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Commencement Guide



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Letter from the Interim Vice President for Student Affairs

Lorena M. Meza, Ph.D.

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations! You did it; you have graduated. The achievement of earning your degree from California State University San Marcos has prepared you for your next job, life, and beyond. We will celebrate with you at the commencement ceremonies to be held on May 17 and May 18, 2013 where your family, friends, fellow graduates, and members of the University community who have supported your academic achievements will cheer for you.

This Commencement Guide will provide you and your guests with all the information you need in order to plan for this special and momentous occasion. Please continue to check your CSUSM email account for commencement-related updates leading up to the May ceremonies.

California State University San Marcos is your university, and I encourage you to stay connected with the CSUSM Alumni Association as you embark on your future endeavors.

I look forward to personally congratulating you as you are acknowledged on stage for your accomplishment.

Sincerely,



Lorena M. Meza, Ph.D.
Interim Vice President, Student Affairs

Graduate Information and Preparation

2013 Commencement Ceremonies

College of Business Administration

Friday, May 17, 2013 at 10:30am

College of Education, Health & Human Services

Friday, May 17, 2013 at 4:30pm

College of Humanities, Arts, Behavioral & Social Sciences

Saturday, May 18, 2013 at 9:30am

College of Science & Mathematics

Saturday, May 18, 2013 at 3:00pm

College and Major Information

College of Business Administration

Business Administration, BS, MBA

College of Education, Health & Human Services

Human Development, BA

Kinesiology, BS

Education, MA, Credential

Integrated Credential Program, BA and Credential

Educational Leadership, Ed.D.

Nursing, BS, MS

College of Humanities, Arts, Behavioral & Social Sciences

Anthropology, BA

Political Science, BA

Communication, BA

Psychology, BA, MA

Criminology & Justice Studies, BA

Social Sciences, BA

Economics, BA

Sociology, BA

Global Studies, BA

Sociological Practice, MA

History, BA, MA

Spanish, BA, MA

Liberal Studies, BA (including ICP, BA only)

Special Major, BA

Literature & Writing Studies, BA, MA

Visual & Performing Arts, BA

Mass Media, BA

Women's Studies, BA

College of Science & Mathematics

Applied Physics, BS

Chemistry, BS

Biochemistry, BS

Computer Science, BS, MS

Biological Sciences, BS, MS

Mathematics, BS, MS

Biotechnology, BS, MBt

Graduate Checklist

- ☐ **Apply for Graduation**
Deadlines: See page 6 of this Guide
- ☐ **Check your Graduation Audit**
- ☐ **Attend GradFest**
March 13 & 14 from 10am to 5pm: This event will take place in the Clarke Field House.
- ☐ **Apply to be a Speaker/Vocalist at your commencement ceremony**
March 15: Applications can be submitted on the commencement website.
- ☐ **Fill out the Participation Form to participate in Commencement**
April 15: Last day to fill out form to participate in your commencement ceremony
- ☐ **Reserve a Special Accommodations Parking Pass if needed**
- ☐ **Attend a Commencement Rehearsal/Information Session**
April 30-May 2: Information Session locations TBD. Check the website for updates.
- ☐ **Graduating with Honors? Don't forget to pick up your Honor Cord (if eligible)**
- ☐ **Visit the Career Center to discuss Career Options**
- ☐ **Contribute to the Senior Class Gift**
- ☐ **Join the Alumni Association**
- ☐ **Pay all balances on all of your accounts (including library)**
- ☐ **Complete your Exit Loan Counseling if you received financial aid**
- ☐ **Verify your mailing address on your Student Center (used for mailing Diplomas)**
- ☐ **ATTEND YOUR 2013 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY!!!!**
May 17: 10:30am – College of Business Administration
4:30pm – College of Education, Health & Human Services
May 18: 9:30am – College of Humanities, Arts, Behavioral & Social Sciences
3:00pm – College of Science & Mathematics
- ☐ **Receive your Diploma**
2-3 Months after Commencement: Diplomas are mailed to students

Apply for Graduation

Students must apply to graduate by the deadlines indicated below. Undergraduate students *must* have a minimum of 85 semester units before they can apply. Business majors must be classified as business status before they can apply to graduate. Students who submit an application for graduation after the published deadline will be assessed a non-refundable \$15 late fee, and will not be guaranteed a timely graduation evaluation. **To apply for graduation**, log-in to your Student Center and locate the Apply for Graduation field. Follow the prompts and select the appropriate term for graduation. For your reference, print the confirmation page.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS (applying for a bachelor's degree):

