

Sierra College – Nevada County Campus Commencement 2009

Date & time	Thursday, May 7, 2009 at 5.00pm
Location of ceremony	It will take place at the Bell Tower, upper level quad. The ceremony is approximately 1 hour in length.
Rehearsal	It will take place at the Bell Tower, upper level quad at 9.30am on Thursday, May 7, 2009. If it rains the rehearsal will be in the cafeteria. Please do not bring the cap & gown to rehearsal.
Layout of the ceremony	Please arrive at the cafeteria by 4.30pm. The ceremony will begin promptly at 5.00pm. Go to the check-in table in the cafeteria and pick up your participation card (and gold tassel if earned). You will then form a processional line as directed by staff.
Rain information	If the forecast is for rain then the ceremony and reception will be held at an off campus location. More information will be available regarding rain plans by late April. Please also monitor the website for updates at www.sierracollege.edu/commencement .
Photography	NorCal Candids 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 commencement 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.norcalcandids.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	Caps & gowns can be purchased from the Sierra College Bookstore and will cost approximately \$35 plus tax. Announcement cards are also available at the Bookstore.
Gown instructions	Please hang your gown on a hanger to remove wrinkles, press on wrong side (inside out) with warm (not hot) iron if necessary. 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 Sierra College GPA was 3.5 or higher. <u>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 or Counseling Office by NOON, Monday, May 4th. Fall 2008 graduates do not need to obtain a GPA request form.</u> 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 the evening 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 we recommend you bring bottled water. Please leave all valuables with family or friends and turn off cell phones.
Reception	Graduates and guests are invited to attend a reception immediately after the ceremony hosted by Dr. Leo E. Chavez, Superintendent/President of the Sierra Joint Community College District, and the Sierra College Foundation Nevada County Campus Coordinating Council.

* 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 20, 2009