

# Santa Barbara City College Commencement 2025 Information

## Words from Dr. Endrijonas:

Congratulations SBCC graduates! As you embark on the next step of your educational and/or career journey, I encourage you to take chances and lean into the unknown. Neil Gaiman once said, "If you dare nothing, then when the day is over, nothing is all you will have gained." Continue to dare and take risks...rewards are just on the other side.



**GRADUATION DAY – FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2025 AT 4:00 P.M.**

## GRADUATION DAY EVENTS

### Arrive Dressed for Commencement

**2:30 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.

### Commencement Ceremony 4:00 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. You are asked to stay for the entire ceremony. You have earned this day. Enjoy it!**

### 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](mailto: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.

We will have open parking on both Main and West Campus.

### Diplomas

Diplomas for degrees and certificates will be printed and mailed by Parchment.

## PREPARING FOR GRADUATION

### Caps, Gowns, & More

The Campus Store has all your 2025 graduation needs, including, caps, tassels, gowns, diploma frames, and SBCC merchandise. Packages of caps, gowns, and diploma covers will be available. 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 dated sash and Medallions while supplies last.

Announcements can be ordered through Rockwell Printing. Please email: [graphics@rockprint.com](mailto:graphics@rockprint.com) or, you may also call Rockwell Printing at (805)684-0013.

Visit the SBCC Campus Store now to purchase all your graduation needs. We recommend that you make your purchases early. The Campus Bookstore is open Monday through Friday at 8:00 a.m. Please check the website for hours:

<https://www.sbcbbooks.com/>.

### Diploma/Certificate SBCC Frames

The Campus Store carries a diploma frames 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 the line up for procession. Summer 2025 graduates will be eligible for gold tassels after summer grades are posted.

If your cumulative GPA as of Fall 2024 was below 3.5 but you believe your Spring 2025 grades will raise your cumulative GPA to 3.5 or higher, email written verification of **each final Spring grade with an instructor's signature to Candee Gyll, [gylc@sbcc.edu](mailto:gylc@sbcc.edu), no later than Wednesday, May 21, 2025 by 4:00 p.m.** for a manual calculation of your GPA.

# Frequently Asked Questions

*Do I need to RSVP that I will be participating in **Commencement**?*

*No, but you need to have an application for a degree or certificate on file by the deadline to have your name to appear in the Commencement program.*

**DEADLINE FOR DEGREE APPLICATION IS WEDNESDAY APRIL 30, 2025.**

*Check your unofficial transcript in MySBCC for your application status. See [https://sbcc.edu/counselingcenter/degree\\_application.php](https://sbcc.edu/counselingcenter/degree_application.php) for application information.*

"To confirm the status of your degree, check your unofficial transcript in MySBCC. If you already earned a degree, it will state "Awarded." It will state "Pending" if your application has been received and is still in progress."

## **Whose names appear in the Commencement Program?**

Students who submitted their application for degrees or certificates for Summer 2024, Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 by the deadline will appear on the electronic program.

**Am I allowed to sit with my graduating friends during the ceremony?** Yes. You will be lining up in two lines for the Procession onto the field. Stay in the same line to be seated together.

**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.

**If I will graduate Summer 2025 may I participate in the May 23rd ceremonies?** Yes, you are welcome to participate. Your name will be announced. Please note: that your name will not appear on the Graduation list appearing on the scoreboard.

## **When will diplomas and certificates be available?**

Diplomas will **not** be presented at Commencement. Effective Fall 2021, Parchment assumed responsibility for printing and mailing diplomas. You will be notified by MySBCC email when paper and digital diplomas are available. Please keep your mailing address up-to-date in MySBCC.

**Unless otherwise notified, diplomas will be available by the following:**

- Summer graduates: October
- Fall graduates: March
- Spring graduates: September

**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".

**I have older diplomas on file with Admissions & Records. May I have them mailed to me?**

Yes. The Diploma Mailing Request form is available online at <http://www.sbcc.edu/diplomas>. Diplomas issued for terms earlier than Fall 2021 may also be picked up at Admissions & Records (SS-110)

## **Questions about diplomas?**

Visit <http://www.sbcc.edu/diplomas>

## **SBCC ALUMNI CONNECT**

**Keep in touch! Visit [sbccfoundation.org/alumni](http://sbccfoundation.org/alumni)** and sign up to learn about gatherings, events, professional development and networking opportunities, and more. SBCC Alumni Connect is a great way to stay current with SBCC and fellow Vaqueros.

