Congratulations to our graduating sophomores!

Connors State College’s May 2008 Commencement will be held at the Muskogee Civic Center, downtown Muskogee, 5th and Boston Streets, Friday, May 9, 2008 at 7:00 in the evening. The processional will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. with the program immediately following. Family and guests will be seated in the balcony area on a first-come, first-served basis. Access to the arena floor will not be permitted during the ceremony.

Nursing Capping and Pinning
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GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS. Announcements are now available in our campus bookstore for purchase for a nominal fee.

DRESS AND DECORUM

CAP AND GOWN INFORMATION. Caps and gowns are in. All graduates are required to wear the academic attire provided by the college through the campus bookstore. Those participating in the
ceremony can pick up their cap and gown in the campus bookstores now. Orders were sent to the campus location students listed on the graduation application. Your CSC student ID card is required when picking up your regalia.

HONORS CORDS. The list of students eligible for the honors designations will be listed in the Commencement Program. Honor designation is made based on the last academic semester prior to the May graduation. Eligible candidates may purchase their honors attire in the campus bookstores in Warner/Muskogee. Please do so by May 5. Candidates are those that have earned a grade point average of 3.65 or higher. Students will need their CSC student ID card to purchase honor cords.

COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL. There will be no commencement rehearsal; however, there will be a rehearsal for those students participating in the pinning and capping ceremony. Please contact the nursing department for that time. Friday evening, students are to arrive promptly at 6:00 p.m. and meet in the lobby of the Civic Center. Commencement staff will direct you to the line-up area.

The BIG DAY!

GENERAL INFORMATION. Please arrive at the Civic Center in time to join the commencement line at 6:00 p.m. Faculty will begin their process at 6:30 p.m. We recommend that personal items be left with family members or friends (cell phones, purses, cameras, etc) as we are unable to provide a location to secure these items.

MORTAR BOARDS. (hats) are worn with the tips in a horizontal position—not tilted. Candidates for graduation march with the tassels on the right side of their hats. Males wear hats throughout the ceremony EXCEPT during the Invocation, National Anthem and Benediction. The women do not remove their hats during the ceremony. No signs, symbols, corsages, decorative or other extraneous items are to be attached to the mortarboard or robe. Only official honor cords and collars are to be worn. Please refrain from bringing in flowers, balloons, banners, etc., to the arena floor area.

Graduates will not be seated alphabetically this year. Staff will line students as they arrive.

GRADUATION CEREMONY. A professional photographer will take a photo of the presentation of your diploma cover as you cross the stage, as a service to you and your family. This optional souvenir photo is available for purchase with no obligation on your part. Information concerning the proof and purchase will be available on our website, www.connorsstate.edu. It is permissible for Commencement guests to photograph proceedings from the upper arena area only and are asked not to block the aisles. Only those participating in the commencement ceremony will be allowed on the arena floor during the program. Family and friends will have an opportunity to take additional pictures after the ceremony in our staging area (outside the arena) after the ceremony. Everyone is invited to join us for the reception, immediately following, in rooms A & B.
CONFERRING OF DEGREES. After President Nero has conferred the degrees, those graduates will begin their walk to the stage to receive their diploma, one row at a time. Upon proceeding to the stage, the student will hand their name card to the reader, Mrs. Beaver. Once the student’s name is called the degree recipient will proceed to the stage, accept the diploma cover with his/her left hand, and shake the President’s hand with his/her right hand. Upon returning to their seats, students will remain standing until the last person in the row has returned, whereupon the entire row may be seated at once. When the program has concluded graduates will follow the student Marshals out of the arena.

PAYMENT OF FEES. Please remember that all financial balances owed to Connors State College must be paid. Any additional financial or academic obligations (including outcomes Assessment) must be completed. Neither transcripts nor diplomas will be released until all obligations have been met.

Final grades will be mailed to all students with clear accounts after May 15. Official transcripts are made available, in writing, or in person through the Office of the Registrar, Warner Campus. The Transcript Request form is available on our website, www.connorsstate.edu under Student Documents.

Participation in the Commencement ceremony does not constitute official graduation from Connors State College. Official clearance of graduation does not occur until all grades have been posted and re-evaluated. Your official record of graduation is the academic transcript.