

# Warner Robins and Dublin Graduation

GMC-Warner Robins and Dublin will hold a graduation ceremony on Saturday, June 10, at 10:00 AM, at the Homer J. Walker Civic Center in Warner Robins for graduates of the Class of 2023.

The graduation ceremony will be preceded by a rehearsal on Friday, June 9, at 12:00 PM, also at the Homer J. Walker Civic Center. Rehearsal lasts approximately one hour, depending on the number of graduates and questions.

Please read these pages carefully for important information regarding forms and deadlines, honors and diplomas, rehearsal and graduation, guests, and more.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Rehearsal:** Friday, June 9, 12:00 PM

**Graduation:** Saturday, June 10, 10:00 AM

### Homer J. Walker Civic Center

The Homer J. Walker Civic Center is located at 700 Watson Blvd., Warner Robins, GA 31093. Parking is located behind the building.

### Who is the Class of 2023?

The Class of 2023 includes all students of the Warner Robins and Dublin campuses who submitted a degree application and completed or are on pace to complete a GMC degree between the Fall I 2022 and Summer 2023 quarters. The printed graduation program will include students who fit these criteria. Names are printed as they appear on official academic records. (See also Walking the Stage: Announcement and Pronunciation of Names below.)

### Application for Degree and Issuance of Diplomas

The **Application for Degree** submitted to the Graduation Coach is the student's official academic request to commit their coursework to a specific degree. Subsequent completion of that degree program's requirements, including all financial obligations, results in the student's transcript showing degree completion and **diploma will be mailed to the student in 4 to 6 weeks.**

### **How to Order Cap and Gown:**

Graduation regalia can be purchased at **Jostens.com** It will say **HELLO! Georgia Military College/Dublin, GA. Under SHOW YOUR PRIDE click on Graduation Caps & Gowns.**

**For ASSOCIATES Degrees** - Cap, gown, stole and tassel w/Year date can be purchased for **\$32.45**. If you already have an all-black cap and gown then you can purchase the GMC red stole for **\$14.50** & tassel for **\$2.20**. **For BACHELORS Degrees** – GMC will give you a gold stole at graduation check in. All orders will be shipped directly to the student. Orders placed after the deadline (May 4) will incur a \$20 express fee.

### **Honor Cords and PTK Regalia**

Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher and no grades of D or lower will graduate with honors and receive an Honor Cord from GMC on graduation day.

Students who joined PTK may order PTK graduation regalia through the PTK web site; this is optional and the responsibility of the student, but welcome!

### **REHEARSAL AND GRADUATION DAY:**

#### **What Graduates Should Expect**

##### **Friday Rehearsal**

Arrive at the Homer J. Walker Civic Center by 12:00 PM. Graduates sit in the chairs placed before the stage area. We will begin promptly and expect rehearsal to last less than an hour. We will end with group questions, followed by one-on-one questions if needed, so please save questions until the end.

##### **Saturday Check-in and Line-up**

Plan to arrive from 9:00-9:30 AM and be seated by 9:45 AM. PLEASE BE ON TIME! Check-in to receive your name card before being seated. Only limited wardrobe assistance will be available the day of graduation.

##### **Walking the Stage: Announcement and Pronunciation of Names**

A name card will be provided at Check-In before the ceremony, and each graduate will carry the name card to the stage area. Upon giving the card to the speaker, you may state your name to the speaker so it is pronounced correctly when you are called.

## **Regalia & Proper Attire**

Proper attire is required of all students participating in the ceremony. See “Cap, Gown, and Tassel Orders” above. On the day of the ceremony, graduates should wear dark shoes and semiformal or business casual attire. Please avoid bright colors, khakis, jeans, shorts, high heels, sandals, etc. Students will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony if they are not attired appropriately. Appropriate decoration of caps is permitted. Inappropriate decoration of caps is not permitted and may result in dismissal from the graduation ceremony, or further penalty if warranted.

## **INVITATIONS AND GUESTS**

### **What Guests Should Expect**

#### **Invitations and Guests**

Invitations may be picked up once you have completed the Graduation Information Form from the Bookstore in Warner Robins between 8am and 8pm or the Front Desk at the Dublin Campus 8am – 6pm. All graduates are limited to 10 guests, and guests are reminded to be proactive and follow appropriate safety guidelines as determined by the CDC and GMC.

#### **Arrival and Seating**

Guests and graduates should be seated by 9:45 AM. The event begins promptly at 10:00 AM. Please cooperate with event staff before, during, and after the ceremony.

When celebrating your graduate, please be courteous and allow the next graduate's name to be heard.

#### **Photographs During the Ceremony**

Photos may be taken from your seat. Please do not approach the graduate or stage areas during the ceremony.

Our faculty and staff look forward to sharing this special day with you. See you in June!

## **QUESTIONS?**

Please direct academic questions specific to your Class of 2023 status, honors, or degree program to the [GradCoach.Rob@gmc.edu](mailto:GradCoach.Rob@gmc.edu) or 478-225-0005.

Please direct questions specific to the graduation ceremony, rehearsal, caps and gowns, or invitations to [rob\\_graduation@gmc.edu](mailto:rob_graduation@gmc.edu) with the specific topic in the subject line, and the appropriate office or staff will respond.