



Franklin Pierce University

What you should know about...

COMMENCEMENT

2009

Franklin Pierce University Commencement

Date and Time of 2009 Commencement

Saturday, May 16, 10:30 a.m.

Location and Weather Contingencies

The ceremony will be held on the Rindge campus. Admission to the site is by ticket only. It is recommended that you bring an umbrella, a hat and bug spray. In case of inclement weather, please call 603.899.4100 or visit the web site at www.franklinpierce.edu for any changes in the schedule.

Diplomas

Your diploma will be mailed to your home approximately two weeks after Commencement (if you are financially clear). In order to ensure that you receive your diploma in a timely fashion, please make sure that the Registrar's Office has your correct home address.

Academic Regalia Distribution (caps, gowns and hoods)

For graduates of the College at Rindge, regalia can be picked up in Pierce Hall, located in the Campus Center, on April 8 and April 9 between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. College at Rindge graduates who cannot be on campus on those days should see the Registrar before May 6. For graduates of the College of Graduate & Professional Studies (CGPS), regalia will be distributed at the CGPS centers by the center directors. The cost of regalia is included in the graduation fee.

Tickets and Announcements

Each graduate will receive six tickets and six commencement announcements along with their regalia. Extra announcements will be available for purchase in the bookstore.

Pronunciation of Names

If your name is unusual or difficult to pronounce, please let us know exactly how to say it. Graduates should contact Joan Epro at eproj@franklinpierce.edu.



Photographs/Videos

A professional photographer will take a picture of each graduate as he/she is greeted on stage by President Hagerty and prints will be available for purchase from Chappell Studios (800.424.3686 or www.chappell.com/home.cfm). Chappell Studios (GrandTrak[®] by Graduation Images) is offering graduates a \$5 discount on any photo order over \$25 when you register your e-mail address prior to graduation. Please go to www.gradimages.com to take advantage of this offer. The entire ceremony will be captured on video. DVDs will be available for purchase from AV Advantage (207.510.6644 or www.avadvantage.com).

Parking

Campus traffic is unusually heavy on the morning of Commencement, so plan to arrive early. Uniformed officers will direct you to parking at various venues around the campus. Parking is limited and we request that you carpool if possible.

Request to Graduate (RTG) Form

CGPS graduates should check with their Center or Program Directors if unclear about their graduation status.

Request to Graduate Forms (RTGs) for 2009 Rindge graduates have been reviewed and seniors have been notified by e-mail. These students should continue with the RTG process by completing the RTG Part B Ceremony Information form in the Registrar's Office located in DiGregorio. In order for caps and gowns to be ordered in a timely fashion, the deadline for completed RTGs is February 1.

If you have not as yet received this e-mail or filled out ceremony information, please visit the Registrar's office or by e-mail at Registrar@franklinpierce.edu.

Special Services

There is limited space for wheelchairs and special parking for people who have difficulty walking. If you have a guest who needs special accommodations or on-campus housing (limited), please contact Peter-Michael Kinney at confctr@franklinpierce.edu.

Handicapped seating is available.
Emergency medical help is available.
Rest room facilities are located near Granite Hall.

Animals on Campus

No animals are permitted on campus except for guide/companion animals.

Other Commencement Events

Dinner Dance (CGPS graduates)

Saturday, April 25 - Marriott Courtyard in Concord.
Social hour starts at 5 p.m.
Program starts at 6 p.m.

Students selected for membership in the Alpha Sigma Lambda or Sigma Beta Delta honors societies will be inducted that evening prior to the dinner dance. The CGPS valedictorian will speak, and outstanding students will be recognized along with those students who have achieved the highest academic standing in each major in the undergraduate program. The dinner dance is gratis for graduates; the cost per guest is \$30. You can register and pay for your guest(s) by contacting Jean Blacketor at blacketorj@franklinpierce.edu.



Honors Convocation (Rindge graduates)

Wednesday, May 6 - 3:30 p.m., Fieldhouse

This is an opportunity to honor the outstanding achievements of members of the Class of 2009, along with students from other classes. The Rindge campus valedictorian will speak. Please arrive at Edgewood by 3:15 p.m. with your cap, gown and hood. Professor Emlee Kohler will lead a short procession into the Fieldhouse. Students receiving awards are notified approximately one week prior to Honors Convocation so that they may invite their families to attend.

President's Reception (Rindge graduates)

Tuesday, May 12

4 p.m. - 6 p.m., Pierce Hall, Campus Center,
College at Rindge

President Hagerty will host a reception for graduating seniors, faculty and staff.

