



DAKOTA COUNTY
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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GRADUATION2019

A newsletter for the 2018-19 graduates of Dakota County Technical College

CELEBRATE YOUR ACHIEVEMENT, PLAN FOR GRADUATION!

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2019, 7 PM • GRACE CHURCH, EDEN PRAIRIE, MN

An annual event to honor those students who have completed their programs of study and are ready to begin their new careers.

Grace Church is host to numerous conventions and graduations, and offers a spacious venue for graduates and their friends and family. Graduates are encouraged to invite as many of their friends and family as they wish.

APPLY FOR YOUR DIPLOMA BY APRIL 17

Apply for graduation online at dctc.edu/oga. The application reviews if all academic requirements have been met.

Applications must be submitted **no later than Wednesday, April 17 for inclusion in the graduation program.**

CAPS AND GOWNS

All graduates attending the ceremony are strongly encouraged to wear a cap and gown to graduation, although it is not required. Purchase caps, gowns and tassels in the Bookstore beginning early March (sizes become limited closer to graduation). The cost of the set is \$30. Tassels are also available for \$10.

REGALIA

PHI THETA KAPPA

Graduates who are members of Phi Theta Kappa can purchase a stole for \$24 and/or a tassel for \$10 in the Bookstore.

VETERANS AND MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS

DCTC recognizes graduates who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces. Veteran honor cords in red, white, and blue, are available at no additional cost. Veterans are invited to wear the veteran honor cord with their academic regalia during the commencement ceremony.

Please bring proof of military service, such as a military ID or a DD214, when picking up honor cords in the Military and Veterans Service Center.

TRANSPORTATION TO GRACE CHURCH

We are currently gauging interest in providing bus transportation to and from Grace Church. If you are interested in taking a bus from DCTC to Grace Church and back, please contact anna.voight@dctc.edu by March 1st. This option may be available if there is enough ridership.

SPECIAL SEATING AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Graduates and guests who need special accommodations during the ceremony (i.e. sign language interpreter, wheelchair access, etc.) are strongly encouraged to make requests by April 29 at <https://www.dctc.edu/academics/graduation/seating-accommodations/>

Contact Mark Schader Disability, Access Services Director, at 651-423-8469 or Mark.Schader@dctc.edu for accommodations.

DO I GET MY DIPLOMA ON MAY 17?

Whether you are completing a certificate, diploma, or degree program, each graduate will receive a scroll when their name is announced. The actual awards will be mailed to graduates within 10–12 weeks after graduation.

Those who graduated in December should have already received their award (if not, contact the Registration Office at 651-423-8254). One free diploma cover per graduate earning a diploma/degree will be available in the Student Life Center (while supplies last) Dec. 3–21 and May 6–24. Additional covers can be purchased in the Student Life Center for \$5.

IS THERE A REHEARSAL? WHERE DO I SIT?

DCTC does not have a graduation rehearsal; however, we ask that graduates arrive at Grace Church (allow time for travel and parking) by 6 p.m. on May 17. Graduates will check in and receive name cards to verify pronunciation and receive instructions about the processional. Students will be lined up alphabetically within their program. The line-up must be complete by 6:30 p.m. so that the ceremony can begin promptly at 7 p.m. **Please be on time** or risk not being able to sit with your fellow students. Graduates will have reserved seats.

SAY CHEESE!

GradImages will be taking photographs of each graduate when they receive their diploma. A few days after the ceremony, graduates will receive an email with a link to purchase the photos.

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CAREER SERVICES FAIRS

DCTC/IHCC BUSINESS, MARKETING, IT CAREER & INTERNSHIP FAIR AT INVER HILLS

FEBRUARY 6 • 3-6 PM

Sponsored by Dakota County Technical College and Inver Hills Community College, is aimed at areas related to Business and IT but focused on internship and employment opportunities for other academic programs as well.

The timing of this event encourages online/hybrid classes, those advancing in their careers (open to the public) and alumni to easily commute to learn more about these organizations who are Veteran-friendly employers. We anticipate around 30 tables and 45 representatives will be at the Fine Arts Building on the campus of Inver Hills Community College!

CAREER AND COLLEGE TRANSFER FAIR

MARCH 27 • 11 AM-1:30 PM

Focused on internship and employment opportunities for academic programs along with transfer options at other institutions for your career advancement and/or four-year degrees and beyond. We anticipate about 50 tables and around 80 representatives will be on-campus!

IMPORTANT DATES AT A GLANCE

MARCH 1	SUBMIT YOUR INTEREST IN TRANSPORTATION TO GRACE CHURCH
APRIL 17	APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION DUE
APRIL 29	REQUESTS FOR SPECIAL SEATING DUE
MAY 17	COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
6pm	Graduate Line-up Begins
6:15pm	Faculty Line-up Begins
7pm	Processional/Ceremony Begins
8:30pm	Approximate End of Ceremony

GRADUATION QUESTIONS

Registration Office, 651-423-8038 • registration@dctc.edu

CEREMONY QUESTIONS

Student Life Center, 651-423-8270 • studentlife@dctc.edu

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS QUESTIONS

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GRACE CHURCH

9301 Eden Prairie Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55347

DIRECTIONS FROM I-494

Take Interstate 494 to Highway 212 West and stay on 212 for approximately 3 miles.

Take the Eden Prairie Road exit, turn right onto Eden Prairie Road.

After approximately 1 mile, Grace Church will be on the left.