



San Bernardino
Valley College

Commencement

May 26, 2017

9:00 AM

SBVC FOOTBALL STADIUM



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GETTING READY

Who is eligible to participate in Commencement 2017?

Any student who has submitted a graduation application and been approved for the Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Summer 2016/2017 semesters is invited to participate in commencement activities.

If you are eligible to participate, you will receive information from Admissions/Records. Participation is not mandatory; however, we encourage you to attend Commencement.

When and where is the 2017 San Bernardino Valley College Commencement?

Date: Friday, May 20, 2017

Place: SBVC Football Stadium
701 S. Mount Vernon Ave.,
San Bernardino, CA 92410

Time: 9:00 a.m.
Stadium opens at 7:00 a.m. for guests.
(Graduates must check inside the Athletic Complex).

Where may I purchase Commencement Announcements?

Traditional San Bernardino Valley College Commencement Announcements may be purchased in packs of 10 (Includes 10 inner and 10 outer envelopes) - \$12.00* pk.

For pricing and complete information, visit www.sbvcbokstore.com.

When and where may I purchase my cap, gown and graduation accessories?

If you will be participating in Commencement, here is what you will need: (All items may be purchased at the SBVC Bookstore.)

For AA/AS & Certificate Graduates:

- Cap, Gown & Tassel Unit (Black) - \$35.00*
- Additional blue/silver tassels may be purchased for \$6.00.*

For AA/AS Graduates Only:

- Associate Degree Graduation Hood (Black with Silver and Blue) - \$28.00*

AA/AS Graduates may also purchase:

- AA/AS/Certificate Gold Honors Cord 3.0 or higher - \$13.00*
- AA/AS/Certificate Gold Honors Tassel 3.0 or higher - \$6.00*

**Prices do not include sales tax.*

SBVC Bookstore 11th Annual Grad Fair

Thursday April 27, 2017
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Campus Center Walkway

20% off cap, gown and
tassel one day only!

For pricing visit www.sbvcbokstore.com.
Photographer on site for sittings until 4:00 p.m.

Commencement Breakfast

Preceding Rehearsal on
Thursday, May 25, 2017
9:00 a.m. in the Sunroom

COMMENCEMENT DAY: Friday, May 26, 2017

Rehearsal & Breakfast Events Thursday, May 25, 2017

9:00 a.m. Breakfast in the Sunroom

10:30 a.m. Rehearsal in the SBVC Football Stadium (Approx)

Ceremony Day Friday, May 26, 2017

7:00 a.m. Graduates must check in inside the Athletic Complex

9:00 a.m. Commencement processional begins

What is expected of graduates during Commencement?

With everyone's cooperation, this Commencement will be a proud and happy event for our graduates and guests. The following rules of behavior will be enforced at the ceremony:

- * Do not bring purses or bags of any kind for the processional.
- 1) No smoking or alcoholic beverages allowed. Inebriated students will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony.
- 2) Items that are disruptive will not be allowed.
- 3) Marshals will provide directions for the following:
 - Lining up
 - Marching into the stadium (Processional)
 - Seating
 - Receiving diploma covers
 - Keeping aisles clear to facilitate easy access to the stage
 - Marching out of the stadium (Recessional)
 - No purses or bags of any kind for the processional.

To ensure the success of this special occasion, disruptive or inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated.

Students must remain seated until the entire ceremony has concluded.

Do graduates receive their diplomas/certificates at Commencement?

Spring graduates may pick up degrees and certificates in the Administration/Student Services Building, Room 100, beginning June 29, 2017.

Summer 2017 graduates may pick up diplomas and certificates beginning September 11, 2017.

Are parking permits or event tickets required for the ceremony?

No. Parking permits and event tickets are not required.

Where may we park?

Free parking will be available for everyone during Commencement at the Pro Swap Meet and on campus.

Parking for persons with disabilities is available in Parking Lot #8 near the intersection of Grant and K Streets.

Out of respect for our neighbors, please plan on arriving early. We encourage you to refrain from parking on residential streets or in parking lots of neighboring businesses. Parking in residential streets surrounding the campus is by Permit only.

What should I tell my guests is allowed and available in the stadium?

Please tell your family and friends that San Bernardino Valley College will sell flower and balloon bouquets, official college apparel, etc. at the stadium. Concession stands outside the stadium will be open beginning at 8:00 a.m. for families who want to come early and purchase refreshments.

No outside food or beverages allowed in stadium (except water). No alcoholic beverages will be permitted or sold. Backpacks and bags are subject to search.

No banners, signs, balloons, or any other items that block the view of guests may be carried into the stadium or hung on bleacher rails.

Live Webcast

For friends and family members who are unable to attend the ceremony, the SBVC Commencement ceremony will be streamed live online by Radio/TV/Film students and staff at SBVC. On the day of the event, click on the "Commencement" link on the homepage of www.valleycollege.edu to watch the one-time broadcast. Also, KVCR TV will broadcast the ceremony Live on Channel 24.

What accommodations are available for persons with disabilities?

The SBVC Football Stadium is accessible to individuals with disabilities and special seating is available.

If an accommodation is needed for a disability, please call in advance: Michelle Crocker, Disabled Student Programs & Services, (909) 384-8668.

What provisions have been made for emergency health care during Commencement?

In the event of an emergency, please contact a police officer, security officer or usher for assistance or direction to the First Aid Station.

What is the correct way to wear academic attire?

Graduates wear the tassel forward and to the right. The cap is worn with the long point of the shell to the rear. At the conclusion of the program, graduates move their tassels to the left, thus signifying the conferring of the degree. Graduates are asked not to carry purses, bottles, balloons, etc.

What about cameras? May we take pictures during the ceremony?

Yes. You are welcome to bring cameras to Commencement, however, guests may only take pictures from their seats and should take care not to disturb those around them. Only official photographers will be permitted in the graduates' area or in the platform area.

Gradimages will photograph each graduate at the ceremony, and proofs will be emailed and mailed within five days of the ceremony. If you choose to order, you may do so at www.gradimages.com or by calling (800) 261-2576. You may also pre-register before the ceremony at http://www.gradimages.com/index.cfm?action=main-preregistration and you will receive \$5.00 off your order of \$25.00 or more.

What if it rains?

In the event of rain or other unforeseen circumstances, the ceremony will be held Friday, June 2, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Please visit www.valleycollege.edu for updates and re-scheduling information.