



MISSISSIPPI DELTA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Academic and Career/Technical Graduating Students
FROM: Larry J. Nabors, Ph.D., President
DATE: April 22, 2019
SUBJECT: 2019 Graduation Ceremony

Congratulations on your achievement as a graduate of Mississippi Delta Community College!

The 2019 Graduation Ceremonies for MDCC will be held on Friday, May 10th at the J. T. Hall Coliseum at Moorhead, MS.

It is very important that all graduates attend the practice session on May 9th as indicated below. Caps and Gowns will be issued after practice. **Graduates must present their MDCC ID card in order to receive a cap and gown.**

J. T. Hall Coliseum

Graduation practice will be held at **1:30 p.m., Thursday, May 9th** in the Coliseum at Moorhead, MS.

Graduates should report to the Coliseum an hour before graduation on **Friday, May 10th**.

First Graduation will take place at **10:00 a.m., Friday, May 10th** for those students whose **last name begins with A-L** in the Coliseum.

Second Graduation will take place at **1:00 p.m., Friday, May 10th** for those students whose **last name begins with M-Z** in the Coliseum.

Important! Visit www.msdelta.edu/graduation for additional details which include official photography, livestreaming, and more! ***Submit the online form and we will provide your graduation photographs to you - for free!***

I have attached an information sheet for the graduation ceremony. Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Admissions at 662-246-6306.

I look forward to seeing you at graduation.

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GRADUATION CEREMONY INSTRUCTIONS
PRACTICE – THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2019, 1:30 p.m.
CEREMONIES - FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2019, 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

CAPS AND GOWNS

1. Caps & gowns will be issued to graduates immediately after rehearsal on Thursday, May 9th.
Graduates must present their MDCC ID card in order to receive a cap and gown.
2. Graduates should return the cap and gown to the same table from which it was issued immediately after the ceremony on Friday (May 10th) morning and afternoon.

CONDUCT DURING THE CEREMONY

Graduates should help keep the graduation ceremony a special event. Parents and friends are asked to refrain from shouting and/or clapping when a graduate receives the diploma.

EMERGENCY

In case of an emergency that prevents a graduate from attending the ceremony, the Office of Admissions should be contacted at 662-246-6308.

PROCEDURE FOR Friday, May 10th

1. Graduates should arrive at the Coliseum **NO LATER** than an hour before the ceremony to the designated place assigned during practice. The processional will start exactly at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. College staff will be present to offer assistance.
2. Graduates will march in single file in two columns and remain standing until after the invocation. Men will remove their caps for the invocation. After the invocation, everyone will be seated. Men will replace their caps.
3. A member of the MDCC Board will give the invocation.
4. A member of the Administrative Council will provide a welcome.
5. The President will speak.
6. Special music will be presented.
7. Teresa Webster, Vice-President of Instruction, will ask all graduates to stand and will present them to the President for the conferring of degrees.
8. Dr. Larry Nabors, President, will confer the appropriate degrees upon the graduates with the graduates standing. Tassels are to be worn on the left side. Do not change sides after the conferring of the diploma.
9. Jay Gary, Registrar, will call for the first row to come forward to receive degrees. Other candidates will take seats and remain seated until time for their row to stand and proceed to the stage. The graduate receiving the diploma at the beginning of the row will stop at the top of the steps until his/her name is called and will then walk across the stage, receive the diploma, and shake hands with the President. The graduate will then return to his/her seat and remain standing until the entire row has returned and then be seated together as a row.
10. The benediction will be given by a member of the Administrative Council at the end of the ceremony. Everyone will stand and men will remove their caps.
11. Graduates are to turn in caps and gowns to the same table where they were received immediately after the ceremony.

PROPER DRESS

1. Men: shirt with tie, dark slacks, socks, and shoes
2. Women: dark dress and shoes

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