

Santa Barbara City College Commencement 2017 Information

There are certain milestones in one's life worthy of joyous celebration. The completion of an educational goal is clearly one of those times! The tradition of commencement (i.e., graduation) provides us that opportunity to recognize the effort, hard work, and commitment you have made toward your academic and career dreams. I hope that you, your family, and loved ones will join us at SBCC's 2017 Commencement to honor and celebrate your achievements and success.

Heartfelt congratulations,
Anthony E. Beebe, Ed.D., President, Santa Barbara City College



GRADUATION DAY – FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2017 AT 5:00 P.M.

GRADUATION DAY EVENTS

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

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

Rehearsal 10:00 a.m. - La Playa Stadium

Rehearsal lasts approximately 1.5 hours. It is important that you attend! Everything you need to know about graduation will be explained at rehearsal. **If you cannot attend rehearsal, you must report to parking Lot 2B in front of the Sports Pavilion (gym) at 4:15 p.m. for instructions.**

Arrive Dressed for Commencement 4:15 p.m. - Parking Lot 2B, Sports Pavilion

Because the ceremony will be held on the football field, please be conscious of the terrain. Graduates must wear **flats or wedge-type shoes**. We suggest that purses and personal belongings be left with family members.

Line up for Commencement 4:30 p.m. - Parking Lot 2B, Sports Pavilion

Commencement Ceremony 5:00 p.m. - La Playa Stadium

In planning the evening's activities, allow 2 hours for the event. **No reservations or invitations are needed for guests as they will sit in the stadium bleachers.**

Graduation Photographs

The office of Student Life has arranged to have a professional photographer. The photographer this year is Grad Images. Contact (800) 261-2576; email service@gradimages.com. Specific photo instructions will be given the day of graduation. You are under no obligation to purchase photos.

Parking

On-campus parking during Commencement is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please arrive early. See the reverse for more information.

PREPARING FOR GRADUATION

Caps, Gowns, & More

The Campus Bookstore has all your 2017 graduation needs, including, caps, tassels, gowns, diploma frames, and alumni merchandise. Package cost of cap, gown, and tassel is \$58.95. Diploma covers will be handed to you at the commencement ceremony. If you are not attending commencement and wish to purchase a diploma cover, please shop online at: <https://www.sbcbbooks.com/>. Other items that can be purchased include SBCC sashes are for \$38.95 and Medallions are \$14.95. Announcements can be ordered through Rockwell Printing. Please go to their website www.rockprint.com and click on 'Online Printshop'. You may also call Rockwell Printing at 805 684-0013.

Visit the SBCC Campus Bookstore now to purchase all your graduation needs. We recommend that you make your purchases early. The Campus Bookstore is open Monday through Friday at 7:45 a.m. Please check the website for hours: <https://www.sbcbbooks.com/>.

Diploma/Certificate SBCC Frames

The Campus Bookstore carries a diploma frame for \$99.95, which features "*Santa Barbara City College*" etched into the mat at the lower edge. This is a most attractive way to display your diploma or certificate!

Graduating with Honors/Gold Tassel

Students earning an Associate degree with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher (SBCC grades only) will receive a gold tassel at rehearsal. Summer 2017 graduates will be eligible for gold tassels after summer grades are posted.

If your cumulative GPA as of Fall 2016 was below 3.5 but you believe your Spring 2017 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-217, no later than Wednesday, May 10, 2017** by 4:00 p.m. for a manual calculation of your GPA.

Mailing Diplomas & Certificates

The College can mail your diploma or certificate. Please see the reverse for details.

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? You must report to parking Lot 2B in front of the Sports Pavilion (gym) at 4:15 p.m. for instructions.

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. All graduates will then walk through the steps of the ceremony.

Will my name be announced during the ceremony? Yes. 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 disabled person access? Early arrival is helpful. There are disabled person parking spaces located throughout the campus lots. The top of the stadium (Lot 1B) will be reserved and has wheelchair access. Check with Security at the kiosk as you enter the Main Campus.

Where should guests and graduates park? Most parking lots on campus are available to students, their families, and guests. Please arrive early as parking is on a first-come first-served basis. We recommend using West Campus parking lots.

Whose names appear in the Commencement Program? Students who submitted their application for degrees or certificates for Summer 2016, Fall 2016, and Spring 2017 by the deadline.

If I will graduate Summer 2017, may I participate in the May 12th ceremonies? Yes, you are welcome to participate. Your name will be announced. Please note:

- Your name will not appear in the 2017 Commencement brochure.
- You will be eligible for a gold tassel, if you qualify, **after** your Summer 2017 grades are posted.

When will diplomas and certificates be available?

Diplomas and certificates will **not** be presented at Commencement.

- If you graduated **prior** to the Fall 2016 semester, your diploma or certificate will be on file at Admissions & Records (SS-110). Office hours are Monday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- If you applied for Fall 2016 graduation, your diploma/certificate will be available after April 1.
- If you applied for Spring 2017 graduation, your diploma/certificate will be available after October 1.
- If you are applying for Summer 2017 graduation, your diploma/certificate will be available after November 1.

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. Diplomas for students earning Associate degrees with a 3.5 or higher will say "*With Honors*".

May I have my diploma or certificate mailed to me?

Yes. The fee to U.S. addresses is \$6.50 and to international addresses is \$10.00. The Diploma Mailing Request form is available online at <http://www.sbcc.edu/forms> or at Admissions & Records (SS-110).

Questions about diplomas?

Call (805) 965-0581 ext. 2956 or check online at <http://www.sbcc.edu/diplomas>

Questions about commencement?

Call (805) 965-0581 ext. 2237

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