Senior Breakfast (Rindge graduates)

Friday, May 15

10 a.m., Fieldhouse

During the Senior Breakfast, the University administration, faculty and staff have the opportunity to wish the graduates well. The doors will open at 9:30 a.m. Immediately following the Senior Breakfast there will be a brief rehearsal for the Commencement ceremony.



Hooding Ceremonies (Doctor of Physical Therapy and Doctor of Arts graduates)

Friday, May 15

1 p.m., Pierce Hall, Campus Center, College at Rindge

Further details will be available from the Concord campus.

Baccalaureate Program (Rindge graduates & families)

Friday, May 15

4 p.m., Pierce Hall, Campus Center, College at Rindge

The Baccalaureate Program is organized by the senior class officers to affirm the graduates' commitment to their education and to strengthen connections with their alma mater. Please bring your cap, gown and hood. The academic procession will be organized in Marcucella Hall at 3:45 p.m. There will be a reception following the Baccalaureate Program.

On Commencement Day, May 16, 2009 (all graduates)

8 a.m. - 10 a.m. Continental breakfast, Grand Hall, Campus Center. A light breakfast is available to all.

9 a.m. Graduates line up alphabetically, by degree, in Marcucella Hall. Staff will be there to help you find your place.

Please don't be late, and remember to wear your cap (tassel on the right, until after you receive your degree), gown and hood.

During the lineup, you will be given a card with your name on it, your degree and Latin honors (if appropriate). If you have earned Latin honors, you will be given a gold cord at that time.



10:30 a.m. The procession begins. The ceremony will include the conferring of honorary degrees, followed by the conferring of graduate and undergraduate degrees. The ceremony usually lasts approximately two hours and forty minutes.

Good-byes

Beverages and sweets will be served following the Commencement ceremony.

Miscellany

Commencement Status: If you have questions about where you stand regarding Commencement (i.e., number of credits, required course work, etc.) contact Susan Chamberlin, Registrar, at Registrar@franklinpierce.edu.

Divisional Honors and High Honors: Certificates and other awards (Rindge graduates) will be distributed at the Honors Convocation on May 6. Outstanding students from the College of Graduate & Professional Studies will be recognized during the Dinner Dance on April 25.

Graduation Honors: Gold honors cords (*cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, *summa cum laude* - see the Franklin Pierce University catalogue for Latin honors requirements) will be distributed on the morning of Commencement during the line-up in Marcucella Hall.

Honors Society Cords: Are distributed at the initiation ceremonies of the respective societies.

Alumni Association: The Franklin Pierce University Alumni Association is pleased to welcome and congratulate the Class of 2009. Be sure to stop by the Alumni Association tent on Commencement day. You will be able to purchase flowers, order diploma frames, and receive information about videos of the ceremony, graduation photos, class jewelry, etc. If you have questions about Alumni Association activities or opportunities, please contact alumni@franklinpierce.edu.

Library Book Fund: Please consider a gift to the Library Book Fund as a way of honoring graduates' accomplishments while also giving something special to future students. A tax-deductible donation may be made in any amount. You may suggest materials on a topic of special interest to your graduate or let the librarians choose materials that will enrich the collection. In the case of gifts of \$50 or more, the book(s) purchased will be inscribed with the graduate's name and class year and/or the name of the instructor or supportive friend you would like to honor. Please send your contribution and the desired inscription and a preference for subject matter, if desired, to the attention of Director of Library Services, Franklin Pierce University, 40 University Drive, Rindge, NH 03461.

Questions about Commencement Week Activities?

Rindge Graduates

Contact Cassandra Ely, Senior Class President
Scott Ansevin-Allen, Assistant Dean for Student Involvement
at ansevis@franklinpierce.edu

