



2009 Commencement Weekend Schedule

Events open to all except as indicated.

THURSDAY, MAY 21

1:00 PM Canoe Sing Rehearsal
Prospect Hall patio, Lower Lake

5:00–7:00 PM Senior Barbecue
Skinner Green Tent

7:30 PM Final “Lecture” Topics from a variety of fields will be addressed by a panel of Mount Holyoke faculty and staff.
Hooker Auditorium

10:00 PM–1:30 AM Step into the Limelight Party for seniors to kick off their weekend
Great Room, Blanchard Campus Center

FRIDAY, MAY 22

7:15 AM Senior Breakfast
Morrison Room, Willits-Hallowell Center

8:00 AM Commencement and Laurel Chain Rehearsal
Meet in the gymnasium at Kendall.
Kendall Sports and Dance Complex

9:00 AM–5:00 PM Exhibit of Alumnae Memorabilia and Photographs from the College Archives
Special exhibits about the classes of 1959 and 1984 will be on view in the archives lobby, lower level.
Archives Lobby and Reading Room, 8 Dwight Hall

NOON Zuhr Prayers and Halal Lunch
Muslim Prayer Room, Eliot House

- 1:00–4:00 PM Family Fun**
Parents must accompany children to this fun event.
Lantern Green, behind Blanchard Campus Center
- 1:00–4:00 PM Sycamores Open House**
The 1788 home of Colonel Ruggles Woodbridge is being restored by the local historical society. It served as a dormitory for 800 women from 1915 to 1969; after restoration it will be a unique museum of dormitory rooms from the last century. Rawson House, the 1733 home of the first town minister (which was moved and attached to the Sycamores), will also be open. It was the home of English professor and Nobel Laureate Joseph Brodsky (1940–1996).
28 Woodbridge St. (Route 116)
- 1:15 AM–5:30 PM Back-to-Class** An enjoyable and diverse series of lectures, workshops, and discussions led by MHC faculty, staff, and alumnae. Reservations required; sign up at registration, New York Room, Mary E. Woolley Hall.
- 1:30–4:00 PM Law Career Advising**
The Career Development Center’s Prelaw Advisor, Kimberly Parent, will offer advising for alumnae and seniors thinking about applying to law school and pursuing a career in law. Call 413-538-2080 to make an appointment.
- 1:30–3:30 PM Tours of the New Residence Hall**
Students will lead tours of the newest building on campus. Come and see this beautiful “green” building.
Lower Lake Road, next to Pratt Hall
- 2:30–4:30 PM Canoe Sing Rehearsal**
Prospect Hall patio, Lower Lake
- 3:30–4:30 PM Tea with the Class of 1959**
Living room, Abbey Hall
- 6:00–7:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service and Oneg Shabbat**
For alumnae, seniors, and guests
Eliot House
- 7:00–9:00 PM Talcott Greenhouse Reception**
Botanic Garden/Talcott Greenhouse
- 7:30–8:30 PM Japanese Tea Ceremony** with Nobue Socho Yamashita. Due to limited space, participation is on a first-come, first-served basis. Sign up at registration, New York Room, Mary E. Woolley Hall.
Wa-Shin-An, Eliot House
- 8:00 PM Commencement Concert**
Abbey Memorial Chapel
- 11:00 PM Senior Slide Show and Last M & Cs**
Chapin Auditorium, Mary E. Woolley Hall

SATURDAY, MAY 23

- 9:00 AM Alumnae Parade** While the marching band plays, Loyalty Classes lead the parade, followed by alumnae classes, alumnae relatives, certificate degree and graduate students, and seniors carrying the Laurel Chain. Please begin lining up no later than 8:30 AM and don't forget your white clothes! Rain or shine.
Abbey/Buckland Circle (Seniors, front of Mary E. Woolley Hall)
- 9:45 AM Laurel Chain Ceremony** with senior class, President Joanne V. Creighton, and Alumnae Association President Mary Graham Davis '65
Mary Lyon's Grave
- 10:15–11:30 AM 137th Alumnae Association Annual Meeting** In celebration of 137 years of legacy, tradition, and success, Mount Holyoke College alumnae, graduating seniors, and guests gather to honor the past and welcome the future.
Richard Glenn Gettell Amphitheater (Rain location: Chapin Auditorium)
- 11:30 AM Old-fashioned Community Picnic** for alumnae, seniors, families, and guests (prepaid reservations required for nonseniors)
Skinner Green Tent
- NOON–3:00 PM Athletics Tag Sale**
Streeter Lounge, Kendall Sports and Dance Complex
- 1:00 PM Phi Beta Kappa Initiation and Reception** for Phi Beta Kappa seniors, alumnae, and guests
Chapin Auditorium, Mary E. Woolley Hall
- 1:00–4:00 PM Sycamores Open House**
An opportunity to view this historic center-chimney Colonial house built in 1788 by Colonel Ruggles Woodbridge. It was a College dormitory for some 800 women from 1915 to 1969 before being sold to the South Hadley Historical Society in 1998. The Historical Society is restoring the house as a museum and will devote the third floor to typical dormitory rooms of the last century. Professor Emeritus Ken Williamson hosts this open house.
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Special exhibits about the classes of 1959 and 1984 will be on view in the archives lobby, lower level.
Archives Lobby and Reading Room, Dwight Hall
- 1:30–2:30 PM Japanese Tea Ceremony** with Nobue Socho Yamashita. Reservations required; sign up at registration, New York Room, Mary E. Woolley Hall.
Wa-Shin-An, Eliot House

