



COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

ETIQUETTE & EXPECTATIONS

The conferring of an academic degree is a tradition that dates back more than 600 years and is regarded as an important rite of passage for students and their families. Some students will be the first in their families to achieve a college degree. While commencement is a time for celebration, please remember this long and respected tradition, and approach the ceremony with proper decorum and respect. With this in mind, commencement participants are expected to remain seated until all graduates have been given their well-deserved recognition and the ceremony ends.

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT ON THE NIGHT OF THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY:

- Out of respect for your fellow graduates, all commencement participants will remain seated until the conclusion of the ceremony.
- **Commencement is Thursday, May 22, 2025.**
For the 1 p.m. ceremony, doors will open at 11:30 a.m. Plan to arrive no later than 12:30 p.m.
For the 6 p.m. ceremony, doors will open at 4:30 p.m. Plan to arrive by 5:30 p.m.
- Graduates should enter the building at the Community Ice Entrance.
- Everyone will be dressed in identical MCC blue caps and gowns with blue and white tassels.
- Your tassel will be on the right when you start the evening, and you will be directed when to move it from right to left as a symbol of graduation.

- You will be seated for most of the ceremony. Please leave your commencement program at your seat when it is your turn to move to the stage.
- The only item you will take with you to the stage is your name card, which will help the readers and photographers do their jobs.
- Please silence electronics.
- There will be a few closing words. This is when you will receive the direction to shift your tassel at the end of the ceremony. Marshals will release graduates; please wait until you are directed to exit your row.
- Please remember that the student code of conduct is in effect for the commencement ceremony. Use, possession, or distribution of alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs and controlled substances on college premises or at any college sponsored activity, including appearing on college premises while under the influence of alcohol or drugscontrolled substances, is strictly prohibited.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