<i>Semester of Graduation</i>	<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Late Application Deadline - \$15 late fee</i>
Spring	June 1 - September 15	September 16 - June 30
Summer	June 1 - September 15	September 16 - August 20
Fall	October 1 - February 2	February 3 - December 20

Note: For undergraduate students who have not completed 85 units, your graduation application will be cancelled

GRADUATE STUDENTS (applying for master's degree):

<i>Semester of Graduation</i>	<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Late Application Deadline - \$15 late fee</i>
Spring	July 1 - March 15	March 16 - June 30
Summer	July 1 - March 15	March 16 - August 20
Fall	July 1 - November 15	November 16 - December 20

Graduation Audit

Check your Academic Requirements Report (ARR) for accuracy by logging-in to your Student Center. The ARR tracks the completion of ALL degree requirements in one document. The report lists all courses completed at CSUSM, courses in-progress, as well as any course or test credit completed off-campus which you have submitted on official documents. As an undergraduate student, you must have a minimum of 120 total units to graduate, including 40 upper division units. Check that all of your grades and/or incomplete grades from previous semesters are posted accurately and that all transfer work (up to 70 units) appears.

Participation Form

If you are planning on participating in the 2013 ceremonies, remember to fill out the Participation Form on the commencement website. **This must be completed by April 15, 2013.** This is also where you will reserve a special accommodations parking pass if needed for any of your guests.

Reserve Special Accommodations Parking Pass (if needed)

Reserve a special accommodations parking pass on the commencement Participation Form. **This must be completed by April 15, 2013.** This will help with the flow of traffic on the day of commencement and help us be sure we have adequate special accommodations parking available. Graduates who reserve a special accommodations parking pass will be contacted in the first week of May by the commencement office.

GradFest Event

GradFest 2013 will be held on March 13 and March 14, 2013 at the Clarke Field House from 10:00am to 5:00pm. This event allows graduates to take care of all their graduation needs in one place. Some of the items available for purchase at GradFest are caps and gowns, alumni apparel, diploma frames, class rings, and commencement announcements. You will also be able to gather information from the Commencement Office, the Career Center, the Alumni Association, the Senior Class Gift Campaign, and have a free sitting for your cap and gown portrait (no obligation to purchase).

Apply to be a speaker/vocalist

Interested students can apply to be the student speaker or student vocalist for their commencement ceremony. *Applications must be submitted on the commencement website by **March 15, 2013**; all applicants are required to audition. Speakers will be reading their speech and vocalists will be singing "America the Beautiful."*

Commencement Rehearsal/Information Sessions

Graduation candidates who plan to participate in the commencement ceremonies are strongly encouraged to attend one of the information sessions to learn about Commencement procedures and protocol. There will NOT be an actual rehearsal for commencement. Continue to check the Commencement website for updates on the locations of these information sessions.

April 30 – 12:00-1:00pm in ARTS 240

May 1 – 6:00-7:00pm in MARK 125

May 2 – 12:00-1:00pm in ARTS 240

Graduating with Academic Honors? Pick up Honor Cord (if eligible)

Eligible graduates will be notified via email in early May regarding where to obtain their honor cord.

Graduating with academic honors applies to undergraduate students only. For the purpose of recognition at the commencement ceremonies and the printed program, the following is applied.

Recognition of academic honors at May commencement ceremonies is based on coursework completed before the semester of the ceremonies, the fall semester. Grades recorded through the Fall 2012 semester will be calculated for the overall GPA and the institutional GPA. The lower of these two GPA's will be used to determine academic honor recognition in the commencement printed program and the name cards.

Academic Honors are:

Cum laude	at least 3.5, but less than 3.7
Magna cum laude	at least 3.7, but less than 3.9
Summa cum laude	at least 3.9

Students participating in the commencement ceremonies, who qualify for academic honors recognition, will be contacted by in early May regarding when and where to pick up their honor cord. If you are unable to pick up your cord, you will receive a gold honor cord as you check in on the day of commencement, not before and not after. These cords are free for all eligible students.

Remember: Honors designation is not official until all final grades are in and conferred by the Registrar.

