

# HCCC's May 2022 Commencement Ceremony Information

Hudson County Community College's 45<sup>th</sup> Commencement Ceremony will be held on **Thursday, May 26 at 12:00 p.m.** at the **Red Bull Arena** located at **600 Cape May St., Harrison, NJ 07029.**



## Graduating Class Recognition

This ceremony will recognize the graduating classes of the Summer II 2019 through Summer II 2022.

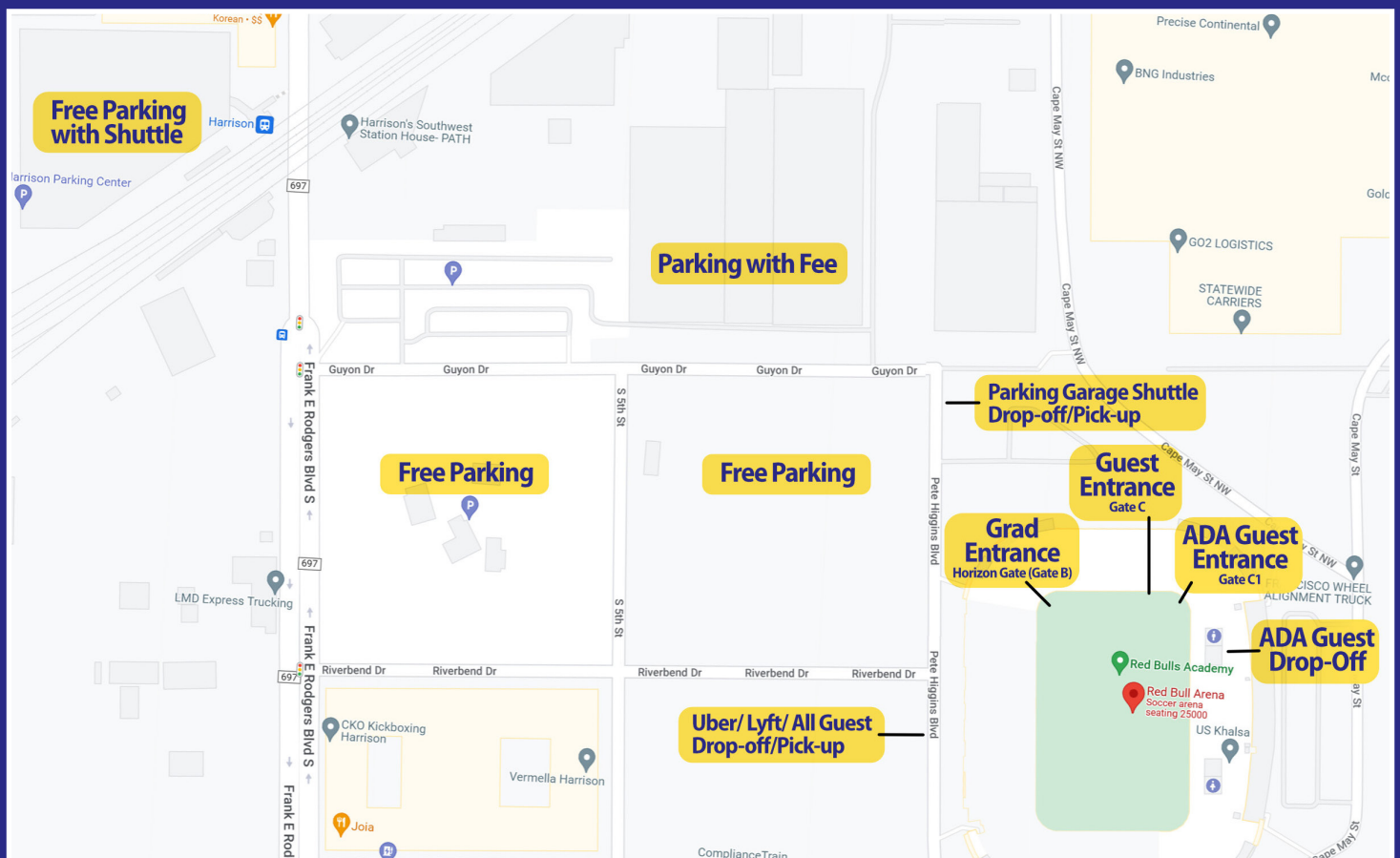
We are inviting all graduating students who were unable to have an in-person Commencement Ceremony due to the pandemic to celebrate your accomplishment in this meaningful ceremony and celebration.



## Arrival Times and Entrances

Doors will open for graduates and guests at 10:30 a.m. All graduates must **arrive by 11:30 a.m.** The Commencement Ceremony **begins promptly at 12:00 p.m.**

Graduates will enter through the Horizon Gate (Gate B). Graduates will need to have their cap and gowns to enter the area. Guests will enter through Gate C. ADA drop-off and ADA guests will enter through Gate C1.



## **RSVP and Name Pronunciation with MarchingOrder**

HCCC's MarchingOrder website will collect ceremony RSVP information and confirm name pronunciation. Name pronunciation confirmation is due May 1.

