



Commencement 2026 Weekend Schedule

Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday

Thursday, May 14

7:30 PM.
Welcome to GOLD (Students only)
Samuelson Alumni Center Patio

Friday, May 15

10:00 AM.
Rehearsal (Students only)
Remsen Bird Hillside Theater

11:15 AM
Senior Brunch and Class Day Celebration (Students only)
Rush Gymnasium

3:00 PM
Phi Beta Kappa Initiation Ceremony
Thorne Hall
Reservations not required

8:00 PM
The OXYS Senior Athlete Recognition and Awards Reception*
Rush Gymnasium
For more information contact the Athletics Department

Saturday, May 16

10:00 AM
Baccalaureate: A Multi-Faith Celebration
Herrick Memorial Chapel and Interfaith Center, Upper Level
Reservations not required

11:00 AM
Brunch with President Stritikus for Graduates and Family
Rush Gymnasium
Reservations not required

4:00 PM
Occidental Glee Club Senior Concert
Herrick Memorial Chapel and Interfaith Center, Upper Level
Reservations not required

8:30 PM
Theater Performance: *Head over Heels*
Keck Theater
Theater Tickets: purchase online or call 323-259-2922

Sunday, May 17

Doors open at 7 a.m. The Commencement ceremony is expected to last a minimum of 2 1/2 hours. No-host food trucks will be on campus for the post-graduation reception. Please bring a refillable water bottle with you to campus. Four chilled, filtered water stations will be open all day at Keck Theater, accessible through Hillside Theater, and on the Academic Quad.

8:45 AM
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Remsen Bird Hillside Theater

8:45 AM
Live Stream Commencement
Herrick Interfaith Center, Lower Level
Wristbands are not required

9:00 AM
Commencement**
Remsen Bird Hillside Theater

11:30 AM (time approx.)
Post-Graduation Reception
Academic Quad
Reservations not required

**Reservations are required. For more information contact the department sponsoring event.*

***Wristbands required for entry to the Commencement ceremonies. Each student will receive 7 wristbands. Children under the age of two, who will be lap sitting, do not require a wristband.*