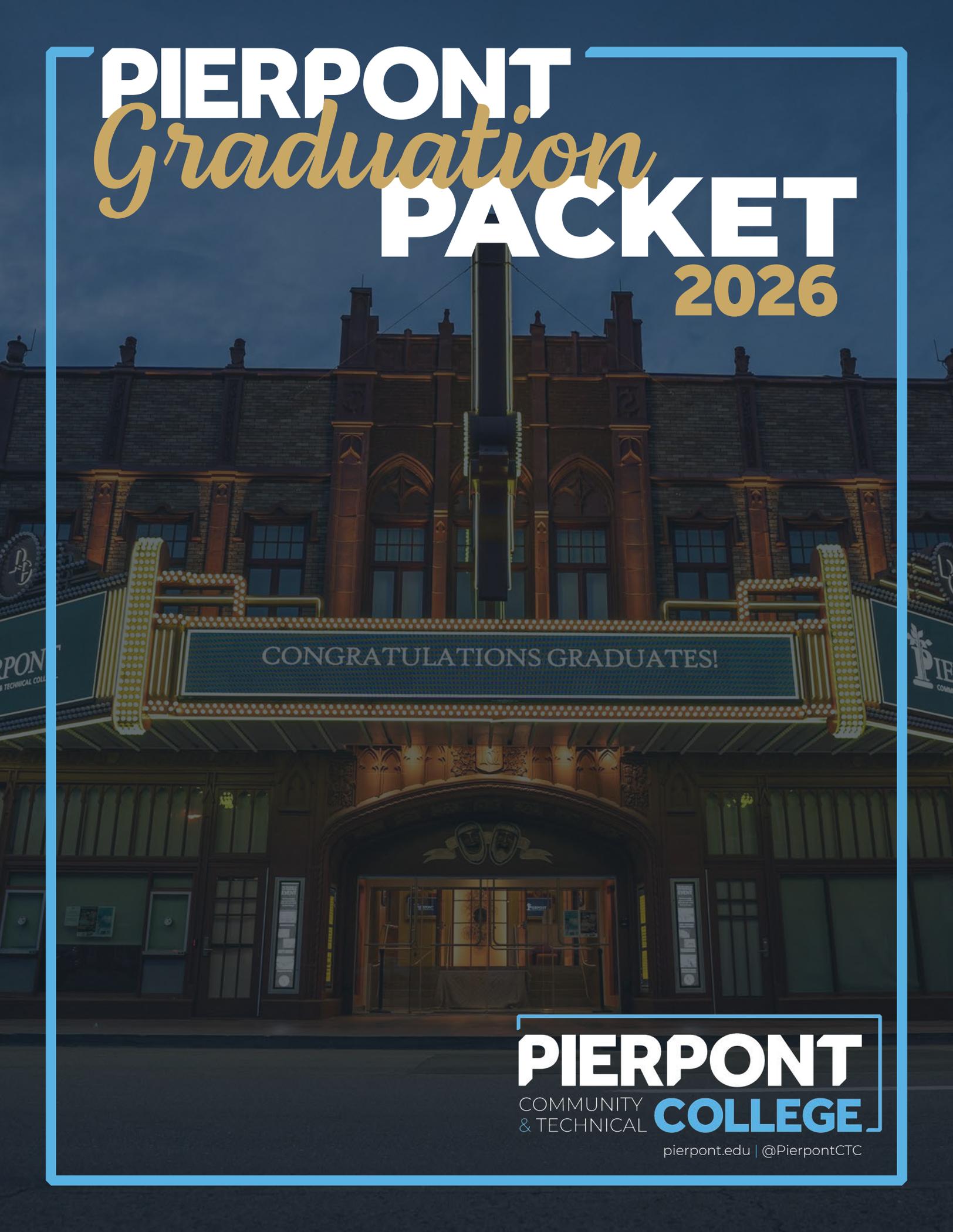


# PIERPONT *Graduation* PACKET 2026



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

**PIERPONT**  
COMMUNITY  
& TECHNICAL **COLLEGE**

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March 12, 2026

Dear Graduate,

Congratulations on reaching this important milestone in your academic journey. Completing a degree or certificate requires determination and a clear focus on your goals, and you should be proud of what you've accomplished here at Pierpont.

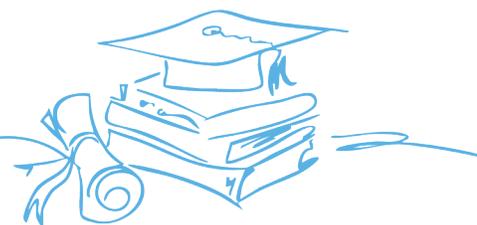
I encourage you to join us for commencement, a moment set aside to recognize the commitment and effort that have defined your time with us. Graduation offers a meaningful opportunity to reflect on the progress you've made and to celebrate the knowledge and skills you've gained as you move confidently into the next phase of your journey.

