

ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY

Know before you go WINTER COMMENCEMENT 2025

Saturday, December 13

9 a.m. to noon

R.L. Vaughan Center

1704 Weeksville Road | Elizabeth City, N.C. | 27909



GUEST TICKET PICK-UP

Graduation candidates may pick up **tickets** from the Academic Affairs Suite, third floor, Marion D. Thorpe Administration Building, room 340. The number of tickets has yet to be determined.

Ticket pickup for Commencement is from December 8-11. Pickup hours are:

Morning: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Afternoon: 2:30-4:30 p.m.

COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL

Mandatory participation from **1-3 p.m., Friday, December 12**, at the R.L. Vaughan Center. Please bring your regalia. Honor cords will be available for pick-up.

SEATING

Seating is general admission and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Encourage your family to arrive early.

SENIOR RECEPTION AND PINNING CEREMONY

6-7 p.m., Friday, December 12, at the K.E. White Graduate Center.

DAY OF COMMENCEMENT

Arrive at the Walter N. and Henrietta B. Ridley Student Complex at 7:30 a.m. for the commencement line-up. The ceremony begins at 9 a.m.

Traffic will be heavy on and around campus the morning of the ceremony, so leave plenty of time to arrive, park, and get through security screening. The processional will begin 30 minutes before the ceremony start time.

READER CARDS

Your name, diploma, and degree will be announced as you cross the stage via the information on your reader card. Please take care of this card and bring it with you to Commencement.

Do not lose, damage, fold, rip, crumple, or write on your reader card, as we cannot replace it.

RAISE THE SAILS

The ECSU National Alumni Association (NAA) invites graduating seniors to support academic excellence, enhance campus life, and promote Viking pride through the *Raise the Sails* fundraising initiative.

Visit www.ecsu.edu/raisethesails to make your gift. You'll receive a royal blue cord to wear at graduation to symbolize your investment in ECSU.

QUESTIONS

While this document summarizes information needed for Commencement, details are available at the ECSU Commencement website: www.ecsu.edu/academics/commencement/. We recommend all graduates and their guests review the information on the Commencement website before the **Saturday, December 13 ceremony**.



ACCESSIBLE ACCOMMODATIONS

Staff will be available at all entrances to assist guests needing accommodation. If a family member requires ADA seating or other accommodations, please contact Karen Hinton at kdhinton@ecsuh.edu by **December 5** or use this link <https://forms.office.com/r/8Vsdt25Hd> to access accessibility resources and information.

WHAT TO BRING



There will be a lot of standing and walking throughout the day, so wear **comfortable shoes**.

ECSU has a **clear bag policy** for large events. The bag must be made of clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC and no larger than 12 inches in height, 6 inches in depth, and 12 inches in width.

Proper academic regalia is required to participate in Commencement activities. There are no regalia sales on-site the day of, so please plan. Visit the bookstore to learn more.

Commencement events can be noisy, with bright lights, big crowds, and loud audio. Guests with sensory needs or health-associated challenges are encouraged to bring ear protection or items that may relieve stress or agitation.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Pets and other animals, except Registered Service Animals, are not permitted on University property or at any Commencement activity.

Balloons are not allowed in any of the indoor venues.

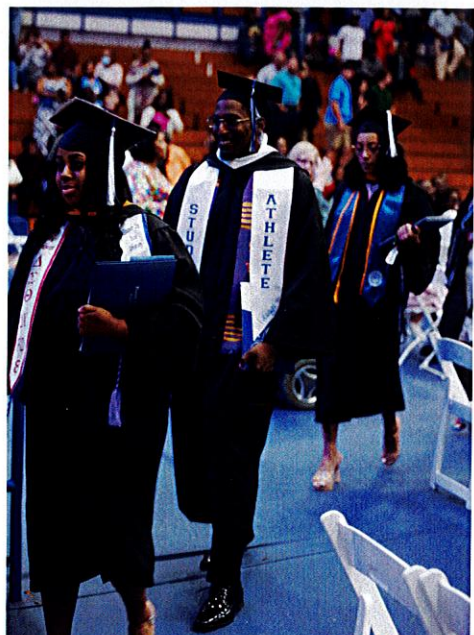
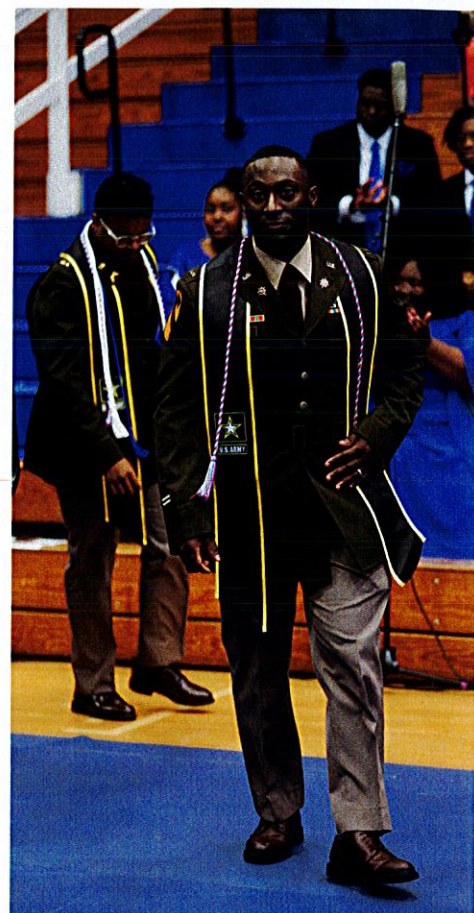
Alcoholic beverages are prohibited at Commencement events and public areas.

No outside food or beverage

Encourage your guests to eat before they arrive. There is no food or drink for sale at the venue except through vending machines.

Parking

Plan to arrive early, as the parking lots next to the R.L. Vaughan Center fill quickly on Commencement day.



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Keep this guide AND visit <https://www.ecsu.edu/academics/commencement/index.php> to ensure you don't miss a minute of this milestone!