- 1:30–3:30 PM Tours of the New Residence Hall**
Students will lead tours of the newest building on campus. Come and see this beautiful “green” building.
Lower Lake Road, next to Pratt Hall
- 2:00–3:00 PM Dance Department Commencement Concert** in Studio Theatre.
Reception to follow.
Streeter Lounge, Kendall Sports and Dance Complex
- 2:00–3:00 PM Crew Gathering** Members of past and present crew teams are invited to gather in the field house lounge.
Kendall Sports and Dance Complex
- 2:00–4:30 PM Department At-Homes**
See schedule for times and locations.
- 2:30–3:30 PM Japanese Tea Ceremony** with Nobue Socho Yamashita. Reservations required; sign up at registration, New York Room, Mary E. Woolley Hall.
Wa-Shin-An, Eliot House
- 3:00–4:00 PM Dance Reception** in Streeter Lounge
Kendall Sports and Dance Complex
- 3:00–4:30 PM Lyon’s Pride Reception** for LBTIQ alumnae, seniors, and guests
Jeannette Marks House, 5 Faculty Lane
- 3:30–4:30 PM Reception** for seniors and their guests, given by President Joanne V. Creighton. A great opportunity to introduce your family to the president and your favorite faculty member!
President’s House Backyard (Rain location: Chapin Auditorium)
- 3:30–4:30 PM Japanese Tea Ceremony** with Nobue Socho Yamashita. Reservations required; sign up at registration, New York Room, Mary E. Woolley Hall.
Wa-Shin-An, Eliot House
- 4:00 PM Baccalaureate Mass**
Abbey Memorial Chapel
- 4:00–5:30 PM Alumnae Women of Color Reception** for alumnae, seniors, families, and guests
Betty Shabazz Cultural Center
- 4:30-5:30 PM Recovery Gratitude Meeting** Open to all who have been affected by another’s use of alcohol or other drugs or are in recovery themselves and would like to share their experience, strength, and hope.
Room 318, Blanchard Campus Center
- 6:00–7:30 PM Dinner with the Stars** Baccalaureate buffet dinner for seniors and guests (prepaid reservations required for nonseniors)
Skinner Green Tent

- 8:30 PM Seating for Baccalaureate** begins for ticket holders.
Abbey Memorial Chapel
- 8:30 PM Senior Lineup for Baccalaureate** begins in the driveway by Mary Lyon Hall.
Mary Lyon Hall
- 9:00 PM Baccalaureate** Four speakers selected by seniors will address the graduating class. Music by the Baccalaureate Choir. Closed-circuit telecast to Hooker Auditorium. Tickets required for Chapel admittance.
Abbey Memorial Chapel
- 10:30 PM Canoe Sing**
Lower Lake

SUNDAY, MAY 24

- 9:00 AM Commencement Seating** begins for ticket holders.
(Rain plan: Kendall Field House)
Richard Glenn Gettell Amphitheater
- 9:30 AM Senior Lineup for Commencement** begins.
Howard Gymnasium (rain or shine)
- 10:30 AM One Hundred Seventy-Second Commencement**
Tickets required for amphitheater (or, in case of rain, Kendall Field House) seating. Closed-circuit telecast to Hooker Auditorium and Blanchard Café (open seating).
Richard Glenn Gettell Amphitheater
- 12:30–2:00 PM Celebratory Commencement Reception** for seniors, families, and guests
(no tickets required)
Skinner Green

Department At-Homes

SATURDAY, MAY 23

African American and African Studies

Skinner Hall, room 310, 3:30–4:30 PM

American Studies Art Museum, lobby, 2:30–4:00 PM

Ancient Studies See Classics and Italian.

Art, Art History, and Architectural Studies

Art Museum, lobby, 2:30–4:00 PM

Asian Studies Faculty Club Room, Willits-Hallowell

Center 2:30–4:00 PM

Biochemistry See Biological Sciences and Chemistry.

Biological Sciences and Biochemistry

Clapp Laboratory, first floor, 2:30–4:00 PM

Chemistry and Biochemistry Carr Laboratory, Hahn

Room (G13), 2:30–4:00 PM

Classics, Italian, and Ancient Studies

Ciruti Center, room 6, 2:30–4:30 PM

Complex Organizations Skinner Hall, room 210,

3:00–4:30 PM

Computer Science Clapp Laboratory, room 416,

2:30–4:00 PM

Critical Social Thought Stimson Room, Williston

Library, 3:00–4:30 PM

Dance Streeter Lounge, Kendall, 3:00–4:00 PM

Economics Skinner Hall, first floor, north end,

2:30–4:00 PM

English Shattuck Hall, room 102, Cassani Room,

2:00–4:00 PM

European Studies See International Relations.