As you look ahead, I hope you will stay connected with Pierpont. Our mission is to create opportunities and clear pathways for learners at every stage of life. You are now part of a community of graduates who strengthen our region through their talent, professionalism, and dedication. We hope you will continue to engage with us, whether through continued learning, industry partnerships, or by sharing your experiences with future students.

Thank you for allowing us to be part of your journey. We look forward to celebrating your success at commencement and to seeing where your hard work and ambition lead you next.



David M. Beighley  
Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs  
Pierpont Community & Technical College



## **ATTENDING GRADUATION**

### **THINGS TO DO**

1. To participate in the ceremony, please complete the [“Reader Card” form using the link](#) or the QR code below. Your reader card must be submitted before you are permitted to pick up your tickets. The deadline to submit is **midnight, April 17, 2026**.



2. If you are participating in the ceremony, you must order your cap and gown by visiting [colleges.herffjones.com/college/pierpont](https://colleges.herffjones.com/college/pierpont) before midnight on **April 12** (see enclosed instructions). Cap and Gown sets cost **\$33.50, plus tax and shipping** (starting at \$17.80). Graduates are responsible for placing their own orders and covering all associated costs.
3. Caps and gowns will be shipped directly to the address you provide when ordering; orders are NOT delivered to the school. Any questions or concerns regarding cap and gown orders should be directed to Herff Jones at 1-800-837-4235.

### **THINGS TO KNOW**

1. The ceremony will take place on **Friday, May 8, at 6:30 p.m.** at The Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center in Clarksburg, WV. Guest doors open at 5:00 p.m.
2. **Mandatory rehearsal starts promptly at 3:00 p.m.** on Friday, May 8 (doors open at 2:30 p.m.) at The Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center and will run about 90 minutes.
3. Refreshments will be provided for the graduates during the break following the rehearsal.
4. Because of limited seating at the venue, each student will receive up to three (3) tickets for family and friends to attend the graduation ceremony. Tickets can be picked up at Pierpont’s Advanced Technology Center (500 Galliher Drive, Fairmont, WV) or the Gaston Caperton Center (501 W Main St, Clarksburg, WV), from April 22 - May 7. If you need to have tickets mailed to your home address, please send an email with this request to [graduation@pierpont.edu](mailto:graduation@pierpont.edu) **no later than April 21**. We cannot guarantee receipt of mailed tickets. Guests will not be permitted to enter the venue without a ticket — no exceptions.
5. Guests should plan to enter the venue with their entire party. The party is at risk of being split up if they do not enter together.



## GRADUATION TIPS AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Where do I need to be and when?

#### Friday, May 8th

Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center  
444 W Pike Street, Clarksburg, WV 26301

**Rehearsal (MANDATORY):** Graduates arrive by 2:45 p.m. for the 3:00 p.m. rehearsal. Meet inside the Theatre at Robinson Grand; **Note:** guests will NOT be permitted inside for any reason prior to the ceremony. Doors for guest open at 5:00 p.m.

**Ceremony:** Graduates ready to line up by 5:45 p.m. Meet in the Education Center upstairs at the Robinson Grand.

### What should I wear?

All graduates will be expected to wear traditional black caps and gowns without additional adornments. Caps should be flat and level to the floor, with the crown about an inch above your eyebrows.

It is common that professional business/casual attire is worn. Please be mindful of your footwear choice as you will be walking up and down stairs, in tight spaces, on ramps, and across a stage. As a general rule, if you have difficulty walking normally in high heels or platform shoes, do not wear them.

### Which side should my tassel be on?

Your tassel should start on the right side of your cap. You will be instructed as to when you can move your tassel to the left side of your cap.

### Do I need to remove my cap during the ceremony?

Men will remove their caps during the Invocation (notated in the program). Women do not need to remove caps during the ceremony.

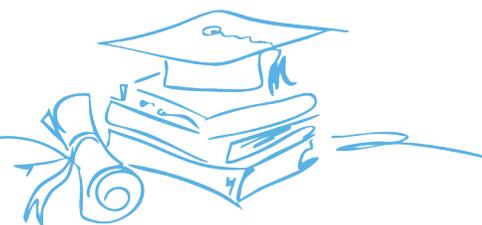
### How many guests am I allowed to bring?

Because seating at the Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center is limited, each participating graduate will receive up to three (3) guest tickets. Seating cannot be reserved. The ceremony will also be livestreamed on YouTube, a link will be available on [www.pierpont.edu](http://www.pierpont.edu).

Handicapped seating will be available. If you have a guest who needs accommodation, please let us know when you pick up your tickets or email the Pierpont Graduation Committee at [graduation@pierpont.edu](mailto:graduation@pierpont.edu). We will do our best to grant your request and provide assistance as needed. The Guest Service / Disability Table will be located outside of the theatre auditorium and will have braille and large print programs for guests, if needed.

### What time will the doors open for guests?

The doors to the Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center will open at 5:00 p.m. Guests may not enter the building before 5:00 p.m. The ceremony will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.



## Where can I park?

Enclosed in this packet is a parking map for the Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center. The Gaston Caperton Center is available for parking for you and your guests as well.

