

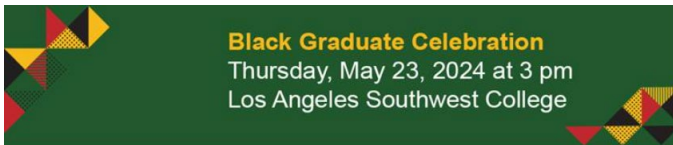


*West Los Angeles College
Graduation Office
9000 Overland Avenue
Culver City, CA 9023*

Graduation Guide Letter – May 2, 2024

Dear Graduate,

Congratulations! You are invited to participate in West Los Angeles Colleges' Class of 2024 Commencement Ceremony. Enclosed is a Guide for Graduates giving you detailed information about the commencement ceremony, rehearsal, reception, caps and gowns, announcements, honor cords, parking, and other important graduation information.



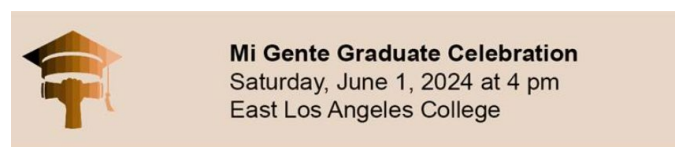
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[RSVP for Lavender Graduation](#)



[RSVP for APDA Graduation](#)



[RSVP for Mi Gente Graduation](#)

***If you are a member of the WLAC Veterans Program, please contact the Veterans Office for information regarding your veterans' sashes.**

Email: veteran@wla.edu

Phone: (310) 287-4370

Once again, congratulations on your success,

Sincerely,

Graduation Office



GUIDE FOR GRADUATES

COMMENCEMENT: Tues, June 4, 2024 - Promptly at 5:00 p.m. – SSB Lawn
9000 Overland Avenue | Culver City, California 90230 | (310) 287-4200



Congratulations, West Los Angeles College Graduates!

This guide has been created to assist you in planning for your graduation.

Commencement begins at 5:00 pm. The processional will begin promptly at 4:55 p.m. Graduation is approximately 2 hours.

- **CONFIRMATION OF PARTICIPATION**
To confirm your participation in the 2024 Commencement Ceremony please visit: [Graduation Confirmation](#)

- **REHEARSAL**

There will be two graduation rehearsals: **Friday, May 31st at 10:00 a.m., and Monday, June 3rd at 1:00 p.m.** Both rehearsals meet at the SSB/GC Quad. It is highly recommended you attend one rehearsal. You do not need to attend both. There is a "Question and Answer" period at the end of each rehearsal. Wear your walking shoes and sunglasses.

- **STUDENT RECEPTION**

Light refreshments will be served in your honor beginning at 3:00pm at the Wildcat Walkway on graduation day.

- **ASSEMBLY FOR GRADUATION**

Graduates will assemble in the Wildcat Walkway. You may wear sunglasses. Due to the grass of the SSB Lawn, high heels are not recommended for both graduates and guests. The college is not responsible for lost or damaged items.

- **CAP AND GOWN PURCHASE**

Students may purchase their Cap, Gown, and Tassel from the WLAC Bookstore effective immediately at a cost of \$45.95 plus tax. The bookstore is also selling commemorative graduation sashes starting at \$49.95 plus tax. Place gowns on a hanger as soon as possible to eliminate wrinkles. During the procession, the tassel is worn on the RIGHT side of the cap. After your degree is conferred, the tassel is changed to the LEFT.

- **HONOR CORDS**

Honor students may pick up their honor cords at the WLAC Bookstore if you have a cumulative GPA for your earned Associate's and Bachelor's degree listed below. GPA calculation includes **ALL** degree-applicable coursework taken within LACCD.

- **GRADUATION KEY DEFINITION**

Graduate - a student who has completed all course work prior to the end of the spring semester.

Candidate for Graduation - a currently enrolled student who will complete courses toward an AA or AS degree in Spring.

Participant in Graduation – a student at the end of the Spring semester who requires six units or less to complete an AA or AS Degree. Participant GPA is not calculated for honors.

Certificate of Achievement – a student who has or will complete a state approved program of 18 units or more.

Non-Credit Certificates – a student who has or will complete a California Community College Chancellor's Office noncredit program with a certificate of completion or competency.

- **NAME CARDS**

At the ceremony, you will be provided a name card that will be used by the announcer to phonetically pronounce your name and is used by the photographer to link your photos that will be available to purchase. Please write legibly.

- **PHOTOGRAPHER**

The official photographer for the ceremony is Grad Images. They will photograph you as you walk across the stage. No other professional photographers are authorized to take pictures of graduates.

- **STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

An interpreter for the deaf will be assisting with the graduation ceremony. If you require additional special assistance, please inform Dr. Brian Stokes at StokesB@wla.edu or (310) 287-4376 prior to Friday, May 31, 2024.

■ DIPLOMAS & CERTIFICATES

When you cross the stage, you will receive a diploma cover. Admissions & Records will email you at a later date to pick up your award(s).

■ FYI - PUBLICATION PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN:

Please be aware that photos which may be used in West Los Angeles College publications, advertising or on the web site will be taken during the graduation ceremony. No additional permission will be sought by WLAC to use images taken at this public event of either the graduates or their guests. Any graduate or guest pictured in a photo used by WLAC will not receive monetary or other compensation.

■ DIRECTIONS TO CAMPUS

From the San Diego Freeway (405) South: Exit on the Jefferson off-ramp. Go left on Jefferson across Slauson and Sepulveda where Jefferson becomes Playa, this becomes Overland. Continue to Freshman Drive and turn right.

From the San Diego Freeway (405) North: Exit on the Jefferson off-ramp, turn right on Jefferson and continue across Slauson and Sepulveda where Jefferson becomes Playa (Overland). Continue to Freshman Drive and turn right onto the campus.

■ PARKING

Arrive early for best parking. Students, parents, and guests may park in the Parking Structure. The school will be using a van to assist with pick up. The pick-up locations will be on B Street, Albert Vera Street and the entrance to the parking structure. Lot A will be designated for Disabled Parking; please watch for signs and directions for handicap parking. The Sheriffs will cite for red zone and handicap parking violations.

For parking and map, [please refer to event map](#)

■ When gathering in large crowds, mask wearing is encouraged, but not required, nor is proof of being vaccinated.

■ Grad Sashes, Diploma Frames and Grad Plushies are available at the WLAC Bookstore.

- Popular sashes available for purchase:
 - Classic (Class of '23) \$49.95
 - Kente Hybrid (Class of '23) \$59.95
 - Serape Hybrid (Class of '23) \$59.95
 - Dental Hygiene (non-dated) \$49.95
 - Aviation (non-dated) \$45.95
 - MORE sashes at the college Bookstore Online at Onlinestore.WLAC.edu
- Diploma Frame \$109.95
- Extra Diploma Cover \$12.95
- Grad plushies and MORE at the college Bookstore Online at Onlinestore.WLAC.edu

Bookstore Hours:

Mon – Thurs: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Fri: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Telephone: (310) 287-4560

Admissions and Records Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Fri: 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Telephone: (310) 287-4501

ASO Hours:

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