

Commencement Ceremony

Who Is Eligible?

You are eligible to participate in the 56th Annual Commencement ceremony!
Friday, May 26, 2017, 4 p.m. SWC DeVore Stadium



Congratulations to all graduating students on reaching this momentous achievement. We look forward to celebrating with you, your friends, and family. Below are important details. **Congratulations class of 2017!**

What is the difference between Commencement and Graduation?

Graduation refers to actually receiving a degree or certificate of completion once the college has verified you have met all degree or certificate requirements. Commencement refers to the ceremony. You will wear traditional regalia, receive a diploma cover symbolizing your degree, and have the opportunity to celebrate your achievements with friends and family. You will be able to walk in May if you petitioned to graduate for fall 2016, spring 2017, or summer 2017.



Register to Participate in Commencement

If you plan to participate in the commencement ceremony, please complete the Commencement Registration form online, through Southwestern College website: <https://jag.swccd.edu/commencement>

The online registration will be available from March 15, 2017 until April 28, 2017. Once you submit your Commencement Registration form online you will receive an email confirming your participation and an invitation to attend "GradFest".



Select a Southwestern College Administrator, Faculty, or Staff

When you register for Commencement, you may select a current faculty or staff member from Southwestern College to present your diploma cover at the Commencement Ceremony (optional).

Deadline to select a presenter is April 28, 2017.

If you do not select a presenter a Governing Board Member will present your diploma cover to you.

Diploma and Program Information

Your diploma will be ordered with the name that appears on your official record in the Admissions Office.

Please keep Admissions informed of any changes. Whether or not you participate in the commencement ceremony, your name will still appear in the program. If you do not want your name to appear in the program please contact Jenny Marasigan by May 5th at jmarasigan@swccd.edu or 619-482-6537.

GradFest - Everything needed for Commencement in one place!

GradFest an important event that no graduate should miss because it provides a "One Stop Shop" for graduating students to get everything they need for commencement.

Grad pack includes: cap, gown, and 2017 tassel for \$43.25. Get 10% off with your printed Gradfest Voucher. (Diploma cover will be provided at the Commencement Ceremony).

Vendors will be onsite for class rings, and announcements. Photographer will be available at the SWC Chula Vista campus only (no sitting fee is required).

ASO cap/gown lending program will be available to graduating students at NO COST while supplies last. Eligibility requirements: must submit proof of eligibility of Pell grant award letter or BOGW, and SWC ID with current ASO sticker to the office of Student Activities, room 601C beginning April 3 until May 19.

EOPS students will receive an email with information of where to pick up their cap and gown.

For more information on the Commencement Ceremony, please contact Jenny Marasigan at 619-482-6537 or email jmarasigan@swccd.edu

www.swccd.edu/commencement

Gradfest Dates:

April 19 (Wed): HEC Otay Mesa, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

April 20 (Thu): HEC San Ysidro, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

April 24 (Mon): HEC National City, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

April 25, 26, 27 (Tue, Wed, Thu): Chula Vista Campus Bookstore, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

