

Commencement 2026: Graduate Information

We look forward to celebrating this important milestone with you, along with your family and friends. Please review the following information carefully to ensure you are fully prepared for the commencement ceremony.

The Commencement ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the Kailey Gymnasium at the MCC Centra.

Ceremony Day Instructions

Graduates will meet in the Library hallway in Lucas Hall to line up for the processional. Please plan to arrive no later than 9:40 a.m. with your cap and gown. Administrators and faculty will also meet at this location.

- Complete a name pronunciation card for the ceremony readers.
- Line up in alphabetical order by degree with assistance from staff.
- Bring your cap, gown, and any honor stoles if applicable.

There is no limit to the number of guests who may attend, and no tickets are required. All guests should enter through the main Centra doors. Accessible seating will be available on the gym floor.

The ceremony will be livestreamed on the MCC YouTube channel for those unable to attend in person. The event is expected to last approximately 60 to 90 minutes.

Rehearsal Information

A brief commencement rehearsal will be held on Friday, May 1 at 12:00 p.m. in the Centra. Attendance is strongly encouraged, as important details regarding lineup, processional order, and graduate recognition will be reviewed. Graduates with speaking roles will receive additional instructions at that time.

Cap and Gown Information

Most graduates have already received their cap and gown through Student Services or by mail. If you still need to purchase regalia, a limited number will be available beginning at rehearsal.

- Cost: \$50 (payable at the Business Office prior to pickup).
- Tassels are available if needed, though they will not include the year.
- Students with financial concerns are encouraged to contact Student Services for assistance.

Graduation Honors

Students who have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher are eligible to graduate with honors. Honors are recognized during the ceremony and noted in the commencement program.

- Cum Laude: 3.5 and above
- Magna Cum Laude: 3.75 and above
- Summa Cum Laude: 3.9 and above
- Valedictorian: Highest GPA among associate degree graduates

Honor stoles and cords will be distributed beginning April 10 through Student Services and will also be available at rehearsal. Final honors reflected on transcripts and diplomas are based on cumulative GPA after all grades are posted.

Honor stoles, valedictorian stoles, and veteran cords are yours to keep. PTK stoles must be returned to Professor Kristy Atwood following the ceremony.

Cap and Gown Recycling

Graduates who do not wish to keep their regalia are encouraged to donate it. Collection boxes will be located in the Centra lobby, Library Hall, and near the Pioneer Hall office. Donations help support future students. Please remember to keep your tassel!

Diploma Information

Diplomas will not be distributed at the ceremony. The diploma cover received during commencement will be empty. Final grades are submitted after graduation, after which the Registrar's Office verifies degree completion. Diplomas are typically mailed approximately eight weeks after grades are finalized.

- Spring graduates: Mid-July
- Summer graduates: early October
- Ensure your mailing address is current in Banner Self-Service
- Local students may have the option to pick up diplomas at Student Services

**Diplomas will not be released if there is an outstanding balance*

Contact Information

If you have questions regarding commencement or rehearsal, please contact Student Services.

- Email: registrar@milescc.edu
- Phone: 406.874.6101

Congratulations on your achievement. We look forward to celebrating with you!