



The excitement builds as plans are made for Mt. SAC's

Class of 2017 Commencement

Sunday, June 18 at 11:00 a.m.

CITIZENS BUSINESS BANK ARENA

4000 E. ONTARIO CENTER PARKWAY, ONTARIO, CA 91764



This newsletter provides important information you will need as you prepare for this memorable milestone.

Please read *thoroughly*, and take particular note of key dates and deadlines.

- ❖ **Application for Graduation:** All candidates must file an Application for Graduation with the Admissions & Records Office by **Friday, May 12** to ensure that their name is on the commencement booklet. Candidates will be notified by mail about their graduation status.
- ❖ **Eligible Participants:** Students who have applied for graduation, and who have been approved by Admissions & Records Office for Fall 2016, Winter 2017, Spring 2017 and Summer 2017 are eligible to participate in the commencement ceremony.
- ❖ **Name Verification:** In order to ensure the correct spelling of your name in the commencement program and on your diploma, you are advised to check the accuracy on your student portal.
- ❖ **NO Commencement Rehearsal will be held.**
- ❖ **When & Where to Arrive:** Graduates should arrive at Citizens Business Bank Arena with their caps and gowns by **9:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 18**, for assembly and final processional instructions. Lot F is designated for graduates and their guests. Parking lots open at 9:00 a.m. Parking is free. Review the map on back page to see where to park and check in location.
- ❖ **Guest Admission & Arrival:** The commencement ceremony is open to all guests of the graduates—*no admission tickets will be issued*. Guests are encouraged to arrive early, as there may be traffic. Arena doors open at 10:00 a.m. All seating is available on first come first serve basis. Saving seats is not allowed.

- ❖ **Disabilities/Special Needs:** Students and guests who need assistance (mobility, sign language interpretation, etc.) must contact **Disabled Student Programs & Services (DSP&S)** at (909) 274-4290 **NO LATER THAN Monday, June 13**, to request accommodations.
- ❖ **Decorum:** Throughout the formal portions of the ceremony, students are asked to maintain appropriate decorum befitting the dignity of a college commencement. It is recommended that high heels **NOT** be worn, wear comfortable shoes. It will be cold in the arena, so dress accordingly. **NO** cap Decorations that will obstruct the view of the people behind you.
- ❖ **Banners and Signs:** Graduates and guests may not bring decorations, large banners or signs that will obstruct the view of people sitting behind them. Citizens Business Bank Arena does not allow selfie sticks or signs mounted on sticks. Sticks on any signs must be removed. Only handheld signs and small banners are allowed in the arena.
- ❖ **Food and Drinks:** **NO** outside food, beverages, coolers, bottled water, cans, etc.

may be brought into the arena. Guests with special dietary needs may contact the venue for assistance. Concession stands are located throughout the building. There are drinking fountains on the main concourse.

- ❖ **Strollers:** All strollers/carriers that enter the arena must be checked in at Guest Services, cost will be \$5 per item. Note, the Arena has limited space.
- ❖ **Diplomas:** Actual diplomas are *not* issued at the commencement ceremony—only the diploma covers. Grads will receive official diplomas by mail approximately 12 weeks after the end of their graduating term. ***Please make sure that your address is correct on your student portal.***
- ❖ **Obligations:** Please note that if you have an outstanding obligation to the college, this will prevent us from releasing your diploma when it becomes available.
- ❖ **Financial Aid:** If you took out a federal student loan while at Mt. SAC, expect an Exit Loan Counseling packet in the mail with instructions; this is a federal requirement to inform you of repayment options.



HAVE QUESTIONS?

For specific questions about your graduation application, call the Admissions representative below who is assigned to the letter corresponding to your last name: (909) 274-4415.

A – G: Marjes Jackson
H – N: Becky Wang
O – Z: Yvonne Zaragosa

Glad for our grads

Dear Graduation Candidates,

On behalf of the entire campus community, I want to congratulate you on your upcoming graduation from Mt. San Antonio College.

We hope that your overall experience and educational journey at Mt. SAC has met or exceeded your expectations. We trust that you feel confident and prepared to advance to the next phase of your career path—whether that is to continue your baccalaureate education as a transfer student, or enter your chosen career field.

We look forward to joining your family and guests in celebrating this special occasion at Mt. SAC's 2017 Commencement on June 18.