Film Studies Art Museum, lobby, 2:30–4:00 PM

French Ciruti Language Center, room 115,

2:30–3:30 PM

Gender Studies Stimson Room, Williston Library,

3:00–4:30 PM

Geography, Geology, and Environmental Studies

Clapp Laboratory, third-floor foyer, 2:00–4:00 PM

German Studies Stimson Room, Williston Library,

2:30–4:00 PM

History Safford Hall Living Room, 2:30–4:00 PM

International Relations Skinner Hall, room 210,

3:00–4:30 PM

Latin American Studies See Spanish.

Mathematics and Statistics Clapp Laboratory, room

416, 2:30–4:00 PM

Medieval Studies Safford Hall Living Room,

2:30–4:00 PM

Music Pratt Hall, Warbeke Room, 2:30–3:30 PM

Neuroscience and Behavior See Biological

Sciences and Psychology and Education.

Philosophy Skinner Hall, room 217, 2:30–4:00 PM

Physics and Astronomy Kendade Hall, second-floor

corridor, 2:30–4:00 PM

Politics Skinner Hall, room 210, 3:00–4:30 PM

Psychology and Education Reese Building, lobby,

2:30–4:00 PM

Religion Faculty Club Room, Willits-Hallowell Center,

2:30–4:00 PM

Romance Languages and Literature See Classics.

Russian and Eurasian Studies 148 Hadley St., South

Hadley, 2:30–4:00 PM

Sociology and Anthropology Merrill House, Living

Room, 2:30–4:00 PM

Spanish and Latin American Studies

Room 226, Blanchard Campus Center, 2:30–4:30 PM

Theatre Arts Rooke Theatre, lobby, 2:30–4:00 PM

Directions to Campus

From the south:

Travel north on Route I-91, take exit 16 (Route 202/Holyoke-South Hadley). Turn right and proceed on Route 202 North through Holyoke and across the Connecticut River. Continue on Route 202 and take the second exit, marked “South Hadley Center-Amherst,” to Route 116 North. The College is approximately two miles north of the exit.

From the north:

Travel south on Route I-91, take exit 17 (Route 141/Holyoke-South Hadley). Proceed east on Route 141 until it intersects with Route 202. Turn left on Route 202 North and follow same directions as above.

From the Massachusetts Turnpike:

Take exit 5 (Holyoke-Chicopee) and exit ramp bearing to right. At end of exit ramp, turn left onto Route 33. Proceed for approximately five miles to Route 116. Turn right onto Route 116 and drive one mile north to the College.

By plane:

Bradley International Airport, serving Hartford, Connecticut, and Springfield, Massachusetts, is 45 minutes from the College by car. There is bus service (Peter Pan Bus Lines, Inc.) between South Hadley and the airport (with a change in Springfield). Car rental agencies are available at the airport.

By bus and train:

Both stations are in Springfield, Massachusetts, and are serviced by limousine services.

Parking

Please do not park on Route 116. *You will be ticketed.* Central campus roads are closed to through traffic, unless you have specific permission for deliveries or special-access needs. You may drop off or pick up someone on campus and then park your car in one of the following lots:

- Gorse (Morgan Street)
- Kendall Sports and Dance Complex
- Jewett Lane Lot
- Torrey Lot
- Talcott Greenhouse
- Corner of Morgan Street and Rte. 116
- Ham/MacGregor Lot
- Bridgeman Lane Lot
- Mary Lyon Lot
- Equestrian Center

Cars that block the Saturday morning parade route (which will be clearly marked) or impede access to residence halls in any way will be towed at the owner’s expense. Deliveries to residence hall kitchens and emergency access are crucial. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Take a Break at Blanchard

HOURS

Blanchard Campus Center, with its wonderful meld of classic and contemporary features, is yours to enjoy throughout Commencement Weekend. Food, beverages, and snacks are available at Blanchard Café and Uncommon Grounds, both of which will have extended hours. Come spend some time at the Mount Holyoke community's favorite meeting place.

THURSDAY, MAY 21

Café 7:30–9:30 AM
(continental breakfast available)
and 11:00 AM–7 PM

Uncommon Grounds CLOSED

FRIDAY, MAY 22

Café 7:30–9:30 AM
(continental breakfast available)
and 11:00 AM–8 PM

Uncommon Grounds 8 AM–5 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 23

Café 7:30 AM–7 PM
(continental breakfast available)

Uncommon Grounds 7 AM–6 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 24

Café 7:30 AM–7 PM
(continental breakfast available)

Uncommon Grounds 8 AM–3 PM



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