To RSVP to the ceremony, create an account using your HCCC email address at <https://hccc.marchingorder.com/>.

## **Academic Procession and Recession**

**The graduating class participating in this ceremony will be expected to participate in a processional and a recessional.**

The procession is the traditional ceremony march at the beginning of the ceremony, where graduates are led by faculty and college dignitaries. The procession will begin at the mid-field point and involves walking to the seats at the end of the field.

The recession occurs at the end of the ceremony, where faculty and college dignitaries lead the graduates from their seats off the field, marking the end of the ceremony. The recession will return to the mid-field point.

## **Recommended Footwear and Additional Ceremony Notes**

Graduates will enter the arena and mid-field and walk to the end of the arena to their seats. When your name is called, you will need to walk down the stairs to cross the stage, and then up the stairs to your seat. Therefore, we highly recommend that you wear comfortable footwear and avoid shoes with heels, low traction, or shoes that are uncomfortable for you to wear.

We also recommend that graduates do not bring any personal items with them to their seats, except for their cell phone and small purse/wallet. Graduates are not permitted to chew gum during the ceremony.

## **Keynote Speaker**

The keynote address will be delivered by HCCC Alumnus Mr. Pedro Moranchel, Class of 2021 Valedictorian and current junior at Princeton University pursuing a bachelor's degree in Physics.

## **Running Time of Event**

It is anticipated that this ceremony will run for about three hours. However, the length of time depends on the number of graduates participating in the ceremony.

## **Live Streaming**

The Commencement Ceremony will be live-streamed on the College's YouTube channel and website at <https://www.hccc.edu/student-success/graduation-event.html>.

## **Reception**

HCCC will be sponsoring a complimentary reception following the ceremony and recessional of the graduates. The reception will be an exceptional opportunity to celebrate with graduates, families, loved ones, faculty, and staff.

## **Vaccination and Mask Information**

There are no vaccination or mask requirements to attend the Commencement Ceremony.

# **GUEST INFORMATION**

## **Number of Guests**

Graduates are allowed to invite an unlimited number of guests! We want this special day to be celebrated by all who love and support our graduates.

## **Guest Tickets**

For safety and guest tracking purposes, the HCCC Commencement Ceremony at the Red Bull Arena will require mobile tickets of all attendees.

TICKETS ARE STILL UNLIMITED AND FREE, AND GUESTS WILL STILL BE SEATED IN A GENERAL ADMISSION. TICKETS ARE REQUIRED FOR ENTRY.

Click below to obtain your tickets:

[Graduating Student Tickets](#)

[Guest Tickets](#)

**Important Notes:**

- Please choose any available section when selecting your tickets. Seating will occur on a first-come, first-seated method regardless of the section that you choose.
- To complete your ticket order, you will need to log into your Ticketmaster account or create one.
- Once completed, your mobile tickets will be emailed to you and accessible at <https://am.ticketmaster.com/nyredbulls/my-events>.
- Tickets are required for entry.

**Accessible Seating**

Guests of graduates who have notated the need for Accessible Seating will check in at Gate C1. A member of HCCC's Accessibility volunteer team will escort you and your guests to your seat. Wheelchairs will be placed in wheelchair accessible sections along with 1 companion. We aim to sit all guests near each other.

**GETTING TO RED BULL ARENA AND PARKING****Driving**

Please refer to these GPS locations for various parking and drop off points:

**Parking**

*S 5th Street Parking Lots (Free Parking):* Guyon Dr. and S 5th Street, Harrison, NJ

*Harrison Parking Garage (Free Parking and Shuttle to Red Bull):* 890 S 3rd St, Harrison, NJ 07029

*Harrison PATH Station (Parking with a Fee):* 1000 Frank E Rodgers Blvd S, Harrison, NJ 07029

**Drop Off**

*Uber/Lyft/All Drop-Off:* Pete Higgins Blvd, Harrison, NJ 07029

*ADA Drop-Off:* 699-697 Cape May Street, Harrison, NJ 07029



## **PATH**

Red Bull Arena is about three blocks from the Harrison PATH train station, one stop away from Journal Square.

## **Parking**

Free parking will be available in the parking lots adjacent to the Red Bull Arena located on Guyon Drive and S 5th Street! Spots are available on a first come, first serve basis. Additional free parking is available at the nearby Harrison Parking Garage, and HCCC shuttles will be provided to the Red Bull Arena.

## **ACCESSIBILITY**

Red Bull Arena is equipped with accessible parking, seating, closed captioning, and other supports. More information at <https://www.newyorkredbulls.com/redbullarena/ada>.

Accessible seating is available in various sections at Red Bull Arena, offering wheelchair and companion seating on all levels. There will be ushers and staff on hand to assist guests to these seats.

There will be a sign language interpreter at the ceremony in addition to closed captioning.

If you are a graduate or if your guest needs accommodations, it is important that you notate the need on the ceremony RSVP form at <https://hccc.marchingorder.com/>.

## **GRAD EVENTS AND Q&A SESSIONS**

There are multiple events planned for our graduates, including Grad BBQs at the Journal Square and the North Hudson Campuses, a Commencement Formal held at The Hudson House, and more!