Commencement 2013

Thursday, May 2, 2013
7:00 PM, L.C. Walker Arena
955 Fourth Street, Muskegon, MI

Rehearsal

Graduates are to report to the L.C. Walker Arena using the back entrance #1 off Fourth Street and Shoreline Drive on Thursday, May 2 by 10:00 am. Honor cords will be distributed and important information will be reviewed. Rehearsal will last approximately 2 ½ hours.

Commencement Graduates Assemble

Graduates are to report to the Annex by 5:30 p.m. Please use the back entrance #1 off of Fourth Street and Shoreline Drive. Bring only your cap, gown and tassel- leave all personal belongings (coat, purse, cameras, etc.) with your guests. Upon check-in, you will be requested to line up in alphabetical order and you will be given a card indicating your name and honors status if applicable. Commencement 2013 begins at 7:00 P.M. and will last approximately 2 hours.

Parking

Graduates please use Lot 1 and Lot 2 on Shoreline Drive – see Diagram.

Mark Your Calendar!

Rehearsal is required!
Thursday, May 2, 10:00 a.m. at the L.C. Walker Arena
(If you are unable to attend, please call 231-777-0204 no later than April 22.)

Visit www.muskegoncc.edu/commencement for more information.
Announcements: Guest Announcements to the commencement exercise are available for purchase at the Commencement Fair on Monday, March 11, 2013.

Attire: You must have a cap and gown to participate in Commencement. Gentlemen should wear dark pants, a light colored dress shirt, and dark socks and shoes. Ladies should wear a dress or skirt shorter than the gown and dark shoes. You will be walking up and down stairs, so choose your shoes accordingly. Please no jeans, athletic shoes, or sandals.

Ceremonial Etiquette: The College wants to ensure that Commencement is a dignified academic ceremony, enjoyed by both graduates and guests. Please refrain from yelling, shouting, or whistling until all graduates have been individually acknowledged on stage. Cell phones MUST be turned off during the ceremony.

Commencement Programs: Programs will be distributed at the Ceremony. The program will list your name under each of the degrees and/or certificates you are receiving or are a candidate to receive. Honors status is as of the date the programs were printed.

Diplomas: Diploma covers will be handed out during the commencement ceremony (included with purchase of cap & gown). The Office of the Registrar will mail all diplomas approximately 6 weeks after the semester.

Guests: Ushers will begin seating guests at 6:00 p.m. Seating is on an open seating basis. Please ask your guests to honor reserved seating.

Honor Cords: Honors status during the ceremony is based upon your overall grade point average at the time that the card bearing your name is printed. Students with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher at that time will be given honor cords at rehearsal.

Phi Theta Kappa: Phi Theta Kappa Stole will be available for purchase at the Commencement Fair. Members of Phi Theta Kappa should contact Kelley Conrad at 231.777.0362 or e-mail kelley.conrad@muskegoncc.edu for additional questions.

Photographer: Call Photography will be taking individual photographs during rehearsal and the ceremony. There is no obligation to purchase the photographs.

Photos: All seating at the L.C. Walker Arena allows for a view of the stage. As a courtesy to the other guests and as a safety precaution, we request that guest do not leave their seats to take pictures of the graduates during the ceremony.

Reception: Graduates and guests are invited to enjoy a reception of light desserts and refreshments on the arena floor immediately following the ceremony.

Sign Language: A sign language interpreter will be on stage.

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Tassels
During the ceremony students should wear the tassel over right eye, and when instructed by President Nesbary will place tassel over left eye.

Tickets
Each Commencement participant will receive 10 guest’s tickets for the Ceremony to be picked up at the Commencement Fair with proof of cap and gown purchase and photo id. All graduates will be admitted to the Commencement Ceremony providing they are wearing their cap and gown. No ticket is required for graduates walking in the ceremony.

Ticket allocation is based upon the actual number of students participating in the ceremony and the capacity of the venue. Your graduation from MCC is a major milestone in your life, and we wish we could issue an unlimited amount of tickets for your loved ones. However, we must accommodate guests for all graduates.

Tickets are required for all children. Guests are discouraged from bringing young children into the L.C. Walker Arena due to the length (2 hours) and the nature of the Commencement Ceremony.

Extra Tickets
Additional tickets may be requested during the Extra Ticket Request Period March 25 – April 8. Graduates interested in receiving extra tickets must submit the on-line Commencement 2013 Extra Ticket Request Form by April 8. If additional tickets are available, you will receive a confirmation email from the Office of the Registrar by April 11 with the date and location for pick up.

Leftover Ticket
Any students who have more tickets than guest attending, please turn the leftovers into the Office of the Registrar. Office Locations: Room 100H, Room 100J or Room 100M

Wheelchair Accessible
Wheelchair seating is limited and available in the following sections: 109 and 112.