Congratulations! We look forward to welcoming you and your guests to the 2020 Fall Commencement Ceremony as we celebrate your academic achievements and lasting contributions at HGTC. This year’s ceremony will take place at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center on October 27, 2020.

IMPORTANT DATES
- October 1 – Graduation Applications are due to the Registrar’s office for Fall 2020 graduates.
- October 16 – Last day Graduation Applications will be accepted for names to be included in commencement program.

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS
Fall 2020 Commencement Ceremony participants must be one of the following:
- December 2019 graduate
- May 2020 graduate
- August 2020 graduate
- Students scheduled to graduate in December 2020

**Students with questions concerning eligibility should check with their Academic Advisor or contact the Registrar’s office: registrar@hgtc.edu**

CAP AND GOWN
- Deadline to purchase your cap and gown is October 20 in order to be eligible to walk at commencement.
- Caps and Gowns are available for purchase in the college Barnes & Noble Bookstore locations on both the Conway and Georgetown Campuses.
  - **Conway Store Hours:** Monday-Thursday 8am–5pm and Friday 8am–12pm.
  - **Georgetown Store Hours:** Monday–Thursday 10am–4pm.
  - HGTC will be using royal blue caps and gowns this year. Black regalia will not be permitted.

TICKETS
- Graduation Application must be on file to receive tickets.
- Must bring student ID to receive tickets.
- All students who have purchased a cap and gown, and submitted a valid graduation application, will be eligible to receive tickets.
- Each individual requires a ticket. This includes children of all ages.
- Each Graduate is eligible to receive 2 guest tickets. Tickets will be issued on a first come, first serve basis on the dates below. Please bring your student ID to ticket distribution. Due to current restrictions regarding group gatherings we will not be able to issue more than 2 tickets per graduate!

GRADUATION TICKET DISTRIBUTION TIMES

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Campus/Location</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Conway Campus Building 1100, Café 1100</td>
<td>Tuesday, Sept. 29</td>
<td>9:00am–4:00pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgetown Campus Building 100, Room 114</td>
<td>Wednesday, Sept. 30</td>
<td>10:30am–1:30pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grand Strand Campus Building 200, Student Lounge</td>
<td>Thursday, Oct. 1</td>
<td>1:00pm–5:00pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grand Strand Campus Building 200, Student Lounge</td>
<td>Tuesday, Oct. 6</td>
<td>10:00am–2:00pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Conway Campus Building 1100, Café 1100</td>
<td>Wednesday, Oct. 7</td>
<td>9:00am–4:00pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgetown Campus Building 100, Room 114</td>
<td>Thursday Oct. 8</td>
<td>1:00pm–4:00pm</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Students must obtain their tickets on one of the distribution dates above.**
COMMENCEMENT DAY: OCTOBER 27, 2020

• Participants are to arrive in Exhibit Hall A at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center, 2101 Oak Street, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 no later than 90 minutes prior to the time of their ceremony on October 27, 2020 in required regalia.
• 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 the Myrtle Beach Convention Center and HGTC will not be responsible for any stolen or misplaced belongings. There will not be a secure place to leave student or guest personal items.

PRIOR TO CEREMONY

• After arriving at the MB Convention Center Graduates should go immediately to Exhibit Hall A for student Check-In.
• 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.

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 in the Auditorium.
• Once you receive your diploma/certificate you will not be permitted to leave until the entire ceremony is over.
• Due to capacity limitations, social distancing requirements, and fire code regulations, each guest, regardless of age, must have a ticket for entry.
• Masks are required at all times.
• Families/Parties of 2 may sit together, but maintaining 6 feet of social distancing is required otherwise.
• Anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or who has been exposed within the past 14 days must refrain from attending. Anyone who is experiencing any COVID-like symptoms must also refrain from attending and enjoy the ceremony on our Facebook page.
• Guests who leave the Exhibit Hall during the ceremony may be unable to re-enter.
• No additional tickets are available.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

• Commencement programs will be available at each 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 and guests who need disability accommodations should notify the Office of Disability Services at 843-349-5249 at least two weeks in advance of the event. Individuals should bring their own wheelchairs or walkers, if they have limited mobility. Only one guest may accompany those who require wheelchair-accessible seating so as to secure enough seats for all guests with special needs.
• Please make sure that your address is up to date in your WaveNet account.
• Food, beverages, and smoking are not permitted in the Myrtle Beach Convention Center.
• Metal detectors and bag-checks will be in use. Only clear bags allowed.
• Commencement will be streaming live on HGTC’s Facebook page, facebook.com/gohtgc.

For additional information please email: commencement@hgtc.edu