Here's to your success,

Audrey Yamagata-Noji

Dr. Audrey Yamagata-Noji
Vice President, Student Services



CITIZENS BUSINESS BANK ARENA POLICIES

- ❖ **Entry Inspections**—All guests entering the arena are subject to a metal-detector screening by way of walk-thru magnetometer and/or wand, visual inspection, and bag inspection conducted by Citizens Business Bank Arena security personnel. The purpose of the inspection is to detect prohibited items and is for the safety of our guests and our staff.
- ❖ **Prohibited Items**—For safety reasons, guests are refused entry if they are in possession of prohibited items. Illegal items will be confiscated and turned over to the police. If a guest is found inside the venue with a prohibited item, the item will be confiscated and the guest may be ejected from the facility.

Prohibited items include:

- Aerosol Cans
- Animals/Pets (except service animals)
- Audio/Video Recording Equipment
- Balloons, Beach Balls or Related Items
- Cans, Bottles, Glass or Other Beverage Containers
- Chains, Studded Bracelets, etc.
- Coolers or Ice Chests
- Illegal Drugs
- Large Bags and Purses
- Laser Pens and Pointers
- Noisemaking Devices (i.e. whistles, air horns)
- Outside Food, Beverage, Bottled Water, etc.
- Professional Photography Equipment, Tripods and Selfie Sticks
- Poles/Sticks to Display Flags, Banners, etc.
- Skateboards, Rollerblades, Bikes, etc.
- Unapproved pamphlets, fliers, handbills, etc.
- Weapons of any kind (i.e. pepper spray, tear gas, handcuffs, stun guns)
- Any other item deemed inappropriate or dangerous by the venue in its sole discretion

Honors grads



Honor graduates to be recognized

The commencement ceremony booklet will include notations next to graduates' names who earned academic honors. *Academic recognition for commencement purposes is based on cumulative grades for all college course work completed at Mt. SAC and any other college, through the 2017 Winter intersession.*

Phi Theta Kappa members, Alpha Gamma Sigma permanent members, Honors Program Scholars and students earning academic honors will be recognized. Students should confirm their academic honors status when they verify their name spelling on their student portal. Members of the Honors Program and/or Phi Theta Kappa must also sign up using the e-mail: honors@mtsac.edu, by **Friday, May 12** in order for their names to be recognized in the commencement booklet.

Those recognized in the booklet will have achieved one or more of the following distinctions:



- **Academic Distinction:** cumulative GPA of 4.0 in all college coursework
- **Scholastic Honors:** cumulative GPA of 3.90-3.99 in all college coursework
- **Honors:** cumulative GPA of 3.75-3.89 in all college coursework
- **Alpha Gamma Sigma:** State honor society
- **Phi Theta Kappa:** International honor society
- **Mt. SAC Honors Program Scholar:** Students who complete 15 or more Honors units with at least a cumulative GPA of 3.2.

If you have questions, please e-mail: honors@mtsac.edu

Dates to remember

- May 8**— Graduation announcement and cap/gown orders begin at campus bookstore
- May 12**— Mandatory petition deadline to guarantee your name in the commencement program
- Mid-May**— Verify name/spelling/academic honors status for commencement program and diploma online on your student portal
- June 18**— Commencement at Citizens Business Bank Arena (Ceremony begins at 11:00 a.m.) Graduates must check-in at **9:30 a.m.**

Caps, Gowns & Invitations

The SacBookRac is offering special packages and prices for your cap and gown and graduation announcements, beginning **Monday, May 8, 2017**.

The basic package (cap, gown, stole and tassel) costs **\$51.95 + tax**. These items are yours to keep as a memento of your special day. Additional tassels are available to purchase for \$6 + tax.

Below are the various graduation packages containing commemorative items.

Package A: \$109 + tax

Each **Graduation Package** contains:

- Cap, Gown, Stole & Tassel
- Graduation Pen & Pencil, Letter Opener
- Graduation Sweatshirt
- Graduation Tumbler

Package B: \$179 + tax

Contains all of Package A, plus,

- Mahogany diploma frame

For more information, contact the SacBookRac at (909) 274-4475.



Tassels, Cords & Stoles for Honor Society Students

Permanent members of **Alpha Gamma Sigma** may purchase gold stoles through AGS Chapter Advisor Lupita De La Cruz at the Mt. SAC Transfer Center in Bldg. 9B, second floor. (909) 274-4501 or email: gdelacruz2@mtsac.edu.

Please note: You must be a permanent member for 1 year to qualify.

Phi Theta Kappa members may purchase gold stoles and tassels at: <http://store.ptk.org> or call (800) 946-9996.

Personalized Announcements

Personalized—Graduation Announcement packages include announcements with a cover and feature your name, degree, and major into the text. "Thank You" notes, envelopes, address labels and seals, starting at \$72.30.

You may choose from personalized packages or individual items online at www.cbgrad.com or call (800) 433-0296. Order forms are also available at SacBookRac.

