



BETHUNE-COOKMAN UNIVERSITY

2021 FALL COMMENCEMENT CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021

7:00 P.M **The Service of Consecration***
Gertrude Hotchkiss Heyn Chapel, White Hall
Location for line-up: Band Room

The Candlelight Wreath Laying Ceremony
Immediately following the Service of Consecration
In the Centennial Gardens

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2021

10:00 A.M. **The Commencement Ceremony***
The Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Performing Arts Center (PAC)
Bethune-Cookman University Campus
Doors will open to the general public at 8:45 A.M.

*Faculty and graduates are required to wear academic regalia at these events.

For additional information, please visit the Commencement webpage at:
<https://www.cookman.edu/index.html>

Appropriate attire required:

All participants in the Commencement Ceremony and Service of Consecration should follow the dress code outlined below.

Female:

- a. Black or dark colored dresses or skirts and blouses
- b. Black shoes
- c. Posts or small hoop earrings
- d. Full academic regalia (cap, tassel, gown, and hood)

Male:

- e. Black or navy blue slacks
- f. White dress shirt
- g. Black or dark colored tie
- h. Black shoes
- i. No excessive jewelry
- j. Full academic regalia (cap, tassel, gown, and hood)

Determine if you are eligible to participate in the Fall 2021 Commencement:

You are eligible to participate in Fall 2021 Commencement if:

You are already a Summer 2021 graduate or Fall 2021 prospective graduate.

You are in receipt of an ON TRACK graduation status email and on the eligible to attend list located on B-CU Homepage with a deadline of November 3, 2021: <https://www.cookman.edu/index.html>

You complete all **academic and financial** requirements to graduate as of **December 11, 2021**.

Prior to Commencement:

Graduates will be responsible for costs to correct spelling of names and re- mail diplomas.

Provide **official** transcripts from other colleges and universities to the Office of the Registrar by **November 29, 2021**.

Pay graduation fees: \$125.00 for undergraduates; \$155.00 for master's candidates by **November 29, 2021**.

Login to the Wildcat Web to verify whether you have financial obligations to the University including fines (Library, parking, residence halls, etc.).

Clear balances through the Bursar's Office by **November 29, 2021**.

Pick up cap, gown, and graduation announcements.

Complete your **Financial Aid Exit Counseling** by going to www.studentloans.gov by **November 29, 2021**.

Failure to do so will result in the withholding of printed diplomas until confirmed completion.

Obtain additional Commencement information from the Office of Career Services and from

<http://www.cookman.edu/academics/graduation/index.html>.

GRADUATION WEEK: Carefully read information below to assist you through the graduation services and during graduation week. **REMEMBER...YOU MUST BE ACADEMICALLY & FINANCIALLY CLEARED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY.** Remember to bring lots of patience!!!!

Pick up Admission **(4) FOUR** tickets for Commencement at the PAC Box Office – To Be Determined.

Distribution at the PAC on Monday November 29th & November 30th from 10am – 4pm.

Pick up name cards. **Distribution at the PAC on Monday November 29th & November 30th from 10am – 4pm.**

All candidates: Attend Service of Consecration Rehearsal on **Monday December 6th at 5:00pm.**

Pick up Honor Cords on the morning of the Commencement Ceremony (eligible confirmed undergraduates only).

All candidates: Attend the Service of Consecration & Candlelight Wreath Laying Ceremony (cap and gown required) on **Wednesday, December 8th.**

- Wear academic regalia (cap and gown). See the FAQ's and the Academic Dress Code at <https://www.cookman.edu/index.html>
- Attire: Your Sunday best or semi-formal attire is appropriate. No Admission Tickets required.

All candidates: Attend the Commencement Ceremony.

- Graduates, report to parking lot behind the Fine Arts building by 7:30am for line up and preparation.
- If you need to replace a lost card, you should inform the Registrar's staff upon your arrival.
- Print the phonetic spelling of your name for the reader and the mailing address for your **graduation photos** (this card remains with the photographer, so only information pertaining to the mailing of your photos should go on this card).
- **Keep the card until you walk across the stage—the card reader will read your name, major, and honors from this card. NOTE: You must have an OFFICIAL name card to participate.**
- Line up in the designated area according to number assignment on your **OFFICIAL** name card.
- Once the processional begins, late arrivals will be placed at the end of the line.
- Remain throughout the entire ceremony, and march out as directed.

ADMISSION TICKETS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL GUESTS. Doors will open to the general public at 8:45 a.m.