

COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

Horry-Georgetown Technical College • Spring 2026

Congratulations! We look forward to welcoming you and your guests to the 2026 Spring Commencement Ceremony on May 12, 2026, at the HTC Center, located on the campus of Coastal Carolina University (CCU), as we celebrate your academic achievements and lasting contributions at Horry-Georgetown Technical College (HGTC). Please refer to your commencement tickets for the time of your assigned commencement ceremony.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **March 1** Graduation applications are due to the Registrar's Office for Spring 2026 graduates.
- **April 10** Last day graduation applications will be accepted for name to be included in commencement program.

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

Spring 2026 Commencement Ceremony participants must be one of the following:

- December 2025 Graduate (Fall 2025)
 - May 2026 Graduate (Spring 2026)
 - Students scheduled to graduate in August 2026 (Summer 2026)
- **Students with questions concerning eligibility should check with their Academic Advisor or contact the Registrar's Office: registrar@hgtc.edu****

CAP AND GOWN

- The deadline to purchase your cap and gown is **May 11** in order to be eligible to walk at commencement.
- Caps and gowns are available for purchase in the Barnes & Noble College bookstore locations on all three Campuses beginning Monday, March 23.

Conway Store Hours: Monday-Thursday 8am-5pm and Friday 8am-12pm.

Grand Strand Store Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm

Georgetown Store Hours: Monday-Thursday 10am-4pm.

HGTC will be using navy caps and gowns. Black and royal blue regalia will not be permitted.

TICKETS

- All students who have purchased a navy cap and gown, submitted a valid graduation application, and presented their current student ID will be eligible to receive tickets.
- Each individual requires a ticket. This includes children of all ages.
- Each graduate is eligible to receive 6 guest tickets.

GRADUATION TICKET DISTRIBUTION TIMES

CONWAY CAMPUS

Building 1100B

Tuesday, April 14, 9am-4pm

Wednesday, April 15, 9am-4pm

Wednesday, April 22, 9am-4pm

GEORGETOWN CAMPUS

Building 100, Room 114

Monday, April 13, 9am-12pm, 1pm-4pm

Tuesday, April 21, 1pm-4pm

GRAND STRAND CAMPUS

Building 200, Student Lounge

Thursday, April 16, 12pm-4pm

Monday, April 20, 9am-12pm, 1pm-4pm

****Students must obtain their tickets on one of the distribution dates above.**

Students who plan to attend Commencement alone, and do not need tickets for guests, must email commencement@hgtc.edu with their name and H-number.



COMMENCEMENT DAY: MAY 12, 2026

This year there will be two ceremonies in the HTC Center located on the campus of Coastal Carolina University (CCU), one at 11:00am and one at 3:00pm. Graduates will be assigned to the ceremony based on the degree they are completing. Please refer to the link and QR code below for full details about which degrees will be celebrated at each ceremony.

- Participants are to arrive no later than 60 minutes prior to the time of the ceremony, located on your tickets, on May 12, 2026, in required regalia.
- At check-in, graduates will be provided with instructions on seating and crossing the stage. Each graduate will be given a name card with a designated seat number. Staff will be available to assist students with any questions or concerns.
- The guest entrance will open one hour prior to the ceremony. Seating is on a first come, first served basis. (Traffic will be very heavy so it is important to plan arrival times accordingly.)
- It is important to note that HGTC or CCU will not be responsible for any stolen or misplaced belongings. There will not be a secure place to leave student or guest personal items.

CEREMONY ETIQUETTE

- The Commencement ceremony is a dignified event honoring student academic accomplishments.
- According to College policy, students are only permitted to walk across the stage for one earned degree, diploma, or certificate.
- Once seated, out of courtesy for all graduates, candidates are asked to remain seated for the duration of the ceremony.
- Balloons and noisemakers are prohibited.
- Once you receive your diploma/certificate, you will not be permitted to leave until the entire ceremony is over.
- Guests who leave during the ceremony may be unable to re-enter.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Commencement programs will be available at each graduate's seat.
- A photographer from GRAD IMAGES will take photos of each graduate receiving the congratulatory letter on the stage. GRAD IMAGES will contact all graduates regarding the purchase of photos.
- Candidates who need disability accommodations should notify the Office of Disability Services by email at disabilityservices@hgtc.edu at least two weeks in advance of the event.
- Please make sure that your address is up to date in your myHGTC account.
- Food, beverages, and smoking are not permitted.
- Metal detectors and bag-checks will be in use.
- Only clear bags will be allowed.
CCU Clear Bag Policy:
<https://goccusports.com/sports/2018/5/24/clearbag>
- Commencement will be streaming live on HGTC's Facebook page, facebook.com/gohgtc.



***For additional information please email
commencement@hgtc.edu
or scan this QR code to visit
hgtc.edu/current_students/graduation.***



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