



Presiding

Dr. Heather Norris

Chancellor

Thursday, May 7, Friday, May 8, and Saturday, May 9, 2026

Processional

Pomp and Circumstance

Edward Elgar, Composer | Roger Harvey, Arranger

Presentation of Colors

App State ROTC's Pershing Rifles

The Star-Spangled Banner

Words by Francis Scott Key | John Higgins, Arranger

Vocalist Lily Bailey, mezzo-soprano and choral music education major

Welcome

Dr. Neva J. Specht, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost

Commencement Address

Chancellor Norris

Greetings from the Appalachian State University Board of Trustees

Mr. Mark E. Ricks, Board Chair

Greetings from the UNC System Board of Governors

Mr. C. Philip Byers, Board Member

Presentation of Candidates

Provost Specht

Conferring of Degrees

Chancellor Norris

The Alma Mater

Cherished Vision

Written by J.D. Rankin

Recessional

Procession of the Scholars

Dr. William G. Harbinson, Composer

Hi Hi Yikas

Dr. William Gilbert Spencer, Composer and Arranger

Appalachian State University

COMMENCEMENT

Spring 2026



Scan QR code to view Spring 2026 Candidates for Graduation

Congratulations Spring 2026 graduates, and welcome to the
Appalachian State University Alumni Association!

Visit App State's Facebook page for a gallery of snapshots
from Spring 2026 Commencement.

Musical Selections Performed by Appalachian Brass Ensemble
Hayes School of Music
Drs. Joseph Brown and Dakota Corbliss, Conductors

App State, media outlets, and family and friends film commencement ceremonies.
Attendees may be included in photography or videos used to promote Appalachian State University.