

COMMENCEMENT CHECKLIST Cumberland Campus

Scan to RSVP



✓ RSVP

You must RSVP online by **May 1, 2026** if you would like to participate in the Cumberland Campus Commencement on Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. To RSVP, please scan the QR code or [click here for the 2026 Commencement RSVP form](#).

✓ Order your Cap and Gown

The deadline for online ordering with free shipping to the bookstore is **April 3**. The deadline for ordering with a ship to home option (fee applies) is **April 17**. *Once you complete the RSVP process, you will receive a special link to order your regalia. If you do not complete the RSVP form/process you will not receive the link to order regalia.*

✓ Pay

All financial obligations must be satisfied before graduation. If you have not paid your \$65 graduation fee, please do so at the Business Office before **May 1st**. (**Note:** You will **not** be allowed to participate in Campus Commencement if the fee has not been paid.)

✓ Request Accommodations

Any student needing special accommodations for the Commencement ceremony should contact the Special Services office at dss@rcsj.edu or call 856-200-4753 **no later than Friday, May 8, 2026**. Disability accommodations will also be reviewed and confirmed at rehearsal on **May 13, 2026**.

✓ Pick Up your Cap and Gown if you selected “Ship to Store”

You may pick up your cap and gown in the College Store starting **May 4th** at 9 a.m. *Students **must** present their Photo ID for pickup.*



✓ Graduation Barbecue

Campus Life hosts the Graduation Barbecue on **Wednesday, May 13** in parking lot K at 12:30 p.m. – 1:55 p.m. This is a fun and exciting event to celebrate you and your fellow graduates. Please arrive on time and come hungry! You will get your SWAG, eat delicious food, jam to awesome music, and hang out with the Class of 2026.

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- ✓ **Commencement Rehearsal (mandatory)**
Immediately following the Graduation Barbecue, rehearsal begins at 2 p.m. sharp under the large Graduation tent in parking lot L. You must leave the barbecue at 1:40 p.m. and check in under the graduation tent by no later than 1:55 p.m. Please take a seat in the first four rows so you can hear what's going on and be active in rehearsal. *This is also where your name will be called, and the readers will be able to ask you any questions about how your name should be stated while you walk across the Commencement stage.*
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- ✓ **Attend the Cumberland Campus Commencement**
Please arrive promptly by 4:30 p.m. on **Thursday, May 14, 2026**. Commencement will begin at 6:00 p.m. sharp in parking lot L. Disabled parking is available as well as disabled seating – please see “request accommodations” section. Grad images, the professional photographers will be on site to capture your special moment on the Commencement stage. *Specialty cohorts will have cohort pictures per separate schedule, be on the lookout for that in late April 2026.*
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- ✓ **Check for Inclement Weather Plans**
Campus Commencement could be moved to a different time on **Thursday, May 14, 2026**; however, in the event of extreme inclement weather, the Campus Commencement will be scheduled for the rain date of **Saturday, May 16, 2026, time TBD**. Please check the college website for details and your college email where all “hot off the press” details will be sent.
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- ✓ **Receive your Diploma and Free Graduate Transcript**
Diplomas and one free graduate transcript will be mailed to your residence. For specific mailing dates, please refer to **[RCSJ.edu/Commencement/Diplomas](https://www.rcsj.edu/Commencement/Diplomas)**
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- ✓ **Share Your Story**
Tell your RCSJ story! Connect with our communications & marketing team to share your journey, inspire future students, and celebrate the achievements that helped you reach graduation. To submit, please scan the QR code or go here for the form. **[Cognitofrms.com/RCSJ/ShareYourStory](https://cognitofrms.com/RCSJ/ShareYourStory)**
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- ✓ **More Questions?**
Please email Shania Santiago at **graduation@cc.rcsj.edu** for additional questions regarding the Cumberland Campus Commencement.

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES ON YOUR GRADUATION!