



March 17, 2025

Dear Families of Graduates:

Congratulations on having a graduate in the Erskine College Class of 2025. Everyone here looks forward to celebrating this significant occasion with you and your graduate. Commencement activities are scheduled as follows:

**Thursday May 1**

7:00 PM	Awards Ceremony	Lesesne [Reception to follow in the Pavilion]
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**Friday, May 9**

2:00 PM	Mandatory Senior Meeting/Rehearsal	Lesesne Auditorium/Under the Towers
4:30 PM	Senior Reception	Bowie Arts Center

**Saturday, May 10**

8:30 AM	Senior Service of Blessing	Lesesne
9:30 AM	Senior Picture	Steps of Lesesne Auditorium
10:30 AM	Commencement Exercises	Under the Towers of the Erskine Building

**Additional Information**

- By April 22, seniors must have cleared all financial obligations with the Business Office.
- There will be a Grad Fair on March 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at Watkins Student Center for your student to be able to order their cap and gown. The cost for the cap and gown is covered by the graduation fee.
- Seniors who need to fulfill requirements beyond May 2025 will be listed as August degree candidates. Erskine has only one commencement each year; seniors graduating in August may walk with their classmates in May as long as they have applied and been approved to do so. Seniors who completed requirements in January 2025 also may walk with their classmates this May.
- We recommend that you arrive early for seating at commencement. No seats are reserved for families at the event; signs reserving seats for the public will be removed. Seats are reserved only for the seniors, faculty, marshals, press, other program participants, and their guests. Please observe these reserved sections.
- If bad weather forces us to move inside, commencement will take place in the Belk Arena of Galloway Physical Activities Center. Please observe reserved seating designations in the gym.
- You may take pictures at commencement when the graduating class gathers for a professional photo on the Lesesne Auditorium steps and as they are lining up for the processional. Once the processional begins, however, please be at your seat. Many people linger under the Erskine Towers after commencement, where you are welcome to take as many pictures as you wish.
- At commencement, restrooms are available in McCain Library, beneath the lobby of Lesesne Auditorium (the west side of the Erskine Building), and in Reid Hall. In Galloway Physical Activities Center, restrooms are located upstairs at either end of the Galloway Main Lobby and downstairs throughout the building.
- Overnight accommodations are available in nearby Abbeville, Anderson, and Greenwood, South Carolina. Abbeville features several bed and breakfast options. Various chains operate hotels in Greenwood and Anderson. Information about all these properties is readily available online.

Again, we look forward to your being here in Due West for commencement. Please give us a call (864-379-8737) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

D. Shane Bradley  
Dean of the College