

Ceremony Details

Processional

The marshal will lead the class to their seats for the ceremony. The order is as follows:

Trustees/Platform Party

Faculty/Administrators

Grand Marshal – Professor Denise Danford

Graduates: - A.A. candidates
 - A.S. candidates
 - A.A.S. candidates
 - Certificates of Proficiency

Directions

The marshal will lead you down the center aisle to your seat and assist with the seating arrangements. Please take the next available seat in the row and be seated.

When the graduates are in place and the music for the procession has stopped, the Honor Guard will then seat the flag. Please stand for our National Anthem and face the flag.

Ceremonial Procedures

Flag Ceremony	Upper Darby Police Department Honor Guard
National Anthem	Deja Settles, DCCC Student Stand and face the flag. Men remove caps at the Grand Marshal's signal.
Welcome	Donald L. Heller, Chair, Board of Trustees
Introductions	L. Joy Gates Black, Ed.D., President
Student Address	Chan Woo Kim
Commencement Address	Gwendolyn McCullough, '18 Chief of Staff Office of State Representative Michael P. Zabel

Gould Award

Donald L. Heller

Recommendation and
Presentation of Candidates
for Associate Degrees
and Certificates

Monica Parrish Trent, Ph.D.
Provost

The Grand Marshal will stand and signal the first row of graduates to stand. The first row of graduates will proceed to the stairs at the right of the stage (as you face it), forming a single line. When your name is called, walk across the stage and accept the diploma cover from Dr. Gates Black in your left hand, shaking hands with your right. Proceed down the opposite stairs, return to your seat, and be seated. When there are three graduates remaining at the stairway, the Grand Marshal will signal the second row to stand and follow in order. The third and succeeding rows will follow the same patterns. When the last graduate returns to his/her seat, the honorary marshals will return to their seats.

Conferral of Associate Degrees
and Awarding of Certificates

L. Joy Gates Black

When the last graduate has returned to his/her seat, Dr. Gates Black will step to the podium and the Grand Marshal will signal the graduates to stand. Dr. Gates Black will confer the degrees and award the Certificates with a brief statement. At the conclusion of this statement, the Grand Marshal will turn, face the graduates, and signal them to change the tassel from the right to the left side of the mortarboard using the right hand. Please be seated. The music for the recessional march will begin and the honorary marshals will proceed to lead the graduates out.

Recessional