Visit the Career Center

To prepare adequately for what comes after graduation – a career or graduate school – the Career Center provides a full range of services which ensure the total development of individuals with respect for unique personal, cultural and professional values. A career is more than a job; it's a way of life. Making successful career and life decisions requires careful thinking and planning. Career Center services include self-assessment instruments, resume and cover letter critiques, mock interviews, career workshops, job search assistance, career counseling a career resource and computer lab, career fairs and graduate school advising.

All of the Career Center services are provided free of charge for three months after graduation for alumni. After the three month period, alumni can continue to receive services by becoming a member of the CSUSM Alumni Association or may opt for fee based services.

Contribute to the Senior Class Gift

The Senior Class Gift Campaign (SCGC) is a student committee charged with the purpose of building the culture of philanthropy among the students prior to their graduation, promoting individual participation and

giving. Money raised during the 2012-13 school year will be designated toward the Senior Class Gift Senior Scholarship, impacting senior students who need scholarship assistance during their final year at CSUSM. A suggested giving amount this year is \$20.13 in honor of the Class of 2013, but many students give \$5, \$10, or even \$50! The *participation* of the student body is more important than the amount donated. To learn more about the Senior Class Gift Campaign or to make your donation visit us at www.csusm.edu/seniorclassgift.

Join the Alumni Association

The Alumni Association of CSUSM is a committed partner of the University. Underlying all that we do is the belief in the value of education to the well-being of society, and a commitment to philanthropy, integrity, diversity, and service. The stated mission of the Association is to promote the interests of the CSUSM alumni, current students, and the University, whose memories and benefits we wish to perpetuate. The Alumni Association is not funded by the University and runs as a separate dues paying organization. Alumni Association dues are \$30 per year or \$300 for a Lifetime Membership. NEW GRADUATES will be offered a onetime deal of 2 years for \$30. Check out the Alumni Association website to learn more!

Pay all balances on all of your accounts

Please check your Student Center to see if you owe any fees to the University, including the library. Please make full payment before the end of the term. Email financial questions to sfs@csusm.edu.

Financial Aid – Complete your Exit Loan Counseling

If students borrow federal student loans while attending Cal State San Marcos, federal regulations require Loan Exit Counseling to be completed upon graduation (or at the point of falling below half-time enrollment). Loan Exit Counseling may be completed at www.studentloans.gov. Failure to complete the Loan Exit Counseling will result in holds on CSUSM records which would prevent requesting transcripts, receiving diplomas, and other campus services. For additional information regarding the Loan Exit Counseling requirement, please contact the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office at (760) 750-4850.

Verify your mailing address for your Diploma

Verify in your Student Center that your “mailing” address is up-to-date as your diploma will be mailed to this address once your degree is awarded. Also check for any Holds that might prevent the mailing of your diploma and clear the holds as soon as possible.

Attend Your Commencement!

Commencement ceremonies will be held on Friday, May 17th and Saturday, May 18th at the Mangrum Track and Field. A black cap and gown must be worn by all graduates at Commencement. Commencement Participation Eligibility:

Bachelor Degree Candidates

- Received a degree in Fall 2012
- Applied to graduate in Spring 2013 or Summer 2013

Master Degree Candidates

- Received a degree in Fall 2012
- Applied to graduate in Spring 2013 or Summer 2013

If you have questions please contact the Commencement Office at 760-750-DONE (3663).

Receive your Diploma

Diplomas are not distributed at commencement. At the Commencement ceremony, you will receive a diploma cover. The actual diplomas are printed and mailed to graduates approximately two to three months after the end of the semester they graduated.

Commencement Day

Check-In

Students will be checking in at the Clarke Field House **ONE HOUR** prior to the beginning of their assigned ceremony wearing their commencement regalia. **NO GUESTS** will be allowed in the graduate check-in area, including children. Students will be lining up according to their respective major within the college.

What to Bring

Cap and Gown – All ceremony participants are required to check in wearing full academic regalia consisting of a traditional gown, medallion and mortarboard with tassel. All mortarboard decorations at commencement must be flat so they do not obstruct the view of graduates sitting behind you. The ceremony will be outdoors with graduate and faculty seating exposed to the sun and wind. Wear appropriate clothing under your gown.

Appropriate Shoes – Students will be lining up at the Clarke Field House and may be standing for long periods of time while waiting to take their seats at the ceremony. Please wear appropriate shoes, i.e. no spiked heels. Remember, all commencement ceremonies are on grass.

