

COMMENCEMENT

2024

Grad *Guide*

Your guidebook for all things Commencement





CONGRATULATIONS!

CONNECTICUT STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
INAUGURAL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024
AT 10:00AM

HARTFORD HEALTHCARE AMPHITHEATER
500 BROAD ST, BRIDGEPORT, CT 06604

Congratulations on reaching this very significant milestone in your life. We look forward to a joyful and dignified ceremony that will honor your personal achievement.

Graduation Application Information How to Apply for Graduation

All students who are ready to graduate must apply for graduation. Please log in to **MyCTState** and go to student self-service, then apply for graduation. Application deadline for May 2024 conferrals is April 15, 2024.

Caps and Gowns

Students who will be graduating can pre-order caps and gowns online through CT State Housatonic's Follett Bookstore.

Pre-order link for caps and gowns:
jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1024436/Housatonic-Community-College/

There is no charge for caps & gowns. The last day for online pre-orders of Cap and Gowns is April 1, 2024.

If you did not pre-order a cap and gown, you can still get one at the bookstore.

Pick up will be beginning May 9th at the GRADfest in LH L109 from 10:00am – 1:00pm and at the bookstore through May 22nd during bookstore hours. A valid photo ID must be shown at pickup.

GRADfest 2024 Celebration

Join us for GRADfest 2024 Celebration on Thursday, May 9, 2024, from 10:00am to 1:00pm in LH L109. You will find everything you need to participate in Commencement and make your graduation a truly momentous occasion. You will be able to pick up your cap and gown, decorate your cap, take a pre-grad photo, join the Alumni Association, enjoy the festivities, connect with other graduates, and enjoy cupcakes to celebrate your achievement.

Look for details on the monitors, your college email, and updated Grad Guide. If you cannot attend GRADfest 2024, you can pick up your cap and gown from CT State, Housatonic's Follett Bookstore by May 22, 2024. A valid photo ID must be shown for pickup.

Special Accommodations

If you are a graduate with a disability who needs special accommodations, please contact Marilyn Wehr, Coordinator of Accessibility Services no later than May 10, 2024 at 203-332-5018 or email MWehr@housatonic.edu.

Please remember to include your contact information: name, Banner ID and phone number.

Commencement Site

CT State Housatonic's Inaugural Commencement Exercises will be held at the Hartford HealthCare Amphitheater on May 23, 2024, at 10:00am. Graduates: please plan on arriving between 8:30am and no later than 9:15am for instructions and line up.

Student Procession will begin promptly at 9:45am Commencement will begin at 10:00am

Check the Commencement webpage for important updates: Housatonic.edu/commencement.

Directions to Amphitheater

The Amphitheater is accessible from Interstate 95, Route 8, and the Merritt Parkway (Route 15). Due to the likelihood of rush hour traffic, please allow extra time to arrive at the Amphitheater. If you need detailed directions, please see the Amphitheater's website: hartfordhealthcareamp.com

Parking

Parking is available in the Amphitheater's parking lots across the street from the Amphitheater. Parking is also available in CT State Housatonic's parking garage. It is a short walk from the college to the Amphitheater.

Arrival & Procession

Graduates must arrive between 8:30am and 9:15am and proceed to the tunnel for lineup. The procession begins promptly at 9:45am. Please allow enough time to get through the security lines at the Amphitheater.

Guests of Graduates must arrive by 9:30am to be seated before the Procession of Students begin. Please allow enough time to get through the security lines at the Amphitheater.

Special Accommodations for Guests of Students

If you have a guest who requires accessible seating at the ceremony, your guest will be assisted upon arrival by the staff of the Amphitheater.

Honor Cords

Honor cords will be distributed at the Amphitheater prior to the ceremony to students who have a GPA of 3.4 or higher.

Commencement Ceremony

All students and guests who have chosen to be at and participate in the Commencement ceremony MUST stay for the entire ceremony. Guests can meet the graduates after the students process through the Faculty/Staff "Clap Line".

Professional Photography of your Special Day

A professional photographer will be available to take your photograph on the stage after receiving your diploma cover. Additional photographs will be taken when you exit the stage. An order form will be mailed to you from the Photography Company for you to order photographs from the Photography Company. Guests are not permitted in the aisles to take photographs during the Commencement ceremony. This activity is prohibited by the Fire Marshall and such activity can be distracting and may create safety concerns.

Diplomas

All graduates will be given a diploma cover on stage at the Commencement Ceremony.

Diploma Pick Up

The diplomas will be ready for pick up in August. An email will be sent to your college email regarding where, when and what time diplomas will be available for pick up. Please continue to check your college email for important updates.

Welcome to the CT State Community College Housatonic Alumni Association

We invite you to join the CT State Housatonic Alumni Association today! Open to all graduates of Housatonic at any time, our association offers you the opportunity to affirm your legacy by becoming a member.

We are committed to fostering connections and engagement among alumni, keeping you informed about all activities and developments at the college, and providing opportunities to build valuable networks. Together, we strive to maintain the vital presence of the campus and all graduates in the Greater Bridgeport area.

Stay Connected With Us:

Alumni Webpage

housatonic.edu/alumni/alumni-homepage

Alumni Webpage

housatonic.edu/alumni-join

Alumni Activities and Events

housatonic.edu/alumni/alumni-activities-and-events

Join us on our Facebook Alumni Group!

Facebook.com/groups/HCCBridgeportAlumni

Find and follow us on LinkedIn!

linkedin.com/school/ctstatehousatonic



Caps & Gowns Ordering

Order online by April 1, 2024

Or see the Bookstore for more information

Apply for Spring Graduation

Deadline: April 15, 2024

Go to MyCTState, Self-Service and Apply for academic excellence nominated by CT State Housatonic Professors.

Pick up

May 9 in LH L109

Or until May 22 at the Bookstore

GRADfestCelebration

Thursday, May 9, 2024

10:00am - 1:00pm

Lafayette Hall L109

Graduation Gala 2024

Dance the Night Away at the Graduation Gala 2024 hosted by CT State Housatonic and Gateway.

Date: Friday, May 10, 2024

Time: 5:00pm - 10:00pm

Place: Cielo Banquet Hall

Address: 85 Chase Lane
West Haven, CT 06516

Award Convocation

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

6:00pm in BH Event Center
(By Invite Only)

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Thursday, May 23, 2024

10:00am

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Bridgeport, CT 0660



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