

YOU MADE IT!

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.

CONFERRING DEGREES

- You start the ceremony with the tassel hanging to your **right**.
- The Provost will recognize honor distinctions and ask you to rise as a group for the conferring of degrees.
- After the presentation of degrees, the President will ask you to move the tassel to the **left** side of your cap.



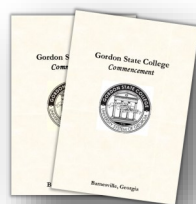
COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

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

HONORS

Your name card will have your honors designation printed on it.

These designations are noted with asterisks in the program next to the names. Please note that Honors designations for the ceremony were determined by mid-term grades, and your honors status may change after grades are reported.



MULTIPLE DEGREES

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

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.



Commencement Guide

*What to expect the day of
May 15, 2026*



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



PROCESSIONAL

- You will line up in the Alumni Hall gym with your degree group.
- The processional will move into the SARC.
- Student Marshals will direct you into your seats.

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. On cue, move to the right.

As you move towards the announcer, be prepared for the following:

1. Hand your name card to the announcer and pause until your name is announced.
2. Proceed to Dr. Green who will shake your right hand while handing the diploma cover to you in your left hand.
3. Shake the hands of the Deans
4. Receive a memento from Alumni Association.
5. Have a seat and enjoy 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 with the recessional line.
- Graduates will follow faculty completely out of the SARC.
- Please continue moving to prevent congestion in the lobby.

