# MC COLLEGE 2024 COMMENCEMENT

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## **GRADUATE INFORMATION**

Friday, May 17, 2024

# CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS



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#### ARRIVE FOR ROBING

Starts promptly at 8:00 a.m. Students report to the Rockville Campus, Campus Center, Cafeteria for check-in and Physical Education Center, Large Gym (119) for robing and line-up. Don't be late!

#### **GRADUATION EXERCISES**

Starts promptly at 10:30 a.m. Family and friends report to the Athletic Field located on North Campus Drive. Gate opens at 8 a.m. Gate closes at 10:20 for the academic procession. No Exceptions! Please enter the campus from Mannakee Street.

#### CAPS AND GOWNS

Caps and gowns may be purchased at the Bookstore on the campus where you applied for graduation. Germantown Bookstore, 240-567-7877 • Rockville Books & More, 240-567-5302 • Takoma Park/Silver Spring Bookstore, 240-567-1522

#### **PARKING**

Follow Public Safety officers who will direct traffic and pedestrians.

#### INDOOR VIEWING AREA

Small Gym, PE 137 and Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, and Theatre Arts Arena

#### **CONCESSIONS**

Campus Center, cafeteria and MBI Cafe opens at 8 a.m.. Selling coffee, sweets, and snacks.

#### **BROADCAST**

Watch the livestream of commencement at montgomerycollege.edu/commencement

YouTube: www.youtube.com/montgomerycollege

#### On Cable TV (in Montgomery County):

Comcast Channels 998 (HD) and 10 (SD)

RCN Channels 1059 (HD)

Verizon Channel 10 (SD)

Commencement Hashtag: #MCGrad2024

#### SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us on social media at #MCGrad2024

#### DIPLOMAS

Students will receive notification when diplomas will be mailed. Diplomas will not be available on Commencement day. You will receive a diploma cover at the ceremony.

For More Event Information call 240-567-4006

## C MONTGOMERY 2024 COMMENCEMENT

### DIRECTIONS FOR PROCESSIONAL AND RECESSIONAL

10:30 a.m., Friday May 17, 2024 Outdoor Tented Graduation-Athletic Field-Rockville Campus Indoor Viewing Area: Small Gym PE137, Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, and Theatre Arts Arena

Students who require disability-related accommodations should contact accessibility@montgomerycollege.edu

#### 1. WHERE TO ASSEMBLE:

Rockville Campus, Campus Center, Cafeteria for check-in and Physical Education Center, Large Gym (119) for robing and line-up. ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 8:00 A.M. ON FRIDAY MORNING. Refreshments will be served. Please don't bring valuables (cameras, purses, etc.) you can't keep them with you. Remember to bring combs, cosmetics and hair / safety pins. CELL PHONES MUST BE SILENCED!

#### 2. WHAT TO WEAR:

**ALL** - Dark shoes. Remove wrinkles from gown (read care instructions in package). **MEN** - White collar & tie.

**WOMEN** - Appropriate shoes. High heels are not permitted on the track.

#### 3. PROCESSION:

Students will line-up in alphabetical order, leave the large gym in two lines, and be escorted to the athletic field. (A-L will be seated on the left side and M-Z on the right) Students will follow the deans of student development in two separate lines and process in from both sides of the tent. Look for the usher who will direct you to your reserved seat. The first student of each line will enter the first available row, go to the first seat in the row and sit down. Then the next row will be filled. Ushers will indicate when to fill the next row.

Graduates will remain seated until the faculty begin to process, when they will be directed to stand in unison and remain standing until after the National Anthem. GRADUATES WILL THEN SIT IN UNISON.

#### 4. PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES:

After the honorary degrees are awarded, Dr. Deidre Price will present all of the graduates. The graduates will stand in unison and remain standing until Dr. Jermaine F. Williams confers the degrees and Dr. Michael Brintnall, Board Chair, awards the degrees, then graduates will be seated.

#### 5. RECEIVING OF DIPLOMA:

Those graduates sitting at the outside ends of each aisle should remain especially alert and watch for the usher's signals. When proceeding toward the stage to receive your diploma cover, have your card scanned and then hand it, bearing your name, to the reader at the stage. As you proceed across the stage, pause briefly for a photo with Dr. Williams and Board Chair Brintnall, then receive a diploma cover from a trustee or dean. After you receive your diploma cover, follow the usher's instructions to a second photo area where you will pose with it. Once the second photo is taken, please return to your seat.

