



Class of 2024-2025

GRADUATION NEWSLETTER

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“Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will succeed.”

Proverbs 16:3

Congratulations Class of 2025

On behalf of the faculty and administration of Truett McConnell University, please accept our congratulations on reaching a significant milestone in your lifetime. Graduation ceremonies are rich with academic tradition and symbolism, and we hope your graduation is a special one that you will remember for many years to come.

Cap and Gown

When your cap and gown arrive, remove them from the plastic bag, try them on to be sure they fit, and then hang up the gown to remove the wrinkles. If there is a problem with your cap or gown, contact the campus store immediately for further instructions.

2025 Graduation Celebration - Densmore Farm

- **Tuesday, April 15th--Graduating students only.**
- Densmore Farm, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- Food, games, fun and fellowship!
- RSVP required at the following link by Monday, April 7th:
<https://form.jotform.com/250574254973161>

This is a special time to celebrate YOU!! Plan on attending and letting us make you our priority for the evening!

Rehearsal

- **Friday, May 9, 2025--Graduating students only.** Parents and guests may wait in Miller seating areas or visit The Outpost during this time.
- Check-in will begin at 10:30 a.m. for Ceremony 1 Graduates and 12:30 p.m. for Ceremony 2 Graduates on Friday, May 9, 2025, in the George Blaurock Student Wellness Center.
- Honor cords will be distributed during rehearsal check-in to those students qualifying for graduation honors.
- Rehearsal will begin immediately after everyone has checked in.
- You do **not** need to bring your cap and gown to rehearsal.

- **Important Dates and Times:**

May 9

***10:30 a.m.**
Ceremony 1 Graduate Check-in & Rehearsal

***11:00 a.m.**
Ceremony 2 graduates attend the President's Reception in Nix

***12:30 pm**
Ceremony 2 Check-in & Rehearsal
Ceremony 1 graduates attend the President's Reception in Nix

***2:30 pm**
Gate Ceremony

May 10

***9:30 am**
Ceremony 1 Student Lineup

***10:00 am**
Ceremony 1 Begins

***1:30 pm**
Ceremony 2 Student Lineup

***2:00 pm**
Ceremony 2 Begins

“Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord is a rock for all ages.”

Isaiah 26:4

President's Reception

Graduates and their parents are invited to a reception on campus in the Nix Building from 11 to 2:00 on Friday, May 9th. Enjoy a variety of finger foods and heavy hors d'oeuvres while mingling with your peers and loved ones. We are excited to offer a Graduation Photo Booth to capture this memorable moment, and both The Nightly and the Campus Store will be open during the reception. If you are rehearsing at 10:30, you will be able to join your parents at the reception after your rehearsal. If you rehearse at 12:30, you should plan to attend the reception prior to your rehearsal.

Gate Ceremony

The Truett McConnell Gate stands on the fountain plaza in the center of the campus front lawn. The gate represents a symbolic passage to the Truett McConnell journey, the beginning of a student's pursuit at Truett McConnell and the completion of their Truett McConnell journey. The first part of the tradition of the gate was reinstituted with the freshman class in 2013. Students walked through the gate at the end of freshman orientation to signify the beginning of their Truett McConnell journey. The second part of the tradition of the gate was reinstituted with the graduating class of 2017. Graduates walk through the gate to signify the completion of their Truett McConnell journey and going out to impact the world. This year's Gate Ceremony will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, May 9th.

Graduation Ceremony

Saturday, May 10th, 2025, at 10:00 am and 2:00 p.m.

Truett McConnell University George Blaurock Student Wellness Center

10 a.m. Ceremony

The College of Professional Studies

- The Hans Hut School of Business
- The Michael Sattler School of Public Service (Criminal Justice)
- The Peter and Gredel Walpot School of Education

2 p.m. Ceremony

The College of Arts and Letters

- The Balthasar Hubmaier School of Theology and Missions
- The Conrad Grebel School of the Humanities
- The Felix Manz School of Music
- The Hans Denck School of Communication

The College of Life and Health Sciences

- The Pilgram Marpeck School of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

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“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.”

1 Timothy 4:12

- The Martha Rielin and Elizabeth Salmen School of Nursing
- The Leonhard Schiemer School of Psychology and Biblical Counseling

Take Note--

- Graduating student lineup for the ceremonies will be on the practice court in the SWC at 9:30 am for the first ceremony and 1:30 p.m. for the second ceremony on Saturday, May 10.
- Guest tickets are NOT required for admission.
- We ask that everyone exit the building right away after each ceremony in order for TMU Staff to prepare for the next event. Graduates will exit immediately after the recessional, stop at the registrar table, and then go to the front lawn.

What to Wear to Graduation

- * Ladies should wear dark, comfortable shoes. Please avoid extremely long dresses, which may show from underneath your gown, and high heels, which could cause you to trip or fall. Do not wear pants or shorts.
- * No flip flops.
- * Gentlemen should wear dark shoes, dark dress pants, a white dress shirt, and a tie.
- * Caps should be worn with the mortarboard flat across the top of the head and the cap pulled down over the forehead.
- * Do not bring purses, cameras, cell phones, or any valuables with you. We will not have a place to store these items, and you will not be permitted to carry anything in your hands during the processional.

Pictures

Please note that the only people allowed on the floor taking pictures at any time on Saturday are TMU faculty, staff, and graduates. There will be many photo opportunities around campus for you and your family.

Honors

TMU observes traditional Latin honors for Undergraduates. Honors are awarded based on your cumulative GPA. If you are completing your degree in Summer, for the purpose of the ceremony we will base it on your GPA once Spring grades are posted. Honors are as follows:

Cum Laude: 3.5-3.69 (White Cord)
Magna Cum Laude: 3.7-3.89 (Blue Cord)
Summa Cum Laude: 3.9-4.0 (Gold Cord)

Cords will be distributed at rehearsal check-in.

Order your official transcript:

www.getmytranscript.com

“And my God will supply all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:19

Diplomas

Diplomas will be issued at the graduation ceremony for students who have successfully completed all graduation requirements and do not have holds from any university office. You will receive a diploma cover during the ceremony, and you may pick up your diploma immediately after the recessional at the registrar’s table in the area in front of the racquetball courts.

If you have a hold (business office, library, financial aid, etc.) you will not be able to receive your diploma at Graduation. Your diploma will be mailed when you notify the registrar’s office of the removal of your hold, or you can make arrangements to pick it up.

Diplomas for summer graduates will be ordered after grades for the summer session are posted and will not be mailed out until after September 1.

Graduate Survey

Undergraduate Graduation Candidates are required to complete the graduate survey located at this link:

<https://form.jotform.com/242984098041159>

Please complete the survey prior to May 9th. Reminder emails will be sent starting this week.

Transcripts

If you need your TMU transcript sent to a graduate school or employer, please complete our transcript request online at

www.getmytranscript.com. Make sure to mark “Send transcript after degree conferred.”