

Greetings HU Seniors:

As we get closer to your graduation, I would like to provide a few reminders to assist with a smooth process for the 2026 Commencement ceremony:

- The deadline to apply for May 2026 graduation is **February 27, 2026**
 - Applications are online here: <https://home.hamptonu.edu/gateways/forms-student/>
 - Please complete and return to graduation@hamptonu.edu, or you may complete the form at the Registrar's Office in Whipple Barn

- August and December 2026 candidates are encouraged to apply by February 27, 2026
 - The University currently permits students within 6 hours or less of satisfying graduation requirements the opportunity to participate in the commencement ceremony as a Provisional candidate. Diplomas for Provisional candidates will be issued **after** all University academic requirements have been satisfied.
 - Your Department Chair will confirm your eligibility to participate during the Graduation Clearance process once final grades have been processed.

- The Graduation Countdown website page is coming soon, so be on the lookout. This website will be your major resource tool for important information and timelines related to graduation.

Best wishes for a great semester, and I look forward to celebrating with you on May 8, 2026.

Regards,



Regina Cotter, University Registrar