Calendar

May 1  Senior Banquet (Adults only)
Hamilton & Boston Campus invited
6:00 p.m., Peabody Marriott
Look for an invitation in early April.
No Charge

May 8  Baccalaureate Buffet
5:00-6:30 p.m., Alumni Hall
Gordon-Conwell Seminary, Hamilton
This dinner, preceding the Baccalaureate, is for you and your family. Tickets are $12.00 per person (children 7-12, $7; 6 and under, free), and may be purchased at the Cashier’s window beginning March 13th. Out-of-town graduates may call the Cashier, 978-646-4046, to reserve tickets, followed by payment.

May 8  Baccalaureate (Worship Service)
Graduates must arrive at 7:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m. (ceremony begins)
A.J. Gordon Memorial Chapel
Gordon College*
Dr. Donna Petter, Speaker
Graduates must wear academic regalia.

May 9  Commencement
Graduates must arrive at 7:45 a.m.
10:00 a.m. (Ceremony begins)
The Bennett Center, Gordon College
Mr. Gary Haugen, Speaker
Graduates must wear academic regalia.

*255 Grapevine Road, Wenham, MA, 978-927-2300  Website: http://www.gordon.edu/

Directions to Gordon College
Graduates are advised to take Exit 18 to come to Gordon College to avoid traffic jam at Bennett Center and long lines on Rt. 128. At Exit 18, turn LEFT onto Route 22. When at the fork on the road (approx. 1.5 mile), veer to LEFT to continue on RT 22 until you come perpendicular to GRAPEVINE Road (@ stop sign); turn RIGHT and continue on to Gordon College.)

Due to limited parking at Gordon College, graduates and families living on campus will be transported to Gordon College in buses, except those families with children in car seats. Information regarding procedures will be given in a later memo.
Procession from the Ken Olsen Science Center to Gordon Chapel for Baccalaureate (Friday night)
The walk from the Ken Olsen Science Center to the Chapel is about 2½ blocks. See Gordon College campus map: http://www.gordon.edu/download/galleries/Gordon%20Map-Main%20Campus.pdf

Procession from the A. J. Gordon Memorial Chapel to the Bennett Center for Commencement (Saturday morning)
The walk from the chapel where the graduates will robe for Commencement is ¼ mile to the Bennett Center (see Gordon College map). Women may want to consider wearing low-heel shoes for comfort. Graduates not able to walk the distance should contact Lita Schlueter (litas@gcts.edu) ASAP to arrange for assistance.

In case of rain, plastic covers will be available.

Commencement: Procession from the Bennett Center to the Chapel and Diploma Pickup
Graduates will exit through the side door of the Bennett Center and walk directly to the chapel to pick up their diplomas (graduates will receive empty folders on stage).

Invite family members and friends to meet you on the Chapel lawn for opportunity to take photos with friends/faculty/president. October graduates also are requested to meet their family members at the Chapel. Please do not stop and gather in front of the Bennett Center. We must keep the road open to clear the parking lot.

Live Video Streaming for both Baccalaureate and Commencement will be available for those who are unable to attend in person. Watch at www.gordonconwell.edu/live. The live stream will begin 15 minutes prior to each event.

Professional Photos at Commencement
The seminary will have professional photographers taking photos of graduates as they receive their diploma from President Hollinger, as well as when they proceed down from the stage. We therefore ask that students please not hire their own professional photographers or videographers for either service. Photos may be taken by family or friends only from their seats during events. Additionally, in keeping with fire code there is to be no photography (or standing) in the aisles, against the back walls, or in balconies during either event.

The company, Commencement Photos, Inc., will send a letter to all graduates offering them an opportunity to pre-order their graduation picture. If you are not satisfied with the picture received after Commencement, it can be returned. Those who choose not to pre-order will receive a proof of the picture and a second opportunity to order after Commencement.

For more information visit www.commencementphotos.com, call 978-851-5925 or email customerservice@commencementphotos.com (Please include “Gordon-Conwell” in the subject line).

Confidential Graduate Survey
Congratulations on your approaching graduation! One of the requirements of graduation is completing the Graduating Student Survey. The information you enter into the survey is confidential. We ask for your student ID only so that we know that you completed the survey. The information you give us is used to continue to improve Gordon-Conwell. The survey must be completed online before graduation. If you are a graduating MA/MDIV/ThM student, please click on or copy/paste the following link in a browser: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2015gss. If you have any problems completing the survey, please contact Renee Selim at assessmentb@gordonconwell.edu. We appreciate your feedback and congratulate you on the completion of your degree at Gordon-Conwell.
**Student Loan Borrowers**
Students who received loan funds while at Gordon-Conwell are required by Federal student loan regulations to complete an online exit counseling session. **Please note that, if you have received a student loan, this is a prerequisite to receiving your diploma.** If you had Direct Loans (Unsubsidized and/or GradPlus) only, please go to [http://mappingyourfuture.org/oslc/counseling/index.cfm?act=Intro&OslcTypeID=2](http://mappingyourfuture.org/oslc/counseling/index.cfm?act=Intro&OslcTypeID=2). If, however, you had both a Direct Loan and Perkins loan any time while at GCTS, please go to [http://mappingyourfuture.org/oslc/counseling/index.cfm?act=Intro&OslcTypeID=18](http://mappingyourfuture.org/oslc/counseling/index.cfm?act=Intro&OslcTypeID=18). April 15th is the deadline to complete the appropriate required online Loan Exit Counseling tutorial. It will cover important and timely information on student loan repayment. Mapping Your Future notifies GCTS after each student completes the tutorial.

**Worship Songs for Senior Banquet**
The Senior Banquet is a time for celebrating and giving thanks to God for His faithfulness! Prior to enjoying a delicious meal, we will worship for about 20 minutes. **Please email one or two hymns/songs that have been significant on your seminary journey to** litas@gcts.edu

**Dates to Remember**
- **Beginning March 13** – purchase tickets to Baccalaureate Buffet.
- **No later than April 2** – submit your photos for the Senior Banquet slide/video presentation (see Grad Memo)
- **Beginning April 6** – Graduation Announcements will be placed in student mailboxes. Out-of-town graduates will receive them in the mail.
- **No later than April 15** – Notify Registration Office, in writing, if you will not be attending Commencement.
- **No later than April 17** – Information to president’s office to send letters of appreciation to family/friends.
- **Week of April 21** – pick up regalia for Boston Graduates
- **Week of April 27** – pick-up regalia for Hamilton Graduates

**Next Graduation Memo:**
- **Time when doors will open to the public for Baccalaureate and Commencement.**
- **DVDs of Baccalaureate Service & Commencement**