Baccalaureate & Commencement Information: This and subsequent memos are the primary mode of detailed communication to graduates for both the Hamilton and Boston campuses. Memos will be posted on the GCTS Website. For Hamilton graduates, please also check the Graduation Section in the fridayam and the Graduation 2015 tab in your Sakai portal. Please pay close attention to deadlines.

The purpose of this publication is to keep the Class of 2015 informed about all events surrounding Gordon-Conwell’s Baccalaureate and Commencement ceremonies. This is the first of six memos we plan to send you. In each memo you will be informed of details in a timely manner. We will also highlight the information to be discussed in upcoming memos. However, if at any time you have a question regarding the commencement activities, please contact me at litas@gcts.edu or call me at 978-646-4060.

Lita Schlueter, Dean of Students

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/

**No Tickets Needed!**
Your guests do **NOT** need tickets for the Baccalaureate (worship service) or Commencement. However, seating is primarily for families of graduates, so please **limit the number of church members invited.**

**Area Hotels:** A list of local hotels with current rates is attached.

**In Absentia**
Attendance at Commencement is mandatory for all graduates living within a 250 mile radius of the Seminary. If you will not be attending Commencement, you must notify the Registration Office, in writing, no later than **April 15th.** Your name will be listed on the program, but not announced.

**Pronouncing Your Name**
Your name is important! We want to pronounce your name correctly at Commencement. If you have not already done so on your graduation application, please submit a **phonetic** spelling of your name to the Registration Office in order to help us with this task.

**Graduation Announcements**
We are now in the process of having announcements (not invitations) printed. Each graduate will receive 10 announcements free of charge. They will be put in student mailboxes, beginning **April 6th** Out-of-town graduates will receive them in the mail. Contact Michael Colaneri at 978-646-4064 or e-mail him at mcolaneri@gcts.edu. Additional announcements may be purchased (50 cents each) via email to Michael Colaneri, indicating number by **March 6th.** Announcements will be sent when payment is received. All announcements will be sent to the address on file at the Registration Office.

**Senior Banquet Slide Presentation**
For our **Senior Banquet** on **Friday, May 1,** we will prepare a slide presentation highlighting you, the graduate, during your time at Gordon-Conwell. Here are the instructions for submitting your photos:

- **First,** please send two photos to litas@gcts.edu, as follows:
  - Name your two pictures following the example below *(last name [space] first name [space] number)*.
    - Schluter Lita 01
    - Schluter Lita 02
• Send one photo in your ministry setting and one with your seminary friends or family…
• Also, if you have any, send pictures with you and faculty.

To ensure the quality of the pictures in the slide presentation, please send digital pictures that are larger than 350KB. If you do not have digital photos, you are welcome to send still pictures (we will scan them in and return them to you).

Second, please send any pictures and/or video clips you may have of campus life, e.g. events (inside or outside), the snow, children playing, etc. Please provide these to the Dean of Students’ office (Lita Schlueter) either on a CD or flash drive.

E-mail all your pictures to litas@gcts.edu using the subject title: SENIOR BANQUET PICTURES. DEADLINE for submitting photos is Thursday, April 2.

Highlights of upcoming memos:
• academic regalia (gown, cap, hood)
• accommodations for children
• accommodations for physically challenged/handicapped persons
• graduation memo to families
• parking/bus shuttle from seminary to Gordon College
• pictures during the ceremonies
• seating for graduates/families
• times and places of assembly