



March 17, 2025

TO: January 2025 Graduates
Prospective College Graduates of May 10, 2025, and August Candidates* *Who Will March*

FROM: Marissa A. Niño, Registrar

All successful candidates for graduation are expected to attend the ceremonies on May 10. However, if you are unable to attend, you should **immediately** notify the Registrar's Office.

*[Candidates for August are permitted to participate if it is feasible that all requirements can be met by August 12th. Please inform the Registrar immediately if you do not intend to participate.]

AGENDA

- March 24 There will be a Grad Fair at Watkins Student Center from 10:00 am – 2:00 p.m. You can order your cap and gown there. The cost for the cap and gown is covered by your graduation fee.
- April 28 Check your ***eBill*** to be sure that all financial obligations have been met. If you have questions, contact Erskine Central. April 28th is positively the **FINAL DAY** to settle your obligations (including tuition and fees, any fines and/or work hours, and library books). If you are not sure about your account, go by Erskine Central and ask! **Students who have not been cleared WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO MARCH.**
- May 1 There will be an Awards Ceremony held in Lesesne at 7:00 PM, with a reception to follow in the Pavilion. This is a semi-formal event, please dress accordingly.
- May 7 Grades for all May candidates are due in the Registrar's Office by 9:00 a.m. **PLEASE CHECK THE STUDENT PORTAL to see your grades.** If you find a problem, you should consult with your instructors if necessary. If you know you cannot graduate or have postponed graduation, please see the Registrar, Ms. Niño, or the Dean of the College, Mr. Shane Bradley, in the Academic Office (Belk 218).
- May 9 Ms. Niño will meet with the Faculty Executive Committee as quickly as possible to determine graduates. A list will be posted on the outside door, Lower Level, Belk Hall, by 12:00 p.m., showing the names of the students who have met all requirements for graduation **AND** paid their bills. If there is any oversight or name omitted, please do not hesitate to contact someone in the Registrar's Office (379-8737).

Candidates for degrees will meet at **2:00 p.m. sharp** in Lesesne Auditorium to receive instructions about commencement activities. Immediately following there will be a

rehearsal outside in front of Lesesne Auditorium (weather permitting). **Attendance at this meeting and rehearsal is mandatory.**

Senior Reception will be held at 4:30 pm at Bowie Arts Center. Please join all seniors as we celebrate their achievements and accolades. This is a semi-formal event, please dress accordingly.

May 10

Senior Service of Blessing will be offered in Lesesne Auditorium at 8:30 am for all students, families, faculty and staff who want to participate in a time of prayer.

Commencement will begin at 10:30 a.m. It is traditionally held under the Towers of the Erskine Building. There are no reserved seats for parents, and any reserved signs placed on seats by the public will be removed. Seats are reserved for the seniors, faculty, Choraleers, marshals, press, and guests of the platform party. Please observe these reserved sections.

In the unhappy event that bad weather forces us to move inside, we will hold commencement in Belk Arena of the Galloway Physical Activities Center. Seniors and faculty will be seated on the floor of Belk Arena. There will be one reserved section to the speaker's right for guests of the platform party and one reserved section to the speaker's left for Choraleers. All other spectator seats will be available for parents and other family members on a first-come basis.

At 9:15 a.m., the seniors will gather on the steps at the entrance to Lesesne Auditorium for the official class picture. Following the picture, seniors will line up beside Reid Hall. Mr. Bradley will check the order of candidates for degrees as shown on the program and prepare for the processional at this time.

**** Students not present for the line-up cannot march with the class. ****

Seniors will then move in front of Reid Hall and await 10:00 a.m. when Sinfonia begins to play the processional. Student Marshals will guide the seniors in first followed by the Faculty, and then the Platform Party.

Commencement will end approximately at 12:30 p.m.

Best wishes to all. It has been truly my pleasure to serve each of you.

P.S. Erskine transcripts can be ordered through the website link here:

<https://www.erskine.edu/academics/registrar/erskine-transcripts/>

We offer a 3rd party service to send out official transcripts.

Requests are **not** accepted by telephone or email.

Be a good classmate and ask your friends who are graduating if they received a copy of this letter. If they did not, they should contact the Registrar's Office immediately!