

**Dear College of the Canyons Graduation Candidate,**

You are cordially invited to the **College of the Canyons Commencement Ceremony**, which will be held on **Friday, June 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.** in **Cougar Stadium** at College of the Canyons.

College records indicate that you plan to participate in the **Class of 2024-2025 Commencement exercises**. Please note, however, that even if you participate in the Commencement ceremony, you are not considered a graduate until you have completed all degree requirements, including those remaining for **Spring 2025** or **Summer 2025**.

We encourage you to celebrate your achievements by attending Commencement. Please review the following important details carefully to ensure a smooth and successful experience for both you and your guests.

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## **Important Information**

### **Grad Fair**

**Date:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Student Center

Campus Life & Student Engagement will host a Grad Fair, where you can:

- Purchase your cap and gown
- Take and order formal graduation photos
- Verify the spelling of your name for the diploma and graduation program
- Pick up special graduation regalia, including gold honor cords for honor graduates

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## **Caps and Gowns**

**College of the Canyons Bookstore** (661) 362-3255

Caps, tassels, and gowns will be available for purchase in assorted sizes at the **College of the Canyons Bookstore** during and after Grad Fair. **To ensure the correct size and fit, pick up your attire as early as possible.** Some sizes are limited, so please do not wait until the day of Commencement.

## Important:

- Graduates must wear official College of the Canyons caps and gowns.
  - Souvenir tassels, stoles, and diploma frames will also be available for purchase.
  - Personalized graduation announcements can be ordered online at [www.cbgrad.com](http://www.cbgrad.com).
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## Diploma Check

Candidates for **A.A., A.S., AA-T, and Certificates of Achievement** should review the student copy of their **graduation petition submitted to Counseling**. Verify the correct:

- Degree(s)
- Major(s)
- Certificate(s)
- Spelling of your name

For updates, contact **Admissions and Records**. **Name change requests** should be emailed to **cadet@canyons.edu** with the necessary documentation.

**Deadline for changes:** May 8, 2025

For questions about degree or certificate requirements, email **counseling@canyons.edu**.

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## Honor Graduates

Graduating students with a **cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher** in degree-applicable units from regionally accredited colleges (prior to Spring 2025) will receive a gold honor cord.

Honor cords will be available at **Grad Fair**. If you cannot attend, they may be picked up at **Campus Life & Student Engagement (STCN-102)** during regular hours:

- Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Note:** Campus Life & Student Engagement will be closed from **June 4-6, 2025**, due to Commencement preparations.

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## Commencement Participation RSVP

If you plan to attend, submit the online **Commencement Ceremony RSVP form**. Please check your email for the RSVP link included in the Commencement ceremony email sent from Campus Life or contact [campus.life@canyons.edu](mailto:campus.life@canyons.edu).

**Deadline:** Thursday, May 22, 2025, by 5:00 p.m. (**Late RSVPs will not be accepted.**)

Graduates may bring **up to six guests**. Due to space limitations and safety regulations, additional guests **will not be permitted** under any circumstances.

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## Arrival & Assembly for Graduates

There is **no rehearsal** for Commencement. Please follow these instructions:

- **Arrive by 4:45 p.m.** on Friday, June 6, 2025, dressed in your cap and gown.
- **Check-in location:** Walkway between the tennis courts and East PE & West PE buildings. Enter from the east side of campus near Campus Drive.
- During check-in, you will receive **processional instructions** and complete a **name reader card** for stage announcements.
- The **processional may begin up to 15-20 minutes early** to ensure a prompt **6:00 p.m. start**.
- **Wear comfortable shoes**—pointed heels are not allowed on the field.
- **Leave valuables (purses, cameras, etc.) with friends or family.**
- If you need **disabled seating**, email [campus.life@canyons.edu](mailto:campus.life@canyons.edu) by May 22, 2025.

**Note:** Graduates who arrive late **will not be allowed** to participate. Family and friends **are not allowed** in the assembly area.

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## Graduate Behavior

Commencement is a **dignified occasion**. Graduates are expected to conduct themselves respectfully and remain for the **entire** ceremony. Please use the restroom **before** the ceremony begins.

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## Guest Participation

Each graduate may bring **up to six guests**. Guests must respect the graduates and college personnel and follow all event guidelines.

- Gates open at **5:00 p.m.**
- Guests must remain seated and keep aisles clear.
- **Crowding near the fencing or stage is not permitted.**
- **No air horns, confetti cannons, or disruptive noisemakers.**
- **No outside food or drinks** (except unopened water bottles).

Failure to comply may result in **removal from the ceremony**.

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## Flower & Concession Sales

- Flowers will be available for purchase at the ceremony (while supplies last).
  - **Cash only**—debit/credit cards will **not** be accepted.
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## Photography

Photographers from **GradImages** will take photos as graduates receive their diplomas. Proofs will be emailed to graduates.

For **20% off purchases of \$50 or more**, register at:

[www.gradimages.com/registration](http://www.gradimages.com/registration)

Special **photo opportunity stations** will be available near the **home-side gates** after the ceremony.

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## Campus Safety & Security

Additional security personnel will assist with crowd control before, during, and after the ceremony. Guests must **keep walkways and aisles clear** at all times.

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## Lost & Found

Located near the **flower concession sales station**.

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## Parking

Parking is **free** on Commencement Day, except in staff-designated lots and lot 12. Vehicles parked in staff lots may be ticketed. Due to potential traffic congestion, plan to **arrive early**.

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## Diplomas

Diplomas **will not be distributed at the ceremony**. Spring and summer graduates will receive their diplomas **by mail** from the **Admissions and Records Office**.

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## Commencement Livestream

The ceremony will be livestreamed at:  
<https://canyons.media/stream/>

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## Special Arrangements

Graduates needing special accommodations should email **campus.life@canyons.edu** by **May 22, 2025**.

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## For More Information

Visit the **Grad Fair** on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, or check:  
<https://www.canyons.edu/commencement>

For inquiries, email **campus.life@canyons.edu** or call **(661) 362-3238**.

**Congratulations!** The entire college community is proud of your success. We look forward to celebrating with you at Commencement!

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