

## TIPS FOR GRADUATES

**Graduation fee (\$85.00)** - must be paid in the Business Office prior to graduation.

**Financial Aid Exit Survey** - all graduates are required by federal law to complete the Financial Aid Exit Survey before departing. *Please comply with this requirement before you come to pick up your cap and gown.* Call the Financial Aid Office (803.934.3238) for more information.

### COMMENCEMENT ETIQUETTE

- There should not be any **talking** or **gum-chewing** while seated during the Commencement Ceremony.
- There should not be any **waving** or **yelling** to relatives and friends during the Commencement Ceremony.
- Make sure all cell phones are turned **off**; better yet, leave them with your ticketed guests.
- The mortarboard is to be worn level (not tipped back or cocked to one side). The tassel should be worn on the **right side**. After the degrees have been conferred, then the tassel is moved to the **left side**.
- Please emphasize to your families, friends, and other guests that the baccalaureate address is a farewell sermon at the Commencement Ceremony. It is a **solemn ceremony** and should be observed as such. The **sanctity and dignity of the ceremony** must be maintained at all times, therefore, **applauding and cheering are not allowed**. The time to celebrate and to cheer is after the President confers the degrees, which takes place after the last student's name is called. **Violators will be escorted out.** So please ask your relatives and friends to be considerate and respectful of others. They will have plenty of time to celebrate after the ceremony is over.
- **Graduates and their two ticketed guests should begin arriving at the campus at 8:45 a.m.**

### GRADUATION PICTURES

The photographer will take individual pictures of the graduates as they leave the podium with their diplomas.

### EXTRA STOLES

There are some Morris College and African-American stoles available for those that want them; first-come, first-served. All sales will be cash and you must have the exact amount (\$30.00).