

# 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 rehearsal**  
***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 rehearsal.**
- 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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***  
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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**  
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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](mailto:convocation@osumc.edu) or 614-366-3332 at least two weeks advanced notice will help us provide seamless access.

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