



February 27, 2026

Dear Families of Graduates:

Congratulations on having a graduate in the Erskine College Class of 2026. Everyone here looks forward to celebrating this significant occasion with you and your graduate. Commencement activities are scheduled as follows:

**Friday, May 8**

2:00 PM	Mandatory Senior Meeting/Rehearsal	Lesesne Auditorium/Under the Towers
5:00 PM	Senior Reception	Bowie Arts Center

**Saturday, May 9**

8:30 AM	Senior Service of Blessing	Lesesne Auditorium
9:15 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 Graduation Fair on March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Watkins Student Center for your student to order a cap and gown. The cost for the cap and gown is covered by the graduation fee.
- Seniors who need no more than 12 hours to fulfill requirements beyond May 2026 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 if they have applied and have been approved to do so. Seniors who completed requirements in January 2026 may also 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.
- In the event of inclement weather, the Senior Service of Blessing will be moved to the Bowie Divinity Hall Chapel. Commencement will be held in Lesesne Auditorium (Erskine Building). Because seating is limited in Lesesne, graduates will be issued two (2) tickets to accommodate two (2) guests of their choice; seating will be available that morning from 9:30-10:10 on a first-come basis for ticket holders only, except for designated reserved sections. Remaining seats will be filled with non-ticket holders at 10:10. Additional guests are invited to view Commencement from Memorial Hall in the Moss Mathematics and Music Building.
- 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.
- 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 hosting you 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