



COMMENCEMENT

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Fall 2020 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Brooks Stadium | **Friday, Dec. 11, 1 p.m.**

The Fall 2020 commencement exercises will be held on **Friday, Dec. 11, at 1 p.m.**, inside Brooks Stadium. All five colleges will be honored at this time. In the event of inclement* weather, the ceremony will be rescheduled for Sunday, Dec. 13, at 1 p.m., inside Brooks Stadium. Face coverings will be required and must be worn at all times. The University will be enforcing the [Clear Bag policy](#) for this event.

The University will also be premiering a virtual commencement ceremony on **Friday, Dec. 18, at 6 p.m.** This ceremony will virtually recognize all the Fall 2020 graduates (honoring both the graduates who plan to attend the in-person ceremony and those who are unable to participate on Dec. 11). A link to the virtual ceremony will be emailed to the graduate's CCU email address the week of Dec. 14. All Fall 2020 graduates are asked to complete the [Graduate Virtual Submission form](#) to customize their graduate slide that will be shown during the virtual ceremony.

Please read all of the following important information to help prepare you for the in-person and virtual fall commencement ceremonies.

**In the case of light rain or other non-severe weather, the ceremony will continue in Brooks Stadium but may be shortened. In the rare instance where severe weather prohibits the continuation of the ceremony outdoors, the University will move the ceremony to Sunday, Dec. 13. This decision would be communicated via: University website, University email, University social media platforms, and local media outlets.*

PURCHASE REGALIA - AVAILABLE NOW!

[Order regalia](#) | **Deadline to order regalia is Friday, Nov. 20.**

Oak Hall is the official vendor for CCU regalia. Bachelor's and master's regalia are available to purchase online at ccu.shopoakhalli.com. **Bachelor's regalia is \$70.95** (plus tax) and **master's regalia is \$115.95** (plus tax); shipping and handling is included. Regalia must be ordered by Friday, Nov. 20. Graduates are required to wear full academic regalia (cap, gown, and tassel) for the in-person ceremony. Please note that the ceremony will take place on Benton Field inside Brooks Stadium. In order to protect the turf field and ensure the safety of graduates, **high/stiletto heels will not be allowed on the field.**

CLASS RINGS

[Order class rings](#)

Display your Chanticleer pride throughout your life by purchasing an official CCU class ring. Balfour is the official vendor for CCU class rings.

CEREMONY ON YOUTUBE LIVE

[YouTube Live](#)

The in-person commencement ceremony will be streamed using YouTube Live and will be viewable on the CCU commencement webpage. Full ceremony recordings and highlight videos from previous commencement ceremonies are posted on the [CCU Commencement YouTube channel](#).

CLAIM YOUR TICKETS

[Tickets available to claim](#) | **Tuesday, Nov. 17, 9 a.m.**

[Deadline to claim tickets](#) | **Sunday, Dec. 6, 4 p.m.**

Tickets are required for the ceremony inside Brooks Stadium. Guests will have assigned seats, which will be issued on a next best available seat basis when the graduate claims their tickets. Due to mandated guidelines, seating inside the stadium will consist of pods of four seats with each pod physically distanced 6-feet apart. Therefore, tickets are non-transferable and rush/additional tickets will not be available. Each graduate is eligible to claim four guest tickets beginning at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 17.

Graduates will also have assigned seats on the field. Therefore, graduates are required to claim a graduate ticket regardless if they plan to have guests attend the ceremony. Prior to Nov. 17, eligible graduates should receive an email to their CCU email from Coastal Arts (ccuarts@paciolanmail.com) with the subject: Fall 2020 Commencement Tickets. Each student who participates in the commencement ceremony is eligible to receive four guest tickets. Tickets are free of charge and can be claimed using your CINO ID number by visiting, coastal.edu/tickets and selecting "Commencement Tickets."

Please visit the CCU [commencement ticketing page](#) for detailed information on how to claim tickets. Contact the Wheelwright Box Office at 843-349-2787 or email boxoffice@coastal.edu for questions about tickets.

HONOR STOLES

coastal.edu/odk | **Deadline to order is Friday, Nov. 20.**

The white academic honor stole bears the University seal on one side and your Latin academic honors or program recognition in script on the other side. Both the seal and script are custom embroidered. To be eligible to order an academic honor stole, you must have earned a minimum 3.50 GPA, have completed at least 60 hours of college coursework at CCU, and be graduating with a bachelor's degree. Students who are members of the following programs may also be eligible to receive an honor stole: HTC Honors College, Jackson Scholars, Teaching Fellows, Wall Fellows, and Swain Scholars.

All students eligible to wear an academic honor stole at commencement should have received an email notifying them of eligibility along with instructions on how to purchase their stole. If you did not receive an email and believe that you might be eligible, please email graduation@coastal.edu.

