



IVY TECH
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ANDERSON

INFORMATION FOR 2026 GRADUATES
GUIDE TO GRADUATION



This guide is designed for all students eligible for graduation from the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters of the academic year. The Anderson campus holds one commencement per year in May. This year commencement is **May 9, 2026.**

Please read this entire guide and share with your family to be prepared for graduation and the commencement ceremony.

ARE YOU READY TO GRADUATE?

To ensure a seamless experience in preparing for Graduation & Commencement follow these steps:

To be eligible for graduation at Ivy Tech students must:

- Attain a minimum grade point average of 2.00
- Complete at least 15 - degree credits
- Successfully complete required number of credits
- Satisfy all Ivy Tech financial obligations
- Satisfy all programs accreditation standards



Step 1: Application for Graduation

When you enter the final semester prior to graduation, you must complete an Application for Graduation. Work with your academic or Faculty Advisor to confirm course requirements have been met. You can apply online through MyIvy by following these easy steps:

- Log into MyIvy
- Search for Apply to Graduate and click on the link
- Click on term selection (if curriculum does not automatically display)
- Choose "select a term" and click submit
- Choose "select curriculum" and click continue
- Follow the prompts to completion

If you have issues with applying to graduate, contact Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Levi Lawson at llawson51@ivytech.edu as soon as possible to ensure you're prepared for Commencement.

NEXT STEPS AFTER APPLICATION

Step 2: Attend GRAD FEST

All graduating students are strongly encouraged to attend Grad Fest! This event is designed to help you complete important graduation steps and celebrate your achievement. At Grad Fest, you can:

- Apply for graduation (if you haven't already)
- Meet with an advisor to confirm your degree requirements
- Pick up your cords and stoles
- Get information on ordering your cap and gown (if you still need to)
- Learn about class rings and graduation announcements
- Network with fellow graduates and campus partners
- Connect with 4-year transfer partners
- Complete your alumni exit survey
- Decorate your graduation cap
- Enjoy some food while you celebrate!

Grad Fest is a great opportunity to make sure you're fully prepared for graduation while connecting with resources and celebrating this exciting milestone. 🎓

MARCH 19th
1:30 PM - 6 PM



ivylife.ivytech.edu/event/12144735

Learn More
ON IVY LIFE

Access IVY LIFE through

myivy

If you are unable to attend Grad Fest, you'll need to reach out to Assistant Director of Student Records, Jasmine Hamilton at (765) 252-5762 or jhamilto@ivytech.edu, to confer your degree and prepare for commencement.

WHAT TO WEAR & HOW TO GET IT

Step 3: Purchase Your Cap, Gown, and Tassel

Graduation apparel is available for order/purchase online only. Students participating in the Commencement Ceremony are required to wear a cap, gown, and tassel.

Cap, gown, tassel packages start at \$62 (items shipped to your home will include a \$14.90 shipping fee)

**Prices subject to change*

Associate Degree - GREEN tassel
Technical Certificate - WHITE tassel
Certificate - GRAY tassel



Please Note: If you are verified for an associate degree AND a certificate or technical certificate, your tassel should represent the highest credential.

CAP & GOWN ORDER DEADLINES

- 1st Deadline to Order: April 6, 2026
- 2nd & Final Deadline to Order: April 17, 2026

Cap and Gown orders are processed and ready for shipment to the address provided on your order in approximately 21 days

*Should you need support with the purchase of your cap and gown, due to financial hardship, please contact Lindsey Madinger at lmadinger@ivytech.edu, prior to the order deadlines.

Order Cap & Gown,
Invites & More
(Home Delivery)



[https://colleges.herffjones.com/
college/ivytech/Anderson.html](https://colleges.herffjones.com/college/ivytech/Anderson.html)

WHAT TO WEAR CONT.

Cords & Stoles

Special cords and stoles will be provided or offered in the methods found below. These cords and stoles are Ivy Tech approved.

- Summa Cum Laude: Students graduating with GPA of 4.0 are awarded a [Double Gold Cord](#), available for pickup at Grad Fest
- Magna Cum Laude: Students graduating with GPA of 3.75 to 3.999 GPA are awarded a [Single Gold Cord](#), available for pickup at Grad Fest
- Cum Laude: Students graduating with a GPA of 3.5 to 3.749 GPA are awarded a [Single Gold Cord](#), available for pickup at Grad Fest
- Veterans: Veteran students are awarded a [Red](#), [White](#), and [Blue](#) Cord available for pickup at Grad Fest
- High School Students: Cords will be available for pick up at check-in at commencement, or pick up through your high school counselor. High School students are awarded a [Green](#) and [White](#) Cord
- Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society members: College-approved PTK cords and stoles are available for pick up from Cindy Oliva or at Grad Fest. Cords are [Blue](#) and [Gold](#).

For any cords/stoles that are not picked up at Grad Fest, you will need to stop by the main campus and pick-up from the front desk staff. The Front Desk staff is available from M - F , 8 am - 5pm.



COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

Commencement Ceremony Information Guide



Date: Saturday, May 9th

Location: The Paramount Theatre

1124 Meridian St. Anderson, IN 46016

Ceremony Begins: 12:00 pm

Graduate Check-In: 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Graduate Line Up: 11:00 am - 11:50 am

Doors open for guests: 11:00 am

Students and Guests RSVP here

**DEADLINE APRIL 17TH TO HAVE YOUR
NAME ADDED TO COMMENCEMENT BOOKLET**

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<https://tinyurl.com/ANDcommencement>



COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

Commencement Details

Students:

- **Arrive between 10:30 am- 11:30 am to check-in and prepare for graduate line-up**
- Please leave personal belongings with family members before entering building
- Graduates will enter South West main entrance on Meridian St. and follow the signage to graduate check-in

Family & Guest Information:

- Doors open for guest seating at 11:00 am
- Parking options-
 - **Parking Garage** on 12th & Main St.
 - **Anderson Library** - 111 E. 12th St
- **Ceremony begins at 12:00 pm**
- Guests should enter the building through the main doors located on Meridian St.

Link to preorder items to pick up at graduation -

<https://www.thecommcementgroup.com/ivytechanderson/>

Flowers/ T-shirt/ Stuffed Bears/ Flower Leis and more items available for pre-order & pick-up at commencement or purchase at the event, payment available via credit card.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHANCELLOR

Dear Class of 2026,

Congratulations! On behalf of all of us here at Ivy Tech Community College, we are so proud of you and honored to celebrate your academic journey.

No matter how you arrived at Ivy Tech, you are the next generation of Ivy Tech success stories. Whether you're continuing your education at a 4-year university, entering the workforce, or taking other steps to advance your career; the education you received here serves as your launching pad for success. We truly believe you are ready to propel toward a better future.

As you finish up your last semester, there are a few required steps you need to complete to be prepared for the biggest celebration of your success, Commencement. We are excited to recognize you, and we will be cheering for you as you cross the finish line, stay strong Anderson Panthers!

Sincerely,

Dr. Mia D. Johnson, Chancellor

Congrats!

