate in the class photo at 8:45 a.m. Event will be [live-streamed](#) for remote viewing and link will be posted on the Commencement page of the UP website on the day of the ceremony.

**RINGING OF THE BELL AND GRADUATE RECEPTION – Saturday, May 2 • Immediately following ceremony**

*Library Lawn (South of the Library Building)*

Graduates, families and guests are encouraged to join us for a graduation reception, hosted by the Athletic Department, and the traditional ringing of the bell immediately following the ceremony. Light desserts and refreshments will be provided.

UP has a tradition: ringing a bell when entering as a freshman and ringing the same bell when graduating. The first is a signal of commitment, to live as a contributing member of the University community. The second is a signal of accomplishment and success. We are uncertain of the provenance of our bell, which was cast in 1779, but our best guess is that it was a riverboat traveling up and down the Missouri River.

**ARGOSTORE –May 1 • 2 p.m.–7 p.m. • May 2 • 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

*McLaughlin Center*

A wide selection of UP items at affordable prices. Stop by the convenient location in the McLaughlin Center or shop online at [shop.uprovidence.edu](http://shop.uprovidence.edu). Orders can be placed in advance and picked up during business hours.

**GALERIE TRINITAS – May 1 • 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. • May 2 • 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.**

*University Center*

Oil paintings, stained glass, watercolors, ceramics, fabric art, mixed media, graphic art, chalices, enameled Stations of the Cross, and silk screenings attributed to [Sister Mary Trinitas Morin, SP](#). A beautiful display for all to enjoy. Dates and times of Galerie openings coming soon.