GRADFEST
April 20-24

Questions? Email commencement@ccc.edu or visit ccc.edu/graduation
GradFest 2015 is an opportunity for our graduates to orient themselves to the protocol for the commencement ceremony and celebrate their accomplishments with their campus family.

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Students must attend a mandatory graduation orientation before attending the commencement ceremony. Students who are eligible for Summer 2014, Fall 2014, and Spring 2015 graduation should attend a graduation orientation session.

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SGA Sports Day—Room 1115
12:00 PM–5:00 PM  The Student Government Association will be holding its Sports Day to celebrate the pride of Harold Washington College through games and activities surrounding various sporting activities. All clubs and organizations will be present to celebrate along with our graduates. There will be carnival-style treats such as cotton candy, popcorn, slushies, and a photo booth to capture the moments. There will be music, and other activities ending, the week with bang! Everyone is encouraged to wear jerseys to represent their favorite sport and/or team.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015

GradImages, Graduation Photo and Professional Portrait—Room 103
10:00 AM–4:00 pm  Graduates will be able to take graduation photos and professional headshots with Grad Images. There is no purchase necessary and no sitting fees. All proofs can be viewed online and an email with a link will be sent to each student who participates. No sales pitch or pressure to order. There is no appointment necessary, but you can make an appointment if needed by clicking here.

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5:00 PM–8:00 PM  The Mu Pi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society will induct their newest members in a traditional ceremony for the students and their families. Phi Theta Kappa became the official honor society for two-year colleges in 1929. Today, the Society is the largest honor society in higher education with more than 2.5 million members and 1,275 chapters located in 50 states.

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Veterans Graduate Career Fair—Room 1115
9:00 AM–12:00 PM  The Veterans Services Department is hosting a career fair for those Veterans who are graduating and pursuing careers. There will also be other community resources available for Veterans who participate in the event. Veterans will be able to mingle with perspective employers and also get information about benefits that will assist them in their new phase of life.

The Final Lap—Room 102/103 (see last page for detailed schedule)
12:00 PM–4:00 PM  The Final Lap is a celebration to recognize students who have 45 credits, or more, and are in their “Final Lap” before graduation (including our graduates). This resource fair/luncheon is complete with certificates, party favors, and giveaways. The CCC Alumni Association will also be present to enroll graduates and give information to students who expect to graduate in the near future. This will be a fun event for graduates to mingle with their fellow students, encourage those students with 45 credits to complete their degree, and to celebrate their great accomplishment.

SGA Intensity Game Show—Room 1115
2:00 PM–3:30 pm  SGA will be hosting the Intensity Game show for Grad Fest Week. This will be a fun event for students and graduates to interact for one last time. Students will learn lots of information through trivia questions that will increase their general knowledge. They will also increase their critical thinking skills while engaging in the brain teasers to compete for spots in the final round. Intensity is a powerful scholastic thunder dome that pits two opposing teams from the same school in a heated competition. It is a game show of epic proportions, with cash prizes and unrivaled fun. Participants answer a series of questions stemming from history, pop culture, little known facts, etc. This gets them to the head to head round. There are also a series of challenges to earn cash prizes and to move on to team competition. Students can win up to $200 in cash prizes.

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10:00 AM–10:30 AM  Student Check-In & Graduation PowerPoint Presentation
10:30 AM–11:00 AM  Marching Orders
11:00 AM–12:00 PM  Tickets, Honor Cords, and Tassels are issued to graduates

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Mandatory Graduation Orientation (Ticket Distribution)
5:00 PM–5:30 PM  Student Check-In & Graduation PowerPoint Presentation
5:30 PM–6:00 PM  Marching Orders
6:00 PM–7:00 PM  Tickets, Honor Cords, and Tassels are issued to graduates

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The Final Lap
12:00 PM–12:15 PM  Check-in and Serving of Food
12:15 PM–12:30 PM  Welcome & Introduction of Speaker
12:30 PM–1:00 PM  Guest Speaker
1:00 PM–1:30 PM  Presentation of Certificates
1:30 PM–1:35 PM  Final Words
1:35 PM–4:00 PM  Students can visit Transitional Support Services/ Resource Tables

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