

Sierra College – Rocklin Campus Commencement 2009

Date & time	Friday, May 8, 2009 at 5:00pm
Location of ceremony	It will take place below the Japanese memorial garden between building W and building D, with guest seating in the quad area. The ceremony is approximately 2 hours in length.
Rehearsal	It will take place below the Japanese memorial garden at 9:00am on Friday May 8, 2009. If it rains please bring appropriate rain attire and gear, if it rains heavily rehearsal will be canceled. The rehearsal will last about 45 minutes. Please do not bring your cap and gown to rehearsal.
Layout of the ceremony	Please arrive on campus by 4:30pm. The ceremony will begin promptly at 5:00pm. Go to the registration area and check in (near the main flagpole - A building), this is where you will pick up your participation card and also complete an information card for your graduate pictures. You will then be directed by staff of where to form a processional line.
Rain information	If the forecast is for heavy rain the ceremony will be canceled and not rescheduled. If the rain is light to moderate the ceremony will continue, please bring appropriate rain attire and needs. (please make sure you include an email address on the participation form). Please also monitor the website for updates www.sierracollege.edu/commencement
Photography	NorCal Candidts will be providing the professional photography. They will photograph each graduate as the diploma is received. The firm will send a free color copy of the proof to each graduate approximately ten days after the event. On the day please complete an information card at the registration desk and hand it to the speaker as you walk up to collect your diploma. Shortly afterwards you will be able to view the proofs online at www.norcalcandidts.com Please note that guests are requested to remain seated during the ceremony as there will be opportunities to take photographs before and after the ceremony.
Cap & Gown	You can purchase your cap & gown from the Sierra College bookstore. The cap & gowns will cost approx \$35 plus tax. They will be available for purchase in April.
Gown instructions	You will need to hang your gown on a hanger to remove wrinkles, press on wrong side with warm (not hot) iron if necessary, men should wear shirt and long pants under the gown, the tassel should be kept on the right side of the cap.
Honor graduates	Fall 2008 graduates will be given a gold tassel at Commencement if your overall GPA was 3.5 or higher. <i>Spring 2009 potential graduates need to obtain a GPA verification form from Admissions & Records, if you anticipate that your GPA will be 3.5 or higher. Have your instructors verify your grades and return the form to the Admissions & Records Office by NOON on Monday, May 4th. Fall 2008 graduates do not need to obtain a GPA request form.</i> Please note that gold tassels are only given to those students who participate in the ceremony. If you qualify, your gold tassel will be given to you when you check in on the morning of the ceremony.
Phi Theta Kappa	If you are a Phi Theta Kappa member please contact Professor Jennifer Kattman at jkattman@sierracollege.edu , Weaver Hall 217, (916)660-8067 for details about obtaining your regalia. For more information about the Honors Society please visit http://www.sierracollege.edu/Programs/honors.htm
Additional information	If it is a warm day you are recommended to bring water. Please leave all valuables with family or friends and turn off cell phones.

* Please note that if you have a "Restriction to Access" on file in the Admissions & Records Office, your name will not appear in the commencement program. If you wish to have your name in the program, you will need to let us know in writing when you fill out the participation form. This authorization must be submitted by Friday March 22, 2009