



2013 Commencement Frequently Asked Questions

When is the Commencement Ceremony? Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

Where will it be held? Sleep Train Amphitheatre (formerly Cricket Wireless) located at 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, CA 91911

How do students register to participate? Students who have met degree/certificate requirements must submit a petition by the petition deadline through the Evaluations office for fall 2012, spring 2013 or summer 2013. They will then receive an e-mail mid-March to early April with instructions on registering for the ceremony. They will also receive a flyer with all pertinent details on the ceremony including attire, check-in and honors information.

How do I get a cap/gown and what is the cost? Faculty and staff can order through the campus Bookstore, and students who have registered for the ceremony attend GradFest where they will purchase their cap/gown for \$46.50 plus tax.

Can anyone participate? Everyone is welcome to attend the ceremony. Faculty can participate in the procession by ordering a cap/gown from the campus Bookstore. All others are welcome to sit in guest seating.

Are tickets issued? There are no tickets issued and seating is open.

Is there a maximum number of guests that participating students can bring? Students are welcome to invite as many family members and friends as they'd like as the venue provides a large amount of seating.

When will students know if they've met all requirements and will receive a diploma/certificate? Fall students will typically be notified in April 2013, Spring 2013 students will be notified in August 2013 and summer 2013 students will be notified in October 2013.

Will students be walking in ceremony before knowing if they have met requirements? For the fall 2012 graduates most will be aware if they've met the requirements before the ceremony, however spring and summer 2013 candidates will not be notified until after the ceremony as their grades/courses need to be evaluated to determine if they've met the requirements. This can't be done until all courses are completed.

For more information on the ceremony, please e-mail gradinfo@swccd.edu.

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