

DATE AND TIME:

Spring graduation ceremonies will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 in the Cole Auditorium.

Summer graduation ceremonies will be held on Monday, July 28, 2025 in the Cole Auditorium.

Graduates will be individually given the specific time of their ceremony.

TICKETS:

Tickets are specific to each ceremony. Each person attending must have a valid ticket. This includes toddlers and babies even if they can be held in someone's lap. This also includes persons in wheelchairs. Fire code regulations require that all people in the auditorium be accounted for with a valid ticket. Unfortunately, additional tickets are not available. Guests without a ticket are invited to view the ceremony on television monitors in the lobby of the Cole Auditorium via a live feed. This area will be limited to 75 people and guests will have to stand.

Graduates will be given their tickets during the grad fair. The number of tickets will be decided after all graduation applications have been submitted.

CAPS & GOWNS:

Caps, gowns, and tassels will be given out during the Grad Fair. The cap, gown, and tassel are the graduates to keep. Tassels are worn over the right eye.

No writing or decoration may be placed on caps or gowns.

CEREMONY ATTIRE:

Graduates should dress as if you are attending a semi-formal event. You are cautioned to wear comfortable shoes that will not turn your ankle. Please make sure the ceremony is dignified. Do not wear shorts, casual sandals, or flip flops. You will NOT be allowed to march if you do not dress appropriately.

CEREMONY PROCESSION:

There are several stairs that graduates will take during the procession. If you are not able to easily walk up and down several stairs, contact the Accessibility Services Counselor prior to the day of the ceremony for an alternative route.

Accessibility Services
(910) 410-1766

GRADUATION CEREMONY:

Family and friends should remain quiet and seated while the graduate names are being called. Remember, this is also someone else's special day. **If guests are disruptive, they will be asked to leave.**

CEREMONY RECESSIONAL:

The guests are to remain seated during the graduate recessional. Please be patient and orderly. Graduates will return to the banquet rooms and will then be dismissed.

GRADUATION HONORS:

Honors are given based on the program Grade Point Average (GPA) of the degree or diploma earned.

Honor	Cord Color	GPA
Summa Cum Laude	Gold	4.0
Magna Cum Laude	Silver	3.75 - 3.99
Cum Laude	White	3.5 - 3.74

If a student graduates with more than one degree/diploma, the highest honor earned will be given.

Cords will be given out on the day of the ceremony.

In recognition of their service to our country, Veterans, active-duty members, and members of the guard and reserve units in the U.S. Armed Forces will receive a red, white, and blue honor cord. If you think you are eligible to receive this cord, please contact Crystal Shepard, ccshepard@richmondcc.edu, (910) 410-1727.

PHI THETA KAPPA:

If you are an inducted member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, graduates are allowed to purchase the Honor Stole and/or Honor Cords. If you received a gold tassel, you may also wear that. These are the only Phi Theta Kappa items you are allowed to wear with your cap and gown during the ceremony. You may wear both of the items or choose one. Please note that Richmond Community College does not purchase or order these items for you. You were given instructions on how to purchase items at the induction ceremony. If you have questions, please contact the Phi Theta Kappa advisors:

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CLUBS/MAJORS:

If you are a member of a RichmondCC club, you may be allowed to wear a cord designating that club. Your club advisor will have more information. Not all clubs participate in wearing club graduation cords.

Program departments on campus may have certain colors or items (i.e. nursing stethoscope, welding helmet, etc.) that they want to incorporate in graduation attire. Unfortunately, this is NOT allowed. The graduation ceremony is a solemn occasion that should not be minimized by decorative or program specific items that are not part of approved graduation regalia. No writing or decoration may be placed on caps or gowns.

GRAD FAIR:

Pick up your cap, gown, and tickets! Graduates are only required to attend one grad fair.

Main Campus - Hamlet
Wednesday, May 7
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. drop-in
Student Services – Lee Building

Scotland County Campus - Laurinburg
Thursday, May 8
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. drop-in
Honeycutt Center – Community Room 130