

COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

TRINE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

COMMENCEMENT 2011

Where: Hershey Hall
When: Saturday, May 7
Processional: 10 a.m.

Please be dressed in cap and gown and in line for final check at 9:40 a.m. Items adorning the gown are limited to those received at Honors Day. We ask that men wear ties (coats are not necessary) and women wear dresses. It may be warm in the gym, so dress accordingly.

Remember to bring the honor cords and medallions you received on Honors Day.

Parking

On Commencement day, all drivers must enter campus using South Darling Street. Please see enclosed information. Disability accessible parking is on the west side of Hershey Hall (Zollner Golf Course side).

Seating

We will have seating available for graduates' family members and friends who are unable to climb stairs. The lower bleachers of the balcony sections on both sides of the gym will be reserved to allow for accessible seating. **Graduates may invite as many guests as they wish. Seating will not be reserved.**

Commencement Photographs

Trine University has contracted Grad Images to take individual pictures of graduates. Proofs will be sent to each graduate, with no obligation to buy. Group photos of the School of Professional Studies graduates will be taken at 9 a.m. in Ketner Sports Center in Hershey Hall.

Commencement DVDs

Trine University has hired a camera crew that will capture all the memories of Commencement 2011, from the opening procession to the closing remarks. Cost is \$25, and DVDs will be mailed by the end of July. Please complete the enclosed form and return it no later than May 27, 2011.

Commencement Speaker

The commencement speaker and honorary degree recipient is Hall of Fame football coach Lou Holtz.

May Calendar of Events

May 1 Honors Day program, 2 p.m.
May 6 Commencement practice, 4:30 p.m.
May 6 Senior Celebration, 6 p.m.
May 7 Commencement, 10 a.m.

The University Bookstore will be open Saturday, May 7, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

From the Office of the Registrar

We would like to extend our best wishes and congratulations to all our graduates. It has been a pleasure working with you over the past few years. Good Luck!

Announcements and Cap/Gown Pickups

Graduation announcements are now available through the University Bookstore at a cost of \$1 each. Orders for caps and gowns were taken when Jostens visited your campus. Call the bookstore immediately at 260.665.4153 if you have not yet placed your order.

Trine Fort Wayne, Trine South Bend/Mishawaka and Trine Schererville students should pick up their caps and gowns at their campus beginning April 11. Angola Education Center students who placed orders during Senior Salute should pick up their caps and gowns at the University Bookstore beginning April 11. Trine Virtual Campus (TVC) students should contact the bookstore to arrange delivery. The gown is wrapped in plastic and you probably will need to hang it up to get rid of the wrinkles. The charge for the cap and gown is \$33 for undergraduate students and \$45 for graduate students. They are yours to keep.

Incomplete Grades

Grades of I or IP must be resolved prior to issuance of diploma.

Diploma Distribution

Diplomas will be issued to students upon completion of their degree requirements and after all financial obligations have been met.

Students will receive Trine University diplomas; however, in addition to the Trine diploma, students who have attended the university under the Tri-State University name may also request a Tri-State diploma at no charge. To place a request, e-mail Debra Helmsing, registrar, at helmsingd@trine.edu with your name, degree, date of graduation and mailing address.

You will receive a complimentary personal copy of your completed transcript with your diploma.

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Honors Day, a very special event, will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 1, in Hershey Hall on the main campus. Graduates receiving honors will be the participants, with their families, guests, and friends invited to attend in support of the graduates' accomplishments. Academic honors (cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude) and honor society cords will be presented. Award recipients should dress in cap and gown and should arrive at least 20 minutes early to line up for the procession in Hershey Hall. Name cards will show your place in line.

Academic honors will be printed in the commencement and Honors Day programs based on your standing after the first 8 week session of the spring semester. A cumulative GPA of 3.500 is required to graduate cum laude. A cumulative GPA of 3.750 is required to graduate magna cum laude. A cumulative GPA of 3.950 is required to graduate summa cum laude. For Latin honors recognition, you must be completing a minimum of 40 semester credit hours from Trine University by the end of the spring term. If your academic status changes from that printed in the program, your diploma will be printed with the correct recognition.

You can preview the honors listing on the Web site beginning April 19 at trine.edu/commencement.

Commencement Practice

The best way to make an event run smoothly is for all participants to know what is expected. This is why commencement practice is so important.

Time: 4:30 p.m.

When: Friday, May 6

Where: Hershey Hall

Students will meet in the gym by the bleachers. After a few announcements, you and the other students will line up and name cards will show where you should stand in line.

Once everyone is in line, we'll march in and sit as we will on Commencement Day. We will then go through the program and answer all your questions.

Senior Celebration

On May 6, at 6 p.m., you are invited to attend Senior Celebration on the Trine University main campus. The evening will feature wonderful live entertainment and fabulous food that will appeal to your many senses! Senior Celebration is a chance for you to gather with your family and friends and mingle with your favorite professors and staff of Trine University. The event is hosted by the office of student life. You will receive an invitation soon with more information.