

Coon Rapids Commencement Ceremony

Date: **Friday, May 13th, 2022**

Time: **7:00 PM**

Location: **Coon Rapids Health & Wellness Performance Gymnasium (G100)**
Anoka-Ramsey Community College
11200 Mississippi Blvd NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Timeline

- 5:30 PM Graduates need to be at the college in the field house (G118), check in, and receive NAME CARD at the check-in table. Name cards are used to confirm graduate attendance and are used to announce the graduate name during the ceremony. Graduates are required to wear graduation regalia. **Note:** there will be no check-in area for personal belongings. Please make sure you leave your personal items with your guests.
- 5:30 PM Doors to the Performance Gymnasium (G100) will open for guest seating. **Special Seating Accommodations:** Graduates are responsible to note any special accommodations on the RSVP or request accommodation prior to ceremony. **ONLY** pre-requested special accommodation seating will have reserved seating.
- 6:30 PM Graduates line up in the Field House (G118).
- 7:00 PM Processional March.
- 8:30 PM Graduation will conclude.
- 8:30 PM Graduate and guest reception (cookies and water) will be available at the base of the Grand Staircase.

Commencement Ceremony Instructions

- Processional March: Enter into the ceremony space – led by faculty members
Welcome, Introductions & Speeches
- The Conferring of Degrees
- Graduates will be invited to come forward to receive diploma covers.
- Graduates are to rise together by row, at the direction of the Student Leaders, and approach the RIGHT SIDE of the stage. There is a ramp available adjacent to the stage.
- Hand your name card to announcer.
- Begin your walk across the stage as your name is announced.
- Receive your diploma with your left hand. **There will be no shaking hands during this time.** Please keep your hands to your side.
- As you return to your seat, use your right hand to move the tassel from the right to the left.
- Return to your chair and REMAIN STANDING until everyone in the row is back; sit down together.

- Concluding remarks
- Recessional
- President Hanson and dignitaries will lead the recessional. Please wait for them to exit. Faculty will be next and then Graduates will stand and be released one row at a time, at the direction of the Student Leaders.
- To help the flow of traffic, exit and continue down the long hallway to the Grand Staircase where the reception will be held. Do not stop in the hallway outside of the Gym.
- Dismissal of family members will begin once the graduates have left the Performance Gym. They may join you at the Grand Staircase.

Masks/COVID

Masks are not required for the Commencement Ceremony but encouraged if you choose. All attendees are required to follow relevant college COVID-19 mandates including staying home if you feel sick.

Current guidelines can be found at <https://www.anokaramsey.edu/coronavirus>

Regalia Pick-Up

Please note your gown may need to be hung up to remove wrinkles. The Rapids campus store will have extended hours on Friday, May 13th, from 8:00AM – 7PM. To ensure you receive regalia in your size please purchase regalia ASAP. If you are unable to get to campus to pick up your regalia, please contact the Campus Store at campusstore@anokaramsey.edu for assistance.

Number of Guest and Seating

Due to capacity of ceremony space, graduates are allowed to have up to four guests attend the commencement ceremony. There will be no tickets to the event. Seats are first come first choice of seating; graduates are unable to save seats. Accommodation seating will be reserved. There will be an overflow area (B203) and a family friendly room (L132) available for extra guests to view the livestreaming of the event.

Live Streaming

For those guests unable to attend the commencement ceremony there will be live streaming available with live captioning. Please view either link for the live streaming: [Coon Rapids Commencement Live Streaming1](#) or [Coon Rapids Live Streaming2](#).

Guest attending in-person and need live transcription please view here: [Coon Rapids Live Transcription](#)

Parking

Parking is available in parking lot 1. Door 8 will be the closest to G100 and is handicap accessible.

The Coon Rapids Campus map can be found here: [Coon Rapids Campus Map](#)

Diplomas

Diplomas are ordered for all graduates at the end of the term and after all applicants have been evaluated. Diplomas are mail to the permanent address on file in eServices. Please verify this address is correct.

Questions:

Do not hesitate to ask! Please contact us by emailing graduationcr@anokaramsey.edu

Please continue to watch the [Commencement Website](#) for updated information.

Enjoy your Commencement! This is your special day! Congratulations!

Sincerely,
Coon Rapids Graduation Committee