Dates and places to remember

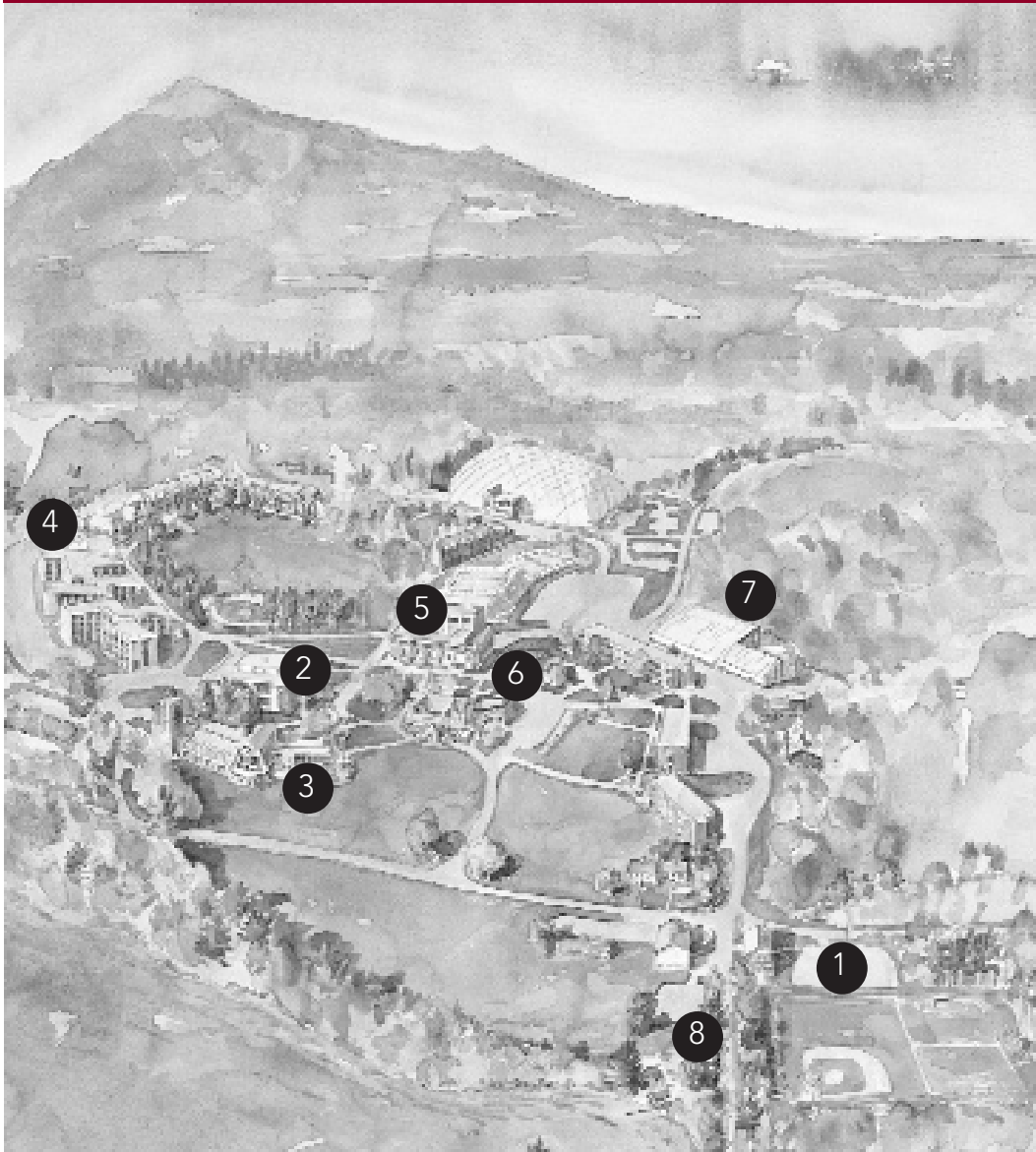
- Regalia pick-up - Rindge graduates - April 8 and 9 - 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Pierce Hall, Campus Center, College at Rindge
- Dinner Dance - CGPS - April 25 - 5 p.m., Social Hour, 6 p.m., Program - Marriott Courtyard, Concord
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- Hooding Ceremonies for Doctor of Arts and Doctor of Physical Therapy Graduates - May 15 - 1 p.m. - Pierce Hall
- Baccalaureate Program - Rindge graduates - May 15 - 4 p.m. - Commencement Site
- Commencement Ceremony - Saturday, May 16
 - 9 a.m. Graduates assemble in Marcucella Hall
 - 10:30 a.m. Procession begins
 - Conclusion of program at approximately 1:15 p.m.



Contact Information:

- Joan Epro - Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Commencement Coordinator
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- Peter-Michael Kinney - Conference Center Director
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Franklin Pierce University Campus Map



1 Commencement Site

2 Marcucella Hall*

3 Campus Center/Hampshire Room*

4 Cheney Hall

5 Fitzwater Center*

6 Library

7 Fieldhouse

8 University Drive

* Closed circuit TV viewing areas

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Video/DVD Order Form

NAME			
SHIPPING ADDRESS			
CITY		STATE	
PHONE		ZIP	

Delivery of tapes or DVD's will be made within 30 days of show
Please make sure the above address is shipping address.

	VHS	DVD VIDEO		TOTAL
	\$17.00	\$22.00		
QUANTITY				\$
VISA, M/C OR AMEX #			SHIPPING & HANDLING \$5.00 each	\$
EXPIRATION DATE			TOTAL	\$
CVV NUMBER				

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