

Waycross Campus Ceremony – 8:30am

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR
SOUTH GEORGIA STATE COLLEGE
WAYCROSS CAMPUS
GRADUATION CEREMONY
MAY 15, 2026, at 8:30am**

Associate of Arts Pathways (<i>All</i>)
Associate of Science Pathways (<i>Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Education (all options), Logistics</i>)
BS in Education/Special Education
BS in Management (<i>all options</i>)

Rehearsal

Graduation rehearsal will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 3:00pm in the Waycross Campus Gym. Special attire is not required for rehearsal. You should make every effort to attend because we will be discussing your role in the graduation ceremony.

Caps/Gowns

Cap and gown orders which were placed by the April 1st deadline will be available beginning April 22nd. Pick-up for Douglas Campus will be SGSC Bookstore (Engram Hall) and pick-up for Waycross Campus will be Enrollment Services Window (Dye Building). If you have not ordered a cap and gown, you may still do so at this link: <https://oakhallcg.com/pages/stgsc>. The deadline for ordering is April 21, 2026. Caps and gowns ordered between now and the April 21st deadline will be shipped to your home.

Graduation Ceremony

The ceremony will be held Friday, May 15, 2026, at 8:30am in the Gymnasium. **Guests will not need an announcement or ticket to attend. We will have plenty of seating for all. They do need to be seated by 8:25am. The ceremony begins promptly at 8:30am.**

If you or any guests need special parking accommodation for the graduation ceremony, please arrive early and go to the gated area. An officer will be posted in this area to assist.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- You should report to the Administration (A) Building Commons Area and check in with the Enrollment Management Staff to receive your name card, hear final instructions and assemble for the processional.
- You should arrive already dressed in your cap and gown. Don't forget your tassel.
- Please press your gown if needed.
- Please dress appropriately for the occasion. Be mindful of the fact that you will be ascending/descending several steps at the stage when considering what shoes to wear.
- You must be present in your cap and gown, with your name card in hand, for lineup by 8:00am to participate.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** You are strongly encouraged to leave your personal belongings in your car. There will not be a secure place to leave items in the Administration Building during the ceremony.

DURING THE CEREMONY (and to be practiced at the rehearsal):

- ❖ Faculty will lead the processional, and graduates will file in behind the faculty.
- ❖ The procession will proceed down the walkway toward the Gymnasium.
- ❖ The platform party and faculty will continue to the front of the Gymnasium.
- ❖ Graduates will fill the front center rows. At your seat you will find a program.
- ❖ Everyone will remain standing until they are directed to be seated.
- ❖ When instructed, you will take your name card (received at check-in) and advance to the stage.
- ❖ Hand your name card to Sara Selby, Vice President of Student and Academic Affairs.
- ❖ You will then advance across the stage – stopping when appropriate to shake hands with Dr. Tanner, Interim President, and receive your graduation scroll (which is yours to keep).
- ❖ When the recession starts, the members of the platform party will leave the stage and proceed through the gym to the outside walkway.
- ❖ Graduates will follow behind the faculty.

Diplomas

Diplomas will be mailed after the ceremony. Diploma covers can be purchased at the SGSC Bookstore.