

2018 COMMENCEMENT



Frequently Asked Questions

WHEN IS THE CEREMONY AND WHERE IS IT?

COCC's 2018 Commencement will be held Saturday, June 16 at 10 a.m. on the Mazama field. It lasts approximately two hours, with reception to follow. Students to arrive at 8:45 a.m.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Students may walk in the June 2018 ceremony if they earned a degree or certificate Fall 2017 through Summer 2018. Students earning associate degrees or one-year certificates are eligible to participate.

WHERE DO I RSVP?

The online RSVP form is located in your Bobcat Web Account and is available beginning April 9.

HOW DO I GET MY NAME IN THE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM?

Students will be listed in the commencement program if they RSVP for the commencement ceremony through their Bobcat Web Account before May 20, 2018.

If you are graduating with multiple degrees, all will be listed in the program, but only one will be announced during the ceremony.

DO I GET MY DIPLOMA DURING THE CEREMONY?

You will be mailed your diploma approximately one month after all requirements for your certificate/degree have been completed. During the ceremony you will receive a diploma cover and a stage certificate.

HOW MANY GUESTS MAY I BRING? DO THEY NEED TICKETS?

Guests do not need tickets and there is not a limit to the number of guests you can invite.

IS THERE ANY COST ASSOCIATED WITH COMMENCEMENT?

There is no fee to participate in commencement. However, you will be required to wear a black graduation cap and gown during the ceremony.

WHERE DO I GET MY CAP, GOWN AND TASSEL?

You may purchase your cap, gown and tassel at the COCC Bookstore for \$45 in April.

WHAT IS THE REQUIRED COLOR OF THE CAP AND GOWN?

Black.

HOW DO I GET A VETERAN'S CORD?

If you are a military veteran earning a degree or certificate, you may pick up a red, white and blue veteran's cord honoring your service at the courtesy table during check-in or prior to commencement from the Degree Evaluation department.



HOW DO I GET AN HONOR CORD?

Honor cords are presented during the commencement ceremony.

You will receive an honor cord if your degree or certificate was awarded Fall term 2017 through Spring term 2018 and your overall GPA was 3.60 or higher.

Honors for those earning degrees and certificates Spring term 2018 will be based on the overall GPA after Winter term grades have posted.

3.60 - 3.74 Honors
3.75 - 3.89 High Honors
3.90 - 4.00 Highest Honors

IS THERE A PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER AT COMMENCEMENT?

A professional photographer will be at commencement. Information on how to purchase photos will be available via an email sent to your COCC email account.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING TO COMMENCEMENT?

Please keep personal items to a minimum, as there is no secure storage. Water is provided and you may want to bring sunglasses.

WHERE CAN WE PARK?

All COCC lots will be available for parking. ADA parking will be in the C-1 parking lot, in front of the Bookstore and COCC provides golf cart service to Mazama field. You may also drop off your guest(s) in the turnaround near the library.

WHAT SPECIAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY SERVICES WILL YOU PROVIDE FOR COMMENCEMENT?

Students will be standing for approximately one hour prior to the ceremony and will walk from Mazama gym to the field on a paved path and over lawn.

COCC provides one tent for guests who may need shade if it is warm, or cover, if it is raining.

In advance of College events, persons needing accommodation or transportation because of a physical or mobility disability contact Joe Viola at 541.383.7775. For accommodation because of other disability such as hearing impairment, contact Disability Services at 541.383.7583.

WHAT IF IT RAINS?

The ceremony is held outdoors rain or shine.

WHAT ABOUT SMALL CHILDREN?

Children are encouraged to attend! COCC's Paw Prints program will provide a table prior to the ceremony for children to make a card or sign and get a bag of goodies (while supplies last).

IS THERE AN AFTER CEREMONY EVENT?

A reception with refreshments for graduates and their guests is held following the ceremony on the back patio of the Coats Campus Center building.

