

# Commencement Information and Instructions

## Diploma and Degree Graduates

**Commencement Ceremony:** You are invited and encouraged to participate in Commencement Exercises, which are held in honor of all 2020 and 2021 graduates of GTCC. Each ceremony will last approximately one hour.

### COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Greensboro Coliseum

#### Commencement for:

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

Human Services and Public Safety

Health Sciences

Aviation

Commencement Line-Up 10:00 a.m.

Commencement 11:00 a.m.

#### Commencement for:

Humanities and Social Sciences

Industrial, Construction, and Transportation Systems Technologies

Business, Creative, and Performing Arts

Commencement Line-Up 2:00 p.m.

Commencement 3:00 p.m.

**Register:** To assist in planning for appropriate social distancing measures, graduates who wish to participate in the in-person celebration must submit an online [Registration form](#) to confirm your attendance at the ceremony by Friday, **April 16, 2021**.

**Event Tickets:** Tickets will be distributed through the Greensboro Coliseum; additional information will be sent closer to the event. Spring 2021 Commencement is a ticketed event with participant allowed to reserve up to four tickets by completing the online [Registration form](#) by Friday, **April 16, 2021**. Guests must present a ticket to be admitted.

**Ordering Regalia:** Caps and gowns can be ordered [online](#) before **April 1, 2021** or are available at the GTCC Bookstore on the Jamestown Campus. Regalia may be picked up during normal bookstore business hours from **April 21, 2021 through May 12, 2021**. All caps and gowns **must** be picked-up by Wednesday, **May 12, 2021** and **will not** be available at the Coliseum prior to the Ceremony.

**Wearing Caps:** Graduates will wear their caps in the academic procession and throughout the ceremony.

**Wearing Tassels:** Graduates are to wear the tassels on the right front side before degrees are conferred. Graduates will reposition them to the left side in unison on cue from Dr. Clarke after degrees are conferred.

**Honors Tassels:** Diploma and degree graduates who have achieved a 3.5 GPA or higher program average will wear a gold tassel to designate their academic achievement. A department representative from your program will have a definitive list of graduates who are eligible for a gold tassel during your scheduled line-up time. They will distribute the gold tassels in exchange for the green ones.

**What to Wear:** Women should wear a simple white or dark dress or dress slacks (no jeans, please) and dark or black shoes with low or medium heels. Avoid wearing bright colored clothing, shoes, earrings or other costume jewelry. Men should wear dark pants (no jeans, please) and dark shoes. If your gown is wrinkled, either hang it in a place where steam is generated (e.g., a shower stall) or press it with an iron on a lukewarm setting.

**Graduation Line-Up:** All graduates will report for line-up with full graduation attire one hour prior to their Commencement times (**10:00 a.m. for STEM, Human Services and Public Safety, Health Sciences and Aviation and 2:00 p.m. for Humanities and Social Sciences, ICT, and Business, Creative, and Performing Arts**).

The line-up is to be completed at least 30 minutes before the Ceremony begins (**10:30 a.m. for STEM, Human Services and Public Safety, Health Sciences, and Aviation and 2:30 p.m. for Humanities and Social Science, ICT, and Business, Creative, and Performing Arts**).

The formal processional will begin promptly at the published time for the Commencement Ceremonies. Graduates are required to remain in their designated places throughout the entire ceremony. If you are obtaining dual degrees, you may walk across the stage only once; please line up with the department with which you choose to walk.

**Diplomas:** Graduates will receive a blank diploma cover when they cross the stage. Diplomas will be mailed to the graduate's home address approximately two weeks after the Commencement Ceremony by Parchment Credentials. Please verify your address information in WebAdvisor and submit any corrections using an online [Change of Address/Telephone](#) form to [records@gtcc.edu](mailto:records@gtcc.edu) by **May 10, 2021** to ensure delivery. More information concerning diploma mailing will be sent after the Ceremony.

**Photos:** GradImages is the official GTCC graduation photographer. GradImages will take photographs of each graduate during the ceremony. Proofs of the photos will be sent to your home address with several options for you to purchase.

