



GUEST ADMISSION

- Tickets are required for all guests, including babies. **If you complete the registration (link in email from Academic Affairs),** you will receive info. on how to reserve tickets.
- On the day of graduation, guests should go directly to the SARC. Only graduates and staff are allowed in Alumni Memorial Hall.
- There will be accessible seating areas reserved for guests with mobility issues. If any of your guests require special accommodations, you will have the opportunity to specify them during the ticket reservation process.



Our lunch recommendations include:

- **Mangia on Main**
216 Main St, Barnesville
(770) 358-6737
- **Honeywood Farms**
894 GA-18, Barnesville
(678) 359-1257

Please call Academic Affairs
if your name has a difficult or
unusual pronunciation at
(678) 359-5018

CEREMONY ETIQUETTE

The Gordon State College commencement ceremony is a celebration of your academic accomplishments. We ask that you observe the following guidelines. Please share these guidelines with your family and guests.

- Please silence all electronic devices during the ceremony.
- Guests may not approach the stage to take photos or video while the ceremony is in progress.
- **So that each graduate's name may be heard** during the presentation of degrees, please ask your guests to refrain from **extended** out-cries of joy when your name is called.

DIPLOMAS/DEGREES

Diploma covers (not diplomas) will be issued to each candidate walking across the stage at the commencement ceremony. Upon verification of degree requirements, diplomas will be mailed to the address listed on file within 8 weeks of graduation. **Please immediately verify and update your address, if necessary, in Banner Web through the "Personal Information" link.**

NAME CARDS

You will be issued a name card when you arrive in Alumni Memorial Hall. The information on your card includes your name, the degree(s) you are receiving, the pronunciation that you have provided, and the honors designation, if applicable.

You must take this card with you and hand it to the announcer so they can announce your name as you walk across to receive your diploma cover.

DO NOT LOSE, DESTROY, FOLD OR MODIFY THIS CARD.
MOST IMPORTANTLY, DO NOT LEAVE THIS NAME CARD IN YOUR SEAT WHEN IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO APPROACH THE ANNOUNCER.

Your Spring 2026 Commencement Guide



May 15, 2026



Spring Commencement will be held in the SARC

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7:15 AM	Graduates check in at Alumni Memorial Hall
8:00 AM	Procession line forms in Alumni Memorial Hall
8:30 AM	Students Process into the SARC
9:00 AM	Commencement Ceremony in the SARC Arena
11:00 AM	Book & Bell Ceremony in the Fine Arts Auditorium
12:30 PM	Nursing Pinning Ceremony in the SARC Arena

Look for details coming soon with
information about the morning of
graduation!



GRADUATING WITH HONORS

There are three potential designations for honors:

- Graduating with honors (check below to see if you qualify)
- Graduating in the Honors Program
- Graduating with membership in an honor's society

For more information on each designation, please refer to the graduation website at www.gordonstate.edu/graduation.

**Graduating with honors
is not the same thing as
graduating in the
Honors Program.**

Graduating with Honors

To graduate with honors, students must meet **all** of the following requirements:

- earn a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 on all course work attempted at Gordon State
- earn a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 when all course work attempted at previous colleges attended **and** at Gordon State is considered
- earn a minimum of 18 semester hours of degree credit at GSC for an associate degree or a minimum of 30 hours of degree credit at Gordon State for a baccalaureate degree.

If eligible for graduation with honors, a student's particular honors category will be based on a grade point average calculated using institutional credit hours earned at Gordon State only.

The honors categories, also summarized in the Academic Catalog, are as follows:

Honors Category	Required Cumulative GPA
Cum Laude	3.50 - 3.79
Magna Cum Laude	3.80 - 3.89
Summa Cum Laude	3.90 - 4.00

If you have questions about this policy, contact the Registrar's Office at (678) 359-5022 as soon as possible.



PARKING

Graduate Parking

Graduates should park in lots E and F by the Fine Arts Building and Gordon Village.

Guest Parking

Recommended parking for guests will be in lot C, which is by the athletic complex and lot D, which is behind Gordon Commons and by Facilities.

Visit the [campus map](#) to view all parking locations.

ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCES

Accessible parking is available in the lot directly adjacent to Alumni Memorial Hall and the SARC on a first-come, first-served basis. Please refer to the campus map for additional parking locations.



The facility provides easy access for guests with permanent or temporary mobility issues. There will be an accessible seating area reserved for guests in wheelchairs as well as those who are unable to climb stairs. **Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.**

Graduation candidates who need special accommodations should contact Academic Affairs at (678) 359-5018 or email academicaffairs@gordonstate.edu as soon as possible.

For additional information, visit the Graduation website at:
<https://www.gordonstate.edu/academics/student-resources/graduation/index.html>