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INFORMATION ABOUT THE DRIVE-THROUGH CEREMONY FOR SPRING & SUMMER 2021 GRADUATES

Although this document is lengthy, please carefully read the following information. These directions will explain how the ceremony will take place to ensure you, as well as your fellow graduates, may be recognized in a way that is both safe and memorable. These procedures and policies were developed from guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in addition to other government and health authorities, to ensure your safety, and they remain subject to change based upon further guidelines issued by Governor Cooper or other government and health agencies.

Please note: The College is adhering to social distancing guidelines and other government and health authority recommendations, to include, but not limited to, strongly encouraging all employees and visitors to wear face covering. In addition, when participating in the ceremony, appropriate social distance from others is required.

- **Graduates, in order to participate in the drive-through ceremony, are required to pick-up their graduation regalia and register to participate in the ceremony no later than May 13, 2021.** Graduates will also receive information about when, as well as where, the ceremony will take place upon registering for the event. If you have any questions, please contact Student Services by calling (910) 938-6394.
- **Graduates are required to be wearing business casual attire.** No shorts, flip-flops, jeans, etcetera.
- **Graduates are required to be wearing their graduation regalia prior to arriving for the ceremony.** Graduates will not be able to proceed to the designated ceremony area if they are not dressed in their regalia. No alterations should be made to the regalia with the exception of approved adornments for those who are members of the College's PTK Chapter.
- **Graduates will be able to enter the campus via Country Club Road only.** College staff and/or law enforcement will provide further guidance upon entering the campus.
- **Graduates are permitted one standard vehicle on the day of graduation** (A standard vehicle for this purpose is defined as one that would normally be able to park in a standard College parking spot). Individuals may also not be seated outside the vehicle for any reason, to include truck beds.
- **The Graduation Ticket you received will be checked before your vehicle is allowed to proceed into the designated ceremony area,** so please place your Graduation Ticket

on your vehicle's dashboard to show College staff and/or law enforcement personnel. If you lose your Graduation Ticket, you will be required to obtain another prior to the start of the Graduation Ceremony in order to participate. Graduates will only be able to exit their vehicles when directed by College staff and/or law enforcement personnel.

- **Guests accompanying a graduate will not be permitted to exit a vehicle for photo opportunities and/or to socialize with others at any time.** Graduates who wish to take photographs in their graduation regalia with friends or family members are required to take these pictures before arriving or after leaving the College's campus. This is to ensure all government and health authority guidelines are maintained.
- Graduates will be asked to remove sunglasses prior to crossing the graduation stage and leave their cell phones in their vehicle.
- Graduates will have the opportunity to have their picture taken by a professional photographer and are strongly encouraged to bring their diploma cover if they would like to hold a diploma cover when photographed. And, if guests accompanying a graduate would like to take photos while remaining in their vehicle, it is suggested that individuals sit on the passenger's side.
- Graduates are required to maintain appropriate social distancing upon exiting their vehicle and being photographed with the College's President. Graduates may elect to briefly remove their face covering when taking their graduation photograph, since they will be adhering to social distancing guidelines established by government and health authorities.
- Graduates and their friends and family members are permitted to use available Porta-Potty facilities in the designated parking area of the graduation ceremony. Please maintain appropriate social distance when using these facilities.
- **Graduates and their guests must follow the directions of all College staff and/or law enforcement personnel while on-campus,** to include, but not limited to, traffic instructions. Individuals are also not permitted to bring age restricted items (e.g., alcohol, fireworks or sparklers, weapons or knives, air guns, or other items that are unreasonably loud, disturbing or unnecessary, etcetera), and individuals are also not authorized to access any campus buildings or grounds. Please further note that the College is a Tobacco Free Campus.
- Graduates and their guests will be asked to leave if they do not abide by administrative direction from College staff and/or law enforcement personnel or adhere to these policies to preserve the dignity of the ceremony.