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#### 6. RECESSIONAL:

For the Recessional, after the Induction of Graduates into the Alumni Association, you will please exit IN PAIRS down the center aisle (one from the left, one from the right WATCH FOR USHER'S SIGNALS) in this order:

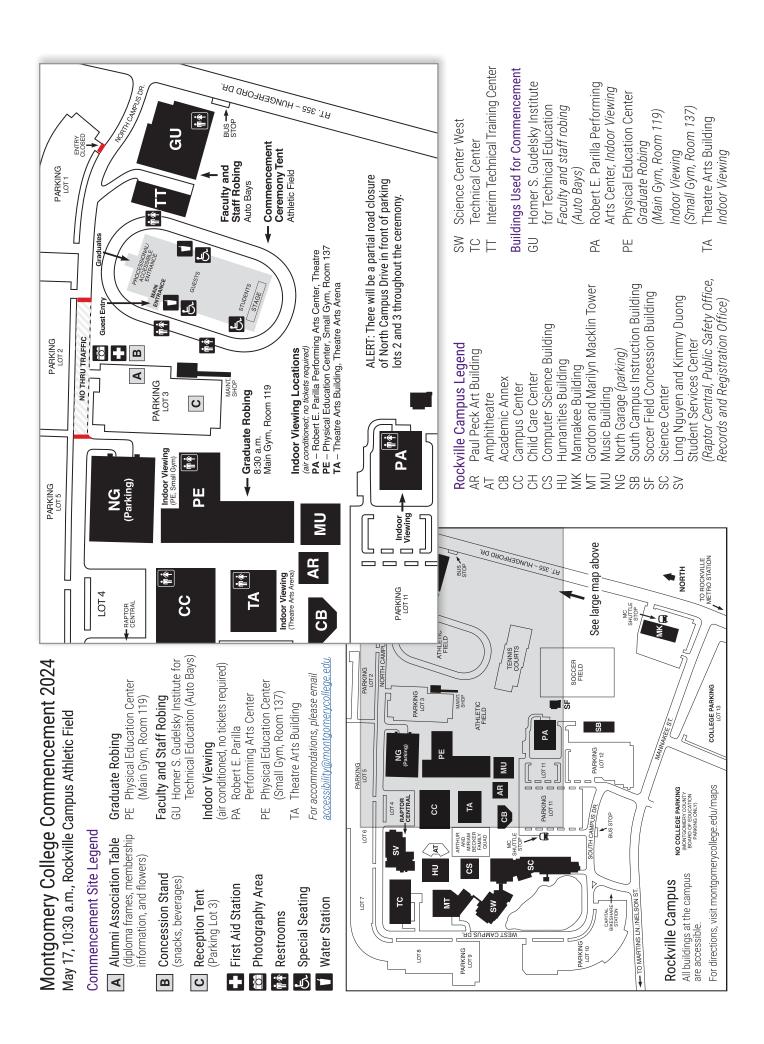
- 1) Platform guests (those seated on the stage)
- 2) Administrators, faculty, and staff
- 3) Deans of Student Development in pairs
- 4) Graduates

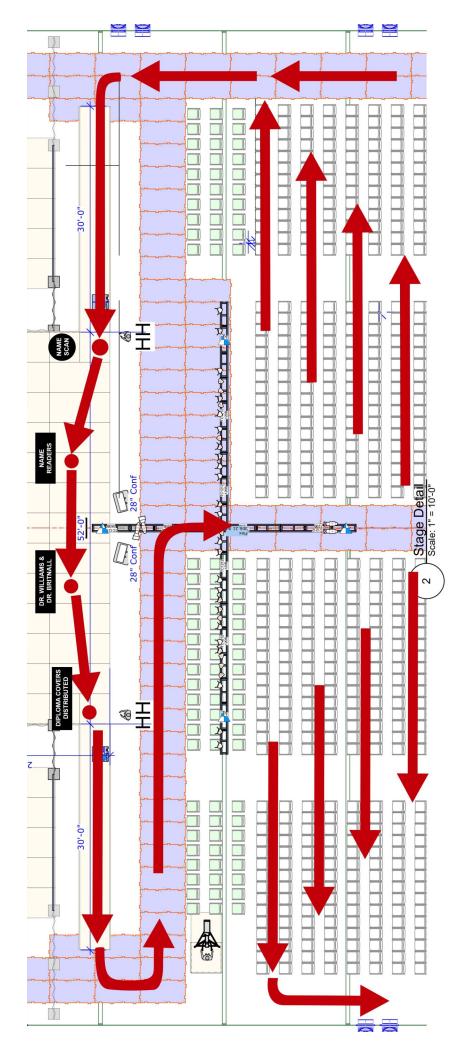
### **7. KEEP MOVING** so that guests will be able to follow.

#### **IMPORTANT POINTS:**

- Arrive at the large gym no later than 8:00 a.m., allow for travel time
- Leave valuables at home or lock in your car
- Wear comfortable shoes NO HIGH HEALS ALLOWED ON TRACK
- Direct your guests with their tickets to the gate for admittance to tent.
- GATE CLOSES AT 10:20 A.M. FOR ACADEMIC PROCESSION NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Indoor viewing area is available for those who wish to avoid the crowds, heat, sun. Indoor viewing is located in the Small Gym PE137 and in the Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, and Theatre Arts Arena.
- The use of noisemakers (bullhorns, megaphones, and speakers) and visible displays that could obstruct the view of graduates or guests (such as balloons, signs, banners, and posters) are not permitted.

Please arrive on time. The robing and line-up will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m.







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