

The Ohio State University College of Medicine

Convocation Day Schedule – May 7, 2026

8:00 a.m. **Hooding Rehearsal – Mandatory for Students**
Graduates must bring their hoods to rehearsals
Mershon Auditorium, 1871 North High Street
All students participating in the College of Medicine Hooding ceremony are required to attend rehearsal and must bring their own hood (no need to bring the full regalia – just the hood). Students may dress casually for rehearsal. Please note that food and beverages are not permitted in the auditorium. **Hooders do not attend rehearsals.**

10:00 a.m. **Honors Celebration – *This event is by invitation***
Doors open at 9:00 a.m. – breakfast will be served
Ohio Union – Ballroom, 2nd Floor, 1739 North High Street
[Click here for more information on Ohio Union directions and parking](#)
Students receiving departmental and special awards will be notified in advance and asked to RSVP. Guests of invited students are welcome to attend.

11:45 a.m. **Senior Barbeque Luncheon**
Hamilton Hall Quad, 1645 Neil Avenue
[Click here for more information on nearby parking at the SafeAuto Garage](#)
Graduating students, families, and friends are welcome. Deans, faculty, and staff will also attend this event to celebrate with graduates. The barbeque ends at 1:45 p.m.

2:45 p.m. **Line-up for the Hooding Ceremony Procession**
Center of the Oval, 181 South Oval Mall
[Click here for more information on Ohio Union directions and parking](#)
Graduating students and faculty will line up in the center of the Oval. The procession will march across the Oval to the west entrance of Mershon Auditorium.

3:30 p.m. **The Hooding Ceremony**
Mershon Auditorium, 1871 North High Street
Mershon Auditorium doors open at 2:30 p.m. for seating
[Click here for more information on Ohio Union directions and parking](#)
Tickets are not required. Unlimited family members and guests are welcome. The seating capacity of Mershon is 2,400. Main floor seating is limited and is on a first-come, first-served basis. There is NO elevator in Mershon Auditorium. If anyone in your party is not comfortable climbing stairs, please plan to arrive early. The ceremony lasts approximately 2 – 2 1/2 hours.
Livestream: TBD – The Hooding Ceremony will be livestreamed, and the link will be shared closer to the date of the event.

6:00 p.m. **An Outdoor Reception** will be held in the Wexner Plaza adjacent to Mershon Auditorium following the ceremony.

Accessibility For questions about disability access or to request accommodations, please contact Ashley Secord at convocation@osumc.edu or 614-366-3332 at least two weeks advanced notice will help us provide seamless access.
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