

# Graduation 2021

- **May 13:**

Grad Fair  
Thursday, May 13  
11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. drop-in  
Cole Auditorium

Attendance is mandatory to pick up your cap and gown and tickets

This is also a great time for you to ask graduation questions, rehearse, contact Career and Transfer Services about career opportunities, purchase discounted alumni merchandise, win prizes, and celebrate with your class.

- **June 2 & 3:**

Commencement Exercises  
Graduates were notified of their specific ceremony time.

## Graduation Details for Graduates

### Ceremony Time & Tickets

Graduates will receive a letter notifying them of their ceremony time and number of guest tickets they will receive. Unfortunately, additional tickets are not available for purchase. Guests without a ticket are invited to view the ceremony from the lobby of the Cole Auditorium via live stream.

Graduates and guests are required to wear a face covering for the entire time they are in the facility. Graduates will be instructed when to remove their masks as they approach the stage but they must put them back on after photos have been taken.

Your guests will need to wait outside until the entire group has arrived. They may then enter the auditorium together. We ask that you do not gather in the lobby before or after the ceremony. Please proceed outside as soon as the ceremony is over.

### Caps & Gowns

Caps and gowns will be given out during the Grad Fair. Caps and gowns are purchased by Richmond Community College based on the information provided on the graduation application.

No writing or decoration may be placed on caps or gowns. Items may not be worn on the outside of the gown. Only cords provided by RichmondCC and Phi Theta Kappa cords and/or stoles are allowed in addition to your cap and gown.

### 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.

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](mailto:ccshepard@richmondcc.edu), (910) 410-1727.

Only students attending the ceremony will receive honor cords.

Members of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society have the opportunity to purchase cords and/or stoles to wear during the graduation ceremony. These items must be purchased by the student through Phi Theta Kappa. If you are unsure if you are a member of Phi Theta Kappa or need help ordering the cords and/or stole, please contact Elgin Emanuel, [elemmanuel@richmondcc.edu](mailto:elemmanuel@richmondcc.edu), (910) 410-1935.

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## How to Dress?

You should dress as if you are attending a semi-formal event.

- Do not wear shorts
- Do not wear casual sandals
- Do not wear flip flops

Suggestions:

- Men should wear a tie
- White or light colored shirt
- Dark pants and shoes

- Don't wear high heels if you are not used to walking in them.
- Commencement is not the day to break in new shoes

## **Do I have to attend the ceremony?**

No. If you do not attend the graduation ceremony, your degree or diploma will be mailed.

## **If I withdraw or don't pass my class, can I still attend the ceremony?**

No, you will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony if you have not completed all program requirements. After you complete the required courses in another semester, you will need to apply for graduation again.

## **Graduation Portraits**

Photos taken during commencement exercises at Richmond Community College are being handled by an outside company contracted by the college. The company will be sending the graduates proofs of the photos taken. Graduates can choose if they would like to purchase any photos and return their order to the company.

Graduates are encouraged to check the last e-mail and mailing address that they provided to the college for these photo order requests. Graduates are also encouraged to adhere to the photo ordering deadlines of the company.

## **For More Information**

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