A bottle of water, sunglasses if needed, and WEAR SUNSCREEN!!

What NOT to Bring

Alcohol or drugs – They are prohibited on campus at all times.

Beach Balls and noise makers, signs, fireworks – They will be taken away.

Pets – Animals are not allowed at any of the ceremonies.

Do not bring anything with you that you cannot keep throughout the entire ceremony – There is no storage in the Clarke to hold your items.

Graduate Drop-Off and Graduate Parking

See page 15 of this guide for information.

Graduate Seating

Graduate Seating is for graduates ONLY, guests and children will NOT be permitted to sit in this section.

Snake Warning on Dirt Paths

Please be aware of your surroundings and stay on designated walking/seating areas ONLY.

Length of Ceremony

Each ceremony will be approximately two hours. Out of consideration for your fellow graduates, everyone must stay until the end of each ceremony.

Meeting up with your Guests

Establish a meeting place for you and your guests for when the ceremony is over. Remember, students will likely be parked in a different area of campus from guests so a meeting spot is a good idea. If you have lunch or dinner reservations, allow at least 1.5 to 2 hours after each ceremony to give yourself time to meet your graduate, take photos, get back to your vehicles and exit from campus.

Alternative Viewing

All ceremonies will be live streamed with closed captioning through the commencement website. Visit the CSUSM Facebook page for commencement day images www.facebook.com/#!/csusm

Etiquette / Security

Commencement is a time for celebration and recognition of your academic success. The conferring of an

academic degree is a tradition that dates back to the 12th century and is regarded as an important rite of passage for students and their families. We ask that you remember this long and respected tradition and approach the ceremony with the proper decorum and respect. This means: no signs, no fireworks, no bottles, no beach balls, no balloons, no cans, no drugs and no alcohol. University faculty and staff and security will strictly enforce this policy. Please refrain from using cell phones during the ceremony.

Smoking Policy/Alcohol Policy

Please use designated smoking areas located on the Mangrum Track and Field.

Alcohol is prohibited on campus. The University observes a strict no-alcohol policy during the commencement ceremonies. Ceremony graduates and guests are prohibited from bringing alcoholic beverages onto the premises or consuming alcoholic beverages during the ceremonies.

Lost and Found

Lost and Found will be located on Mangrum Track and Field near the first aid and police tents.

Disabled Student Services

Graduates with mobility impairments should contact the Office of Disabled Student Services by April 30 for assistance at the Commencement Ceremonies. A platform lift provides access to the Commencement Stage for graduates with mobility impairments. Sign language interpreters will be provided on stage at all ceremonies. Spectators who are Deaf are strongly encouraged to contact Michelle Saavedra in Disabled Student Services by email at misaaved@csusm.edu to discuss seating needs. All questions regarding accessibility should be addressed to Disabled Student Services. They can be reached at (760) 750-4905.

Tentative Ceremony Schedule

PROCESSIONAL
GRAND MARSHAL
STUDENT GRAND MARSHAL
AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
UNIVERSITY AWARDS
SPECIAL REMARKS
CONFERRING OF DEGREES
RECESSIONAL

Each ceremony is approximately 2 hours in length. However, the exact length of the ceremony is largely dependent on the size of the graduating class.

Commencement Preparation - Guests

Guest Parking

See page 15 of this guide for information.

Weather/Site Information

There is always the chance of heat or rain on the days of commencement, please plan accordingly. Rain or shine, all attendees will be asked to lower their umbrellas 10 minutes prior to the start of each ceremony. Remember to bring sunscreen if needed; there is no shade on the Mangrum Track and Field and please wear appropriate shoes for walking on grass (no spiked heels). If you are concerned about exposure to the heat or the rain, we will have a live video stream of the event for those who are unable to attend.

Graduate Seating

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Tickets and Guest Seating

There are no tickets issued for this event, all guest seating is on a first come first serve basis. Guest seats will open 2 hours prior to the start of each ceremony and each ceremony is expected to run approximately 2 to 2.5 hours. Please keep your guest count to 10 or fewer. If our numbers get too high, we may have to issue tickets. Saving large quantities of seats is prohibited so please plan accordingly. For guests who are unable to attend, we offer a live streaming video of each ceremony at www.csusm.edu/commencement.

