

We are happy you are participating in the Anoka-Ramsey Community College Spring 2024 Commencement! We look forward to helping you celebrate all your hard work and accomplishments!

Please review the Commencement information agenda below.

Cambridge Campus Commencement

Friday, May 10, 2024

4:30 PM

Cambridge-Isanti High School (CIHS)

Performing Arts Center (PAC)

403 8th Ave NW

Cambridge, MN 55008

Timeline

- 3:30 PM Graduate students arrive at CIHS. An ARCC staff member will greet students outside. Graduates should then **check in** at the ticket booth near the PAC to receive their NAME CARD. Name cards are used to confirm attendance and to announce the graduate during the ceremony. Graduates must wear graduation regalia.
***ARCC graduates are not permitted to enter the CIHS until 3:30 PM.**
- 3:45 PM The CIHS PAC will open for guest seating at **3:45 PM**.
Special Seating Accommodations: Graduates had the opportunity to request special accommodations on the RSVP form for the ceremony in advance. **ONLY** pre-requested/approved special accommodations will have reserved seating.
- 4:00 PM Graduates are to meet in the CIHS Cafeteria and begin to line up in numerical order according to the number printed on their name card. The graduate will hand their card to the announcer as they walk across the stage.
- 4:30 PM Processional March.
- 5:30 PM Graduation will conclude at approximately **5:30 PM**. Graduate and Guest reception will be available in the CIHS Cafeteria following the ceremony.

The Commencement Ceremony Instructions

- Processional March: Enter the ceremony space – led by faculty and administration. Graduates will walk from the cafeteria to the PAC to line up and enter the PAC.
- Welcome, Introductions & Speeches.
- Presentation of the Class of 2024 & Announcing Graduates.
- Conferring of Degrees.
- Graduates will be invited to come forward to receive diploma covers (*diplomas mailed later*).

- Graduates are to rise together by row at the direction of the Student Ushers when given the signal and approach the RIGHT SIDE of the stage.
- Hand your name card to the announcer.
- Begin your walk across the stage as your name is announced.
- Receive your diploma cover with your left hand; shake the President's hand with your right. If you wish to not shake hands, please keep your hands to your sides.
- Return to your chair and REMAIN STANDING until everyone in the row is back; your row will all sit down together.
- Concluding remarks.
- When all rows have received their diplomas, the president will tell all graduates to stand and **use your right hand to move the tassel from the right side of your cap to the left side of your cap**. He will then congratulate the class of 2024.
- After all diplomas have been presented, the president, dignitaries, and faculty will lead the recessional. Graduates will all stand, and the Student Ushers will release one row at a time.
- To help traffic flow, graduates will exit the PAC and continue to the right and go straight to the cafeteria. Please do not stop nor gather in the hallway.
- Dismissal of family members or guests will begin once the graduates have exited the PAC. Guests may meet up with graduates in the cafeteria for the reception and fellowship.

Regalia Information

Please note your gown may need to be hung up to remove wrinkles. To ensure you receive regalia in your size, please purchase regalia ASAP. If you are unable to get to the campus to pick up your regalia, please contact the Campus Store at CampusStore@AnokaRamsey.edu for arrangements. The Cambridge Campus Store will be open **8:00AM - 4:30 PM on Friday, May 10**.

Number of Guest and Seating

Graduates are allowed to have up to four guests attend Commencement. There will be no tickets to the event. Seating is first come first served. Only previously requested special accommodations will have reserved seating.

There will be an overflow area, CIHS Cafeteria, available for extra guests or a family friendly space to view the livestreaming of the event.

Live Streaming

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

Guest attending in-person and need live transcription, please view here: [ARCC Cambridge Campus Live Transcription](#).

Parking

The CIHS has a parking lot with **availability beginning after 3:30pm**.

Diplomas

Official diplomas will be ordered and mailed once applications have been evaluated. Please verify and update your mailing address and contact information in your ARCC eServices account.

Please continue to check the [Commencement](#) website for additional information.

If you have any questions, please contact us at graduationcc@anokaramsey.edu.

Congratulations on your accomplishment!

Sincerely,
Cambridge Campus Graduation Committee

