

MISCELLANEOUS TIPS AND HINTS FOR COMMENCEMENT

- **Tassels** should be worn on the *right* side of your cap until the end of the Commencement ceremony, when you will turn them to the left. (Please note: *Graduate* students should wear tassels on the *left* side of your cap.)
- **Women should leave purses with friends or relatives. Absolutely NO bags of ANY kind (purses, backpacks, etc.) will be permitted during the line-up or walk.**
- Please leave **cell phones** with friends or relatives or be sure to turn them off so they do not ring during the ceremonies.
- Pay attention to **weather** reports and plan to wear something cool underneath your robe if Commencement day is a hot one. The robes are *very warm* and graduates are seated in the sun.
- Please be **courteous**. Once you have marched and been seated, please do *not* get up and leave for any reason. Even after you have received your diploma cover, be considerate of those who are still waiting.

PARKING FOR COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

The Chapel parking lot will be set aside for disabled persons in vehicles displaying valid disabled parking certification from the state of Illinois or another state. Drop off and pickup service is available in this lot upon arrival by request of the Public Safety Officer assigned to the parking lot.

Advance parking reservations cannot be accepted.

Please be aware that the Bogey Bus will be in operation for transport of persons from remote parking lots.

Please note that traffic is very heavy around the University on Commencement day!! Plan to arrive early!! Directions to campus are on our web page.

NEWS RELEASES

To share news about your accomplishment with your hometown newspaper, go to <http://www.mckendree.edu/offices/marketing/news/graduation.php> and click on the appropriate news release. We encourage you to include a photo of yourself when sending your hometown news release to your local paper. This will be beneficial to both you and McKendree as we further acknowledge your success.

MAY AND JULY GRADUATES DIPLOMAS and TRANSCRIPTS WITH YOUR DEGREE POSTED

Any transcript mailed before May 31 or July 31 will NOT HAVE YOUR DEGREE POSTED ON IT BECAUSE YOU DO NOT OFFICIALLY GRADUATE UNTIL MAY 31 OR JULY 31. After your official graduation date, your degree will be posted. PLEASE NOTE: Participation in the Commencement Ceremony is *not* a guarantee of graduation. Degrees are conferred for May graduates on May 31 and for July graduates on July 31 *provided all requirements for the degree are met.*