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## *Augusta Technical College announces Dr. Tom Clark as Keynote Speaker for 2026 Commencement Ceremony*

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The Augusta Technical College Board of Directors, Faculty and Staff, and the 2026 Graduating Class are honored to announce the Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, June 13th at the Bell Auditorium.

To be considered as a candidate for graduation, students must complete all requirements of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) and Augusta Technical College's Board of Directors and certified by the registrar as having met all academic requirements.



The College will host two ceremonies:

### Ceremony 1 (9:30 AM)

- School of Health Sciences
- T.R. Reddy School of Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technology

### Ceremony 2 (1:30 PM)

- Adult Education
- School of Arts and Sciences
- School of Business, Cyber and Design
- School of Public and Professional Services

Dr. Command Sgt. Major (Retired) Tom Clark, President/CEO of the Alliance for Fort Gordon, will be the keynote speaker for the institution's 2026 Commencement Ceremony.

Dr. Clark's connection to technical education runs deep. A 1980 graduate of Columbia Montour Vocational-Technical School in Pennsylvania, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Signal Corps immediately following graduation and went on to serve more than 32 years in the United States Army. He retired in 2011 as the Army's Signal Regimental

Command Sergeant Major at U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon in Augusta, Georgia.

"Technical education changed the trajectory of my life. It gave me a foundation that carried me through 32 years of military service and everything that followed. I am honored to speak to Augusta Technical College's graduating class and remind them that the path they chose takes real courage - and leads to real impact," stated Dr. Clark.

"We are honored to welcome Dr. Clark to the Augusta Technical College stage," said Dr. Kendrick D. Hooker, President of Augusta Technical College. "His life reflects the very values we instill in our students - dedication, perseverance, and a commitment to serving others. He is an exceptional choice to address our Class of 2026."

Reverend Reginal G. Cofer, Pastor of Tremount Temple Missionary Baptist Church, will serve as guest pastor and give the Invocation and Benediction for the ceremony.

The Augusta Technical College 2026 Commencement Ceremony will also be streamed virtually via the college's Facebook and YouTube channels.

Ceremony 1 (9:30 AM): [Facebook](#) | [YouTube](#)

Ceremony 2 (1:30 PM): [Facebook](#) | [YouTube](#)

For more information, please visit our [Commencement Information](#) page on the college's website.

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Augusta Technical College, a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia, is a public postsecondary institution that provides academic and technical education, customized business and industry training, continuing education, student support, economic development, and adult education services to its service area (Burke, Columbia, Lincoln, McDuffie, and Richmond Counties) at a competitive financial value. Associate of Science Degrees, Associate of Applied Science Degrees, diplomas, and technical certificates of credit are provided through traditional and distance delivery methods. For more information, visit [augustatech.edu](http://augustatech.edu).

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