COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Commencement will be held in the Normandy Arena at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center at 7:00 p.m. **Graduates are to arrive by 6:00 p.m.**

Regular seating for guests begins at 5:30 p.m. If you would like a diploma and/or would like to participate in the commencement ceremony, you must complete the application for graduation and complete all graduation requirements by **April 13, 2018**. The number of guests you invite is not limited and tickets are not necessary for guests to be admitted into the arena. A reception with light refreshments will be held immediately following commencement—everyone is invited to attend. Your diploma will be mailed to you approximately eight weeks following completion of your degree or certificate requirements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Five free announcements will be mailed to eligible graduates in April. Additional announcements may be purchased in quantities of 10 for $6.00 from the college cashier, Monday-Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. They can also be purchased from the college receptionist in the evenings from 4:30 to 8 p.m., Monday-Thursday. Please keep in mind that supplies are limited, so purchase your extra announcements early.

HONORS DESIGNATIONS

**Special Recognition** (see college catalog for full descriptions): all designations are noted in the commencement program and announced as the graduate’s name is read.

**Honors Students**: Associate degree graduates with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.8 will graduate “with high honors”. Graduates with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 will graduate “with honors”.

**Veteran & Military Graduates**: The applicable military stole (USA, USMC, USN, USAF, USCG) will be issued to the graduate at commencement. Upon your arrival, please see Mr. Fred Howard. If you have questions prior to that time, contact Mr. Howard at 410-334-2882.

**Phi Theta Kappa (Alpha Nu Omicron Chapter)**: Graduates are eligible to wear a gold stole and a gold tassel. The stole and tassel must be purchased in advance. You may also borrow a tassel and/or stole. Please go to: [https://fs16.formsite.com/utathompson/form38/index.html](https://fs16.formsite.com/utathompson/form38/index.html).

**Honors Program** (completion of specific honors level requirements): graduates are eligible to wear a teal stole. Honors program graduates must contact Mrs. Melissa Reddish at 410-334-2859 prior to commencement for the stole.

CAP AND GOWN PURCHASE

**Caps and gowns are available for purchase in our campus bookstore beginning Monday, March 12, 2018. If you plan to attend graduation, you must purchase your cap and gown in the bookstore and bring it with you to graduation. Graduates may not walk during the ceremony without a cap and gown.** If you are participating in the commencement ceremony, you should purchase the complete unit (cap/gown/tassel) **at a cost of $42.38. Extra tassels are available at a cost of $4.21. All prices include tax.**

GRADUATES AND GUESTS WITH DISABILITIES

If you or one of your guests have a disability that requires special accommodations, please contact the Office of Counseling and Disabilities at 410-334-2897 or email Karen Mohler at kmohler@worwic.edu. **Guests needing accommodations are permitted to enter the Civic Center at 5:00 p.m.**

PHOTOGRAPHY AT THE CEREMONY

Professional photographers will be taking two photographs of each graduate: one as the graduate receives his/her diploma; the other will be taken as each graduate exits the stage. The photographer will mail you the information after graduation.

Civic Center personnel will be positioned at appropriate areas to indicate where guests should stand in order to take pictures of the graduates as they enter and exit the stage.

SUCCESS

**A Graduate Follow-Up Survey** will be mailed to 2018 graduates approximately one year after commencement. **Please participate**—responses help the college better serve students. The results are kept confidential and only used in statistical reports; also we want to know what you have been up to since graduation! Your insight is an important key to the next graduate’s success! Thanks in advance!
1. You will begin lining up in alphabetical order at 6 p.m. in the Midway Room. An usher will direct you. Please arrive on time.

2. You will be given a preprinted name card. Please do not misplace this card. This card is required during the ceremony.

3. During the ceremony, Dr. Mallory will ask certificate graduates to rise—associate degree students should remain seated.

4. When instructed, you will follow the usher to the podium. Present your preprinted name card to the usher prior to ascending to the stage.

5. You will be announced by Dr. Deirdra Johnson as you proceed to Dr. Hoy to receive your diploma cover.

6. After you cross and carefully descend the stage, proceed to the photographer. You will then return to your seat. You may not leave after your name is called.

7. Certificate graduates should remain seated while steps 3 through 6 are repeated for all graduates receiving associate degrees.

8. When instructed, you will follow the usher, fully exiting the arena.

9. All graduates will return to the Midway Room where they can join their family and friends for the reception.

**APPROPRIATE DRESS FOR UNDER YOUR CAP & GOWN**

This is a formal academic occasion and should be viewed as such in your dress and demeanor.

- Dark clothing, dress shoes & hosiery preferred—no white or other light colors.
- No large necklaces or pins.
- No flowers on the academic robe/no flowers to be carried to the stage.
- Dress tie. (Shirt collar and tie will show above the V-neckline of the robe).
- Avoid clothing protruding from the neck, hem, and sleeves of the gown.
- No decoration of any kind is to be placed on the cap—except the tassel.
- Please do not bring personal or valuable items to the Civic Center. Unfortunately, there is no place to store your items.
- It is STRONGLY encouraged that you do not wear high stilettos for this event.

**STUDENT COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY INSTRUCTIONS**

**IMPORTANT COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY INFORMATION**

**MAY 9, 2018**

Wicomico Youth & Civic Center

Graduates arrive at 6:00 p.m.

General Admissions begins at 5:30 p.m.
Commencement begins at 7:00 p.m.

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