Please note: Honors that are recognized at commencement ceremonies are based upon the student's cumulative grade point average available at the beginning of the semester of graduation. Actual graduation with honors is calculated after the final semester's grades have been received and certified, and will be indicated on the diploma and official transcript. For more information about graduating with honors, view the [2020-21 Undergraduate Catalog](#).

summa cum laude	magna cum laude	cum laude
GPA of 4.0	GPA of 3.75-3.999	GPA of 3.5-3.749

GRADUATE SUBMISSIONS FOR VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

[Graduate Virtual Submission Form](#) | **Deadline to submit is Sunday, Nov. 29, midnight.**

In addition to the in-person ceremony on Friday, Dec. 11, the University will also be premiering a virtual commencement ceremony on Friday, Dec. 18, at 6 p.m. This ceremony will virtually recognize all the Fall 2020 graduates (honoring both the graduates who plan to attend the in-person ceremony and those who are unable to participate on Dec. 11). A link to the virtual ceremony will be emailed to the graduate's CCU email the week of Dec. 14.

The graduate submission form for the virtual commencement ceremony is now open for submissions. Each Fall 2020 #CCUGrad will have an individual recognition slide dedicated to them that will be displayed during the virtual ceremony. In addition to the graduate's full name and honors/special recognition, all graduates have the option to submit a high-quality photo of themselves and a recording of their name being pronounced. **All forms must be submitted no later than midnight on Sunday, Nov. 29, and must abide by the guidelines listed on the form.**

COMMENCEMENT PHOTOS

gradimages.com

GradImages is the official commencement photographer for CCU. GradImages is pleased to provide this complimentary service for each graduate who crosses the stage during the commencement ceremony. After the ceremony, a link to commencement photograph proofs will be sent to the graduate's Coastal email address along with purchase information. [Click here](#) to receive a coupon for 20% off your entire order when you pre-register before Dec. 10.

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Graduation is the completion of all degree requirements as recorded on the official transcript. **Commencement** is the ceremony that celebrates the completion of a degree. Participation in the commencement ceremony does not imply that you have officially graduated.



Graduation applications for Fall 2020 were due April 10, 2020. More information regarding the graduation application can be found [here](#). If you have already completed your graduation application, you can check the status of your application by signing into WebAdvisor and clicking on "Status of Graduation Application" under the Academic Planning Section. The status of your application needs to state "Pending with the Office of the Registrar" by **Thursday, Nov. 12, at 5 p.m.** to have your name appear in the printed program. In order to have a graduate slide appear during the virtual ceremony, your application needs to state "Pending with the Office of the Registrar" by **Sunday, Dec. 13, at midnight.**



The Office of the Registrar will review graduation applications once final grading is complete. Diplomas will be mailed six to eight weeks after the date of the ceremony. Diplomas will be mailed to the diploma mailing address specified on your graduation application unless a change of address was submitted.



Fall 2020 graduates will receive a one-year membership to the CCU Alumni Association. To view all the included membership benefits, [click here](#). Your official CCU Alumni membership card will be mailed to the diploma mailing address that you supplied on your graduation application. Stay connected with the Alumni Association: alumni@coastal.edu or 843-349-ALUM.



Students requesting accessible seating or assisted hearing devices, etc., should email graduation@coastal.edu by **Nov. 20**. If you have guests who need special accommodations, please contact the **Office of Special Events** at **843-349-2811** or SpecialEvents@coastal.edu.

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Continuous, complimentary shuttle service from general parking areas to Brooks Stadium will be available. Guests are urged to use the shuttle service. All shuttles are wheelchair accessible and will begin **2 hours** prior to the start of the ceremony. Accessible golf cart shuttles will be available to aid guests who need assistance getting closer to their designated gate entry.



Gates open **90 minutes** prior to the ceremony. Graduates are to arrive dressed in regalia, **no later than 1 hour** prior to the start of their ceremony and enter at **Gate 1**. Valuables/purses **should not** be brought with you as there is no secure storage available. Guests are to enter at the gate listed on their tickets, which is dictated by their seating location.



Graduates must make prior arrangements to get tickets to guests. To ensure a quick and safe exit, graduates are urged to make arrangements before commencement to meet family and friends after the ceremony at a designated location outside of Brooks Stadium.



The wearing of masks will be required at all times on campus. Hand sanitizing stations will be available. Please note that the ceremony will take place on Benton Field inside Brooks stadium. In order to protect the turf field and ensure the safety of graduates, **high/stiletto heels will not be allowed on the field.**



The University will be enforcing a [Clear Bag policy](#) to provide a safer environment for the public. This policy limits the type of items that can be brought into Brooks Stadium. All bags will be subject to search. Please review the Clear Bag policy prior to attending the ceremony.



Graduates will have assigned seats on the field physically distanced 6-feet apart. Once the graduate has claimed their graduate ticket, they will receive an email on Dec. 8, with their seating assignment. It is recommended to print this email and bring it with you to Brooks Stadium to prepare for the ceremony.