



2021 Commencement Ceremony Information

Trenholm State Community College 2021 Commencement Ceremony is just a few days away! Due to COVID-19, the College will adhere to the safety and security of our students. Guests are NOT permitted to in the ceremony. The Commencement will be [live-streamed](#) for family and friends to celebrate your graduation.

1. *Who is Eligible to Participate?*

Graduates from Summer 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Fall 2020, or Spring 2021, are invited to participate in the Commencement Ceremony.

2. *Where is the Commencement Ceremony located?*

All graduates must report to the Multiplex at Crampton Bowl, 220 Hall Street, Montgomery, Alabama.

3. *Guest Policy and Safety Protocols*

In light of COVID-19 pandemic, guests are NOT ALLOWED in the venue. However, the ceremony will be [live-streamed](#). All graduates will be required to wear facemasks and social distancing measures will be in place. Trenholm State will provide all graduates the required facemasks. Masks are required for everyone attending the event. Trenholm State is committed to providing graduates an opportunity to participate in this important milestone event while also taking steps to protect them and our faculty and staff.

3. *What should I wear for the Ceremony?*

- Regalia which includes a cap, gown, and gold tassel.
- Black or dark-colored dress, skirt, or slacks, white shirt, and black or dark-colored shoes. No spiked heels.
- Your graduation cap should be worn flat on the top of your head with the tassel placed to the **right**, front side of the cap until your degree is conferred.
- Please do not wear corsages.

4. *Will there be a Photographer available to take graduation pictures?*

Arts Production will provide Commencement photographs for an additional charge. You must complete the form found at this link:

https://www.trenholmstate.edu/uploads/files/Commencement_Photo_Sheet_2021_IA_4-1-2021.pdf to

take your Commencement photographs. **You should arrive no later than 3:00 p.m. to take photographs.** If you plan on taking professional pictures with Arts Production, you should arrive no later than 3:00 p.m. Remember; there is an extra charge for these photos.

5. *Will there be a rehearsal for graduation?*

There will be no rehearsal. Graduates who do not plan to take pictures should arrive by 4:15 p.m. to check in at the main entrance of the Multiplex. Detailed instructions regarding the ceremony will be provided during this time.

Upon arrival, all participating graduates will receive a reader card that has the candidate's name and is used to recognize each candidate as they cross the stage. Each graduate must keep the reader card so that it can be handed to the reader who will announce the graduate as he/she takes the stage. Please DO NOT lose your card. Graduates will line up in alphabetical order by Program of Study. You must be on time, or you will not be allowed to march in the Commencement.

6. *Graduates Procession into the Ceremony*

During the processional, college marshals will direct candidates to their seats, in the graduates' section, and direct movement throughout the ceremony. All candidates must remain standing until they are instructed to be seated.

7. *Commencement Ceremony*

After the platform party, Deans, and Program Coordinators have arrived and the music has stopped, the Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and National Anthem will be given.

At the appropriate time, graduates for Certificate programs, Associate in Applied Science, Associate in Arts, and Associate in Science, respectively, will be requested to stand for conferring of certificates and degrees.

At the appropriate time, the College marshals will direct graduates to ascend the stairs on the left side of the stage and give the reader their name cards. Each graduate, upon hearing his/her name called, will walk across the stage, and receive a diploma cover. The graduates will descend the stairs on the right side of the stage. After crossing the stage, all candidates must return to their seat and remain seated until the ceremony has concluded.

8. *How long will the Commencement Ceremony last?*

The commencement ceremony will last approximately two hours. Out of respect for all candidates, once seated, all participants are expected to stay until the conclusion of the ceremony.

9. *Diploma Covers*

Graduates from Summer 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Fall 2020 have already received their certificated and degrees. All graduates who participate in the ceremony will receive a diploma cover. The actual diplomas for Spring 2021 graduates will be mailed four - six weeks from today.

The ceremony will conclude with a formal recessional led by the platform participants, followed by the Division Directors, Programs Directors, and ending with the degree candidates.

10. *Miscellaneous Information*

Please do not carry anything with you to the ceremony. A program will be placed in your chair. Should you have any questions concerning the ceremony please fee free to contact the Office of Records: Tennie McBryde (334) 420-4306 or Jackie Allen (334) 420-4301.