Event Details:

• **Date:** May 4, 2024
• **Location:** Quad
• **How:** In-Person and Livestreamed in Rizza
• **Tickets:**
  – Four reserved and assigned seats per graduate
  – Open non-reserved seating around the Quad
• **Weather Plans:** Rain or shine, unless risk of lightning
Seating Details:

LEGEND

Blue: VIP
24, 24, 8, 8, 8, 8

Yellow Grads & Cadets
108, 108

Orange: Faculty/Staff
80
Total 376

Balance Seats: Families
824

Accessible spots (15)

Interpreter Stage
Communications:

• **Notification to Families**
  – Letter from Pres. Dumont sent to those indicated on the form to register for Commencement

• **Invitation to Extend Housing**
  – Allows residential graduates and those working Commencement to remain in residence hall through Commencement

• **Invitation to Academic Reception**

  – Email to graduates to forward to family and other guests
Safety Protocols:

• Outdoor venue
• Restrooms available in proximate buildings around Quad
  – Rizza
  – Student Services Building
  – Mayo Hall
  – Marketplace
  – Library
  – Classroom Building
• Service Animals (and ESAs or pets)
Commencement Week:

• **Monday, April 29 - May 2**
  Final Exams

• **Friday, May 3**
  Commissioning Rehearsal (11:00-11:45)
  Commencement Rehearsal (1:00-3:00pm)
  Academic Receptions (3:00-5:00pm)
  Senior Awards (5:00-5:45pm)
Commencement Day:

Saturday, May 4

• Coast Guard and Navy Officer Commissioning Ceremony (9:00-9:45am)
• Commencement Ceremony Line-Up (10:00-11:00am)
• Commencement Ceremony (11:00am-1:00pm)
What is appropriate SP should look like

**SALT AND PEPPERS**  
(AUTHORIZED DRESS UNIFORM)

**THE SALT AND PEPPER UNIFORM**
consists of:

- White combination cover
- White short sleeve dress shirt
- Name tag
- Black dress trousers or optional black dress skirt
- Black belt with shined brass buckle
- Campus-issued black leather dress shoes
- Plain white crew neck undershirt, and
- Black dress socks
- Collar Devices (formerly shoulder boards)

When worn with black dress skirt, in lieu of black crew cut socks and shined black leather dress shoes, a 2 inch or less black heel will be worn.
To-Do Items for Graduates:

- Apply to Graduate with Registrar ✔
- Register to walk in Commencement ✔
- Check Salt & Pepper uniform (2 inspections at Formation) ✔
- Register personal needs for disability access (before 04/01) ✔
- Register for late stay in residence hall if remaining until Commencement (expect form from Residence Life)
Important Dates:

• April 8: Inspection of Salt and Pepper Uniform at Formation
• April 22: Final Inspection of Salt and Pepper Uniform at Formation
• May 3: Commencement rehearsal
  Required of all graduates; guest tickets and ceremony programs distributed
• May 3: School Receptions (Families invited)
Important Notes & Reminders:

• Guest tickets will be distributed at rehearsal and **only** at rehearsal
• Parking is first-come, first-served and shuttles will be running from Lot E/F and A–parking in Lot D restricted
• Services for guests with disabilities include handicapped parking, ASL interpreters, and accessible seating
• Only service animals are allowed – no emotional support animals or pets
• Some – not all – of the reasons you might not be allowed to walk
  – Intoxicated, not in compliance with uniform and grooming standards policy, disruptive of ceremony
• [Commencement website](#)
Uniform Donation

- Donation Bins will be placed in Res Halls (April 25th)
- Bins will be available at Rehearsal on May 3 Morrow Cove Patio
- Bins will also be available following commencement in the Inclusion Center