



*University Advancement Office
Commencement Committee*

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Dear Friends and Families of May 2023 Degree Candidates:

Commencement at UNC Greensboro represents a highlight in the life of its graduating students and in the lives of their families and friends. It also allows the university an opportunity to recognize the scholarship and achievements of graduates, as well as the sacrifices and contributions of family members toward achievement of this important goal. It is with great pleasure that the faculty and administration of UNC Greensboro invite you to participate in this joyous event in May, honoring those who will complete degree requirements in May 2023. We look forward to making this event an enjoyable and memorable one for all who attend.

If your student applied for May 2023 graduation, this communication will provide you with some information related to the commencement ceremony. For May applicants, it does not imply completion of degree requirements. Degree candidates will be informed of their initial graduation status via e-mail during the month of March.

THE MAY COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY. May 2023 commencement will be held in the Greensboro Coliseum, Greensboro, North Carolina, at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 5. The ceremony itself will last approximately three hours. The commencement program (ceremony details and names) will be distributed electronically via the Commencement Central website the morning of the ceremony. For those who cannot attend the ceremony in the Greensboro Coliseum, we are providing a live stream on Commencement Central. Continue to monitor the Commencement Central site at <https://commencement.uncg.edu> for general updates and information.

REGALIA and RSVP. Students will be informed through their university e-mail accounts to order academic regalia (cap and gown) through the university bookstore and to RSVP for the commencement ceremony.

PARKING. Undergraduates and their guests should park in the general parking lots of the Coliseum. Parking is unlimited and free; no parking passes are required by the Coliseum. Maps are available online on the Commencement Central site.

SECURITY. In recent years, security has been heightened at many public events and the Greensboro Coliseum has increased its security measures. We suggest that you bring only those items that are necessary. Please leave any packages, flowers, balloons, or other gifts for graduates in your vehicles.

SEATING. There are currently no social distancing requirements at the Greensboro Coliseum. Seating in the Coliseum is unlimited, and no tickets are required. General seating is not reserved, except for the Deaf and hard of hearing. The Coliseum doors will open at 8:30 a.m. and the ceremony will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. All guests should plan to be in their seats by 9:45 a.m. Graduates have been instructed to arrive at their designated assembly area at the Coliseum complex, East Wing of the Special Events Center, no later than 9:00 a.m. We will have special seating areas for the Deaf and hard of hearing, those with restricted mobility, and those with medical problems. Please see <https://commencement.uncg.edu/#guests>.

GRADUATION FEE AND DIPLOMAS FOR MAY CANDIDATES. The graduation fee of \$85.00 for undergraduates must be paid in the Cashiers and Student Accounts Office by April 5, 2023. During the ceremony, graduates will be recognized on stage as their names are called. Diplomas for May graduates will be mailed to the address listed on the student's degree application approximately 12 weeks from the graduation date.

OUTSTANDING BALANCES OWED TO THE UNIVERSITY. Students who have outstanding financial obligations to the university will not receive diplomas in the mail and will be unable to obtain official transcripts until such obligations have been taken care of in the Cashiers and Student Accounts Office. All debts owed the university must be cleared thirty days prior to commencement.

PHOTOGRAPHS. Arrangements have been made for a professional photographer to take a photo of each graduate as they are recognized. Additional information is available at on the Commencement Central site.

Please feel free to e-mail commence@uncg.edu if we can be of assistance to you in any way regarding commencement, or you may access our website for additional commencement information at <https://commencement.uncg.edu>.

We congratulate your student on reaching this milestone and look forward to seeing you in May!

Sincerely,

Ariana Ball
Commencement Event Manager