

TIPS FOR GRADUATES

Graduation fee (\$85.00) - must be paid in the Business Office prior to graduation.

Financial Aid Exit Survey - all graduates are required by federal law to complete the Financial Aid Exit Survey before departing. *Please comply with this requirement before you come to pick up your cap and gown.* Call the Financial Aid Office (803.934.3238) for more information.

COMMENCEMENT ETIQUETTE

- There should not be any **talking** or **gum-chewing** while seated during the Commencement Ceremony.
- There should not be any **waving** or **yelling** to relatives and friends during the Commencement Ceremony.
- Make sure all cell phones are turned **off**; better yet, leave them with your ticketed guests.
- The mortarboard is to be worn level (not tipped back or cocked to one side). The tassel should be worn on the *right side*. After the degrees have been conferred, then the tassel is moved to the *left side*.
- Please emphasize to your families, friends, and other guests that the baccalaureate address is a farewell sermon at the Commencement Ceremony. It is a *solemn ceremony* and should be observed as such. The *sanctity and dignity of the ceremony* must be maintained at all times, therefore, *applauding and cheering are not allowed*. The time to celebrate and to cheer is after the President confers the degrees, which takes place after the last student's name is called. **Violators will be escorted out.** So please ask your relatives and friends to be considerate and respectful of others. They will have plenty of time to celebrate after the ceremony is over.
- **Graduates and their three ticketed guests may begin arriving at the campus at 8:45 a.m. Tickets will be collected by the security staff at the gate.**

GRADUATION PICTURES

The photographer will take individual pictures of the graduates as they leave the podium with their diplomas.

EXTRA STOLES

IF the vendor sends any extra Morris College or African-American stoles, they will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis on the morning of Commencement; **CASH ONLY - \$30 WITH CORRECT CHANGE.**