

## **2024 ESCC COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL AGENDA**

**Monday, May 6, 2024**

**Great Hall**

**5:30-6:30 PM**

Congratulations on completing your program—now it is time to stand and be recognized! Our rehearsal provides an opportunity to see aspects of the ceremony and address any last-minute questions.

Here are the Robing Rooms for the day of commencement:

### **Stage Party – Robing Room 112**

Assistant: Patty Kellam

### **Faculty – Robing Room 113**

### **High School Equivalency Credential (GED/NEDP) - Robing Room 140**

Assistants: Deborah Hennel, Lynn Wajda

### **Certificate of Completion – Robing Room 148**

Assistants: Dawn McElwain, Kris Schad, and KC Parks

- Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Class A
- CompTIA A+
- CompTIA Security+
- Cybersecurity
- EKG Tech
- Fundamentals of Dental Assisting
- Hair Braiding and Weaving
- NCCER Core Construction
- Nurse Aide
- Phlebotomy Technician
- Remote Pilot Airman

### **Career Studies Certificate - Robing Room 148**

- Automotive Trainee
- Early Childhood Education – Preschool
- Early Childhood Education Support Specialist
- Electricity-Electrician Assistant
- Electricity-Electrician Helper
- Electronics Technology
- Health Sciences
- HVAC&R Technician Helper
- Information Technology Support

- Medical Administrative Office Specialist
- Medical Coding & Billing Specialist
- Nurse Aide
- Nurse Aide – Extended Care
- Small Business Management
- Welding

**Certificate - Robing Room 148**

- Industrial Technology
- Medical Assisting
- Uniform Certificate of General Studies
- Welding

**Associate of Applied Science – Robing Room 147**

Associates: Grace Pratt, Suzie Henderson, and Jenae Sayers

- Business Management
- Business Management with Information Technology
- Early Childhood Education
- Electronic Computer Technician
- Electronics Technology
- Registered Nurse
- Technical Studies
- Technical Studies – Electricity
- Technical Studies – HVAC
- Technical Studies – Welding

**Associate of Arts & Science - Robing Room 147**

- Business Administration
- General Studies
- Liberal Arts
- Liberal Arts – Education
- Science

**Remain Standing for Invocation and Benediction**

Invocation – prayer of blessing by Rev. Keith Moody (stand and all men, hats off)

National Anthem- **Dr. Marilyn Kellam** (remain standing, hats off and Dr. Walter will instruct you to sit after the Anthem)

**Welcome**

Introductions of Stage Party - Dr. Joseph Walter

Introduction of VIP and Distinguished Guests – Dr. Joseph Walter

**Dr. Walter returns to his seat and Dr. Shaeffer goes to the podium**

Dr. Shaeffer speaks:

Congratulates students and families, welcomes guests

**Dr. Shaeffer returns to his seat and Dr. Walter returns to the podium**

Dr. Walter returns to the podium to salute the faculty and staff and recognize ESCC faculty with the following categories:

- Recognition of Teaching Effectiveness
- Recognition of Community Impact
- Recognition of Leadership
- Faculty Award for Professional Excellence

**Dr. Walter returns to his seat and Jackson goes to the lectern**

**Speaker: SGA President – Jackson Thierfeldt**

**Dr. Shaeffer** congratulates him, shakes hands, and presents a challenge coin. Jackson Thierfeldt returns to seat and Dr. Shaeffer remains at the podium to present ESCC highlights.

Dr. Shaeffer, still at podium introduces the COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER, Judge Jamar Walker

**Commencement Address: Judge Jamar Walker**

**Dr. Shaeffer goes to the podium** when the speaker has finished, thanks him and presents him with a gift

Dr. Shaeffer remains at the podium and Jamar returns to his seat.

**Presentation of Candidates and Awarding of Diplomas**

Dr. Shaeffer is already at the podium and invites Dr. Walter to the podium

Dr. Shaeffer returns to his seat

Dr. Walter delivers a short address and when finished, he returns to his seat

**Dr. Shaeffer returns to the podium and confers the degrees on all graduates. He instructs the graduates to move their tassel from the right side to the left side of the mortarboard. He asks everyone to congratulate the class of 2024.**

Dr. Shaeffer remains at the podium.

Mrs. Duffman goes to the other podium to call out the names of the students as they present their card to her. Eve Belote goes to the diploma table and hands Dr. Shaeffer a diploma cover for the student whose name has been called and is standing in front of him. **The student will receive the diploma with the left hand and shake hands with Dr. Shaeffer and exit stage right.**

Professional photographer will snap a photo of the student on the stage

NOTE: student will receive a diploma cover, the actual diploma will be picked up at a later date, approximately one week after the ceremony. An email will be sent to you letting you know when they are available. Also, info on how to order your commencement photo will be included in the diploma cover that the student receives.

Student will exit the stage for another photo and return to their seat

**Once the last student is called, Faculty Senate Chair will return to their seat.** Dr. Shaeffer will return to the main podium.

### **Alumni Association Induction**

Dr. Shaeffer recites the induction to the association. Students will be asked to reply, "WE WILL."

Dr. Shaeffer formally welcomes the graduates as official members of the ESCC Alumni Association as the Class of 2024!

Dr. Shaeffer returns to his seat and Dr. Walter returns to the podium.

### **Benediction**

Dr. Walter thanks everyone and introduces Rev. Keith Moody who will give the benediction. All will stand and men remove hats and mortarboards. All guests and graduates will stand during the benediction and remain standing for the Recessional.

### **Recessional**

Order for the Recessional: in the same order as the processional

- Stage Party
- Faculty
- Graduates

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Commencement will be held on the campus of Your Eastern Shore Community College on **Wednesday, May 8, at 5:00 p.m.** The event is outdoors.

### **Be on Time**

**You must arrive at the main academic building no later than 4:00 p.m.** to put on your cap and gown, receive your name card, and line up for the procession. If you want a professional photo taken in front of the ESCC backdrop, you should arrive by 3:00 p.m. Guests should arrive by 4:30 p.m.

- **Room 148** - Certificates of Completion/Certificates/Career Studies Certs/GED
- **Room 147** – Associate degrees

You must get your name card from the ESCC staff in the room. Do not lose it! You must have it ready to hand to the Faculty Senate Chair, who will announce your name.

### **General Parking**

Please let your guests know that parking will be tight. There are parking spaces in front of the Academic Building in addition to those behind the Workforce Building. There will also be people directing cars where to park.

### **Disabled Guests Parking**

If you have a disability sticker on your car, please park in the available disabled parking spaces on campus. If you need additional assistance, please let one of the ushers know and they will assist you in getting to your seat.

Students with disabilities: if you need assistance or special accommodations to walk across the stage, please let us know tonight.

**Dress/Attire**

You must wear the ceremonial cap and gown regalia to participate in commencement. You should wear business attire under your gown with comfortable shoes. You will be walking on uneven ground and up steps to the stage.

**Ceremony Processional**

Processional. Walk slowly.

**Other Items of Interest**

Rest rooms will be available in both buildings should you need them. Remember to pick up anything you may have left behind in the assembly room (147 or 148) before leaving campus. If you have any questions or concerns, this is the time to have the questions answered! Have an exciting time, you have earned this!