



Convocation Information Sheet

4 August 2026



Convocation is a ceremony that welcomes new students and officially marks the start of the academic year, a tradition that dates back to medieval universities in Europe where scholars and administrators formally gathered to begin studies and set the tone for the year ahead.

Date: 4 August, 0800

- Students seated NLT 0745
- Open seating for students

➤ **Location:** Lincoln Hall Auditorium (Building 64)

- No food or beverages in auditorium. Exception: Screw top water bottles.

➤ **Host:** NDU-President – VADM Garvin

➤ **Master of Ceremonies:** Provost – Dr. James Lepse

➤ **Uniform:**

- Military: Summer Service.. dress shirt with no tie
- Civilian: Business Casual...slacks & dress shirt no tie/jacket; slacks or dress

➤ **Sequence of Events**

- Faculty Procession
- Arrival of Official Party
- Honors to NDU-P
- Presentation of Colors
- National Anthem
- Retire Colors
- Invocation (Chaplain)
- Welcome Remarks (Provost)
- Convocation Address (NDU-P)
- Declaration of Opening of AY 27 (Provost)
- Benediction (Chaplain)
- Departure of Official Party / End Ceremony



***Students remain in place for university orientation**



Orientation Schedule

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The following schedule of events will occur in Lincoln Hall Auditorium following Convocation.

Box lunches, courtesy of the 5 & Thrive Organization, will be available in the Lincoln Hall South Atrium with seating available in the LH Cafeteria and Courtyard, and Marshall Hall 155.

Time	Event (Lincoln Hall Auditorium)	POC
0900	Welcome & University Brief	Provost
0930	Orientation Brief	CDR Taylor
0945	Library & Writing Center Brief	Dr. Ramaswamy
1000	Electives Brief	Dr. Buckles
1015	Academic Integrity	Dr. Buckles
1030	AI Policy	Dr. Buckles
1045	15 Minute Break	
1100	Sexual Harassment / Assault Prevention & Response	SFC Gallaway, Ms. Gregorini, SARC
1115	Hatch Act	Mr. Schiffer, JAG
1130	NDU Foundation	Mr. James Schmeling
1145	Five & Thrive	Mrs. Leslie Janaros
1200	Lunch (provided in Lincoln Hall Atrium)	
1300	INSS / Scholars Program	Dr. Natali
1315	Health & Wellness Brief	Dr. Symonette
1345	Travel Admin	Mr. Peznola
1400	Break for day / 15 Minute Reset	
1415	American Studies Concentration Brief & Sign-up	ISMO
1445	Students Turned over to Colleges	