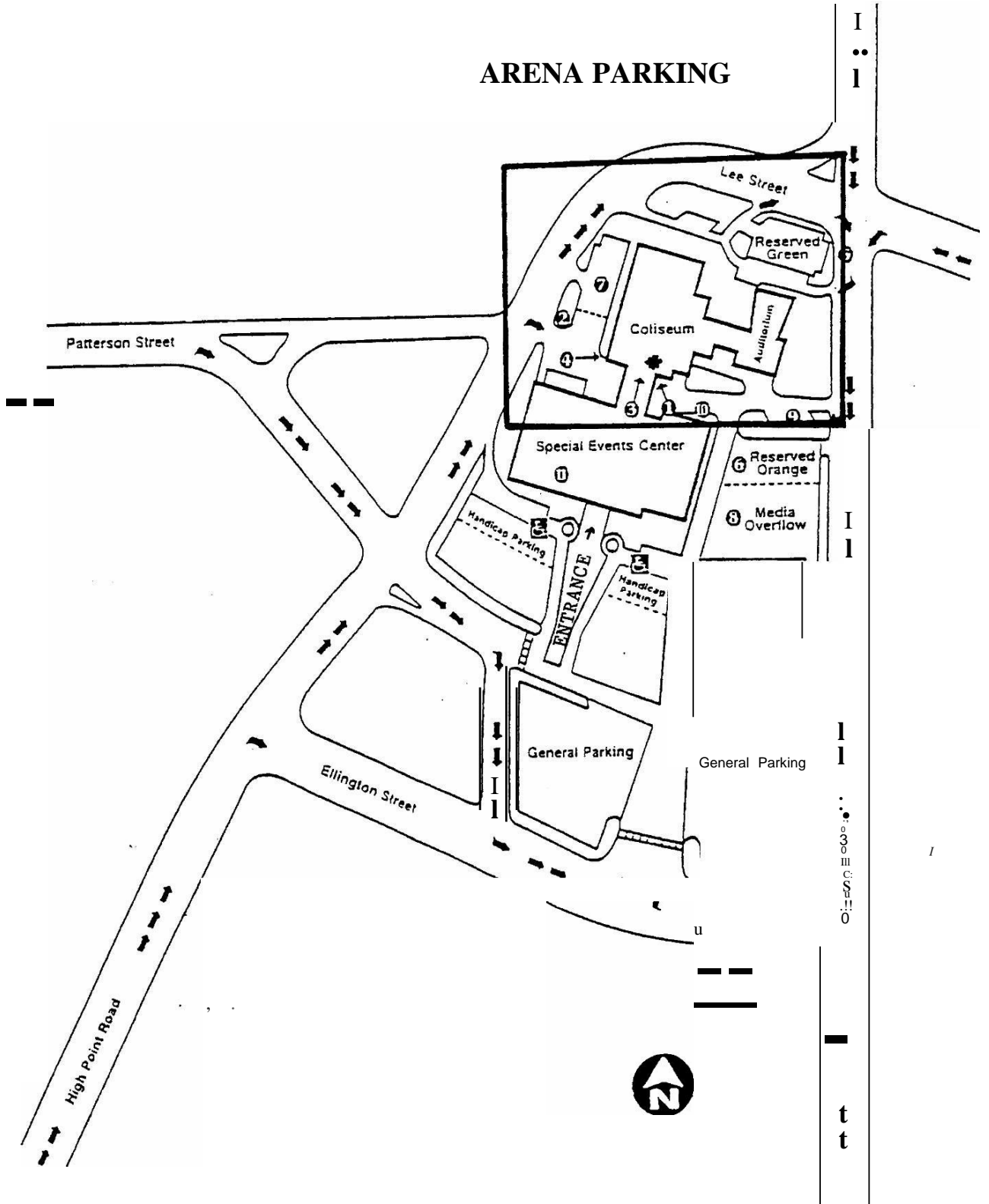
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**Parking:** Parking is free for you and your guests. A parking pass is not required but please have your guests tell the parking staff that they are attending the GTCC graduation. Advise your guests to arrive early enough to take advantage of the free coliseum parking.

**Guests:** Graduates will be allowed to invite up to four guests to the Commencement Ceremony. The Ceremony is expected to last approximately one hour. If you or any of your guests have a disability and need accommodations, please notify Kent Cowan at 336/334-4822 Ext. 50113 as soon as possible. The coliseum doors will open for guests approximately one hour before each ceremony.

**Balloons:** The Coliseum does not allow balloons in the arena. Please inform your guests that they will not be allowed to bring balloons into the coliseum.

# ARENA PARKING



# GTCC Annual Graduation Greensboro Coliseum Floor Map

