

## Important Dates and Times

- **Application deadline**  
Friday, February 22, 2019
- **Grad Finale**  
Wednesday, March 13, 2019  
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Calumet College of St. Joseph  
2nd floor
- **Graduation Banquet**  
Thursday, May 16, 2019  
6:00 p.m., Dynasty Banquets
- **Baccalaureate Mass**  
Saturday, May 18, 2019  
9:30 a.m., St. John The Baptist
- **Commencement**  
Saturday, May 18, 2019  
12:00 p.m., Dennis and Leslie  
Rittenmeyer Athletic Center  
Calumet College of St. Joseph

## For more information and commencement updates:

visit [www.ccsj.edu/commencement](http://www.ccsj.edu/commencement)

Grad Finale or the Graduation Banquet and Awards Ceremony  
Contact Dr. Dionne Jones-Malone at [djonesmalone@ccsj.edu](mailto:djonesmalone@ccsj.edu) or (219) 473-4305

Baccalaureate Mass  
Contact Linda Gajewski at (219) 473-4217 or [lgajewski@ccsj.edu](mailto:lgajewski@ccsj.edu)

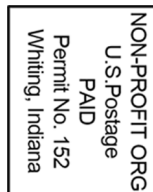
Commencement Exercise  
Contact Cheryl Davis at [cdavis@ccsj.edu](mailto:cdavis@ccsj.edu) or (219) 473-4321

Academic requirements for graduation or the graduation application  
Contact Office of Academic Advising at [advising@ccsj.edu](mailto:advising@ccsj.edu) or 219-473-4220

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## Calumet College of St. Joseph Commencement Events

Class of 2019

A Quick Reference Guide

## Congratulations!

Calumet College of St. Joseph is delighted to address you as a prospective member of the graduating class of 2019. We are very proud of the work you have accomplished to date and look forward to celebrating your academic achievement with the Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement Exercise on Saturday, May 18, 2019. This quick reference guide is intended to give you basic information on dates and times for Commencement-related activities. In order to be eligible and participate in the ceremony, you must have completed your coursework in December 2018 or you must plan to complete your coursework as of May 2019 (or August 2019 for summer students).

## Graduation Application

Please keep in mind that the graduation process is not automatic. Students who do not complete the application for graduation by Friday, February 22, 2019 will not be awarded/degreed until the next graduation term. Log into your [MyCCSJ](http://MyCCSJ) account ([my.ccsj.edu](http://my.ccsj.edu)) to complete your graduation checklist and apply for graduation. You must complete the following steps under Graduation Checklist to apply for graduation: *Review Personal Information, Review Student Billing Account, and Apply for Degree.* **If you plan to participate in Commencement, you must complete the graduation application no later than Friday, February 22, 2019.**

## Graduation Fee

A \$125.00 graduation fee will be assessed for all associate and bachelor degree recipients and a \$150 graduation fee for all master degree recipients upon completion of the graduation application. These fees are incurred for all graduates whether or not they participate in the Commencement ceremony.

## Commencement Tickets

**All guests, including children, must have a ticket to attend the Commencement Exercise.** Each student participating in the commencement ceremony will receive 4 tickets to the commencement exercise. The number of tickets available for each student is based upon the size of the respective graduating class. In order to comply with the maximum occupancy laws for the Dennis and Leslie Rittenmeyer Athletic Center, the commencement ticket allotment for each graduating student is final; there are no extra tickets. We cannot replace lost, stolen or misplaced tickets. Tickets are distributed at Grad Finale or afterwards at the college. Your tickets will be forfeited if you do not claim them by Friday, May 10, 2019.

## Grad Finale

**Wednesday, March 13, 2019**

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., 2nd floor  
Calumet College of St. Joseph

Grad Finale, a Graduation Fair, is a one stop shop for graduates. Here you can check, your graduation status, purchase your cap and gown, class rings, and announcements with a representative from Jostens. You can also pick up your graduation tickets, have a professional picture taken, and much more.

