



February 27, 2026

TO: January 2026 Graduates
Prospective College Graduates of May 9, 2026, and August Candidates* *Who Will March*

FROM: Marissa A. Niño, Registrar

All successful candidates for graduation are expected to attend the ceremonies on May 9. 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 11th. Please inform the Registrar immediately if you do not intend to participate.]

AGENDA

- March 2** **Grad Fair** | Watkins Student Center | 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Caps and gowns may be ordered at this time. The cost is covered by your graduation fee.
- April 22** **Final Deadline for Financial Clearance**
Please review your ***eBill*** to confirm that all financial obligations (tuition, fees, fines, work hours, and library materials) have been satisfied. Direct questions to Erskine Central.
April 22nd is the final day to resolve outstanding balances. Students who are not financially cleared will not be permitted to participate in Commencement.
- May 6** **Grades Due** | Registrar's Office | 9:00 a.m.
All May candidate grades must be submitted. Please review your grades in the Student Portal and consult your instructors promptly regarding any discrepancies. If you anticipate postponing graduation or believe you may not meet requirements, please see the Registrar, Ms. Niño, or the Dean of the College, Mr. Shane Bradley (Belk 218).
- May 8** The Faculty Executive Committee will meet to confirm degree candidates. A list of approved graduates will be posted outside the Registrar's Office (Lower Level, Belk Hall) by 1:00 p.m. If your name is omitted in error, please contact the Registrar's Office immediately at (864) 379-8737.
- Mandatory Meeting & Rehearsal**
2:00 p.m. | Lesesne Auditorium
All degree candidates must attend the meeting to receive instructions about Commencement activities and participate in an outdoor rehearsal (weather permitting).
- Senior Reception**
5:00 p.m. | Bowie Arts Center
Semi-formal attire is required
Please join all seniors as we celebrate their achievements and accolades.

May 9

COMMENCEMENT DAY

Senior Service of Blessing

8:30 a.m. | Lesesne Auditorium

Class Photo

9:15 a.m. | Steps of Lesesne Auditorium

Following the photo, seniors will line up beside Reid Hall.

Mr. Bradley will check the order of candidates for degrees shown on the program.

Students who are not present for line-up will not be permitted to march.

Commencement Ceremony

10:30 a.m. | Under the Towers of the Erskine Building

There are no reserved seats for parents or guests. Reserved seating is designated for the graduating class, faculty, Choraleers, marshals, press, and platform party guests. Please observe all 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.

Commencement will end approximately at 12:00 p.m.

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

Please note that Erskine transcripts may be ordered directly through the Erskine website using the following link:

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

We utilize a secure third-party service to process and deliver official transcripts.

For security and accuracy purposes, transcript requests cannot be accepted by telephone or email.

If you are graduating, please take a moment to check with your classmates to ensure they have received a copy of this letter. If anyone has not received it, they should contact the Registrar's Office promptly.