

College of Social Work Graduation Recognition Parade

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the details of this event?

- Date: May 6, 2021
- Time: BSW - 9 a.m.; MSW - 10:30 a.m.
- Where: Hamilton College
- What: Parade and Recognition for each 2021 Graduate

Am I required to attend?

All graduating BSW and MSW students are encouraged to attend. The parade is a celebration for you and an opportunity for the College to recognize your achievements.

Since we cannot host the traditional hooding and cording, this is our moment to celebrate your accomplishments.

Do I need to RSVP to attend?

Yes. If you plan to attend and participate in the parade, advance registration is required. Please register by **April 20** at: https://universityofsouthcarolina-yrckc.formstack.com/forms/2021grad_parade.

Are guests allowed?

No guests may attend the event or gather around Hamilton College and surrounding spaces due to University commencement rules. The graduate-only event will include pictures and livestream for family and friends.

Will I be hooded or corded during the event?

Per University commencement rules, students may hood or cord themselves during the event.

Do I have to dress up?

The appropriate cap and gown are required for the event.

Do I have to test for COVID?

Testing within 72 hours of the parade is encouraged (unless you have a positive COVID test or antibody test in the past 90 days or completed a vaccination series). Parade participants are also encouraged to test several days after the parade.

Will I have to wear a mask?

Per University Commencement rules, all persons attending must wear masks throughout the parade, during photos, and while on University property.

What happens during the parade?

Students will register and line up alphabetically at the Hamilton side patio, then process through Hamilton second floor to the main lobby. Each graduate will be recognized individually in the lobby. Each graduate's name will be announced, with the dean, associate deans and program coordinators acknowledging your accomplishments. Faculty will also be present to celebrate your achievement.

Will there be a reception?

The College will not be hosting a reception.

Where should I park?

Parking meters are available in the Pendleton Street garage bottom floors, directly across from Hamilton College. There is also metered street parking.

Who should I contact if I have questions?

All questions and concerns about this event should be directed to Victoria Montgomery, Dean's Office, at vmontgom@mailbox.sc.edu or Student Services Director Sonya Singleton at sonya.singleton@sc.edu.