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Grad Guide

Your guidebook for all things Commencement





CONGRATULATIONS!

GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE 30th COMMENCEMENT THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022 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 commencement will take place at the new Hartford Healthcare Amphitheater in Bridgeport, at 4:00pm. Guests will be allowed to enter the Amphitheater at 2:45p.m.

Please check **GatewayCT.edu/graduation** for updates on the entrance information. Doors will close at 3:30p.m. and the ceremony will begin promptly at 4:00p.m.

Directions to the Amphitheater can be accessed at: https://hartfordhealthcareamp.com/. Please allow extra time for travel and parking.

GRADUATE ENTRY & PROCESSION ASSEMBLY

Graduates should arrive by 2:00p.m. Important updates related to graduate assembly, entry and procession directions can be found at www. gatewayct.edu/graduation. Please check the site regularly for updates.

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

CAPS AND GOWNS

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

The charge for cap & gown is \$35 + tax. 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. Please be sure to RSVP online for your attendence at the ceremony at

GatewayCT.edu/graduation.

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/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 2, 2022.

PARKING

The Ampitheater 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. You will be able to fill out your contact information on your Graduation Name Card. This will enable the photographer to contact you directly to make arrangements directly with the studio for purchasing the photographs. 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 diplomas will be available for students.

Keep up-to-date on all things Graduation at: www.gatewayct.edu/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 2nd Floor Fairway, unless noted below, to allow for social distancing.

Sign up to attend Fair at: **GatewayCT.edu/graduation.**

Wednesday, April 13 2p.m. - 6p.m. Tuesday, April 19 11a.m. - 3p.m. Thursday, April 21 11a.m. - 3p.m. Wednesday, April 27 *2p.m. - 6p.m.

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
- A professional photographer will be at the April 13th Grad Fair for portraits
- And much more

*North Haven Campus 88 Bassett Rd

Award Convocation

Tuesday, May 24, 2022 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 GCC's Facebook page for a live streaming of the commencement ceremony!

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COMMENCEMENT 2022

If you feel unwell or are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please refrain from attending the in-person ceremony.

Your success and safety are our priority.

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