



Know before you go

Ivy Cutting is a long-standing Seattle Pacific University tradition and has been part of the university's graduation rites since 1922. During this ceremony, each graduating student receives a sprig of ivy, symbolizing both their lasting connection to SPU and the independence that comes with graduation.

Date: Friday, June 5, 2026

Time: 10–11 a.m.

Location: Tiffany Loop, Seattle Pacific University

Setting: Outdoor ceremony beneath the trees in Tiffany Loop

Student Arrival & Lineup

Graduating students should arrive no later than 9:30 a.m. and line up on the Fifth Avenue Streetscape between Marston and Weter halls. Students should arrive already dressed in cap and gown. Staff and student marshals will be present to provide directions and support.

Processional & Ceremony Flow

Students will process into Tiffany Loop in an organized formation led by student marshals and supported by staff. During the ceremony, graduates will assemble around a connected rope of ivy, continuing SPU's historic Ivy Cutting tradition.

Parking at Seattle Pacific University

[See Seattle Pacific University Parking Lot Map \(PDF\)](#)

Ross Lot: Between W. Bertona Street and W. Cremona Street on Third Avenue West

Dravus Lot: W. Dravus Street and Fourth Avenue West

McKenna Lot: Between Third Avenue West and Sixth Avenue West on W. Nickerson Street

Otto Miller South Lot: W. Nickerson Street and Third Avenue West

Guest Arrival & Viewing

Guests are welcome to begin arriving after 9 a.m. Viewing areas will be available around Tiffany Loop, and guests are asked to follow signage and staff guidance.

Guests are encouraged to plan to stand during the ceremony, as seating is limited.

Accessibility & Accommodations

Accessible seating and pathways are available for guests using wheelchairs or walkers, or for those who need to be seated close to walkways.

Accessible drop-off is recommended in the Ross parking lot, directly across Third Avenue West from Tiffany Loop.

Sign language interpretation will be provided during the ceremony.

Guests needing accommodations or companion seating should contact graduationinfo@spu.edu in advance.

Weather Considerations

Ivy Cutting is held outdoors. Graduates and guests should dress for the weather.

If severe weather is forecast, including heavy rain or thunder and lightning, SPU's rain plan will be activated. Students will receive an email notification if the rain plan is implemented. Graduates will be limited to five tickets for guests due to the capacity of Royal Brougham Pavilion.

If no notification is sent, the ceremony will proceed outdoors as scheduled.

Photography & Personal Items

Photography and video are welcome. Guests are asked to remain within designated viewing areas and avoid aisles and pathways during the ceremony.

Please avoid bringing large bags or items that could obstruct walkways.

Note: This event will not be livestreamed.

Campus Amenities

Campus dining locations will be open and offer beverages, snacks, and meals.

Gwinn Commons

Friday, June 5: 9–11 a.m. for brunch

Saturday, June 6: Closed

Academic Perks (Student Union Building)

Friday, June 5: 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Saturday, June 6: Closed

Einstein Bros. Bagels

Friday, June 5: 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Saturday, June 6: Closed

Falcon Express Market (Weter Hall)

Friday, June 5: 7 a.m.–8 p.m.

Saturday, June 6: 7 a.m.–8 p.m.

The SPU Store will be open from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and will have any remaining regalia available for purchase.

Questions or Additional Information

For additional details or accommodation requests, contact graduationinfo@spu.edu.

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