## Academic Garment (Cap and Gown) Online Ordering

Academic garments must be ordered through Jostens starting at Grad Finale. If you are not able to attend Grad Finale, online ordering will go live at the Jostens' website ([www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com), go to Find My School's Store), starting Thursday, March 14 until Friday, April 13 at midnight. The cost of the cap and gown are included in your graduation application fee, however, you are responsible for the shipping and handling charges. From April 14 – May 3 students will only be able to place cap and gown orders via phone with Jostens. Late fees do apply and graduates will be responsible for any late charge or fees from this point.

December and May undergraduate Bachelor's degree candidates, who will graduate with honors or distinction, wear a gold honor stole. By decision of the Faculty Senate (3/21/18), August undergraduate Bachelor's degree candidates with honors or distinction will wear a gold honor candidate stole until their course requirements have been fulfilled and a final GPA has been determined. August undergraduate Bachelor's degree candidates with honors or distinction will be recognized as honors candidates in the commencement program. Stoles other than the aforementioned, will not be allowed.

## Legacy Cord

Cement your legacy on CCSJ by donating \$20.19 to the Alumni Association. With each donation you will receive a legacy cord that can be worn during commencement to show your spirit and lasting commitment to CCSJ.

*Photographs will be taken at all commencement activities such as Grad Finale, the Graduation Banquet and Awards Ceremony, Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement. Your image/photographic likeness may be used for publicity or general information purposes including publication on the CCSJ website or within other publicity which may be seen by the general public.*

## Graduation Banquet and Awards Ceremony

**Thursday, May 16, 2019**

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Dynasty Banquets, 4125 Calumet Avenue  
Hammond, IN 46320

The cost for the banquet is \$25.00 per person with a cash bar. Tickets for the event can be purchased online at [www.ccsj.edu/commencement](http://www.ccsj.edu/commencement).

**Due to limited seating, reservations are required. Tickets cannot be purchased on the evening of the banquet. The last day to purchase tickets is May 6, 2019.**

## Baccalaureate Mass

**Saturday, May 18, 2019**

9:30 a.m.

St. John the Baptist Church  
1849 Lincoln, Whiting, IN 46394

Graduates and their family and friends are invited to attend the celebration of the Catholic Mass prior to the graduation ceremony. Tickets are not required. Graduates are asked to wear their academic regalia. Complimentary van service will be provided to and from the Mass from CCSJ.

## Commencement Exercise

**Saturday, May 18, 2019**

12:00 p.m.

Dennis and Leslie Rittenmeyer Athletic Center

Graduates are expected to arrive promptly at 10:30 a.m. with their cap and gown to register and receive instructions. Registration will occur in the main building on the second floor across from the elevators. The doors to the Rittenmeyer Center will open to the public at 11:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. for guests with special needs.

## Financial Aid

If you have accepted student loans while attending CCSJ, government regulations require you to complete student loan counseling. This counseling can be completed at [www.nsls.ed.gov](http://www.nsls.ed.gov). An explanation of your rights/responsibilities as a student loan borrower will be presented as well as a review of important student loans details; such as interest rates, loan repayment options, and deferment or forbearance options.

## Special Accommodations

Due to limited seating, a maximum of one family member or friend may be seated in the special needs seating section with the disabled guest. Prior arrangements are required due to limited seating. Limited handicap parking for guests is available in the rear of the building. Wheelchairs will not be provided by CCSJ. Candidates and guests with special accommodations must contact Angela Szczepanik-Sanchez at (219) 473-4349 or [aszczepaniksanchez@ccsj.edu](mailto:aszczepaniksanchez@ccsj.edu) prior to Saturday, May 18.

## Professional Photographer

A photographer from Grad Images will photograph you as you cross the stage to receive your diploma. All photos can be viewed and ordered online at [www.gradimages.com](http://www.gradimages.com). A confidential photo proof will be emailed to your CCSJ email with viewing and purchasing instructions. For additional information, contact Grad Images at 1-800-261-2576.

## Live Streaming

For those family members and friends who are unable to attend Commencement, CCSJ will offer a live video stream of the ceremony at [www.ccsj.edu/live](http://www.ccsj.edu/live).