Events and Happenings through May 13

Monday, May 7:
- Rossner Medal philosophy paper due today
- 2:30 p.m.: Baccalaureate Mass rehearsal—Sed. 115

Tuesday, May 8:
- 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Campus Ministry BBQ—CMC

Wednesday, May 9:
- 3:30 p.m.: Dr. Catherine Green retirement reception—Greenlease Gallery Atrium
- 5:30 p.m.: University housing closes for non-graduating students

Thursday, May 10:
- 2:30 p.m.: Baccalaureate Mass rehearsal—St. Francis Xavier Church

Friday, May 11:
- 2 p.m.: Baccalaureate Mass—St. Francis Xavier Church

Saturday, May 12:
- 1 p.m.: Commencement—Municipal Auditorium, downtown Kansas City, Mo

Sunday, May 13:
- Noon: University housing closes for graduating students

Additional information about events and happenings can be found at [http://calendar.rockhurst.edu](http://calendar.rockhurst.edu).

The Counseling Center hours:
- Monday and Friday—8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday—8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Please call ext. 4275 for an appointment

The Counseling Center is located in Massman 5.

Weekday Mass times:
- St. Francis Xavier Church (chapel): 7 & 11 a.m.
- Mabee Chapel, Massman Hall, noon

Announcements

Commencement News

Baccalaureate Mass is at 2 p.m. Friday, May 11, at St. Francis Xavier Church. Doors will open for guest seating at 1 p.m.

- Graduates are to meet at 1 p.m. in front of Conway Hall to line up for the processions.
- Faculty meets at 1 p.m. on Massman Hall porch.
- Graduates wear your cap and gown minus your hood.
- Procession begins at 1:30 p.m. from Conway Hall to St. Francis Xavier Church
- Men—please remove your caps in the church.
- Following Mass a reception will be held on Pergola by the Bell Tower at 3 p.m.

Commencement Ceremony, 1 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at Municipal Auditorium, 301 W. 13th St., Kansas City, MO:

- All participants (students, faculty and staff) should arrive by noon at Municipal Auditoriumoyer.
- You may invite as many guests as you wish; tickets are not required.
- The marshals will put students into alphabetical order by degree.
- Rockhurst is not responsible for items left unattended at Municipal Auditorium. Please give your personal items to a guest to hold during the ceremony.
- The Academic Procession begins at 1 p.m. immediately followed by the ceremony.
- Programs will be on the seats of graduates’ chairs.

Hawk Walk to Power & Light District for Family Reception: Immediately following the ceremony, all new Rockhurst graduates will continue in the recessional line directly out of the auditorium.

- Families and friends are invited to join them outside on the sidewalk and/or walk the short 4 blocks (0.3 miles) from Municipal Auditorium to meet them in the Power and Light District.
- All graduates are to continue wearing their caps and gowns as they walk together to the inside patio at the Power and Light District.
- Pictures with Fr. Curran can be taken in the Power and Light District (the backdrop of the Rockhurst logo will be on site).
- A private area is reserved for the Rockhurst celebration. A cash bar will be available and access to a wide variety of restaurants and eateries for the post-graduation celebration! Watch the slide show on the big screen and take pictures with Rockhurst faculty and staff.

Details about Commencement can be found at [http://www.rockhurst.edu/graduation/](http://www.rockhurst.edu/graduation/)

Campus Ministry

Campus Ministry End-of-Year BBQ is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, at the CMC. Please RSVP to Michelle at michelle.scheibner@rockhurst.edu or call ext. 4747.

To honor our graduating seniors, you are invited to sing in the Rockhurst Community Choir for the Baccalaureate Mass, which is at 2 p.m. Friday, May 11, at St. Francis Xavier. It is one of the highlights of the year because it gives staff, faculty and students an opportunity to share joyous time together. Please email me, so that I may prepare a packet of music for you.

