To the Spring 2021 Candidates for Graduation

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation from South Louisiana Community College!

SLCC’s faculty, staff, and administration are very proud of each of you, and we look forward to celebrating your academic achievement at the Spring 2021 Commencement Ceremony. Please use this sheet as a resource to guide you in the weeks leading up to graduation.

Commencement Ceremony Date & Location

Thursday, May 13th

Cajundome Arena
444 Cajundome Blvd
Lafayette, LA 70506

Other Ceremony Details

Time
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Guest Seating
- No tickets required and no maximum number of guests allowed per graduate
- Seating will be treated as General Admission
- Accessible guest seating will be available
Arrival and Attire

- All graduates must arrive promptly one hour before their scheduled ceremony.
- All guests should arrive before the scheduled ceremony start time to provide for time to find seats.
- All attendees, graduates and guests included, must wear a mask or other appropriate facial covering.
- Only clear 4” x 6” small bags are allowed, with the exception of diaper bags for age-appropriate children and/or medical bags for applicable conditions.
- All graduates should wear business attire underneath their graduation regalia, including neutral-colored, comfortable dress shoes.
- The following attire is NOT appropriate: jeans, tennis shoes, work boots, flip flops, or shorts.

Regalia

The cap and gown for the SLCC Commencement Ceremony is navy blue and SLCC-branded. This SLCC Regalia can be purchased in-person or online at the SLCC Bookstore for $50 (plus sales tax). Individual tassels and caps may be purchased for $6.50 and $7.50 respectively (plus sales tax); these individual items are only available for purchase in-person. No alternative cap or gown may be worn.

Please review this additional guidance regarding regalia orders before proceeding with your purchase. Students wishing to order announcements, diploma frames, and souvenir items should visit this page; these items are not available in the SLCC Bookstore.
PTK, NSLS, and Honors Graduates

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) is an honor society to which students at SLCC who achieve a 3.0 GPA or higher are invited, and those students pay membership fees to join. All PTK members will have their PTK status noted on transcripts and will be provided with a PTK seal to be placed on their diplomas. PTK students can purchase PTK cords and stoles to wear at the Commencement Ceremony via the PTK online store.

Students who are Phi Theta Kappa members often graduate with honors, and Honors Graduates are often Phi Theta Kappa members, but joining PTK does not guarantee that a student will be an Honors Graduate. To graduate with honors at SLCC, a student must earn a Cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher after final grades have been received; these students will be given honors cords on the day of the Commencement Ceremony.

Students who do not participate in the Commencement Ceremony will not receive honors cords. Students who graduate with a 4.0 GPA will receive special recognition by SLCC's Chancellor during the commencement ceremony.

The National Society for Leadership and Success (NSLS) is a leadership development program that is not necessarily defined by GPA but is, rather, defined by the completion of the specified curriculum. Students who have been inducted into NSLS can purchase NSLS graduation regalia through their personal NSLS portals and wear those materials at the ceremony.
Frequently Asked Questions...

• **How do I get my diploma cover and diploma?**
A diploma holder will be issued to graduates as they walk across the stage at the commencement ceremony. All students must return to their seats after receiving diploma holders and must remain seated for the duration of the ceremony. All diplomas will be sent to the mailing address on the graduation application approximately three weeks after the graduation date. Each student is responsible for ensuring that their mailing address is correct.

• **What if I need a copy of my diploma sooner?**
Should you need proof of your degree prior to the release of your diploma, SLCC is offering a new service called *Diploma on Demand*. This service provides a certified electronic diploma that serves as an official, portable, and verifiable electronic version of your accomplishment that can be shared for a lifetime! Please continue to check your college email for complete details of how-to login to the portal!

• **How will I receive the pictures taken at the ceremony?**
Approximately two weeks after graduation, all SLCC graduates will receive sample proofs of their graduation pictures along with order forms. Order forms will include instructions on how students can order pictures as well as the price options from the photographer. This information will be sent to the email on file with SLCC.

• **Who do I contact about accommodations for disabilities?**
SLCC will provide accommodations for graduates with disabilities; to request arrangements, please contact Dr. Cheryl Fruge, Director of Counseling & Disability Services, at cads@solacc.edu.