

Santa Barbara City College Commencement 2008 Information



Congratulations to all SBCC Candidates for Graduation! Commencement ceremonies at Santa Barbara City College are special, and we hope you will plan to participate with us! Our best wishes to each of you.

John Romo, President, Santa Barbara City College

The Foundation for SBCC enthusiastically congratulates you on your academic success. Your hard work and commitment have helped you realize another goal and milestone in your life. We hope that you will always remember SBCC fondly. Best wishes for a bright future!

GRADUATION DAY – FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2008 AT 5:00 P.M.

Please take a few minutes to read through the information carefully so that you can prepare for the day.

GRADUATION DAY EVENTS

A SBCC Complimentary Commencement Breakfast: 9:00-10:00 a.m. – Campus Center:

College Administrators will be on hand to serve and congratulate you. Please come and enjoy the food and company.

Rehearsal: 10:00 a.m. – Student Services Patio: Rehearsal lasts approximately 1.5 hours. It is important that you attend! Everything you need to know about graduation will be explained to you at rehearsal. You may want to bring water or a soft drink, as it gets warm. *(If an emergency arises and you cannot attend rehearsal, you must be in Room A-211 at 4:15 p.m. to see Ann Fryslie, Director of Student Life, for the instructions you missed!)*

Graduating with Honors/Gold Tassel: Fall semester students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher (SBCC grades only) will receive a gold tassel at rehearsal. (Summer 2008 graduates will be eligible for gold tassels after summer grades are posted.)

If your cumulative GPA as of Fall was below 3.5 but you believe your Spring grades will raise your cumulative GPA to 3.5 or higher, bring written verification of *each final Spring grade with an instructor's* signature to Cindy Salazar, Room CC-222, between 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. but no later than Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.* so that a manual calculation of your GPA can be done. **Check with your instructors early.*

Dress for Commencement – 4:15 p.m. MacDougall Administration Building, Room A-211: Women wear dark shoes. Men wear dark shoes, dark trousers, shirt and tie. Jackets are not necessary. Although Security covers this room during Commencement, we suggest that women leave purses with family members.

Line up for Commencement Ceremony - 4:30 p. m. Sharp!

Commencement Ceremony: BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 5:00 P.M. and is held at the Student Services Patio. In planning the evening's activities, allow 2 hours for the event. No reservations or invitations are needed for guests.

Reception: Following the Commencement ceremony (approximately 7:00 p.m.) a reception is held at the Memorial Plaza courtyard behind the Student Services Building. The reception is for graduates, their families and guests.

Parking: On-campus parking during Commencement is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

PREPARING FOR GRADUATION

Cap, Gown and Diploma Cover: Cost is \$35.95 plus tax. Pick up your cap and gown at the SBCC Bookstore after April 14, 2008 (*the diploma cover will be handed to you at Commencement*). We recommend that you make your purchase early. If you have a black cap and gown, purchase only the diploma cover at the Bookstore, the cost is \$8.95 plus tax (*the diploma cover will be handed to you at Commencement*). The Bookstore is open Monday through Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For best fit and selection, Shop as early as possible.

Announcements: You may purchase announcements in the SBCC Bookstore beginning May 1, 2008. The cost is \$14.95 plus tax for ten announcements, or \$1.59 each.

SBCC Rings: The Campus Bookstore offers a wide variety of attractive rings to commemorate your time at SBCC. Stop by the Bookstore to pick up a brochure.

Diploma/Certificate and Frames: The Campus Bookstore carries a selection of diploma frames, which feature “*Santa Barbara City College*”, etched into the mat at the lower edge. A graduation special of 25% off will be in offered until June 20, 2008. This is a most attractive way to display your diploma or certificate!

Mailing Diploma or Certificate: The College can mail your diploma or certificate. Please see the reverse for details.

Graduation Photographs: The Office of Student Life has arranged to have a professional photographer. You will be asked to fill out an address card prior to the ceremony. However, you are under no obligation to purchase anything. Within 5 days after graduation you will receive a passport size proof along with an order form to purchase a variety of photo packages. Your photos will be shipped within 10 days of receipt of your order. Specific photo instructions will be given the day of graduation.

PLEASE.....

KEEP THIS NOTICE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

It is the only notification you will receive.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to RSVP that I will be participating in Graduation? No. By attending the rehearsal, we will know that you plan to participate.

What do I do if I am not able to attend the Rehearsal? Be in Room A-211 (Administration Building) at 4:15 p.m. to receive important instructions from Ann Fryslie, Director of Student Life.

Am I allowed to sit with my graduating friends during the ceremony? Yes. At rehearsal, you will be given time to choose where you wish to be seated. Then, all graduates will walk through the actual steps of the graduation ceremony.



Will my name be announced during the ceremony? Yes. At rehearsal, you will complete a card that you will give to the announcer as you approach the platform at the ceremony. The announcer will read your name as you cross the platform.

Is there a limit to the number of guests invited to Graduation? No limit is set, but we would advise you to be mindful of the parking limitations on campus. Please consider carpooling. We encourage you to arrive early.

What accommodations are there for handicap access? Early arrival is helpful. There are handicap parking spaces located throughout the campus lots. An option might be to drop off individuals near the graduation site and have someone escort them to the Student Services Patio. Check with Security at the kiosk as you enter the Main Campus.

Whose names appear in the Commencement Program? Students who completed their application for degrees or certificates Summer 2007, Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 as well as those who applied for a Transfer Achievement Certificate by Spring 2008 degree application deadline.

If I will graduate Summer 2008, may I participate in the May 23rd ceremonies? YES! You are welcome to participate. Your name will be announced. Please note:

- Your name will appear in the May 2008 Commencement brochure if you applied by 4/11/08.
- You will be eligible for a gold tassel after your summer grades are posted.

Where should guests and graduates park? All parking lots on campus are available to students, their families and guests. However, faculty and staff remain on campus graduation day. Therefore, minimal parking is available on East Campus. You should plan to park in student lots including West Campus parking lots. Please be early as parking is on a first-come first-served basis.



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When will diplomas and certificates be available?

- If you graduated **prior** to the Spring 2008 semester, your diploma or certificate will be on file in the office of Admissions & Records. Stop by during office hours (8:00 a.m. - 6:45 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. on Friday) or have it mailed (see information below).
- If you applied for Spring 2008 graduation, your diploma/certificate will be available after August 29, 2008.
- If you applied for Summer 2008 graduation, your diploma/certificate will be available after October 31, 2008.

If I graduate with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher in my SBCC classes, is this noted on my diploma? Yes! With a 3.5 GPA or higher, AA/AS diplomas will have "*With Honors*" printed in gold.

Is there special recognition for membership in Phi Theta Kappa? Yes! In addition to graduating "*With Honors*," your diploma/certificate will have a special Phi Theta Kappa gold seal.

May I have my diploma or certificate mailed to me?

Yes. The fee is \$3.00. Complete the enclosed form, attach \$3.00 and submit it at commencement rehearsal, in person at SS-111, or mail to SBCC/Admissions, 721 Cliff Drive, Santa Barbara, CA 93109-2394. **Questions?** Call Valerie Vallejo-Clark at (805) 965-0581 ext. 2956.



How do I receive my Transfer Achievement Certificate? Please contact the Transfer Center, Room SS-140, or call 965-0581 Ext. 2547.

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