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Eastern Shore Community College

2017 Graduation Newsletter



COMMENCEMENT

Your hard work is about to pay off! The 2017 ESCC Commencement Ceremony will be held at 4:00 PM on Friday, May 12th, on the lawn of Eastern Shore Community College. ESCC alumni Amy McCluskey Davis of NASA Wallops Flight Facility, will be the commencement speaker and Irvin Jackson, retiring ESCC Associate Professor of Business Management, will serve as the commencement marshal. A reception for graduates and guests will follow immediately after commencement in the Workforce Development Center. Please arrive to your robing location (assigned at rehearsal) with your cap and gown to prepare for the processional line-up no later than 3:15 PM.

TICKETS

Admission to commencement is by ticket only. Each graduate will receive five tickets, to be picked up from Bill LeCato (A38) between Thursday, April 20, and Friday, April 28. After April 28, tickets not picked up will be given away to other graduates. If you are unable to use all five of your tickets, please consider returning the additional tickets for other students to use.

Contact Bill LeCato to have your name added to a waiting list for up to three possible additional tickets.

REHEARSAL/CLASS PHOTO

Bring your cap and gown with you to the commencement rehearsal for a group photo that will be taken at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, May 10. Meet in the Lecture Hall.

The commencement rehearsal will begin following the group photo. Please try to be at the rehearsal. Important information is shared to help you prepare for the Commencement. You will also be assigned your robing location at rehearsal.

AWARDS PARTY

All graduates are invited to an awards party following the graduation rehearsal at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, May 10, in the Great Hall of the Workforce Development Center.

There will be a delicious meal followed by an awards ceremony to recognize graduating students. Admission to the party is by ticket only. Graduates may pick up one complimentary party ticket from Bill LeCato between Thursday, April 20, and Friday, April 28. In addition, there are a limited number of guest tickets available for sale on a first-come, first-served basis. Each additional ticket will be \$10.

Please obtain a Graduation RSVP card from the main reception or Student Services desks. These must be completed and returned to Bill LeCato (A38) by Friday, April 28.

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Diplomas will be mailed within three weeks after the Commencement Ceremony. Please contact the Registrar at 789-1728 with any questions.



CAPS & GOWNS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone who participates in graduation must wear the proper regalia.

Caps and gowns will be available for pick-up in the bookstore. The cost is \$28.00 plus tax. The coat for the tassel is \$4.25 plus tax. Students will be notified by email when graduation items are available for purchase.

If you did not order a cap and gown you will be responsible for coming to the bookstore to place your order.

We encourage you to order from the bookstore as soon as possible to ensure timely delivery and to avoid extra rush delivery charges.

Students desiring Graduation Announcements and Diploma Frame may order them through Jostens. Visit their website www.jostens.com. The bookstore will have blank announcements available.

Commencement Flowers and T-shirts will be available for purchase at the bookstore for \$20 each. The t-shirt is on order will be available soon - look out for email updates. Flowers will be ready the day of commencement.

Announcements are not invitations to graduation. Only those with tickets will be admitted into the Commencement Ceremony. We encourage you to order these items as soon as possible to ensure timely delivery and to avoid extra rush delivery charges.

Be sure to check your ESCC email for graduation news and updates!

COMMENCEMENT PROTOCOL

- Commencement is a formal occasion where all participants wear academic regalia: robes, hoods, and mortarboards.
- Casual business attire should be worn under the gown. Appropriate, comfortable shoes should also be worn. (You will walk from your seat, up a set of stairs, across the stage, back down a set of stairs and back to your seat in a grassy area.)
- Try your gown on before the rehearsal to have it pressed and properly altered.
- Wear the tassel over the right temple until all graduates are asked to stand and move the tassel to the left side.

**You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself in any
direction you choose.
You're on your own.
And you know what you know.
You are the guy who'll decide
where to go. ~Dr. Seuss**

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

The All Christians Together in Service (ACTS) Group will host a Baccalaureate Service for the 2017 Graduating Class on Sunday, May 7th, from 6:00-8:00pm. A Baccalaureate Service is a Christian service held a few days before graduation in honor of the graduating class. All graduating students will receive an invitation that includes family and friends.

The service will be held in the Great Hall of the Workforce Development Services Building. For more information contact Barry Neville.

