The Office of New Student and Family Programs is hosting a family celebration for Wednesday, May 12th from 7PM-8PM. Let us know you will attend the Cougar Families Celebrate their Grads event by completing the RSVP form.
GRADUATION CELEBRATION

We are excited to offer two celebration opportunities for our graduates from the Class of 2020 and the Class of 2021: a traditional in-person commencement ceremony and Graduates on Parade.

Graduates on Parade  Friday, May 21 starting at 9 a.m.
Register Now for Graduates on Parade or visit their website.

Commencement Ceremonies Saturday, May 22 and Sunday, May 23
Mangrum Track and Field

Custom registration links will be emailed directly to graduates starting Monday, April 12. The subject line is: "Create Your Graduation Slide" and sent by Marching Order. During your online registration, you'll be able to indicate the phonetic pronunciation of your name and have the option to record it for the commencement readers. Registration will remain open until May 3.

All graduates participating in commencement will need to register themselves and their two guests. Each person attending a commencement ceremony, regardless of age, must have a ticket, including children. On the day of the ceremony, graduates will need to arrive and enter into the commencement venue with their guests. Tickets must be shown (printed or electronically) and can only be scanned once. In-and-out privileges will not be permitted, and tickets are nontransferable.

All attendees must wear a face covering (mask or face shield) at all times while on the campus property. Food will not be permitted in the venue. All seating and spaces will be cleaned and disinfected between each ceremony.

Requests for special accommodations, such as an American Sign Language interpreter or live captioning, must be made to the Commencement Office by May 7 by emailing commencement@csusm.edu.

2021 GRADUATE TRIBUTE

The Commencement Office would like to celebrate the Class of 2021 by creating a short video to feature on our website, YouTube Channel, and on the @CSUSMCougarCentral Instagram Page and other social media. If you would like to be featured, complete the online form on the Commencement website and view the entry rules.

WALKING EARLY POLICY

Due to the strict restrictions on occupancy set forth by the State, we are unable to accommodate those walking early at the Spring Commencement Ceremonies. Those walking early (graduates of Fall 2021 and so on) will participate in the 2022 Commencement Ceremonies in May 2022. No exceptions will be made this year.
The CSUSM Alumni Association is so proud to welcome the graduates of the Class of 2021 to the Cal State San Marcos alumni community. To help commemorate this momentous occasion, the CSUSM Alumni Association is gifting the entire Class of 2021 a 2-Year New Grad Membership! Visit the Alumni website to redeem your 2-year membership. We hope that you will accept this gift and stay connected to CSUSM and your fellow Cougar alumni!

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**CAP AND GOWN PORTRAITS**

How great does Crash look in their cap and gown photo? Schedule your appointment with DiFranco Photography today! Each private session will include cap and gown session, one additional outfit change, and three different backgrounds. They are located just blocks away from campus. The sitting fee will hold your preferred date and time and will be applied towards your photo purchase. DiFanco Photography will have a CSUSM diploma cover for you to photography with.

Sessions will be following all state and local health orders to ensure the safety of the graduate and the photography team. In the abundance of caution, graduate will have to provide regalia along with stole(s). Just make sure to steam your regalia prior to coming.

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**MISSED OUT ON GRADFEST?**

No worries! We have updated the GradFest site to include updated vendor information.

- Stay connected by joining the Alumni Association.
- Purchase Kukui Nut Leis through the Commencement Group (flowers coming soon!).
- Purchase your Announcements, Class Rings, and Jewelry with Jostens.
- The University Store sells regalia, alumni gear, diploma frames, and more!

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**CSUSM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION - HAVE YOU REDEEMED YOUR GIFT?**

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**HONOR CORD AND STOLE DISTRIBUTION**

The Commencement Office will hold an event with campus partners for the Class of 2020 and the Class of 2021 to pick up honor cords and organization stoles on April 28th and 29th. Honor students will be emailed and campus partners will contact their graduates with instructions on how to pick up their honor cord and/or stole. More information is noted on the commencement website.
2021 SPEAKER/VOCALIST APPLICATION

Complete and submit the application form on the Commencement Website to be considered to be the speaker for your class, or to sing the national anthem at your Commencement ceremony. Applications are due by April 23rd.

Speakers: Your 2-3 minute speech should address your graduating class and touch on the overall CSUSM experience. You may view videos from previous ceremonies for examples of what we are looking for.

Vocalists: will perform the Star Spangled Banner (National Anthem) to kick-off your ceremony. Please sing 2 versus and the chorus, acapella, in your video submission.

PURCHASE YOUR CLASS CHAMPION PACKAGE

Get the Class Champion alumni membership package only available to the Class of 2021. This exclusive package is only available for purchase on-line through April 20, or while supplies last. This year we are gifting an additional 3 years to the package for a total of 5 years of Alumni Association membership. The package also includes a gift to the Student Philanthropy Scholarship, a donor cord to wear at commencement, and an alumni branded reusable tote, t-shirt, license plate frame, and key chain. Class Champion membership costs $60. Sign up by April 20 to receive a bonus alumni branded gift.

BRAG ABOUT YOUR GRAD!

Celebrate your graduate with the Cougar Chronicle! Starting March 15th, you can purchase ad space that will feature a picture of your grad, note their name, major, hometown, and a small personal message. For more information, please email csusmchronicle.advertising@gmail.com or view their flyer on the GradFest site.