



COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

May 4, 2026

Congratulations Summer 2026 HSE or CPH Graduates!

Following are the details of the Summer 2026 Commencement Ceremony:

- **Date:** Thursday, July 30th, 2026
- **Time:** 10:00 AM (HSE, CPH and All Programs)
- **Place:** UGA Conference Center, John Hunt Auditorium, 15 RDC Road, Tifton, GA 31793
- **Graduate Arrival:** **Graduates are to arrive no later than 9:00 AM.** Students will not be allowed to join the ceremony late or leave after it has begun. Doors will open at 8:15 a.m. Students will line up according to their name cards, which can be obtained at the check in table. Leave personal items in the vehicle, as there is no place to store them during the ceremony. No family, guests, or children are allowed in this area before graduation, or in the hallways near the auditorium.

Please Note: HSE® Graduates will receive their diploma by mail from the Atlanta Office; participation in the commencement ceremony does not confirm graduation. CPH Graduates will receive their diploma via Parchment Services.

GRADUATE CORDS – Non-approved cords, stoles or other items may not be worn with gown.

- Gold Honor Cords – GED® College Ready ≥ 165
- Light Blue Cords – GED® College Ready + Credit ≥ 175
- Green Tassels on the cap will distinguish GED® graduates and will be available with cap and gown order.
- Kelly Green Cords – Career Plus High School Graduate

CAP AND GOWN

Jostens will be available for cap, gown, and tassels purchases the morning of the commencement ceremony. Those wanting to order regalia earlier, can do so online: <https://gagrad.com/> and notifications will be sent when they're available for pick up in your campus bookstore. WGTC cords and stoles will be given out by club advisors during their chosen time. Some may be available for pick up during posted dates, times, and campuses during Grad Days. Students that are unable to pick up their items before commencement must wait until the Commencement Ceremony to receive them. Please continue to monitor your email for upcoming dates.

GRADUATION FEE

The **\$40.00 non-refundable** Graduation Participation fee can be paid at your campus bookstore. Participation forms are provided by Adult Education Department Staff.

PARKING/SEATING/TICKETS

- Parking is available on all sides of the conference center. Seating for guests is from 8:30 – 9:30 AM. Guest tickets are not required for entry, but graduates are asked to only invite up to **four** guests. Some sections will be blocked: two sections for graduates, the back rows for Handicap, and the front rows for Special Guests or Faculty.
- If you require special assistance or handicap services for yourself or guests, contact Katrina Royal, Disability Services at 229-333-2100- ext. 1236, or katrina.royal@wiregrass.edu, no later than one week prior to graduation.

PHOTOGRAPHY

BPI Photography will be on site to take photos. Payment is due at the time pictures are made.

DRESS CODE

Gowns, cords or stoles cannot be altered and must be approved WGTC attire. Please wear dark shoes. Tennis shoes, flip-flops and jeans are not allowed. Caps may be decorated and must be worn flat on the head. Decorations may not hang off the cap, be underneath the cap, or higher than 2 inches on top. College administration reserves the right to decide if attire/regalia is appropriate.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, contact **(229) 259-5536**, or graduation@wiregrass.edu. For questions concerning GED®, HiSET or CPH contact **(229) 333- 2123**, or adulthoodeducation@wiregrass.edu. We look forward to this celebration of your achievement!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "DeAnnia Clements".

DeAnnia Clements

President

