2009
GRADUATION INFORMATION

*** YOU WILL NEED THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE SAVE IT. ***

BACCALAUREATE	COMMENCEMENT
Friday, May 15, 7:30 p.m. Metheny Fieldhouse	Saturday, May 16, 10:00 a.m. Stadium (if outdoors) or Fieldhouse (if indoors)

Caps and Gowns

Students may pick up caps and gowns at the **Grad Finale, March 31,** in Skye Lounge 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. The fee is $29.

Students who miss the Grad Finale will still be able to purchase caps and gowns in the Campus Store weekdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. through May 1. **The deadline is Friday, May 1**. If you have not picked up a cap and gown by then or made arrangements with the Campus Store, you will not be able to participate.

Please call the Campus Store at 724-847-6595 if you have questions or need to make special arrangements.

Tassels

Listed below are the correct tassel colors by degree:

B.A.	White	B.S.B.A.	Copper
B.S.	Gold	B.S.E.	Orange
B.S.Ed.	Blue	A.E.; A.A.; A.B.A.	Black

Students who will receive two degrees will wear the tassel of the degree they choose.
Tassels are worn to the right and switched to the left at Commencement when the degree is awarded.

Wearing Academic Apparel

Caps are worn as level as possible, tassel to the right. Women wear them throughout Baccalaureate and Commencement. Men remove them for scripture reading and prayer, replacing them afterward. They also are removed for the sermon at Baccalaureate.

Honor Cords

On **May 13** late afternoon, students may check the Web to see if they will graduate with honors:
www.geneva.edu Look for a link to "2009 Honor Students" in the commencement information.

A list will also be posted in the window of the registrar's office. Cords may be picked up in the registrar's office until 4 p.m. May 15 or on the second floor of Old Main on commencement morning.

Honor cords are worn over the left shoulder. **Pictures** of honor grads and class officers will be taken commencement morning beginning at 8:30 a.m. in **Skye Lounge**. Please arrive early.

Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate, a worship service, will be held in Metheny Fieldhouse on Friday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m. Graduates will assemble in Merriman Gym by 7:15 p.m. and will process to the main gymnasium for the service dressed in cap and gown. Our speaker will be Dr. Jonathan Watt, Professor of Biblical Studies. All graduates, families, and friends are encouraged to come for this special worship celebration.

Tickets

The location of Commencement will depend on the weather. If the ceremony is held outdoors, tickets will not be required.

If it is held indoors, tickets will be required for admission but additional seating with big screen TV viewing will be available ***without tickets*** in Northwood Hall room 13. Six tickets will be distributed with each cap and gown. Questions regarding tickets should be directed to Cathy Jackson in the VPAA office in person or by phone at 724-847-6605.

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Commencement Seating/Instructions

- Graduates only (no visitors) will assemble in JOHN H. WHITE CHAPEL located upstairs on the second and third floors of Old Main.

Note: The John H. White Chapel in Old Main is not accessible for persons with physical disabilities. If you need to make special arrangements, please contact the Academic Affairs Office at 724-847-6605.

- **Arrive by 9 a.m.** wearing cap & gown. Allow time to **CHECK IN** and **FIND A SEAT**! (Honor students remember to arrive in Skye Lounge at 8:30 a.m. for photos to be taken before assembling in the Chapel.)
  - Report to the table on the **second floor** of Old Main to receive a program and name card which will be used to announce your name at the ceremony.
  - **PLEASE BE SEATED BEFORE 9:15 a.m. for important information and instructions.**
- Graduates process behind Geneva's administrators and faculty from Old Main to the stadium or fieldhouse.
- Leave personal items with your family. No secure storage area is available during the commencement ceremony.

PLEASE NOTE: RESTROOMS ARE LOCATED IN THE BASEMENT.

Attendance Policy

If you are unable to attend, please notify the registrar's office 724-847-6603 as soon as possible unless you have already done so. This information is critical for accurate seating.

Commencement Photographs & Video

A professional photographer will take a picture of each graduate receiving his or her diploma from the President. The proofs are sent to the graduate a short time after graduation; however, you are under no obligation to make a purchase.

Commencement will be videotaped and you may purchase a copy if you want one. Instructions for ordering have been sent to your home or you may get an order form at the Grad Finale or in the Academic Affairs Office in Old Main.

Special Needs Parking/Seating

Very limited parking is available for individuals with physical disabilities and special needs. Please contact Cathy Jackson in the Academic Affairs Office (724-847-6605 or cjackson@geneva.edu) to arrange for a parking pass or special seating. Further instructions about parking, handicap access, seating, etc., have been sent to your home.

Baccalaureate and Commencement will be interpreted for the hearing impaired.

Accommodations

There is a Holiday Inn and several other local motels on Rt. 18 just off the PA turnpike exit 13 (approx. 3½ miles north of campus) and many chain hotels and motels located in Cranberry Twp. just off exit 28 (approx. 20 miles from campus).

☛ NAME PRONUNCIATION

IF YOUR NAME IS COMMONLY MISPRONOUNCED, YOU MAY NOTIFY US AT THE GRAD FINALE OR STOP BY OR CALL THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS OFFICE (724-847-6605) IN OLD MAIN TO GIVE THE CORRECT PRONUNCIATION.

✷ On commencement day the Campus Store and a concession stand will be open.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR GRADUATES