

From the Office of the President: Commencement Update

Good afternoon,

After a period of deliberation and with the best interest of all potential graduation participants and attendees, Augusta Technical College has decided to postpone the 2020 Commencement Ceremony due to ongoing health concerns regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19). At this time, we are working toward setting a new ceremony date in the late summer/early fall of 2020. Although a new date has not yet been confirmed, we wanted to notify you of this delay so that arrangements for attendees may be altered accordingly.

Most important, students who have completed the requirements for graduation this semester will be awarded, even though the ceremony celebrating the successful completion of the degree will not be held at this time. Graduating students will continue to receive information on the process of degree conferral from the Office of the Registrar, and once all degree requirements are completed, transcripts will still show students have been awarded their degrees, diplomas, or certificates. We fully anticipate sending diplomas to graduating students at the end of the semester, as is normal practice.

Augusta Technical College fully understands how disappointing this news is for you. Graduation is an incredible achievement for you and the family members and friends who have supported you through this academic achievement. We know how important the graduation ceremony is, and we are committed to finding ways to honor you at a time when large gatherings are once again safe. At this time, we are working diligently to identify when and how to have a ceremony, and we will communicate directly with you when the details become available.

We also know this will raise many questions, especially without concrete details at this time, but please bear with us as we continue to monitor and manage the evolving situation regarding health concerns for our students, their families, and the community. At this time, Fall 2019 graduates and potential Spring/Summer 2020 graduates may still register for the ceremony with our [online application](#). Due to this change, the priority deadline will be pushed back and the participation fee will not be due until a later date. We will continue to be in contact with students and will send out notifications as changes and decisions are made. We deeply appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

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