IMPORTANT Information for Vermilion Graduates

Congratulations, Graduate!

Minnesota North College, Vermilion Campus Commencement is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2026. If you are in receipt of this is email, you have submitted a Graduate Application.

What are the next steps to participate in Vermilion's graduation ceremony?

By May 1, 2026, PLEASE:

- *COMPLETE* the Online Ceremony Participation Form
  Click this link, or copy and paste into web browser:
  https://forms.office.com/r/VmH3fT56Mk

- *SUBMIT* some photos that represent student life at Vermilion. Examples may be athletics, RA/Club events, labs, field trips, fishing, camping and or hiking etc. Your photos may be incorporated into the slideshow. Send photos to: michelle.zupancich@minnesotanorth.edu.

- *INVITE* your family & friends. There is no limit to the number of guests you invite. A reception will follow in the cafeteria at no charge to graduates or their guests. Additional details are on the Online Reservation Form.

NOTE: GRAD PACKS, **that include a CAP, GOWN & TASSEL** will be available for pick up from the Bookstore beginning Wednesday, May 6, 2026. $24 per pack will be due at the time of pick up! Veterans may also pick up an honorary Veteran cord from the bookstore at no charge. Graduates having earned a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above after Fall Semester will automatically receive an honor cord when they participate in the ceremony. Honor cords will be available for pick up prior to the ceremony, in the Theater Lobby, on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 6:15 p.m.

Please reach out to me, your advisor, or Carly in the Bookstore if you have any questions, concerns, or need additional details!

Most sincerely,

Aaron Bender

Congratulations, Graduates!

Along with your family and friends, Vermilion's Faculty & Staff are looking forward to celebrating you and your academic success on **Wednesday, May 13, 2026.**

Please make note of the following important details:

- Commencement packs, including a cap, gown & tassel will be available for purchase from Vermilion's bookstore. Payment of $24.00 (cash, check or credit card) is due at the time of pick up. Check the signs in the hallway near the Bookstore for pick up days/times.

- Rehearsal is scheduled for 3:30-4:15 p.m., Wednesday, May 13, 2026, in Vermilion's Gymnasium.   Graduates will not be excused from their final exam if one is scheduled at that time. Those in attendance will inform others as to what to expect. Aaron Bender will facilitate the rehearsal.

- Graduates should be in the lobby of the Vermilion's Theater by 6:15 p.m., Wednesday, May 13, 2026. Come dressed in your caps, gowns & tassels for photographs, name cards, honor cords (3.5 and higher cumulative grade point average) and Veteran cords pick up.   After a group photograph near the rock in the courtyard, graduates will proceed as a group to the end of the Enrollment Hallway, near the side entrance of the weight room, for procession line-up. The ceremony begins at 7:00 p.m.

- There is no limit to the number of guests you may invite to our celebration. Please remind your guests that the doors of the Vermilion gymnasium will be opened for guest seating and live entertainment, including the viewing of the slideshow, at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 13, 2026. Bleacher seating is available on a first come, first served basis. Arrangements will be made for guests requiring special seating accommodations.

- A reception to honor graduates will be held in Vermilion's cafeteria immediately following the ceremony, Wednesday, May 13, 2026. There is no charge to attend the reception, or no limit to the number of guests you may invite. Light appetizers, desserts and beverages will be available.

- If you borrowed federal student loans, you MUST complete loan exit counseling (even if you're transferring to another school next year). Exit counseling should be completed online at: https://studentaid.gov/   Click on "Loan Repayment" Choose "Loan Exit Counseling." Log-In using your FSA username/password.

Continue to watch your college email for updates and information!