

January 8, 2025

# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

## Congratulations Spring 2025 Wiregrass Georgia Technical College Graduates and Graduate Candidates!

## Following are the details of the Spring 2025 Commencement Ceremony:

- Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025
- Time: 10:00 AM (GED and All Programs)
- Place: UGA Conference Center, John Hunt Auditorium, 15 RDC Road, Tifton, GA 31793
- Graduate Arrival: Graduates are to arrive no later than 9:00 AM. Students will not be allowed to join the ceremony late or leave after it has begun. Doors will open at 8:15 a.m. Students will line up according to their name cards, which can be obtained at the check in table. Leave personal items in the vehicle, as there is no place to store them during the ceremony.

\*\*No family or guests are allowed in this area before graduation, or in the hallways near the auditorium.

#### Please Note: Participation in the ceremony does not confirm final graduation eligibility.

#### GRADUATE CORDS- Non-approved cords, stoles or other items may not be worn with gown.

- Honor graduate\*, NTHS, GOAL, SGA, SkillsUSA, WGCF, SVA, Dual Enrollment, Veterans, DLRA and WHITS cords, degree stoles and cap tassels may be disseminated before or at the ceremony. Lost items will not be replaced.
- <u>Honor Graduate Cords (Gold)\*</u> Graduate candidates with a graduation GPA (GGPA) of 3.5 or higher will be recognized for honors. Graduation GPA is calculated using all final grades that apply directly toward program graduation; this is not the overall cumulative GPA and does not include grades which are not final at the time of the commencement ceremony.

#### CAP AND GOWN

Jostens will be available for cap, gown, and tassels purchase the morning of the commencement ceremony. Those wanting to order regalia earlier, can do so online: https://gagrad.com/ and notifications will be sent when they're available for pick up in your campus bookstore. WGTC cords and stoles will be given out by club advisors during their chosen time. Some may be available for pick up during posted dates, times, and campuses during Grad Days. Students that are unable to pick up their items before commencement must wait until the Commencement Ceremony to receive them. Please continue to monitor your student email for upcoming dates.

#### **GRADUATION FEE**

A **\$40.00** non-refundable Graduation Fee will be applied once per individual program and will cover the cost of Parchment Graduation Services. The Graduation fee can be paid at your campus bookstore or online through your Banweb account.

#### PARKING/SEATING/TICKETS

- Parking is available on all sides of the conference center. Seating for guests will begin at half an hour before the ceremony. Guest tickets are not required for entry, but graduates are asked to only invite up to six guests. Some sections will be blocked: two sections for graduates and seating in the front for Handicap and Faculty.
- If you require special assistance or handicap services for yourself or guests, contact Katrina Royal, Disability Services at 229-333-2100- ext. 1236, or katrina.royal@wiregrass.edu, no later than one week prior to graduation.

#### PHOTOGRAPHY

BPI Photography will be taking photos. Payment is due at the time pictures are made. A link for ceremony photos will be shared.

#### DRESS CODE

Gowns, cords or stoles cannot be altered and must be approved WGTC attire. Please wear dark shoes. Tennis shoes, flip-flops and jeans are not allowed. Caps may be decorated and must be worn flat on the head. Decorations may not hang off the cap, be underneath the cap, or higher than 2 inches on top. College administration reserves the right to disallow any cap or stole not deemed presentable. Chewing gum is not allowed.

# QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, contact (229) 259-5536 or graduation@wiregrass.edu. We look forward to this celebration of your achievement!

Sincerely,

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President



# PHOTOGRAPHER INFORMATION

