

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.

Coon Rapids Campus Commencement

Friday, May 10, 2024

7 PM

**Anoka-Ramsey Community College
Health & Wellness Center Performance Gym – G100
11200 Mississippi Blvd NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55433**

Timeline

5:30 – 6:15 PM	Graduate check-in in the Field House (G118). Check in and receive name card.
5:30 PM	Doors to the Performance Gymnasium (G100) will open for guest seating.
6:30 PM	Graduates line up in the Field House (G118).
7:00 PM	Commencement begins with the processional march.
8:15 PM	Commencement concludes.
8:15 PM	Graduate and guest reception in the Field House (G118). Refreshments provided.

Commencement Instructions

- Graduates are required to wear graduation regalia
- Commencement begins with the processional march led by faculty members. Graduates walk from the Field House to the Performance Gym and will be seated.
- The conferring of degrees will begin after the welcome, introductions, and speeches.
- Graduates will be invited to come forward to receive diploma covers (*diplomas mailed later*).
- At the direction of a faculty member, graduates are to rise together by row and approach the right side of the stage. A ramp is available adjacent to the stage.
- As you approach the announcer, hand your name card to them.
- As your name is announced, begin your walk across the stage.

- Receive your diploma with your left hand; shake the President's hand with your right hand. If you wish to not shake hands, please keep your hands at your side. **Please do not move your tassel at this point.**
- Return to your chair and remain standing until everyone in the row is back; sit down together.
- 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 a faculty member will release one row at a time.
- Return to the Fieldhouse for the graduate and guest reception. Please do not wait for family members 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 Field House afterwards.

Regalia

Due to packaging, your gown may be wrinkled. You may place it on a hanger to help remove the wrinkles. To ensure you receive regalia in your size please purchase regalia as soon as possible. If you are unable to come to campus to pick it up, please contact the Campus Store at campusstore@anokaramsey.edu for assistance. The Coon Rapids Campus Store will have extended hours, **8:00 AM – 7:00 PM on Friday, May 10.**

Number of Guests 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 overflow areas (Legacy Room – SC270) 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, live streaming will be 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: [ARCC Coon Rapids Campus Live Transcription](#).

Parking

Parking is available in parking lot 1. Door 8 is the closest to the Performance Gym – G100 and is handicap accessible.

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

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.

Check the [Commencement](#) website for additional information.

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

Congratulations on your accomplishment!

Sincerely,

Coon Rapids Campus Graduation Committee

