SPRING 2024 GRADUATION INFORMATION

COMMENCEMENT DATE & LOCATION
Friday, May 10, 2024  |  3:00 PM
Iowa Lakes Community College Estherville Campus
Gymnasium - Entrance 2  |  300 S. 18th Street Estherville, Iowa 51334

GRADUATE CHECK-IN INFORMATION
Iowa Lakes Graduates will use Entrance 1, located on the west side of the Estherville Campus, and should park in the designated lots as indicated on the enclosed map.

• Graduates should arrive by 2:15 PM.
• Once you arrive, you will be directed to a designated room where you will find your cap and gown. Caps and gowns should be free of any markings, modifications, medals or other regalia unless provided by Iowa Lakes. You will also have a card with your name and program, that is used for roll call. (Please see roll call instruction on the following page)

  » Instructions for the ceremony will be on the back, including the procession across the stage and receiving your diploma cover.

  Designated Rooms for Academic Programs
  Room 16  Associate in Arts - Transfer Degrees
  Room 60  Business Specialist, Culinary Arts, Early Childhood Education - Diploma, Graphic Design Specialist, Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning Technology, Medical Office Technology, Nursing-ADN, Paralegal/Legal Studies, Powersports & Power Equipment Technology, Veterinary Technician, Welding, Wind Energy & Turbine Technology

• You will line up by 2:45 PM in alphabetical order and academic program in the designated rooms. Remain in the designated room until your room is called.
• Please note: Iowa Lakes will NOT provide security for your belongings while you are at the ceremony. Do not bring anything with you that cannot be kept on you.
• If you signed up for graduation and are unable to attend the commencement ceremony, please email Darci Curry at dcurry@iowalakes.edu by April 26.
NOTICE TO STUDENTS WITH A DIRECT LOAN
If you had a Direct Loan, you are required to complete an EXIT INTERVIEW before graduation.
Visit studentaid.gov, log in, select Manage Loans, and then Complete Exit Counseling. Iowa Lakes may hold diplomas until after you have completed this process.

GUESTS
Guests attending the ceremony must use Entrance 2 or Entrance 3, located on the Estherville Campus’ southwest side.

- Guests should use the parking lots as indicated on the enclosed map. Additional parking is available on the east side of the building - drive east along 3rd Avenue South, go past student housing, and turn south on Laker Drive.
- Guests will remain in their seats throughout the ceremony.
- Accessibility - Please contact Darci Curry, dcurry@iowalakes.edu, 712-852-5265, if you have a guest that will need accessibility accommodations.

DIPLOMA COVERS, MAILING DIPLOMAS & TRANSCRIPTS
You will receive your diploma cover during the ceremony as you walk across the stage. You will keep the cover provided to you after the ceremony.

- You will not receive your actual diploma during the ceremony. Diplomas will be mailed after degrees are posted, usually within eight weeks following the commencement ceremony.
- Degrees are generally posted within the month following graduation.
- Transcripts with posted degrees will be available once all degrees are cleared and posted.
- If you plan to have a transcript sent to another institution, please request them now. Request that your transcripts be held until after graduation and your degree is posted. You can request a transcript at iowalakes.edu/records.

ROLL CALL INSTRUCTIONS
The faculty members who announce your name want to pronounce it correctly. To help them, we have set up a phone number, in which you can call in and record your name. Please speak slowly and clearly. Please call 712-362-7999 by Friday, April 26th.