



NORTH CENTRAL
COLLEGE 1861



COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND

MAY 5-8, 2022

- FOR THE CLASS OF -

2022

What an exciting time this is in the lives of the graduates, their families and friends.

We invite you to participate in the Commencement celebration, which begins with graduate portraits and a mandatory rehearsal on Friday, May 6, and continues with the Baccalaureate Service, a graduation brunch, and the Commencement Ceremony on Sunday, May 8.

For more information, visit northcentralcollege.edu/commencement or contact Mary Reynolds at commencement@noctrl.edu or **630-637-5200**.

Receiving this brochure indicates you may have the credits necessary to graduate but does not mean you have completed the requirements for graduation. For further information, contact the Registrar's Office at 630-637-5252 or registrar@noctrl.edu.



REGISTER TODAY!

To register for Commencement Weekend activities, go to northcentralcollege.edu/commencement or scan the QR code to the right.



COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND

Schedule

THURSDAY, MAY 5

Senior Night at Two Brothers Roundhouse

Seniors—this event is for you! Join your classmates for a fun evening of socializing and dancing at Two Brothers Roundhouse. More information will be available at Countdown to Commencement on Tuesday, April 19, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Wentz Concert Hall Lobby.

FRIDAY, MAY 6

Student Portraits 1 - 3 p.m.

Old Main Lawn (rain location: Smith Hall, 2nd floor Old Main)
GradImages will photograph individual and/or family portraits of graduates in their caps and gowns during this time. Meet on the Old Main lawn if you are interested. There are no preassigned times. Come anytime between 1 - 3 p.m. The rain location will be Smith Hall on the second floor of Old Main.

Cardinal First Graduation Recognition & Pinning Ceremony

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Wentz Concert Hall

North Central Class of 2022 first-generation students and their families are invited to this celebration, where each first-generation graduate will be presented with a Cardinal First pin by a faculty or staff member of their choosing. Details about the event will be emailed to first-generation students. RSVP required by April 29. If you have questions, contact the Office of First-Generation Programs at 630-637-5155 or cardinalfirst@noctrl.edu.

President's Reception 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Wentz Concert Hall & Madden Theatre Lobbies

All graduates, their families and members of the faculty and staff are cordially invited to attend the President's Reception honoring the Class of 2022. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served. **To ensure we can accommodate everyone, reservations are required for all seniors and their families. Please complete online registration available via the QR code on the first page of this brochure.**

Graduation Rehearsal – MANDATORY 7 - 8 p.m.

Residence Hall/Recreation Center

This hour-long **MANDATORY REHEARSAL** will preview the processional, ceremony, recessional and other important details of the Commencement exercises. Graduates need to arrive at the Residence Hall/Recreation Center by 6:45 p.m.; rehearsal begins promptly at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

Master of Occupational Therapy Pinning Ceremony

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Theatre at Meiley-Swallow Hall

The Master of Occupational Therapy pinning ceremony is a symbolic remembrance of the foundation students have obtained as an occupational therapist as they take their next steps into the professional world.

Schedule

Master's Degree Hooding Ceremony & Reception 10 a.m.

Wentz Concert Hall & Lobby

The Master's Degree Hooding Ceremony is an event to celebrate the accomplishments of graduate students along with faculty, family and friends. Faculty members will officially "hood" each student who has earned a master's degree and the colors on the hoods represent the areas of study. The graduates wear these hoods during the Commencement Ceremony on Sunday and in future academic processions. Immediately following the ceremony, join faculty and other graduate students for a celebratory brunch in the lobby.

SUNDAY, MAY 8

Baccalaureate Service 9 a.m. (Graduate lineup 8:45 a.m.)

Wentz Concert Hall

The Baccalaureate Service is a significant ceremony planned and conducted by the graduating class and the Office of Faith and Action. During this interfaith worship service, the Class of 2022 will celebrate their accomplishments, share their memories, and cast their visions for the future. We encourage you and your family to attend this moving event. Graduates, please wear your cap and gown. **Please complete online registration available via the QR code on the first page of this brochure.**

Commencement Brunch 8:30 - 11 a.m.

Madden Theatre and Lobby

Join other graduates, their families and friends for a Commencement brunch. The cost is \$5 for adults and children 10 and up. There is no charge for the graduate. **Registration is required. Please complete online registration available via the QR code on the first page of this brochure.**

Graduate Lineup 11 a.m.

