



READY, SET, GRADUATE: ***YOUR ROADMAP TO COMMENCEMENT DAY***

Graduation Eligibility Requirements

Students must:

- Have a **minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA**
- **Complete all financial obligations**
- Submit **official transcripts** from all previously attended colleges
- Complete at least **25% of program coursework at Central Alabama Community College**

Apply for Graduation

- **Deadline:** April 15, 2026
- All students planning to graduate in Spring 2026 must apply by this date to allow time for evaluation.
- Students within **9 credit hours of completion** may also apply if they plan to participate in the commencement ceremony.
- If you are within 9 hours of completion:
 - **Do NOT order your diploma** until all coursework/requirements are completed.
- If you have already applied for Spring 2026 graduation, **do not submit another application**, as duplicate submissions delay processing.

Graduation Honors

Students who earn a **3.5 GPA or higher** (excluding developmental coursework) at CACC will receive special recognition.

Scholarship Recognition

To have external scholarships recognized during commencement:

- Submit documentation to **student-services@cacc.edu**
- **Deadline:** May 1, 2026
- 📞 Questions: (256) 215-4303

Commencement Events

Commencement Rehearsal

Friday, May 8, 2026

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. CST

Betty Carol Graham Technology Center

Multi-Purpose Room (Alexander City Campus)

Commencement Ceremony

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

10:00 a.m. CST

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Multi-Purpose Room (Alexander City Campus)

- **Graduate Line-Up:** Begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. (2nd floor)
- **Family/Guest Entry:** Doors open at 9:00 a.m.
- **Important:** Arrive on time to ensure participation.

Disability Accommodations

If you or a family member/guest need accommodations, contact:

Leslie Mitchell, ADA Coordinator

📞 256-480-2114

✉️ lmitchell@cacc.edu

Deadline to request accommodations: May 1, 2026

Cap and Gown (Regalia)

- **Order Online Starting:** March 20, 2026
- **Website:** www.gradsupply.com/cacc
- **Cost:** \$72.98 + tax
- **Order Deadline:** April 25, 2026

⚠ Late orders will not be accepted.

Pickup Options

1. Bookstore (Alexander City Campus): May 1–12
2. At Rehearsal (May 8)

Commencement Attire & Etiquette

To maintain the formality of the ceremony:

General Guidelines

- **Shoes are required**
- No jeans, shorts, tennis shoes, sandals, slides, flip-flops, or clogs
- **No decorated caps**
- Keep jewelry minimal
- Do not carry purses in the processional
- Silence cell phones
- No gum or candy

Recommended Attire

Men:

- Light-colored dress shirt
- Dark tie, trousers, and shoes
- Remove cap during prayer and national anthem

Women:

- Dark dress, skirt, or slacks with a light blouse
- Dark shoes suitable for walking/standing

Cap & Tassel

- Cap must be worn **flat on the head**
- Tassel worn on the **right side** until diplomas are awarded

Ordering Diplomas

⚠ **Do NOT order your diploma until you receive final confirmation of degree completion from the Registrar via your CACC email.**

- Diploma covers will be handed out during the ceremony and must be returned immediately following the conclusion of the ceremony.
- Spring 2026 Diplomas will be available **approximately 10 days after commencement**
- Delivered via:
 - **Digital copy delivered to your personal email from Parchment**
 - **Printed copy mailed to your address on your student account**
- **Cost: \$25**
- Order here: <https://www.cacc.edu/services/diplomas>

Diploma Frames (*Limited supply—available on a first-come, first-served basis*)

- Available for purchase at the ceremony \$121.00 (**cash only**)
- Or purchase online through the CACC Bookstore (<https://cacc.bncollege.com/>)

Ordering Transcripts

- Wait at least **10 business days after grades are posted** before ordering
- Or select:
 - “Hold until grades posted”
 - “Hold until degree posted”

Order here: <https://www.cacc.edu/services/transcripts>

Invitations & Announcements

Students may order custom invitations through any provider.
CACC does not offer official announcements.

Official Photographer

To Be Announced

Live Stream

The ceremony will be streamed live at:
www.cacc.edu and CACC social media channels

Final Reminders

Arrive early, follow guidelines, and celebrate your achievement—you've earned it!

Congratulations Trojans!