

Texas A&M University-San Antonio

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Greetings graduates! We hope you are as excited as we are to celebrate you and your accomplishments during the commencement ceremonies in December! This email contains information regarding parking passes for the ceremony, as well as additional general information.

Parking passes

Graduates are eligible to receive a parking pass for complimentary parking at the Freeman Coliseum. The parking passes will be available for pickup in the Enrollment Services Center (formerly the Welcome Center) in the MADLA building, room 111 <u>starting November 6th</u>. The hours of operation for the Enrollment Services Center are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. They are open extended hours on Tuesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. as well (excluding holidays). The parking passes will be available for pickup until December 17th. Please note: passes are limited to one, and are to be used by the graduate only.

Arrival Information

Candidates must arrive for the check-in process at Freeman Coliseum one hour before the start of your ceremony on Tuesday, December 17th. There is no rehearsal/practice for the commencement ceremony. There are no tickets needed for guests, and there is no limit to the number of guests you can invite so the more the merrier to celebrate your accomplishments!

Please note that guests will pay a \$15 parking fee with the Freeman Coliseum.

We anticipate each ceremony to last about 2 ½ hours.

Please be aware that as the ceremony concludes, lighting in the Freeman will be dimmed for a brief period of time where flashing and intense lights will occur along with loud popping noises (strobing or flashing lights might also occur during this time). We will announce when the lights will be turned off to give ample time for guests and graduates who would like to exit. The lights will be turned back on for the recessional and the exiting of family and friends.

Graduation Slide Show

If you would like to thank family and friends or show off that you earned your degree before the ceremony, please complete the <u>Graduation Slideshow Form</u> that is linked on our website! The slideshow will play prior to the ceremony, and is a great time to show loved ones your appreciation! The <u>deadline to submit the form will be November 29th at 5:00PM, and no late submissions will be allowed.</u>



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Caps and Gowns

Students must have the official cap and gown with the Texas A&M University-San Antonio seal in order to participate in commencement. Students who have not purchased their cap and gown will need to order regalia through the Herff Jones website: Click here to open their website.

- Baccalaureate Degree Students \$61.95 + tax (undergraduate gown, cap and tassel)
 - Tassel should be placed to the right; you will be directed to move your tassel from right to left during the ceremony.
- Master's Degree Students \$111.00 + tax (master's gown, cap, tassel and hood)
 - o Tassel should be placed to the left; you will not move your tassel during the ceremony.

The last day to order your Graduation Regalia online is November 11th. Orders placed after this date may incur additional fees. Click here to order online.

<u>Caps</u>

Decorations on caps are permitted as long as decorations do not exceed the border of the cap and are in good taste. Official University symbols/marks (the university seal, A&M mark, etc.) are prohibited. Please check for clarification if you are unsure.

University Honor Cords

(Undergraduate students only). Students eligible for University honors may purchase the gold honor cord online through Herff Jones for \$14.95 + tax. All honor levels will utilize the same cord. Those eligible have been notified via email in September.

For additional information regarding University Honors, please visit our website.

Photography

Every student will be photographed twice at the commencement ceremony. Free proofs will be mailed and emailed within 2-3 weeks after the ceremony. If you have any questions, please contact Flash Photography at www.FLASHphotography.com

Social Media

Share your pictures from the big day on Facebook, X, Instagram and Snapchat by tagging @TAMUSanAntonio and using #JagGrad24. You can also follow the University social media for updates and photos before, during and after the ceremony.

Graduate Survey

You will be contacted by the Mays Center for Experiential Learning and Community Engagement asking you to complete a short survey discussing what your plans are for after graduation. The data compiled from the First Destination Survey allows the University to form a "snapshot" of what's possible with a



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Texas A&M University-San Antonio degree. The responses collected also help future Jaguars prepare for their career and post-graduation goals. If you are still unsure of what your plans will be, please know you do have access to the Mays Center's various support services now and after graduation. For questions regarding the survey, please contact the Mays Center at (210) 784-1356 or via email at mays@tamusa.edu.

Additional details and reminders will be released in early December regarding the commencement ceremonies, so be sure to keep an eye on your student email account and our website.

RESPECTFULLY,
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