

Congratulations Parents/Guardians of MCCTC Seniors:

Very soon, your senior student will be leaving the Career Center to begin the next phase of their future. If you plan on attending the Senior Awards Ceremony, the following is important information. Most of it you have already received via mail or our website, but we just want to update you and reiterate the points of great importance including parking.

We will be off campus for a single, schoolwide ceremony as outlined below.

**Location: Powers Auditorium (located in the DeYor Performing Arts Center)  
260 W. Federal Street  
Youngstown, Ohio 44503**

**Date: May 29, 2025**

**Time: 9 a.m. sharp**

**DOORS TO THE PUBLIC OPEN AT 8 A.M. AT THAT TIME, NO ONE WILL BE ADMITTED WITHOUT A TICKET. EACH INDIVIDUAL MUST PRESENT THEIR OWN TICKET!**

**Important Reminders for all the Day of the Ceremony**

**Parking: Public parking in downtown is EXTREMELY limited. Due to all State and Federal workers once again working in person, the private lots for those offices WILL NOT be available for general public parking. Anyone parking in any of those lots risks having their vehicles towed. IF ANY LOT IS DESIGNATED AS PRIVATE, WE URGE YOU NOT TO TAKE THE CHANCE OF YOUR VEHICLE BEING TOWED.**

**Public Parking: There are public lots near the DeYor Center, but those are limited. Parking fees for those range from \$3-\$5. Due to the few available lots, if you choose to park in one, we strongly suggest you arrive early.**

For both of the above reasons, and to make the day less stressful, we are offering all attendees (seniors and guests) to take advantage of our shuttle service as outlined below.

**Shuttle Service: This option is highly recommended for your ease and convenience. It ensures that you do not need to navigate downtown Youngstown traffic, construction, and parking.** We have reserved buses and will provide shuttle service from Stambaugh Auditorium (1005 Fifth Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio) to Powers. Stambaugh has plenty of free parking for you, and their staff is happy to assist us. We will also have a few MCCTC folks there eager to help. The shuttles will run as follows:

7:45 a.m.

8:00 a.m.

8:15 a.m.

8:30 a.m.

8:45 a.m.

**No service will run after 8:45 due to the ceremony beginning at 9:00 a.m.**

**If you are using the shuttle service, you must present your tickets before boarding the bus. No one will be permitted to board without proof of a ticket so please distribute them as necessary. ALL SENIORS UTILIZING THE SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE MUST BE ON THE 7:45 A.M. BUS TO ENSURE THEY ARE AT POWERS IN TIME FOR LINEUP.** Shuttles will also run after the ceremony in 15 minute increments (for one hour) returning to the Stambaugh lot.

**Senior Line Up:** All seniors need to be at Powers no later than 8:00 a.m. to begin lining up. There will not be any school buses running that day, so all seniors must provide their own transportation to Powers Auditorium. All seniors must have a cap and gown upon arrival to participate in the ceremony. **\*\*\* In support of our home schools, decorated caps are prohibited. Seniors will not be permitted to walk with decorated caps.** Seniors will also be advised to limit personal belongings for their ease and convenience.

**Tickets:** Students will be issued 4 guest tickets during the mandatory practices. They will need to sign for the tickets as they are distributed. We realize that some families would like to have more tickets but, unfortunately due to seating logistics, that is not possible. **MCCTC staff will be in the box office to collect guest tickets.** A reminder, each guest must present his/her/their own ticket to be admitted into the auditorium. **\*\*\*Remember that your student will also have the opportunity to walk at their home school for their actual graduation ceremony providing another opportunity for guests to attend. As per above guidelines, guests will need proof of tickets to board the shuttle buses and to be admitted into the auditorium. Guests DO NOT have to be seated together.**

**Start of the Ceremony:** **The Awards Ceremony will begin precisely at 9 a.m. with the Senior March. At that time, no guests will be admitted into the auditorium until all of the seniors have been seated. Anyone arriving after 9 a.m. will not be admitted to watch the Senior Processional. We cannot stress enough that you plan to arrive early. We will all be competing with weekday traffic, construction, and very limited public parking. Please be proactive in planning your arrival.** **\*\*\*We advise if you are not familiar with downtown Youngstown that you take the opportunity to drive to DeYor and Stambaugh to begin to familiarize yourself with the area. Most definitely, that will alleviate stress and ensure you arrive in a timely manner on this most important day for your senior.**

**Important Reminders for your Students May 27 and May 28, 2025**

**Ceremony Practice:** Since seniors will not practice or be in Powers Auditorium prior to the ceremony, it is **MANDATORY** that they attend both practices at the Career Center. Those will be held **Tuesday, May 27 and Wednesday, May 28.** Seniors need to report to the Career Center at their regular time (7:50 a.m.). We will replicate the procession, seating, and awarding of Career Passports during the practices on our campus. We will also release students after the practice so that they, especially those on early work, will be able to exit by approximately 10:30 a.m. **If students do not attend the practices they will not be permitted to walk. The only exception to this is approved home school functions those days. The home schools will provide those lists to us.**

We trust that you are as excited as we are for all of our seniors to be recognized in such a beautiful forum, remembering there are parameters for all of us. Our entire administrative team has worked very hard with all of our partners to make the 2025 Senior Awards Ceremony a memorable experience for our seniors and their families.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Senior Class Advisor, [donna.greer@mahoningctc.com](mailto:donna.greer@mahoningctc.com)

Thank you,

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