Rehearsals are at 2:30 p.m. on:

- ☀️ Monday, May 7 – Sed. 115
- ☁️ Thursday, May 10 – SFX (dress rehearsal)
Sodexo will be changing their hours of operations with the end of the year approaching. The hours are:

- **Tuesday, May 8:**
  - Thomas More Dining Hall
    - 7:15 a.m. – 2 p.m.
    - 4:45 - 7 p.m.
  - The Pub
    - 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
  - Daily Grind/Planet Sub
    - 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
    - 7 p.m. – midnight
- **Wednesday, May 9:**
  - Thomas More Dining Hall
    - 7:15 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
  - Pub, Daily Grind and Planet Sub are closed
- **Thursday, May 10 (summer hours begin)**
  - Pub will be open Monday through Friday
    - 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Each year the Philosophy Department offers the Award of the Rossner Medal for the finest submitted philosophy paper of the year. This award also carries a cash prize of $500. Any student attending Rockhurst during the academic year 2011-2012 is eligible. To enter the competition students should submit an essay on any topic in philosophy. The essay must be the student’s own work, and should contain original research which shows evidence of critical analysis of the topic of the paper. Essays can be submitted to any member of the Philosophy Department by the **deadline of Monday, May 7**. The name of the winner will be inscribed on the Rossner Medal plaque permanently displayed in the Philosophy Department. At their discretion, the judges may decide not to award the medal in a particular year.

**Thanks to everyone who participated and attended the Miller Competition.** The Communication Department would like to congratulate the winners of the Miller Speech Competition:

- 1st Place – Maddie Bur kemper
- 2nd Place – Drew Gregory
- 3rd Place – TJ Burke

The other participants included Nick Engler, Erin Lynch, Bethany Phillips, Kayla Rathert, and Chris Wunder. In addition, the department would like to thank the judges: Steve Chamberlain, Kyle Johnson, and Christine Sarcone, along with Kaitlyn Troske for keeping time.

**Dr Catherine Green of the department of philosophy is retiring at the end of this semester.** Her contribution to both the department and the University has been immense since she joined the faculty in 1997. **Please join us in showing our appreciation by coming to a reception in Dr. Green’s honor at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, in the Greenlease Gallery Atrium.**

This is the final Rockhurst Weekly News for the 2011-12 academic year. Have a great summer!

Join us to honor Ellen Spake, PT, Ph.D., the founding chair and longtime faculty member in the Department of Physical Therapy Education, as she transitions to her new role as Assistant to the President for Mission and Ministry at Rockhurst University.

**Friday, May 18**
- 6 - 7:30 p.m.
  - (A short program begins at 6:30 p.m.)
  - Massman Gallery
  - **Light refreshments will be served**

If you are unable to attend the program but would like to leave a memory about Ellen or a comment for her, please e-mail them to catherine.thompson@rockhurst.edu to have them included in the memory book.

**The Greenlease Library will have the following schedule during finals exams** and we will have free coffee and packaged snacks at the service desk on the main floor during selected hours:

- **Monday, May 7, and Tuesday, May 8:**
  - 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. **(coffee and snacks from 10 p.m. to Midnight)**
- **Wednesday, May 9:**
  - 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Looking for a quiet place in the library to study? The top floor is our designated Quiet Floor. Need group study space? The main, mezzanine and basement floors are the best choices. We have white boards in the group study rooms, mobile white boards on each floor and a collaboration station with a Smartboard to use with laptops on the main floor. Need a computer? The computer lab on the mezzanine level is open and we have laptops you can check out and use in the library if you don’t have a laptop available. As always, library staff will be here to assist you in person, the **Ask a Librarian chat service**, and by phone at 501-4121 or 501-4188, so don’t hesitate to get that last-minute help you need!

**Student News and Events**

Office of Residence Life announces end of the year checkout policy:

- **For non-graduating students, all university housing will close at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 9.** If a class or academic meeting requires a student to stay on campus past the official closing time, please instruct your students to contact their Residence Director (the staff member charged with running their residential facility) to arrange for a late departure. The Office of Residence Life will always make accommodations for students with documented academic requirements.

- **Graduating students must be checked out by noon Sunday, May 13.** If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Residence Life at extension 4663.