



Dear Graduates and Candidates for Commencement:

Congratulations! You have worked hard and overcome obstacles to get to this milestone. The faculty and staff are all very proud of what you have already accomplished and excited at everything you will achieve in the days ahead.

The May 2025 Commencement ceremony is for students graduating in May 2025.

Please review the following information for Commencement:

Prior to Commencement

1. CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE:

- a. Graduates approved to walk in commencement must confirm their participation via RSVP to Ms. Pat Norman at pnorman@sunymaritime.edu no later than Friday, May 9, 2025.

2. GUEST TICKETS AND SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS:

- a. Each graduate will be allowed four tickets for Commencement. In your RSVP, please indicate the total number of tickets you would like to utilize (up to four).
- b. Additional tickets may become available based on initial ticket requests and capacity. If you would like to request more than our allocated four, please include the total number of tickets you are requesting in your RSPV to Ms. Pat Norman.
- c. If any of your guests need wheelchair access or handicapped parking, please include that in your response.
- d. Tickets can be picked up at the Student Affairs Office (Baylis Hall) from Graduates can pick up their tickets at the Student Affairs Office (Baylis Hall) from Wednesday, May 14th, 2025 through Friday, May 16th, 2025, between 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

3. TICKETS FOR CURRENT STUDENTS:

- a. Current students who would like to attend the Commencement ceremony may request tickets – based on availability – beginning Monday, May 19, 2025. Please send your request to Ms. Pat Norman at pnorman@sunymaritime.edu no later than May 14, 2025.

4. REGIMENTAL STUDENTS – UNIFORM PREPARATION:

- a. The Uniform of the Day for Cadets will be the Salt & Pepper Uniform with Combination Cover. Graduating NROTC Midshipmen, who are members of the Regiment of Cadets or Traditional Student cohorts, are authorized to wear their U.S. Navy NROTC Midshipmen dress uniform (pre-commissioning) to Commencement. Prior to the start of Commencement, all Regimental Cadets will be inspected for proper grooming and uniform standards. Students failing to meet grooming and/or uniform standards will not be permitted to participate in the Commencement ceremony.

5. TRADITIONAL STUDENT – CAP & GOWN:

- a. Traditional students are required to wear a cap and gown for Commencement. To place your order, please contact Paul Maggio at the Ship Store by email pmaggio@sunymaritime.edu.
- b. Please include your full name, height, and the major/degree you will be receiving.
- c. The deadline to order your cap and gown is Friday, May 16, 2025.

Day of Commencement

1. Check-In:

- a. At 09:15 AM, all graduates will need to check in at the Registrar's Table located in the Inner Gorge of Fort Schuyler.
- b. The Commencement will be livestreamed. (Details to follow).

On behalf of all faculty and staff, we extend to you our best wishes and congratulations. We have seen you grow and mature over the years into one of our nation's finest college graduates. You, and those close to you, should be proud of your accomplishments.

Very Respectfully,

Adam M. Grohman
Dean of Students
Maritime College