



## REHEARSAL & GRADUATION FAQ's

GRADUATION – MAY 26, 2017 – 5:00 P.M. – ORGAN PAVILION

GRADUATION REHEARSAL – MAY 25, 2017 – 3:30 P.M. – ORGAN PAVILION

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FROM GRADUATES

- **WHERE DO I LINE UP ON GRAD DAY?**

ANSWER: We will show you at Rehearsal. On walkway by Japanese Gardens - **go to Check-In Table first**; then follow signs. There are signs indicating where you should line-up and listen carefully to instructions at Rehearsal.

- **WHEN WILL WE RECEIVE CERTIFICATES OR DIPLOMAS?**

ANSWER: Spring graduates will receive in September. Summer graduates will receive in November.

- **MAY I SIT NEXT TO MY FRIEND?**

ANSWER: We cannot guarantee that you will sit next to your friend, but for the best chances, we suggest you walk in front or in back of friend.

- **MAY I WALK NEXT TO MY FRIEND?**

ANSWER: We cannot guarantee you will walk next to your friend, but we will try.

- **WHAT IF IT RAINS?**

ANSWER: In the case of rain our Graduation Ceremony will be moved to Harry West Gymnasium at San Diego City College. Visit the website at [www.sdcity.edu/graduation](http://www.sdcity.edu/graduation) for details. Seating is limited.

- **WHERE DO GRADUATES PARK? WHERE DO GUESTS PARK?**

ANSWER: The Organ Pavilion has a parking lot directly behind stage. Other lots in close proximity are in front of the Balboa Park Club and the Balboa Park Gymnasium. First come – first serve basis. Also, across the street there is more parking at Inspiration Point lot (but that's a little walk).

- **HOW LONG IS THE GRADUATION CEREMONY?**

ANSWER: Estimated 2 + hours. Grads must be there by 3:30 p.m. (don't be late), but check-in starts at 3:00 p.m. Ceremony starts at 5:00 p.m. sharp.

- **WHAT ABOUT THE GRADUATION PHOTOGRAPHER?**

Answer: Graduation Photographer will take your photo as cross the stage and send your proof to the address or email address as you listed on your Check-In card. For more information:  
<http://www.sdcity.edu/About/OfficesAndAdministration/Graduation/DayofGraduation#photographer>

- **CAN I LEAVE AFTER I WALK ACROSS THE STAGE?**

ANSWER: No, you must remain until all graduates walk out at the end of the program

The following is a summary of important details to keep in mind:

#### GRADUATES' SCHEDULE

**3:00 p.m.** – Arrival/Check-In tables located towards the rear of Pavilion (stage right by Japanese Gardens)

**3:30 p.m.** – All “Help” and vending tables are located in rear (first aid, glamour, snack cart, etc.)

**3:45 p.m.** – Music; and all graduates line-up by signs located along designated walkway

**5:00 p.m. SHARP** – Commencement Ceremony begins

**7:00 p.m.** – Ceremony concludes

#### GUESTS' SCHEDULE

**3:30 p.m.** – Guests are welcome. Guests needing special seating should contact one of the Commencement Ushers (in RED vests) immediately upon arrival. Guests will be seated on a first-come first-serve basis. We ask guests to be respectful of others during Ceremony while taking photos. Please no balloons or blow horns.

**5:00 p.m.** – Commencement Ceremony begins

**7:00 p.m.** – Ceremony concludes

#### Information for Graduating Students

- Graduates must be in proper regalia (cap, gown and tassel) to participate in the ceremony. Please wear your tassel on the right side of your cap until you are instructed to move it to the other side.
- When you march in the graduation, be sure to walk arm length's distance from the student in front of you, and march in pairs.