Graduation Fact Sheet

Information Regarding Honors

The list of Honor Graduates will be inserted in the program for graduation. College personnel responsible for handling honor cords will have access to the honor list prior to lining up for Commencement. HONOR CORDS will be available only on the day of graduation and will be given out by the Registrar’s office. Candidates who have met the honor requirements may pick-up their cord on the day of graduation at the Pope Wellness Center between the hours of 12:50PM and 2PM. Note: (There is no charge for Honor cords!)

Please Note: A degree candidate must have earned 45 graded semester hours in residence at Mount Olive College and must have met one of the following GPA’s to graduate with distinction:

For Bachelor’s degree:
- Summa Cum Laude: 3.90 - with no grade lower than a C.
- Magna Cum Laude: 3.80 - with no grade lower than a C.
- Cum Laude: 3.70 - with no grade lower than a C.

For Associate’s degree:
- High Honors: 3.90 – with no grade lower than a C
- Honors: 3.70 to 3.89 – with no grade lower than a C

Associate degree candidates meeting the above requirements for Honors and High Honors will receive a GREEN Cord.

Bachelor degree candidates meeting the above requirements for Summa will receive a GOLD cord; Magna will receive a SILVER cord and Cum Laude will receive a BRONZE Cord.

Graduation Announcements and Photos

Graduation Announcements: Graduation announcements will available for pick up during the month prior to graduation at the Mount Olive College Bookstore during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00-4:00 on Friday. (919) 658-2502, extension 1300 or 1301. You may also pick them up at the location you attend during this time.

Photo Specialties, a professional photography service, will make individual photographs of graduates as they receive their diplomas. They will mail a color proof to each graduate with a form for ordering finished pictures. Due to safety reasons, there will be no picture taking allowed in the center aisle.

Children and Person with Disabilities

Due to length, formality and safety reasons, careful consideration should be given to bringing infants and small children to the Commencement. Strollers may not be used inside the gym.

Guests or graduates with disabilities who may need assistance should call Ms. Pam Wood at 919-658-7753 at least two weeks prior to the graduation ceremony.

Arrival of Guests

Please make sure you inform your guests to arrive as early as possible. The doors to the Arena will be closing at 1:45 due to the procession of the graduates. The Graduation Processional uses all doors of entry and we do not want this to be disrupted by late guests.

Deadline for CLEP, DANTES or ELC

The absolute deadline for this type of credit is April 6th for the Spring, July 20th for the Summer and November 1st for the Fall. This deadline allows for the 4-6 week transcript process. If you take a test after this deadline you may re-apply for the next graduation service.

How to Obtain Your Diploma

The Registrar’s Office will mail your diploma to the address noted on your Application for Graduation form once you have completed all requirements by the deadline posted.