

COMMENCEMENT

2024

Grad *Guide*

Your guidebook for all things Commencement





CONGRATULATIONS!

CONNECTICUT STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
INAUGURAL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024
AT 4:00PM

HARTFORD HEALTHCARE AMPHITHEATER
500 BROAD ST, BRIDGEPORT, CT 06604

Congratulations on reaching this very significant milestone in your life. We look forward to a joyful and dignified ceremony that will honor your personal achievement.

COMMENCEMENT SITE

This year's ceremony will take place at the Hartford Health care Amphitheater in Bridgeport, beginning promptly at 4:00 p.m.

Directions to the Amphitheater can be accessed on their website:
www.hartfordhealthcareamp.com.

GRADUATE ENTRY & PROCESSION ASSEMBLY

Graduates should arrive between 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Arrivals after 3:00 p.m. could result in missing the Procession. Important updates related to graduate assembly, entry and procession directions can be found at gatewayct.edu/academics/graduation. Please check the site regularly for updates. A student reception will be held before the ceremony. Food will be served to graduates only.

Students who have chosen to participate in the ceremony must plan to stay for the entire ceremony which will take approximately two hours.

GUEST ENTRY

Guests will be allowed to enter the Amphitheater at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are required for entry. Entry will be on a rotating basis based on the colors of the tickets. Please check the website for ticket color and entry time. Please check gatewayct.edu/academics/graduation for updates.

All guests must be seated by 3:30 p.m. as the main doors will be closing at 3:30 p.m. for the Procession and reopen once the ceremony.

Please allow extra time for travel and parking.

CAPS AND GOWNS

Graduates must have their height and weight to order their cap and gown online at GatewayCT.edu/academics/graduation.

There is no charge for cap & gown. Caps and gowns will be available for pick up at a scheduled Graduation Fair. Please have your confirmation number available.

GUEST TICKETS

Tickets will be available for pick up at a scheduled Graduation Fair. Each graduate will receive 8 guest tickets.

The ceremony will be live-streamed. Please check the website for the link to view at GatewayCT.edu/academics/graduation.

HONOR CORDS

Honor cords will be distributed at the Amphitheater prior to the ceremony to students who have honors with a total GPA of 3.4 or higher.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

If you are a graduate with a disability who needs special accommodations, please contact Ron Chomicz at rchomicz@gatewayc.edu or by calling 203-285-2231. Please contact him no later than Monday May 3, 2024.

PARKING

The Amphitheater has two parking lots available across the street from the venue. There is no fee for parking.

GRADUATE NAME CARDS

Please pick up name cards at a scheduled Graduation Fair. Name cards will be used to call your name and degree/certificate at the ceremony. When graduates are approaching the stage to receive their diploma cover, they must hand their name card to the announcer. When your name is read, please walk across the stage to receive your diploma cover from the College CEO.

PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY

A professional photographer will be available to take your photo before and after receiving your diploma cover on stage. Please use the QR code to enter your information to receive proofs of your photos. Guests are permitted to take pictures to celebrate this occasion. **Please Note:** guests are not permitted in the aisles to take photographs during the Commencement exercises as such activity can be distracting and may create safety concerns. A photographer from the Amphitheater will also be available to take family portraits at designated locations.

DIPLOMAS

All participating graduates will be given a diploma cover on stage at Commencement. You will receive notification when your diploma is ready for pick up from the school.

Keep up-to-date on all things Graduation at:

GatewayCT.edu/academics/graduation

- Ordering Caps & Gowns
- Cap Decorating Contest
- Guest Entrance Times

EVENTS

GRADUATION FAIRS

Attend a Graduation Fair and be ready for the Big Day!

Graduation Fairs will be held on the dates and times below:

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| Mon., April 22 | 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. | Fairway |
| Wed., April 24 | 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. | Fairway |
| Tues., April 30 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Fairway |
| Thurs., May 2 | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Fairway |

Please check website for any additional dates.

- Pick up tickets
- Pick up pre-ordered cap and gown
- Participate in Cap Decorating Contest
- Receive Graduate Name Card
- Receive information regarding class rings
- And much more

AWARD CONVOCATION

Thursday, May 16, 2024
6 p.m. N-100

The annual Awards Convocation celebrates the accomplishments of students with outstanding academic excellence.

Students who are receiving awards will receive invitations from the Dean of Academic Affairs Office.



Visit CT State Gateway's Facebook page for a live streaming of the commencement ceremony!
[@GatewayNewHaven](https://www.facebook.com/GatewayNewHaven)

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