Generic Graduation Announcements are also available for purchase at the SacBookRac.

Flowers & Photos

Flowers—will be sold at the ceremony. The SacBookRac will be selling graduation gifts.

Photos—A professional photographer, **GradImages** will take photos of graduates during the degree conferral segment of the ceremony as well as after the ceremony. A complimentary proof of the photo is mailed to each graduate after the ceremony with ordering instructions.

Career & Transfer Services

It's not too late to transfer! Our staff can connect you with university reps, arrange campus tours, and provide other resources to help guide you to your next goal.

Ready to tackle the world? Our staff can help you find employment that's related to your field of study and training, and show you how to effectively use online job search resources.

Career Services:

(909) 274-4510 or visit <http://careerservices.mtsac.edu>

Transfer Services:

(909) 274-6388 or visit <http://transfer.mtsac.edu>



Location: Student Services Center, 9B, upper level

Hours: M-Th: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

F: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Mt. SAC Alumni Association is FREE to join!

As a member, you'll receive an ID card and qualify for benefits and services like:

- Alumni Association e-newsletter
- Discount tickets to Performing Arts Center productions and Mt. SAC Foundation events
- Use of the Mt. SAC Library, Media Services Center and Career Placement Services
- Networking, mentoring and share resources with other Alumni

Go online and fill out the membership application at: <http://alumni.mtsac.edu>, or call the Alumni Association Office at: (909) 274-5443.



Where to Go & What to Do



Citizens Business Bank Arena is located at 4000 E. Ontario Center Parkway, Ontario, CA 91764. It's at the corner of East Concourses and Ferrari Ave.

Graduates should arrive at the Arena with their caps and gowns no later than **9:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 18**. Parking lot F is designated for graduates and their guests. Graduates will need to check in. The "Check-In" booth for graduates is located between lots "D" & "E" near the southwest corner of the Arena. Final processional instructions will be given to the graduates as they assemble and proceed to the back entrance of the Arena. Guests are asked to use the main entrance or other designated entrances.

Faculty/staff may park on the west side of Lot "C". Lots A, B and partially C, will be used for overflow parking of guests.

Disabled Parking for vehicles displaying a current state-issued disability placard or license plate is available in all parking lots. A drop-off/pick-up area for guests with special needs is located outside the Main Entrance, which is located on the Southeast side of the arena.

The Arena has three elevators that access all public areas of the arena. If you require special assistance, please contact Arena's Guest Services at (909) 244-5520 in advance.

Directions

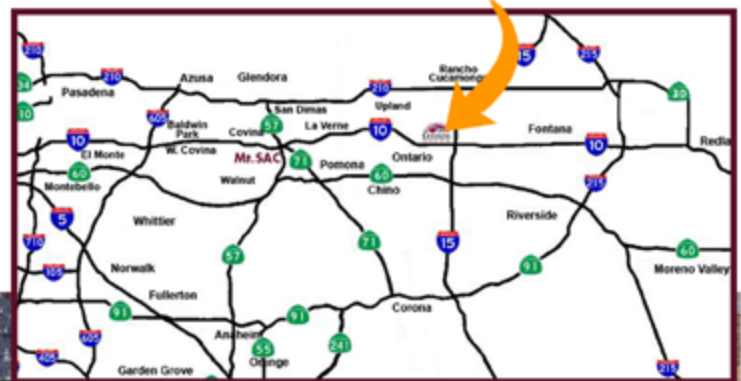
Coming from the west, heading east on I-10

- Take I-10/San Bernardino Freeway East towards San Bernardino
- Take the HAVEN AVENUE exit (ramp is on the right-hand side)
- Turn LEFT onto NORTH HAVEN AVENUE
- Travel about a half mile NORTH on NORTH HAVEN AVENUE
- Turn RIGHT onto CONCOURS DRIVE
- The Arena will be located in about a half mile on the LEFT

Coming from the east, heading west on I-10

- Take I-10/San Bernardino Freeway West towards Los Angeles
- Take the MILLIKEN AVENUE exit (ramp is on the right-hand side)
- At the end of the exit ramp, Turn LEFT onto MILLIKEN AVENUE
- Travel less than a half mile NORTH on MILLIKEN AVENUE
- Turn LEFT onto CONCOURS DRIVE
- The Arena will be located in about a half mile on the RIGHT

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This newsletter is published by the Admissions & Records Office and is available online at www.mtsac.edu.

For additional commencement information, call (909) 274-4415, or e-mail: pmontoya@mtsac.edu

Alternate formats (Braille, enlarged text, e-mail, etc.) are available upon request. Contact **Disabled Student Programs & Services** at (909) 274-4290.

