

Anoka-Ramsey Community College Spring 2026 Commencement Coon Rapids Campus

Coon Rapids Campus Commencement

Friday, May 15th, 2026

7:00 PM

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

We are happy you are participating in the Anoka-Ramsey Community College Spring 2026 Commencement! We look forward to helping you celebrate all your hard work and accomplishments!

Ceremony Timeline

Time	Activity
6:00 PM	Graduate check-in and receive name card in the Field House (G118)
6:00 PM	Doors open for guest seating in the Performance Gym (G100)
6:30 PM	Graduates line up in alphabetical/numerical order according to the number written on your name card in the Field House (G118)
7:00 PM	Processional/Ceremony begins in the Performance Gym (G100)
8:15 PM	Ceremony concludes
8:15 PM	Graduates and guests are welcome to gather and celebrate in the Field House following the ceremony. Please do not congregate in the hallway or directly outside the Performance Gym.

Ceremony Instructions for Graduates

We encourage you to leave personal belongings at home or with your guests as there will be no secure location for you to store them during the ceremony.

1. Check-in at the ARCC Fieldhouse at 6:00 PM. You will receive a name card (don't lose this) and PTK/Veteran/TRIO cords if applicable.
2. Graduates are required to wear graduation regalia.
3. The ceremony begins with the processional march led by faculty members. Graduates walk from the Field House to the Performance Gym and will be seated.
4. The conferring of degrees will begin after the welcome, introductions, and speeches.
5. Graduates will be invited to come forward to receive diploma covers (*diplomas mailed later*).
6. 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.
7. As you approach the announcer, hand your name card to them.
8. As your name is announced, begin your walk across the stage.
9. Receive your diploma with your left hand; shake the President's hand with your right hand. If you wish not to shake hands, please keep your hands at your side. **Please do not move your tassel at this point.**
10. Return to your chair and remain standing until everyone in the row is back; sit down together.
11. 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 2026.
12. 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. Graduates will head back to the Field House.
13. Guests will be dismissed once graduates have exited the Performance Gym and should meet graduates in the Field House to celebrate. **Please do not congregate in the hallway or directly outside the Performance Gym.**

Regalia Information

- Gowns may be wrinkled—hang them up to reduce wrinkles.
- Purchase early to ensure proper sizing.
- Need assistance? Email: campusstore@anokaramsey.edu
- **Coon Rapids Campus Stores will have extended hours on May 15th: 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM**

Guest Info & Seating

- Each graduate may invite up to **4 guests**.
- **No tickets required** – Seating is first come, first served.

- Reserved seating is only available for those who requested accommodations in advance. If your guests have accommodations, please have them check in with an ARCC staff member who is handing out programs to find their reserved seats.
 - **Noisemakers, balloons, or any items that could block or interfere with the sound are prohibited as they can disrupt the live streaming of the ceremony and view of other guests.**
 - **Overflow viewing areas with live streaming**
 - Performing Arts Center (PAC)
 - Family-friendly room (L132)
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Live Streaming & Accessibility

- **Live streaming will be available at either of the following links:**
 - [Coon Rapids Commencement Live Streaming 1](#)
 - [Coon Rapids Commencement Live Streaming 2](#)
 - **Live Transcription (in-person guests):**
 - Live transcription will be available on the day of commencement. The link will be posted on the [Commencement Website](#) closer to the ceremony date.
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Directions and Parking

- Maps and driving directions are available on the Anoka-Ramsey Community College website: <https://www.anokaramsey.edu/about-us/maps-hours/>.
 - Free Parking is available in lot 1, 2 and 3
 - Use **Door 8** for easiest access to the Performance Gym (handicap accessible)
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Diplomas

- Participation in the Commencement ceremony does not confirm degree completion; all program requirements must still be met to graduate officially.
- Diplomas will be mailed after degrees are conferred. Make sure your **mailing address is up to date** in your ARCC eServices account.

More Info

Visit the [Commencement Website](#) for additional details.

Congratulations, Graduates!

We're proud to celebrate your achievements!

— Coon Rapids Campus Graduation Committee