Merner Field House

All graduates need to arrive dressed in cap and gown at Merner Field House by 11 a.m. Staff and student marshals will assist graduates with the lineup process. Cooperation of the graduates is essential for a smooth processional.

Processional 11:40 a.m.

Merner Field House and Residence Hall/Recreation Center
Graduates will begin the processional from Merner Field House into the Residence Hall/Recreation Center arena.

Commencement Ceremony 12 p.m.

Residence Hall/Recreation Center

We encourage family and friends to arrive early as seating is on a first-come, first-served basis, with **no tickets required**. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. The ceremony can also be viewed in our Wentz Concert Hall or online at northcentralcollege.edu/commencement.

Important Information

COMMENCEMENT SEATING

Seating in the Residence Hall/Recreation Center will be on a first-come, first-served basis, with no tickets required. We encourage family members and friends of graduates to arrive early to allow ample time to park and secure seating prior to the beginning of the processional at 11:40 a.m. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Limited special needs seating will be available. **If occupancy is reached in the Residence Hall/Recreation Center, the ceremony may be viewed via livestream in Wentz Concert Hall, 171 E. Chicago Ave.**

PHOTOGRAPHS OF GRADUATES

Arrangements have been made with GradImages for a professional photographer to capture the moment each graduate crosses the stage. Graduates will receive a passport-sized, full-color proof in the mail approximately one week after the ceremony. To view your graduation proof online, visit **gradimages.com** and select “Pre-event Registration.” This will allow you to provide an email address and GradImages will send your proof electronically. For more information, visit gradimages.com or call 1-800-261-2576.

COMMENCEMENT RECORDING

Naperville Community Television (NCTV-17) will record the Commencement ceremony. The recording will be available on the College's YouTube channel as well as northcentralcollege.edu/commencement2022 a week following the ceremony.

FLOWERS FOR COMMENCEMENT

The Commencement Group will offer congratulatory flower bouquets for purchase outside the ceremony. You can go to **thecommencementgroup.com/noctrl** to reserve bouquets in advance, for pickup at the event. Product options include roses and mixed floral bouquets.

CAMPUS STORE HOURS

The North Central College Campus Store, located at 100 E. Jefferson Ave., will be open Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Campus Store also will sell merchandise outside the Residence Hall/Recreation Center on Sunday from 10 a.m. until after the ceremony.



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Important Information

RESIDENCE HALL CHECKOUT REMINDER

Seniors must check out of their residence hall rooms by 8 p.m., Sunday, May 8.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Individuals who require additional accommodations may contact the Office of Business Operations at 630-637-5658 for assistance.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

North Central has partnered with some of our Naperville hotels to offer discounted rates to all family and friends of the College. Please call the hotels directly. When confirming your reservation be sure to mention you will be in town for North Central College's Commencement Weekend.

For a complete listing of partner hotels that support North Central College, visit northcentralcollege.edu/commencement.

COMMENCEMENT PARKING

As with all major campus events, parking near the Residence Hall/Recreation Center for Commencement will be congested. We encourage Commencement guests to utilize campus parking lots north of Chicago Avenue. Street parking is also available—please follow all City of Naperville signage. Information and directional signs will be posted to assist the guests of our graduates.

Limited handicapped parking is available near the Residence Hall/Recreation Center and is highlighted on the map in blue.

Drop-off is available for guests who need accommodations for accessibility.

To view a campus map, which highlights available parking lots, please visit our website at northcentralcollege.edu/commencement, or scan the QR code.



COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND

Commemorative North Central College Brick 2022

We invite you to commemorate your North Central graduate, family member, or friend by purchasing a personalized brick! This year, we are excited to offer four brick locations.

- 1. Old Main Plaza:** the Plaza lies just north of Old Main near the Boilerhouse Café.
- 2. Bambule Riverwalk Gateway:** located on the south end of campus just northwest of Benedetti-Wehrli Stadium, connecting the campus with Downtown Naperville.
- 3. Dr. Myron Wentz Science Center:** the entryway connects the northern and southern ends of campus.
- 4. WONC-FM 89.1:** on the campus walkway located on the eastside of the WONC house.

Bricks cost \$250. All bricks can have up to three lines of text engraved with 15 characters (spaces included) per line. Text is centered and in all caps. All efforts will be made for brick installation to take place as soon as possible. To guarantee installation by Homecoming 2022 orders must be placed by **June 1**.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact the Office of Alumni & Parent Engagement

✉ commencement@noctrl.edu 📞 630-637-5200

TO ORDER YOUR BRICK

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