

2025 Commencement Celebration Schedule

Sewanee School of Letters
The University of the South

SATURDAY, JULY 19

Parking: You will see event parking signs directing you to where there will be available parking near the front of All Saints' Chapel.

1:30 - 2:00 PM

Location: War Memorial Chapel within All Saints' Chapel on University Avenue. If facing All Saints', enter through the right rear side door near McClurg dining hall.

Activity: Gown pick-up. Your hood will be presented to you during the service.

1:30 - 2:00 PM

Location: Front of All Saints' Chapel, University Avenue

Activity: The photographer will be available for informal portraits at this time, prior to the start of the service.

1:30 PM

Location: All Saints' Chapel, University Avenue

Activity: The chapel will be open for your guests to be seated. There are plenty of seats available. There is a bathroom available in Carnegie Hall adjacent to the chapel.

2:15 PM

Location: Walsh-Ellett Covered Walkway, across the quad from All Saints' Chapel.

Activity: Students will line up in order. There will be helpers there to show you your place in line. Make sure you are wearing your gown.

2:25 PM

Location: Procession from Walsh-Ellett walkway to All Saints' Chapel

Activity: The graduates process into the chapel first followed by the faculty. The marshal will make sure you are in the right order and lead the procession.

Once inside the chapel, (don't step on the seal!) continue to process down the center aisle where you will be seated on the right hand side of the chapel. There will be service programs waiting for you on your seats.

At the end of the service, you will fall behind the faculty to process out of the chapel.

Congratulations! Immediately following, there will be a formal group portrait on the All Saints' Chapel steps with all graduates and faculty.

3:30 PM

Location: McGriff Alumni House, Georgia Avenue. McGriff is a short walk through the quad towards the library. It has bathrooms inside.

Activity: There will be an indoor/outdoor reception immediately following the service at McGriff Alumni House. There will be a champagne toast.

The photographer will be available for photos with family and guests. An assortment of foods, beer, wine and champagne along with a number of non-alcoholic beverages will be available.

Sitters will be present at the reception to assist you with your children as needed in the food line as well as during photos.

5:30 PM

Location: McGriff Alumni House

Activity: If you have borrowed a gown, please check your gown back in to Mary Bullard at the gown return table inside of McGriff before you leave.