

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 5, 2026, 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 2025-2026 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 2026** or **Summer 2026**.

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.

Important Information

Grad Fair

Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 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

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.

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 14, 2026

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

Honor Graduates

Graduating students with a **cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher** in degree-applicable units from regionally accredited colleges (prior to Spring 2026) 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 3-5, 2026**, due to Commencement preparations.

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.

Deadline: Thursday, May 21, 2026, 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.

Arrival & Assembly for Graduates

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

- **Arrive by 4:45 p.m.** on Friday, June 5, 2026, 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 by May 21, 2026.

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

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.

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**.

Flower & Concession Sales

- Flowers, snacks, and beverages 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

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

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.

Lost & Found

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

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**.

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**.

Commencement Livestream

The ceremony will be livestreamed and will be available to view at:

<https://www.canyons.edu/student-services/campus-life/events/commencement/>

Special Arrangements

Graduates needing special accommodations should email campus.life@canyons.edu by **May 21, 2026**.

For More Information

Visit the **Grad Fair** on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, 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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