



Mt. San Antonio College commencement 2016

Important information you need to prepare for the 2016 Commencement Ceremony.

Commencement Ceremony: Friday, June 10 at 6:30 p.m. at Hilmer Lodge Stadium



commencement ceremony

Mandatory Rehearsal— Participation in Commencement Rehearsal is mandatory. Rehearsal is held on the morning of Commencement, **June 10**, on the grassy area south of the stadium. The rehearsal will last from **9:30 to 11:00 a.m.** **No kids/guests/pets allowed. Dress casually**



When & Where to Arrive— Graduates should arrive with their caps and gowns at the **back of the stadium next to Bldg. 50G by 5:45 p.m. on June 10** for assembly and final processional instructions. Lot F is designated parking for graduates and guests.

Guest Admission & Arrival— The commencement ceremony is open to all guests of the graduates—*no admission tickets are necessary*. Family members and guests should be encouraged to arrive early, as there may be delays with typical Friday peak-hour traffic. Also the prime parking areas and Stadium seating fill up fast. **Stadium gates open at 5:00 p.m.**

Disabilities/Special Needs— Students and their guests who need additional assistance (mobility, sign language interpretation, etc.) must **contact Disabled Student Programs & Services at (909) 274-4290** no later than **Monday, June 6** to request needed accommodations. Guests are responsible for attending to the personal needs of other family members.

Decorum— Throughout the formal portions of the ceremony, students are asked to maintain appropriate decorum befitting the dignity of a college commencement. Grads will have ample opportunity to celebrate and “strut their stuff” during the awarding of diplomas, as their families cheer them on. **No decorations that will obstruct the view of people behind you. No Selfie Sticks Allowed. No outside food or ice chests allowed.** Refreshments available for purchase.

eligibility & mandatory petition process

All candidates **must file an Application for Graduation** with the Admissions & Records Office by **Friday, May 13** to guarantee their names in the be printed in the commencement program. Applications will be reviewed to determine eligibility, so long as all documents and transcripts are submitted. Candidates will be notified by mail whether their applications are approved or denied. We do not have a separate commencement application.

Eligibility— Students who have applied for graduation with the Admissions and Records Office are eligible to participate in the commencement ceremony. There is no additional application for the ceremony. The following degree seeking students are welcomed to participate in the ceremony: “Fall 2015 and Winter 2016” Degree Recipients & “Spring 2016 & Summer 2016” degree candidates.

other important info

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 in your student portal.

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 portal.**

Diplomas Held— Please note that if you have an outstanding obligation to the college, this will prevent us from releasing your diploma when it becomes available.

—Cap/gown/invitations info inside.

questions?

For answers to your specific questions about your graduation petition, 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 Zaragoza



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 most special occasion at Mt. SAC's 2016 Commencement on June 10.



Here's to your success,

Audrey Yamagata-Noji

Dr. Audrey Yamagata-Noji
Vice President, Student Services

career & transfer Services

Your competitive edge in today's job market.

Now that you're graduating, you need to know that Mt. SAC can help you to transition to your next goal of employment and/or transfer! We encourage you to visit the Career & Transfer Center located on the upper level of the Student Services Center.

Looking for a job?

Our staff will help you find full- and part-time employment that's related to your field of study and training. Services provided will enhance your job acquisition skills, conduct mock interviews, and show you how to effectively use online job search resources. Call (909) 274-4510
<http://careerservices.mtsac.edu>

Plan to Transfer?

Those graduates who have not yet begun the university transfer process can still get assistance through Mt. SAC's Transfer Center. You can just walk in for advice and review the many college guidebooks and catalogs we have available. We also arrange campus tours and can connect you with university reps. Call (909) 274-6388. <http://transfer.mtsac.edu>



Career & Transfer Services Business Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

honors *grads*

Honors 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 '16 Winter intersession.

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:** Recognizing students who complete 15 or more Honors units with at least a cumulative GPA of 3.2.



