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TO: Faculty and Staff
FROM: President Traverso
DATE: June 12, 2024
RE: Commencement

I am pleased to announce that the Board of Trustees has moved Commencement from Sunday to Saturday, effective May 2025.

Thiel has celebrated Commencement on Sunday for many years, often on Mother's Day. While many of our graduates enjoy celebrating Mother's Day in this way, the tradition of a Sunday Commencement has been a burden for faculty and staff and a challenge for special guests.

An adjustment to the final exam schedule should give faculty the same amount of time from the end of finals to submit senior grades while also making it possible for graduates to receive their degrees at the ceremony.

Next year's graduation ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2025, with the Baccalaureate service taking place on Friday evening, May 9, 2025.

Preserving Sunday as a day of rest and Mother's Day as family time will make the end of the academic year all that more joyous for all of us.