## Where should I line up if I am receiving multiple degrees?

If you are graduating and receiving multiple degrees, you will line up with the highest degree you are receiving. If you are receiving more than one Certificate or Associate degree, please contact [graduation@pierpont.edu](mailto:graduation@pierpont.edu) in order to determine which degree you would like to acknowledge for your walk across the stage. All graduates will only walk once.

## Will accommodations be made for guests who may be deaf or hard of hearing?

The ceremony will be livestreamed on YouTube, utilizing the closed-captioning feature for the hearing impaired. The link to the ceremony will be made available on [www.pierpont.edu](http://www.pierpont.edu) so that any guest who wishes to use closed captioning may log on with their smartphone.

## Will there be photographers present?

Professional commencement photographers, The Grad Team, will be onsite to take formal portraits of all Pierpont Community & Technical College graduates during the upcoming May commencement. All graduates will be photographed receiving their diplomas. You are invited to pre-register to receive access to your professional commencement photos at [thegradteam.com/Pierpont](http://thegradteam.com/Pierpont). Registering in advance allows the photographers to provide you with a link to your images in the fastest possible manner following commencement. You also have the option to upload an image of yourself to better ensure we accurately identify your images from the hundreds that will be taken on commencement day. Any questions regarding commencement photos can be answered by The Grad Team at 1-833-469-4723.

## When will I receive my diploma?

Diplomas will be mailed approximately 30 days following the ceremony. To ensure the fastest arrival of your diploma, please check that you have paid any outstanding balance on your student account. This could include printing fees processed after final exams have been completed. You can check your account balance by logging into your ROAR account. Please keep in mind that transcripts will not be released until account balances have been paid.

Additionally, please be sure that your correct address is listed on your student account. You can view this in ROAR. If you need to change your address, please complete a Change of Address Form, located in the Student Forms section of the website.

## Have additional questions?

Please contact us at [graduation@pierpont.edu](mailto:graduation@pierpont.edu). You may also stop by Pierpont's Advanced Technology Center in Fairmont, WV, or call 304-367-4907.

*\*\*If you have not set up your student email, please contact the IT helpdesk at [help@pierpont.edu](mailto:help@pierpont.edu) or (304) 333-3731. This will ensure that you receive all the important information from the college. You should also ensure that the address listed in your student information on ROAR is correct.*

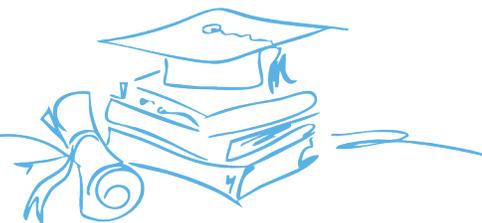


## **ORDER YOUR CAP AND GOWN BY APRIL 12, 2026**

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To Place Your Cap & Gown Order!

1. Go to [colleges.herffjones.com/college/pierpont](https://colleges.herffjones.com/college/pierpont)
2. Click on “Order Now” under the “Cap and Gown” (Do not click “Faculty Rental”)
3. Select your degree type from the dropdown box (choices are: Associate Degrees or Certificate of Applied Science), then click the “SHOP” button
4. Click “Cap & Gown” tab at the top menu on the page
5. Under Graduation Regalia, select “CLICK TO SHOW CONTENTS” and then click “VIEW FULL DETAILS”
6. Fill out the “Cap & Gown Information” form and click “ADD TO CART”
7. Review the items in your cart (should be Graduation Regalia; Cap, Gown, Tassel)
8. Click on “CHECKOUT”
9. Enter your billing and shipping information and click “CONTINUE.” **NOTE:** The cost of shipping and tax will be added to your order
10. Confirm the details of your order

**Caps and Gowns will be delivered to the address you indicated on your order. Orders are not delivered to your school.** If you have questions or concerns regarding your order, please contact Herff Jones at 1-800-837-4235.

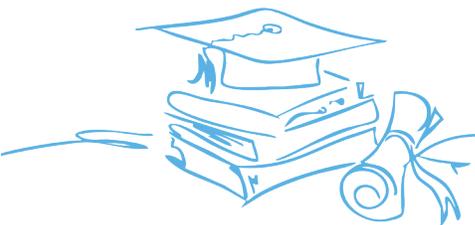


PARKING MAP

# PARKING MAP - NIGHTS & WEEKENDS

Wholesale Tire & Auto  
Central W Va Transit Authority  
Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library Lot  
Robison Grand Performing Arts Center  
Waldomore Mansion  
The Exponent Telegram  
Hewes Avenue Parking Building  
Clarksburg Baptist Church Parking Lot  
VFW Post 13  
Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library  
Waldo Hotel  
Social Security Administration  
Huntington Bank  
STREET PARKING (AS AVAILABLE)  
Christ Episcopal Church Parking Lot  
BB&T  
Jackson Square Parking Lot  
Clarksburg Beauty Academy & School of...  
K & K Loans Clarksburg  
Harrison County Board of Education  
MVB Bank  
Harrison County Health Department

FOLLOW SIGNAGE IN EACH LOT FOR FURTHER DIRECTION & PROHIBITED SPACES





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