

YOU MADE IT!

Your final weeks working toward your degree are coming to an end, and graduation day is quickly approaching! We've prepared this guide to help you understand where to go and what to expect on commencement day. Please review this guide carefully to ensure things go as smoothly as possible.

"THANK YOU" CARDS

You will have an opportunity to recognize a staff and/or faculty member who has been helpful to you during your time at GSC by entering their name on a card provided in each IC room.

CONFERRING DEGREES

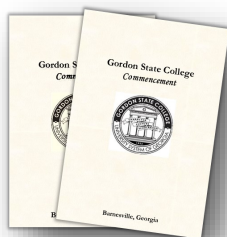
- You start the ceremony with the tassel hanging to your **right**.
- After the guest speaker finishes his address, the Provost will recognize honor distinctions and ask you to rise as a group for the conferring of degrees and moving of tassels.
- The President will confer your degree by saying, *"Under the powers vested in the Board of Regents and under the authority delegated to Gordon State College... You may now move your tassel."*
- At that point, move the tassel to the **left** side of your cap.



HONORS

Your name card has your honors designation that will be recognized during the ceremony printed on it. Please check upon receipt to verify your designation.

These designations are noted with asterisks in the program next to the names. Please note that Honors designations for the ceremony were determined before the final semester grades were posted, and your honors status may change after grades are reported.



MULTIPLE DEGREES

Your name will be listed for each degree in the commencement program and you will receive multiple diplomas. However, your name will only be called out once.

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

After the ceremony is over, you may keep the program that is in your seat.

PHOTOGRAPHY

A professional photographer will be taking photos during commencement. Ordering information will be provided.



GRADUATION SURVEY

Invitations to complete the survey were emailed to you. Please be sure to complete it since your input helps improve the experience of future GSC students.

Please refer to the "[Commencement Information Guide](#)" for more comprehensive information about Graduation Day.



Commencement Guide

*What to expect the day of
May 19, 2023*



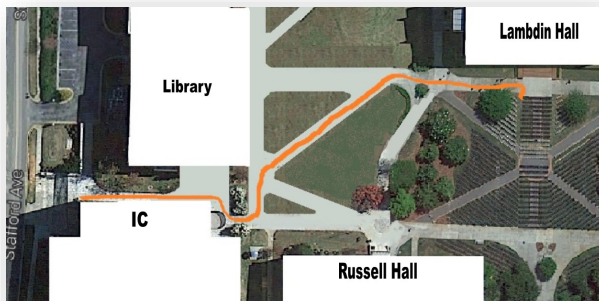
NAME CARDS

On commencement day, you will be given a card with your name and degree printed on it upon arrival. Double check everything on the card and keep this card with you. You must present the card to the announcers during the ceremony so they can call your name.

PROCESSIONAL

- You will line up in the IC first floor rooms with your degree group.
- On cue, your area supervisor will lead you out of your room to line up in order with the other degree groups.
- Graduates will walk out of the IC on the Starbucks side where you will walk to the Library and fall into line behind faculty.
- Student Marshals will direct you into your seats on Lambdin Green.

Processional Path



Please Remember

- Be sure to have your name card and stay within your assigned group.
- When walking, space yourself a little from the person in front of you, without leaving a big gap.
- Do not walk too fast. This is your time to shine!

CEREMONY

When it is time to receive your diploma, the Student Marshals will direct each row to line up along the sidewalk to the right of Lambdin Hall. On cue, move to the right of the graduate seating, lining up along the area by point 1 on the diagram below.

You will cross by 3 main points as shown on the diagram:

1. Hand your name card to the announcers at point 1 and pause until your name is announced.
2. Proceed to Dr. Nooks (point 2), who will shake your right hand while handing the diploma cover to you in your left hand.
3. Follow the path on the diagram back to your seat (point 3).
4. Have a seat and enjoy the rest of the ceremony!



DIPLOMA



In the ceremony, you will be handed a diploma **cover only**. The Registrar's Office will mail your diploma to you in eight weeks if you have completed all graduation requirements.

RECESSIONAL

- At the end of the ceremony, the Student Marshals will direct you when it is time to exit within the recessional line.
- Graduates will follow faculty back to the IC.
- Please continue moving to prevent stopping those who are in line behind you. It is important that everyone be allowed to exit the ceremony site quickly in the recessional line.



At the end of the ceremony we DO NOT throw caps in the air.