CHILDCARE DURING COMMENCEMENT

No children five years or younger will be admitted into the graduation ceremony. Child care will be provided in B94 beginning at 3:00 PM on Friday, May 12. Please help us meet your child-care needs by completing and returning the enclosed Graduation RSVP card to Bill LeCato by Friday, April 28.



PLAN B—INCLEMENT WEATHER PLANS

When scheduling outdoor events like this, we hope for the best, but must make alternate arrangements in case of inclement weather. If we are forced to postpone the ceremony, we will hold commencement Saturday, May 13, at 9:00AM, in the same location at ESCC.

We will make the decision as soon as possible. We will send an announcement to your student email account, and post messages on our ESCC Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and the College website. We will also send a public service announcement to be broadcast on WESR 103.3 FM.



PHOTOGRAPHY PRICE LIST

For your convenience, ESCC has arranged for photographer Debbie Ritter to be on campus to take individual pictures on Wednesday, May 10, from 12:00-5:00PM, in Room C112. It is not necessary to make an appointment with the photographer. The group picture will be taken before the graduation rehearsal. Pictures must be paid for at the time of photography.

Basic Package \$20

1 - 5 X 7

8 - Wallet

Standard Package \$35

1 - 8 X 10

3 - 5 X 7

4 - Wallet

Event Package \$50

3 - 8 X 10

4 - 5 X 7

4 - 4 X 6

8 - Wallet

Group Image \$15

8 X 10

Wednesday, May 10th from 12pm-5pm Classroom C112

Group picture outside by Eagle Statue at 5:30

To pre-register call (757) 990-0053

CAPS & GOWNS—A SHORT HISTORY LESSON

Caps and gowns were first worn in the United States by the faculty of Harvard University in 1636. Until after the Civil War, students at most American universities wore caps and gowns daily while in residence. Since that time American Colleges and universities have used this style of dress in commencement ceremonies.

The gowns range from fairly simple to elaborate—from the associate to the bachelor's, master's, and doctor's degrees. Board members wear doctoral gowns.

Chevrons on the sleeves of the doctoral gowns are the color of the discipline in which the degree was earned.

The wide variety of colors on the hoods adds beauty to the ESCC commencement ceremony and represents the highest degree earned and the university which awarded. The velvet border is in widths of two, three or five inches for the bachelor's, master's or doctor's degrees respectively.

The color of the border indicates the discipline. Some examples are: Arts, Letters, Humanities (white); Commerce, Accountancy, Business (drab); Education (light blue); Engineering (orange); Library Science (yellow); Nursing (apricot); Philosophy (dark blue); and Science (golden yellow). The colors of the satin lining (which are usually in a chevron design) indicate the university granting the degree.



A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Congratulations, ESCC Graduates. We here at ESCC are very proud of you and the work that you have done to achieve this outstanding goal: completing requirements for your post secondary credentials. You may have faced challenges along the way, but “you stood the test, gave it your best” and now you are being rewarded for your accomplishments.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the graduation ceremony on Friday, May 12, 2017. This is a time for celebration and the faculty and staff of ESCC are so pleased to have a part in your success. As you move forward in the workplace, military or transfer to a four-year institution, please know that ESCC is here for you should you need us.

I wish you much success as you move into this next very significant phase of your life. Keep us informed of your progress as you build a new future. Remember this: “No dream is too big to dream”. You have allowed your tomorrow to begin at Eastern Shore Community College.

Dr. Linda Thomas-Glover

IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

PICK UP GRADUATION TICKETS	Thursday, April 20 to Friday, April 28
RETURN RSVP CARD	Friday, April 28
BACCALAUREATE SERVICE	Sunday, May 7, 6:00-8:00PM, Great Hall, WDS
INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS	Wednesday, May 10, 12:00 - 5:00 PM, ESCC (C112)
GROUP PHOTO	Wednesday, May 10, 5:30 PM, ESCC
COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL	Wednesday, May 10, 6:00 PM, ESCC
AWARDS PARTY	Wednesday, May 10, 6:30-8 PM, ESCC
COMMENCEMENT	Friday, May 12, 4:00PM, ESCC

Graduates are expected in their assigned robing room at ESCC no later than 3:15 PM. Childcare will be available at 3 PM.
Inclement Weather Date—Saturday, May 13, at 9:00AM.

Questions? Contact Bill LeCato at 757-789-1797 or at wlecat0@es.vccs.edu