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Breaking News: Vice President Kamala Harris to Headline Tennessee State University Commencement



United States Vice President Kamala Harris. Photo by NOAH BERGER/AFP via Getty Images

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (TSU News Service) – Vice President Kamala Harris will headline Tennessee State University’s 2022 Spring Commencement in May. Vice President Harris will deliver the keynote address for the undergraduate Commencement on Saturday, May 7 at 9 a.m. CDT in Hale Stadium. Birmingham Mayor Randall Woodfin will address graduate students

at an indoor ceremony on Friday, May 6 at 5 p.m. CDT in the Gentry Center Complex. University officials say nearly 900 students will receive degrees in various disciplines.

“We are excited to have the Vice President of the United States, Kamala Harris and Mayor Randall Woodfin of Birmingham, two trailblazers and history makers, deliver the keynote address for our commencement ceremonies,” says TSU President Glenda Glover.

“Commencement marks a major milestone in our students’ lives, but to have the Vice President of the United States as your guest speaker makes this moment even more special for our students and their families. I believe they will also appreciate the fact that both Vice President Harris and Mayor Woodfin are HBCU graduates, a testament to the caliber of students TSU and other HBCUs produce. The TSU family looks forward to both ceremonies and featured speakers.”

Chattanooga State Announces 2022 Commencement Plans

(Chattanooga, TN) --- Commencement ceremonies for the Class of 2022 will be held May 6 in the Health & Physical Fitness Building (Gym) on the main campus of Chattanooga State Community College, 4501 Amnicola Highway, Chattanooga, 37406.

“We will have ceremonies at 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.,” stated Dr. Amanda Bennett, interim vice president for Student Affairs. “These ceremonies will encompass all academic divisions, Collegiate High School and University Parallel graduates.” Students each received six tickets for guests. For those unable to attend, ceremonies will be live-streamed here: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvNzIVY9MkFwAXN-6QbPP1dZ2AI-vbFA-L>

Chattanooga State’s academic divisions include Business, Engineering and Information Technologies, Humanities and Fine Arts, Mathematics and Sciences, Nursing and Allied Health, and Social and Behavioral Sciences, in addition to Collegiate High and University Parallel graduates.

“We are excited to host our graduates on our campus this year, and there is much to celebrate,” shared Dr. Bennett. “Our graduates and their accomplishments exemplify our purpose of empowering everyone in our community to learn without limits.”

The Class of 2022 is composed of 1,221 graduate candidates. Sixty-seven percent are female while 33% are males, and 339 grads, or 28%, have become the

first member of their family to attend college. The largest percentage of graduates are over 25 years of age at 50%, while 45% more are within the ages of 18 and 20. Almost a third of the graduates are TN Promise recipients. Chattanooga State’s oldest graduate candidate is age 71, while the youngest is 17.

The following countries represented in the graduating Class of 2022 include Australia, Brazil, Cuba, Ecuador, Germany, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Mexico, Panama, Philippines, Senegal South Africa, Sudan, Ukraine and Vietnam.

More information about Chattanooga State’s 2022 Commencement exercises can be found here: <https://www.chattanoogaastate.edu/student-support/information/graduation-information>

UTC Commencement Set for This Weekend

CHATTANOOGA—University of Tennessee at Chattanooga spring commencement will be celebrated with five ceremonies and approximately 1,500 degrees awarded over two days on Friday, May 6, and Saturday, May 7. All ceremonies will take place inside McKenzie Arena.

The ceremonies are as follows:

- Friday at 2:30 p.m. Graduate commencement for recipients of advanced degrees. Speaker: Mina Sartipi, Director of the Center for Urban Informatics and Progress and Guerry Professor in Computational Science.

- Saturday at 9 a.m. College of Arts and Sciences (last name beginning A-K). Speaker: Gregory O’Dea, Associate Dean of the Honors College and UC Foundation Professor in English.
- Saturday at 1 p.m. College of Engineering and Computer Science and Gary W. Rollins College of Business. Speaker: Thomas Lyons, Clarence E. Harris Chair of Excellence in Entrepreneurship and Professor of Marketing and Entrepreneurship.
- Saturday at 4 p.m. College of Health, Education and Professional Studies. Speaker: Christine Benz Smith, Di-

rector of the School of Nursing and Chief Health Affairs Officer.

- Saturday at 7 p.m. College of Arts and Sciences (last name beginning L-Z). Speaker: Tammy Garland, Professor of Criminal Justice and Faculty Senate President.

This will be the 259th overall commencement for the University, which was founded in 1886 as the then-private Chattanooga University. The first UTC graduation ceremony took place Aug. 23, 1969, in the Tivoli Theater in downtown Chattanooga.

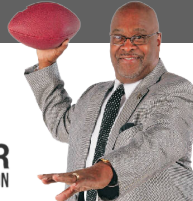

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 (Luke 19:10, NIV)
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— TODAY’S WORD —
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— PRAYER FOR TODAY —
 FATHER, thank YOU that in YOUR heart is a constant purpose to seek and save people like me. Thank YOU that YOU see beyond what I have been to what I can become, and YOU come to my house with the gift of salvation and help me change. Welcome to my house. In JESUS’ Name, Amen.

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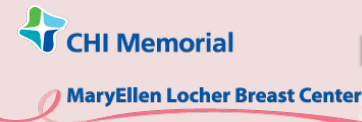




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