May 11  Baccalaureate Buffet
5:00-6:30 p.m.
Dining Hall, Kerr Building
Gordon-Conwell Seminary
This dinner, preceding the Baccalaureate, is for you and your family. Due to the limited seating capacity of the Great Room there are a limited number of tickets available. Tickets are $12.00 per person (children 7-12, $7; 6 and under, free), and may be purchased at the Cashier’s window. Out of town graduates may call the Cashier, 978-646-4046, to reserve tickets, followed by payment. Please check your confirmation at the table outside the Dining Hall.

May 11  Baccalaureate (Worship Service)
8:00 p.m.
A.J. Gordon Memorial Chapel*
Gordon College*
Professor Dean Borgman, speaker
Graduates must arrive at 7:00 p.m. at the Ken Olsen Science Center to robe and process to Chapel. Graduates must wear academic regalia.

May 12  Commencement
10:00 a.m.
The Bennett Center
Gordon College*
Elizabeth “Libby” Little, speaker
Graduates must arrive at 7:45 a.m.
Graduates must wear academic regalia.

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

BACCALAUREATE BUFFET:  President and Mrs. Hollinger will welcome graduates and their guests.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE (Friday night): The Chapel Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. Early arrivals may wait in the Lobby or in the Lane Center next door. Only authorized personnel will be allowed in the Chapel before the doors open.

COMMENCEMENT (Saturday morning): The Bennett Center Auditorium will be opening at 9:00 a.m. The building itself will open at 7:00 a.m. Early arrivals may wait in the Lobby, Lounge and Aerobics Room areas where there will be chairs available for their use. Only authorized personnel will be allowed in the auditorium before 9:00 a.m.

Commencement is an event for Graduates and Family Members: All are welcome. There is no limit to the number of family members and friends invited; however, we request that graduates who currently pastor a church limit your guests to a few church members. We want to ensure that we can accommodate family members of all the graduates.

Celebration with Respect We gather to celebrate each graduate’s accomplishment, as they receive her/his diploma, so family/friends are asked to please respect each of the graduates by holding their cheers and applause to a minimum so that each graduate’s name can be heard clearly.
Taking Photos at Commencement
We respectfully request that family members not get out of their chairs to take pictures of graduates. Please do not use lights or flash during either service.

Children's Room will be located in the Aerobics Room in the Bennett Center for the convenience of those who want to come out with their children. For your convenience while in the room with your children, a TV Monitor will be available. Ushers will direct families to the room. Children must be supervised at all times by parents/guardians.

Strollers in Bennett Center: The ushers will direct parents to the area designated for strollers. Strollers will not be permitted in the Auditorium.

No Air Conditioning in the Bennett Center If the weather is very warm, graduates & guests are recommended to dress appropriately for Commencement. The Bennett Center is not air conditioned.

No Pets will be allowed in the Baccalaureate or Commencement services, only service animals.

SHUTTLE to and from Gordon College on Commencement Day
• Two buses will run the schedule below from the GCTS Academic Center parking lot to the Bennett Center.
  7:15 a.m. - Graduates only to Gordon Chapel
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  Continuous runs:
  7:45-10:15 a.m. – Guests to Bennett Center
• Two buses will do continuous runs from Gordon Chapel to GCTS Academic Center parking
  12:30 – 2:00 p.m. – Graduates and guests

Families/guests with children who must be in a car seat are strongly encouraged to car pool, if at all possible.

If guests are coming from off campus, please advise them that when they arrive at Gordon College and are turned back due to full parking lots, they may come to the Seminary campus and pick up the shuttle within times listed above. (See attached maps from Gordon College to Gordon-Conwell as well as one with directions directly to GTCS are attached.)

PARKING on Commencement Day
• In order to avoid a traffic jam, there will not be a “drop off” at the Bennett Center.
• Campus Security will direct you to the designated parking areas.
• There are 35 designated handicapped parking spaces in the Bennett Center parking lot for this event. Graduates should contact me ASAP if you need special assistance (ltas@gcts.edu or 978-646-4060)

MEET YOUR GRADUATE at Gordon Chapel after Commencement. Graduates will process out of the Bennett Center and directly back to Gordon Chapel, where they will pick up their diplomas. (October Graduates will return to the Chapel, but will not receive their diploma at that time.) The Gordon Chapel lawn is ideal for taking photographs with friends/family.

SHUTTLE for Elderly/Tired: A one-way bus to the Gordon Chapel will be parked outside the main doors of the Bennett Center immediately following commencement service. If you or anyone in your party is tired and/or elderly we invite you to make use of this shuttle. (not wheelchair accessible.)

PHOTOGRAPH with President Hollinger: Anyone wishing to take a photograph with the seminary’s President, Dr. Dennis Hollinger, may do so by going to the front steps of the chapel (GCTS Banner), Dr. Hollinger will be available up to 12:50 p.m. A staff person will be present to direct graduates in taking turns for the photographs.