

WASHBURN TECH UNIVERSITY

Date: February 19, 2026

To: Candidates for Graduation, Washburn University Institute of Technology

From: Office of Student Life, Washburn University Institute of Technology

Subject: **Commencement Ceremonies, Thursday, May 14, 2026**

Congratulations! You are invited to participate in the **Washburn University Institute of Technology Graduation Ceremony on Thursday, May 14, 2026**, in **Lee Arena**, located in the Petro Allied Health Center on the Washburn University campus. Please see the map available on the Washburn Commencement website (washburn.edu/commencement).

Please let your guests know that seating is limited and parking lots may fill quickly. For family and friends unable to attend in person, the ceremony will be **livestreamed**. A viewing link will be available on the Washburn Commencement website (washburn.edu/commencement).

Arrival Instructions

Graduates must report to Lee Arena no later than **30 minutes prior to the start of your ceremony**. There will be no rehearsal, but staff will be present to greet and direct you to the check-in area to receive important instructions. Guests may enter Lee Arena beginning at **30 minutes before each ceremony**. Reserved seating will be designated for graduates and Washburn Tech staff; all other seating is open.

Ceremony Times

The following programs will participate in the **3:30 PM ceremony**: *(Graduates must check-in by 3:00 PM)*

All Health Care Programs, including Advanced EMT; Emergency Medical Responder; Emergency Medical Services; Emergency Medical Technician; Foundations of Nursing Medication Aide; Foundations of Health Care; Foundations of Phlebotomy; Nursing (ADN); Phlebotomy; Practical Nursing; Sterile Processing; Surgical Technology

The following programs will participate in the **5:30 PM ceremony**: *(Graduates must check-in by 5:00 PM)*

Automotive Collision & Repair; Automotive Service Technician; Cosmetology; Culinary Arts; Diesel Technology; Early Childhood; Engineering, Drafting, & Design; Graphics Technology; Industrial Machine/Maintenance Technology; Information Systems Technology; State of Kansas Diploma (GED)

The following programs will participate in the **7:30 PM ceremony**: *(Graduates must check-in by 7:00 PM)*

Cabinet/Millwork; Construction Technology; Electrical Technology; HVAC; Machining & Manufacturing; Plumbing Technology; Welding

Special Recognitions

As part of the ceremony, students inducted into the **National Technical Honor Society** and **SkillsUSA medalists** will be recognized.

Regalia

Graduation regalia (gown, cap, and tassel) is required for participation. Regalia will be available for purchase in the Washburn Tech Ichabod Shop beginning **March 12, 2026**. On that day, the Ichabod Shop will host a **Grad Fair from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** in the Conference Center at the McPherson Campus. Purchases of regalia, diploma frames, and selected alumni merchandise made at the Grad Fair, or online on that date, will receive **25% off**. Payment can be made by cash, credit card, or check (student accounts cannot be charged). For regalia questions, please contact the Ichabod Shop at **785-670-3410**.

Accessibility

The south entrance of Petro (by the swimming pool) provides ground-level, ADA-accessible entry and parking. ADA seating is available in Lee Arena. For accessibility questions, please contact the Washburn Tech Student Life Office at **785-670-3316**.

Diplomas and Certificates

At the ceremony, graduates will receive a **diploma cover**. Please note that only students attending the ceremony will receive covers. Certificates and final transcripts will be available approximately **6–8 weeks** after the semester ends, following a review of all student records. To earn a certificate, students must:

- Achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher
- Earn grades of “C” or better in all technical program courses
- Meet the attendance requirements of their program
- Fulfill all financial obligations to the university

For more information, please visit the **Washburn Commencement website (washburn.edu/commencement)**.

If you have any questions, please contact the **Washburn Tech Student Life Office** at **785-670-3316**.