Seating for Disabled Guests

There will be a special seating area for individuals with significant mobility impairments. Space is provided on a first come, first served basis. Only two companion seats per mobility impaired guest will be permitted in this area. Please keep in mind that seating is available in the grass section as well and the surface should be hard enough to allow for wheelchair access.

No Pets

No pets will be allowed at any of the ceremonies.

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Services for Guests with Disabilities

CSUSM will provide special parking permits for your guests, don't forget to request a permit when you fill out the Participation form on the Commencement Website. This special permit will allow your guests to drive to a designated spot and drop off your guests at the ceremony site which limits long walks or stairs. Please keep in mind that there are no wheelchairs or motorized scooters available at CSUSM for individual use. Sign language interpreters will be provided on stage at all ceremonies. Spectators who are Deaf are strongly encouraged to contact Michelle Saavedra in Disabled Student Services by email at misaaved@csusm.edu to discuss seating needs. All questions regarding accessibility should be addressed to Disabled Student Services. They can be reached at (760) 750-4905.

Local Hotel Information

There are many hotel accommodations in the San Marcos and surrounding areas. The University has partnered with some of our local hotels who are offering special discount rates for our Commencement families and friends!

Marriott - Courtyard San Diego Carlsbad

5835 Owens Avenue
Carlsbad, CA 92008
Reservations: 1.800.321.2211

Residence Inn by Marriott San Diego North/San Marcos

1245 Los Vallecitos Blvd
San Marcos, CA 92069
P:760-591-9828 F:760-591-9874

Hampton Inn San Marcos

123 East Carmel Street
San Marcos, CA 92078
Reservations: 800-Hampton or 760-736-9249

TownePlace Suites by Marriott Carlsbad/Vista

2201 South Melrose Drive
Vista, CA 92081
P:760-216-6010 F:760-216-6090

Contact and Vendor Information

Commencement Office

The Commencement Office is here to answer any and all commencement questions for graduating students and guests. We are located in Craven Hall 6231 between the hours of 8am – 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. Our website is www.csusm.edu/commencement, and we can also be reached at 760-750-DONE (3663) or via email commencement@csusm.edu.

Alumni Association

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University Store/ CSUSM Bookstore

The University Store/CSUSM Bookstore is pleased to serve as the University's official academic regalia provider for all graduates and participating faculty. The University Store will be on hand at GradFest for students to purchase their academic regalia as well as graduation announcements, diploma frames, and will be able to answer any questions you may have. Representatives from the University Store will also have booths at all of the commencement ceremonies so guests may purchase diploma frames, Alumni products and gift items, as well as last minute regalia items for graduates. For regalia pricing and information on ordering announcements and class rings, please visit www.csusmbookstore.com.

Jostens

Minneapolis-based Jostens, founded in 1897, is a leading provider of products, programs and services that help people celebrate important moments, recognize achievements and build affiliations. The company's products include class rings, graduation announcements, graduation Regalia, diploma frames and products for athletic achievement. Through tradition and technology, innovation and partnerships, Jostens continues to create powerful new ways for people to express their pride and mark life's biggest moments.

Grad Shirts

Graduation T-Shirts with all of the names of the graduates will only be available for purchase at the commencement ceremonies. For more information, visit www.gradshirts.com.

Photography

Cal Candids Grad Photos will be taking professional photos during the ceremonies and at GradFest. At commencement, one photo will be taken when you are congratulated by President Haynes on stage. A second photo will be taken holding your diploma cover just after you leave the stage. Proofs will be available online within 24 - 36 hours of the ceremony. Within two weeks of commencement, you will receive a full-color proof and an order form from Cal Candids Grad Photos. You will have the option of ordering from a variety of enlargement packages, however, there is no obligation to purchase. For more information or questions, visit www.gradphotos.com, email info@gradphotos.com, or call (866)882-2897.

Frequently Asked Questions

Does it cost anything for me to participate in the commencement ceremonies?

The University does not charge students to participate in commencement.

What do I need to do to be able to walk in the ceremony?

You need to fill out the Participation form on the Commencement website. You need to arrive at the Clarke Field House 1 hour prior to the start of your ceremony wearing your black cap and gown.

Are Masters Students or Additional Bachelors Eligible for Honors?

No, only undergraduate students are eligible for honors.

Do I need tickets and parking passes for my guests?

