

Santa Barbara City College Commencement 2026 Information

Words from Dr. Endrijonas:

“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.” — Mahatma Gandhi



GRADUATION DAY – FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026 AT 5:00 P.M.

GRADUATION DAY EVENTS

Arrive Dressed for Commencement

3:30 p.m. - Parking Lot 2C

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 5:00 p.m. - La Playa Stadium

In planning the evening's activities, allow 2.5 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.

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 2026 graduation needs, including, caps, tassels, gowns, diploma frames, and SBCC merchandise. Package cost of cap, gown, and tassel is \$50.00. 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.sbcccbooks.com/>. Other items that can be purchased include SBCC dated sashes for \$44.95 and Medallions are \$14.95 while supplies last. Announcements can be ordered through Rockwell Printing. Please email: 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.sbcccbooks.com/>.

Diploma/Certificate SBCC Frames

The Campus Store 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 the line up for procession. Summer 2026 graduates will be eligible for gold tassels after summer grades are posted.

If your cumulative GPA as of Fall 2025 was below 3.5 but you believe your Spring 2026 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 Sandra Flores, Room CC-217, no later than Wednesday, May 20, 2026 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 RSVP is required.

See https://sbcc.edu/counselingcenter/degree_application.php for information about applying for Associate degrees and Certificates of Achievement.

To confirm the status of your degree/certificate application, check your academic transcript in [My.SBCC](#). 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.

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 plan to graduate Summer 2026, may I participate in the May ceremonies? Yes, you are welcome to participate. Your name will be announced.

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 Pipeline email when print and digital diplomas are available. Please keep your mailing address up-to-date in [My.SBCC](#).

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

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

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 diplomas earned prior to Fall 2021 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 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.

