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Congrats

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Your big day is almost here, and we're excited to help you celebrate this incredible milestone. This guide is filled with everything you need—from details about robing and attire to ceremony protocols, parking, and handy tips to make your celebration smooth and memorable.

To stay in the loop with the latest updates and any last-minute details, please visit our dedicated Commencement website at montgomerycollege.edu/commencement regularly. Don't forget to check your montgomerycollege.edu email and MyMC for additional notifications.

Enjoy every moment
of this special day—
you deserve it!



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YOUR
MC

graduation
journey

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GETTING READY IN MARCH



CAP, GOWN, AND TASSEL

Order your graduation regalia (cap, gown, and tassel) for **\$45, no later than May 1, 2025**.

Honors grad? Impressive! You can order your Honor cord, too. Get your regalia early so you can hang it up and have it ready to shine on your big day. Order through the MC Campus Store online montgomerycollege.edu/jostens-mc-grad or call 250-567-5302.



GUEST TICKETS

Enjoy the honor of sharing this milestone—each graduate receives two guest tickets, with a chance for an extra ticket available in April (first come, first served).



CELEBRATING AT THE GRAD FAIR IN APRIL

Join one of our campus Grad Fairs to kick off the commencement season with energy and excitement!

WHERE AND WHEN

Germantown Campus

Tuesday, April 8

11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Humanities and Social Sciences
Building Bookstore and Lobby

Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus

Wednesday, April 9

11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Charlene R. Nunley Student
Services Building Bookstore
and Atrium

Rockville Campus

Thursday, April 10

1–4 p.m.

Campus Center, Bookstore
and Lobby

AT THE GRAD FAIR, EXPLORE

Regalia and Honor Cords

Place your order at the fair to complete your graduation look or pick up those special honor cords.

Personalized Announcements and College Rings

Add a personal touch to your celebration.

Formal Portraits

Capture the moment with a professional portrait in your regalia by GradImages®.

Phi Theta Kappa Stole Pickup

Receive your stole if you're a PTK member.

Diploma Frames

Pre-order a special frame (ranging from \$65 to \$175) to proudly display your diploma.

Alumni Activation

Begin your lifelong connection by joining the MC Alumni Association.

Cap Decorating and Refreshments

Enjoy creative cap-decorating with Student Life, and savor some treats provided by the Commencement Planning Committee.



FINAL TOUCHES IN MAY

REHEARSAL AND ACCESSIBILITY

Commencement Rehearsal

Mark your calendar for Tuesday,
May 20, 2025, at 11 a.m.

The rehearsal at the Rockville Campus will help you get comfortable with the flow of the day—from checking in and receiving your graduate card to understanding the seating and the ceremony process. Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) grads who missed the Grad Fair can also pick up their PTK stoles.

Accessibility Support

If you or your guests need any special accommodations, simply contact accessibility@montgomerycollege.edu at least two weeks before the ceremony.



On the Big Day

May 23, 2025

A WARM WELCOME AND SMOOTH START

ARRIVAL AND PARKING

Parking Made Easy

Lot 1 is reserved for VIP and accessible parking. Friendly staff, county police, and crossing guards will guide you. For extra convenience, golf carts will help transport guests who need assistance.

Meeting Spot

Pick a designated spot—like your car or a special spot on campus—where you and your loved ones can regroup after the ceremony.

GETTING READY

Robing Up

Begin at 8 a.m. in the main gym of the Physical Education Building. Leave valuables safely with your guests or in your car, and enjoy the process as you pair up in alphabetical order and prepare to walk together.

FOR YOUR FAMILY AND GUESTS

Gathering Point

Your guests are invited to head straight to the commencement tent, where friendly ushers will help guide everyone. Guests should be seated by 10:20 a.m. to ensure the aisles are clear during the ceremony.

Ticket Check

All guests need a ticket (to be scanned at the entrance) to enjoy the celebration under the tent.

Celebrate in style

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PLAN TO HAVE A GREAT TIME

What To Wear

Choose comfortable shoes and neatly pressed attire. After the ceremony, feel free to let your personality shine by displaying honor cords and PTK stoles outside your gown.

Rain or Shine

The ceremony will go on—rain or shine—and the College will provide free rain ponchos, if needed.

What To Leave Behind

Alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and electronic cigarettes are not permitted at the ceremony or on the property.

A Note on Accessories

Leave strollers, large bags, umbrellas, balloons behind to keep the focus on celebration and safety. Feel free to leave strollers at the secured area of the commencement tent near the guest entrance.

THE CEREMONY EXPERIENCE

Processional and Presentation

- The processional begins at 10 a.m. Graduates will walk in pairs down the main aisle toward the stage.
- When it's your turn to proceed to the stage, give the card bearing your name to the reader at the stage.
- As you proceed across the stage, pause to enjoy a photo with Dr. Williams, then follow the usher's instructions to a second photo area before returning to your seat.

Recessional

- After induction into the Alumni Association, a wait your turn in the recessional, following the usher's signals to exit gracefully in pairs.
- Graduates will follow the platform guests, administrators, faculty, staff, and deans.

FOR THOSE WATCHING



Extra Viewing Areas

If your guest list exceeds your tickets, indoor viewing areas at the Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Theatre Arts Building, and the Physical Education Center (small gym, room 137) provide a cool, comfortable space to join in the celebration.



Live Broadcast

Relatives and friends can join the excitement via live cable broadcast on MCTV or online streaming at montgomerycollege.edu/commencement and on MC's YouTube channel.



AFTER THE CEREMONY MEMORIES THAT LAST

CAPTURE THE MOMENT

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Enjoy a complimentary 5" x 7" photo to remember your walk across the stage, and explore additional options to capture more memories.

YOUR DIPLOMA

Receiving Your Diploma

While degrees are conferred and you are presented with your diploma cover on stage, your official diploma will arrive after all graduation requirements are certified during the summer. Keep an eye out for follow-up details!

JOIN THE ALUMNI FAMILY

Alumni Association Tent

After the ceremony, visit the Alumni Association tent to activate your membership and pick up a special memento celebrating your new status as a Montgomery College graduate.



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We hope this guide helps you feel informed, inspired, and ready to embrace every moment of your commencement day.

Enjoy your celebration—today marks the beginning of a bright new chapter.

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