



COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY INFORMATION



MAY 22, 2025

Cable Dahmer Arena | 19100 Valley View Parkway | Independence, Missouri

mccck.edu/commencement

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES ARE AT 1 P.M. AND 6 P.M. ON MAY 22, 2025

HERE'S SOME INFORMATION TO HELP YOU PREPARE:

APPLY FOR GRADUATION

- MCC doesn't know you have completed your degree requirements until you apply for graduation. You can't just show up and be part of the ceremony. Learn how to apply at mccck.edu/commencement.

COMMENCEMENT IS FREE TO ATTEND

- You are welcome to invite your family and friends to attend; tickets are not required.
- Friends and family who are unable to attend in person may view the ceremony online at mccck.edu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- You should have received five complimentary announcements with your cap and gown. If you would like to buy personalized announcements, you may order them online at jostens.com under the graduation tab.

YOUR ATTIRE

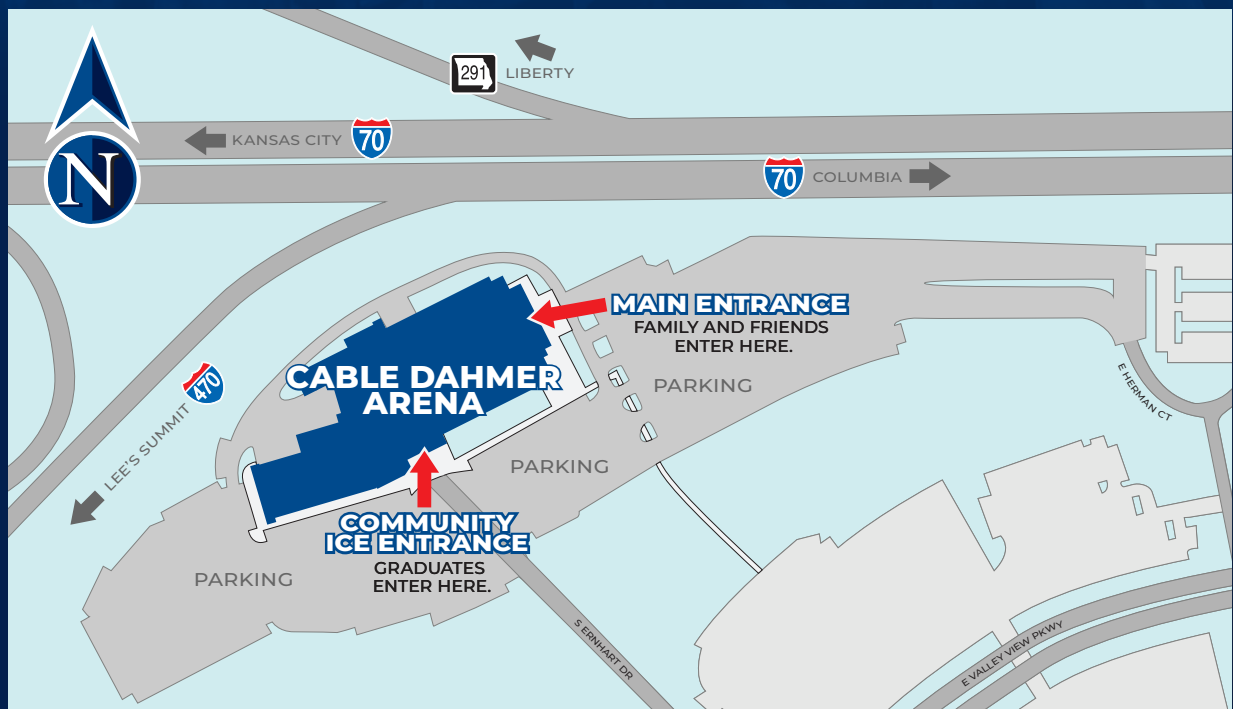
- Your cap and gown are MCC blue. Make sure you wear complementary colors as the gown has a slight "V" neckline and a portion of your shirt will show. Your legs and feet will be visible. Please dress appropriately. The venue has steep inclines that may make wearing high heels difficult.
- Caps are not to be worn tilted on your head. Hairpins will help secure the cap in place.
- The only accessories allowed over your gown are Phi Theta Kappa, honors or student leadership stoles/cords. See your campus life and leadership office for details.

