



SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

GRADUATION INFORMATION – 2026

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR UPCOMING GRADUATION!

Please review this snapshot of information regarding the commencement ceremonies.



CEREMONY LOCATIONS & TIMES

Keokuk Campus

- **Date:** Wednesday, 5/13/26, at 7:00 PM
- **Location:** Keokuk Campus
- **Inclement Weather:** Ceremony will move to the Grand Theatre at 26 N 6th

West Burlington Campus

- **Date:** Thursday, 5/14/26, at 7:00 PM
 - **Location:** Burlington Memorial Auditorium
 - **Address:** 200 Front Street
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MORNING PREPARATION

- **Graduation Practice:** Held at 10 AM the morning of graduation at the ceremony location.
 - **Attendance:** Practice is not required but strongly encouraged, especially to ensure correct name pronunciation.
 - **Cap & Gown:** If you have not picked yours up, you must do so at the bookstore. **You will not be able to pick up a cap and gown the night of graduation.**
 - **Souvenirs:** Your caps, gowns, and tassels are yours to keep!
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EVENING CEREMONY PROCEDURES

- **Arrival & Line Up:** Please arrive no later than **6:30 p.m.** The lineup will be in order by Meta Major with certificates first, followed by diplomas, then Associates degrees. Following the Meta Major awards will be Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees. Students will be arranged alphabetically within these categories.
 - **Index Cards:** Personnel will distribute numbered cards with your name and degree(s). These cards will be numbered, and you need to only be sure that the person in front of you has a lower number and the person behind you has a higher number. **You must bring this card with you to the stage.**
 - **Order:** Students must remain in the specific numerical order of their cards.
 - **Tassels:** Tassels should be on the **RIGHT** side when entering.
 - **Processional:** The processional begins precisely at 7:00 p.m. Maintain a space of 6 to 8 feet between you and the person in front.
 - **Seating:** No chairs will be left vacant; remain standing until Dr. Ash seats the group.
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ISSUING DEGREES & DIPLOMAS

1. **Advance:** Candidates will advance one row at a time from the right side to the stage stairs.
 2. **Recognition:** Ascend the stairs and hand your card to the Presenter, who will read your name.
 3. **Reception:** Cross the stage to receive your diploma cover and return to your seat.
 4. **Tassel Flip:** Tassels will be moved from right to left at the direction of the President at the ceremony's closing.
 5. **Recessional:** Remain seated as closing music begins. Stage guests and faculty leave first, followed by graduates as dismissed by ushers.
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