No, all parking is complimentary on the day of commencement. Typically, guests at ceremonies include immediate family only (10 or fewer). There are no tickets issued for this event. Seating is on a first come first serve basis. We will be live streaming each ceremony on the commencement website for those guests who are unable to attend.

Can I sit with my friends at Commencement?

All students are required to sit with their major, so yes, you can sit with your friends as long as they are within your same major.

Do you sell DVD copies of the ceremony?

No, but we can provide a link to the entire ceremony on YouTube two weeks after the ceremonies. You may be able to download the ceremonies onto a DVD from that website.

If I am not attending Commencement will my name still appear in the program?

Yes, the names of all graduates will be listed even if they choose not to participate in the commencement ceremony.

Can my guests take pictures at commencement?

Yes, they are able to take pictures from the guest seating area, however, no guests are permitted in the graduate area.

I still have two classes to take in Fall 2013, can I still walk in the May 2013 commencement ceremonies?

No, please refer to the eligibility requirements on page 8 of this guide.

If I am a double major and my majors are in 2 colleges, which ceremony do I walk in?

You will walk with your primary major, whichever college that falls in.

Do you have wheelchairs available for guests?

No, we are not able to provide wheelchairs for guests. All guests requiring wheelchair assistance will need to bring their own.

What do I do if I arrive late to the ceremony?

If you are late to the ceremony, please check-in with a volunteer in a blue shirt at the Clarke Field House. You will have to sit in the back of the last row of graduates, which means your name will not be called with your major but with the major of those students in the last row.

When and where do I pick up my Special Accommodations Parking Pass?

Graduates who reserve a special accommodations parking pass on the Participation form will be contacted by the commencement office via email with pick-up information.

Traffic, Directions, Parking and Maps

Traffic

California State University San Marcos is located in the heart of San Marcos. Main access to the campus is from State Highway 78 at Twin Oaks Valley Road. Take Twin Oaks Valley Road south for approximately a half mile and you will be at campus. Please follow road signage and traffic control officers to the nearest available parking. Keep in mind that traffic will be heavy surrounding the campus on the days of commencement. Please allow adequate time for travel and parking! **Tune in to San Marcos Radio AM 1610 for traffic updates.**

Alternate Routes to Campus

If you are driving westbound on Highway 78 from Interstate 15,
Take exit 14 toward Woodland Parkway/Barham Dr. As you exit, continue to the right.
Take the next RIGHT (South) onto Woodland Parkway
Turn RIGHT (West) onto Barham Dr
The campus is approximately 1 mile on the left

If you are coming from Interstate 5 merge onto the Eastbound 78.
Take exit 12 for San Marcos Blvd.
Turn right onto San Marcos Blvd for .3 miles to Bent Ave
Make a left onto Bent Ave
Bent Ave turns into Craven Road. Follow Craven Road 1.3 miles to the campus.

Avoid the Traffic and Take the Sprinter! It is about a 15 minute walk from the Sprinter station to the commencement ceremony site (shuttle transportation is not available).

Graduate Parking

Graduates must arrive **1 hour** prior to the start of the ceremony and are encouraged to park in Parking Structure 1 located near the Clarke Field House. It is best to enter campus from Campus Way at Barham Drive.

Graduate Drop-Off Area

There is a designated Drop-Off area for graduates in the Chavez Circle near the Clarke Field House (on Campus Way off of Barham). Please refrain from dropping off in any other area or along the street. Drivers who drop off Graduates at Chavez Circle can park in Parking Structure One or in Lots E and F.

Guest Parking

Guest parking lots will open **2 hours** prior to the start of each ceremony and parking is complimentary. Family and friends will enter campus from Twin Oaks Valley Road to Craven Drive and are asked to park in Lot B, C, X and Y. Parking in all lots will be on a first come first serve basis. Event signage will be available to direct guests to the Event Site (Mangrum Track and Field).

Special Accommodations and Disabled Drop Off Area

Disabled, elderly, and guests with special needs requiring drop off will be directed to a special area next to the event site. Once drop off is complete, drivers will relocate their vehicles to the special accommodations parking area (Parking Lot Z). Drop off and pick up area will be delineated and signed. Shuttle service from the special accommodations parking area (Parking Lot Z) to the event area will be available if needed or desired.

Special Accommodations and Disabled Parking

Special Accommodations parking will be provide in Parking lot Z off of Campus Market Pl., (to park in this

Parking Map



Blue Line – Entrance from Barham Drive

Pedestrian Map