PARKING

- Parking at Cable Dahmer Arena is free for this event.
- When you arrive, Cable Dahmer Arena guest services will direct you to available parking, including ADA accessible parking if needed.

SECURITY

- To expedite the security process, guests may want to avoid bringing bags into Cable Dahmer Arena. If guests opt to bring a bag, it can be no larger than 12" x 6" x 12"; security will conduct a search of all bags. A limited number of security lanes will be offered for guests with bags, and this could impact your wait time getting through the metal detectors and security.
- Prohibited items include but are not limited to: illegal drugs or substances, weapons of any kind (including pepper spray), signs, noise-making devices and certain strollers. To review Cable Dahmer Arena's bag policy and full list of prohibited items, visit CableDahmerArena.com/plan-your-visit/a-z-guide.





METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BEFORE THE CEREMONY

- **For the 1 p.m. ceremony**, doors will open at 11:30 a.m. Plan to arrive no later than 12:30.
For the 6 p.m. ceremony, doors will open at 4:30 p.m. Plan to arrive by 5:30.
- Guests will receive a free program at arrival. A program will be placed on each graduate's chair, so you will receive it after the processional.
- After you park at the arena: Graduates should use the Community Ice Entrance and proceed to the Community Ice Rink for a reception and staging. Family and friends should enter at the main entrance on the east side of the venue.
- ADA accessible seating is available upon request. If you have a disability and need special accommodations for the ceremony or entry to the venue, contact Ashley Fagan at Ashley.Fagan@mccck.edu or 816.604.1426.
- You will not be allowed to carry anything with you as you approach the stage except the name card you receive when you arrive. This card will be used to announce your name as you walk across the stage.
- Make sure you silence your cell phone before the ceremony begins.

DURING THE CEREMONY

- We will begin the ceremony with a processional promptly at the ceremony start time.
- You will receive cues from the podium when it is time to "walk." When it's your turn, hand your name card to the individual who will read your name, then walk across the stage (no dancing, running or other gestures) to receive your diploma from the president or chancellor.
- Your picture will be taken two times: first when you receive your diploma cover from the president or chancellor, and again when you exit the stage.
- As a display of respect, all commencement participants are expected to remain seated until all graduates have been recognized and the ceremony ends.
- After the conferring of degrees, you will be told when to stand for the recessional. Marshals will guide you out through the main entrance.

The ceremony lasts approximately two hours, so please have all needs taken care of before the ceremony. Plan to attend the entire time, as your degree will not be conferred until the end.



AFTER THE CEREMONY

- The photographer from Grad Images will contact you about proofs of the photos taken during the ceremony.
- Your diploma will be mailed to your address in our system six to eight weeks after you graduate. Log in to your myMCCCKC account and make sure your mailing address is correct.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The MCC student code of conduct is in effect for the commencement ceremony, including the following:

Use, possession or distribution of alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs and controlled substances on college premises or AT ANY COLLEGE SPONSORED ACTIVITY, including being under the influence of alcohol or drugs/controlled substances, is strictly prohibited.

For more information about MCC's student code of conduct, go to mccck.edu/codeofconduct



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STAND UP & BE COUNTED. STAY CONNECTED.

You're joining the ranks of thousands of others who have completed degree and certificate programs at MCC. Since 1915, we've been educating Kansas City's workforce. Now, you join them as another proud alumnus of Kansas City's premier educational institution.

We're excited to see where your MCC degree or certificate takes you, and we hope that you'll keep in touch with us.

Visit mccckc.edu/alumni and complete your alumni registration. Once you're registered, you will receive invitations to programs, services and events, and we will send you a special gift!

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