Phi Theta Kappa members, Alpha Gamma Sigma permanent members, Honors Program Scholars and students earning academic honors will be recognized in the commencement ceremony booklet. All 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 below, by **Friday, May 6** in order for their names to be recognized in the booklet.

e-mail: honors@mtsac.edu

dates to remember



- May 9—** Graduation announcement and cap/gown orders begin at campus bookstore
- May 13—** 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 10—** Commencement rehearsal (9:30 - 11:00 a.m.)
— Commencement ceremony (6:30 p.m.) at Hilmer Lodge Stadium

caps, gowns & *invitations*

SacBookRac offers special packages and prices!

The SacBookRac is offering special packages and prices for your cap and gown and graduation announcements, beginning Monday, May 9.

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

Package C: \$203 + tax

Contains all of Package A, plus,

- Mahogany diploma frame
- Graduation DVD (*available approx. 4-6 weeks after ceremony*)

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 cords and tassels through AGS Chapter Advisor Art Nitta in Bldg. 61-1630, (909) 274-5386 or email: anitta@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 1 (800) 946-9996.

personalized announcements

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

You may order one of three 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.

flowers, photos & DVD's

Flowers will be sold at the ceremony, including roses (\$10-\$30), orchid leis (\$30-\$40), various bouquets (\$10).

For those who desire to purchase floral bouquets and leis, the college engages the services of Commencement Flowers. Flower booths are located on both sides of the tunnel for the convenience of guests. If you would like to place an order online and have your flowers waiting for you to pick up at one the flower booths, please order from www.commencementflowers.org/mtantonio. If you choose to purchase flowers on Commencement Day, credit and debit cards will be accepted.

Photos. A professional photographer, **GradImages** will take photos of graduates before the ceremony, beginning at 4:30 p.m. and during the degree conferral segment of the ceremony. Visit website, www.gradimages.com, and click on Pre-Event Email Registration. Enter your email and up to 6 emails of loved ones who would like to share in your accomplishment by viewing and ordering your photos. If you have any questions, please contact GradImages Customer Service department at (800) 261-2576.

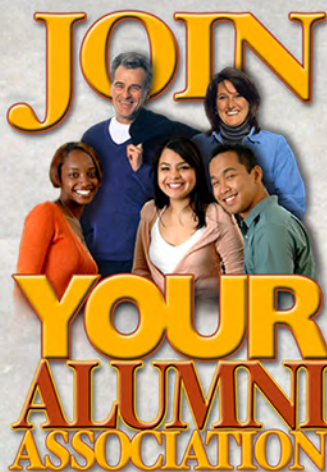
A **DVD** of the ceremony will be available for purchase (\$25 + tax) from the campus bookstore about 4-6 weeks after graduation.

where you're *always family!*

As a member of the Mt. SAC Alumni Association, you'll receive an ID card and qualify for benefits and services like:

- Discount tickets to all Performing Arts Center productions
- Lifetime use of the services at Career Placement Services
- Discount tickets for all Mt. SAC Foundation special events
- Use of Mt. SAC Library and Media Services Center
- Alumni Association e-newsletter
- Other networking, mentoring and resources

Membership is free and open to all students who have attended Mt. SAC. To join, complete a membership application at <http://alumni.mtsac.edu>, or call the Alumni Association Office at (909) 274-5443.



where to *park*

Students and their guests may park in Lots F, H and S. Faculty and staff may park in a reserved section in the south end of Lot R near the Stadium and Student Lot 50G. The walk from Lots F and H to the Stadium is a considerable distance. Guests should use the underground tunnel located in the southeast corner of Lot F and not attempt to cross Temple Avenue. For those who have a Disabled Persons (DP) license plate or placards, parking is available at the north end of Lot R, adjacent to the stadium. A tram will stop at Lot R for those guests requiring mobility assistance.



publication *information*

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

This newsletter is available online at www.mtsac.edu and in alternate formats (Braille, enlarged text, e-mail, etc.) upon request. Please contact **Disabled Student Programs & Services** at (909) 274-4290.

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