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West Los Angeles College
Graduation Office
9000 Overland Avenue
Culver City, CA 90230

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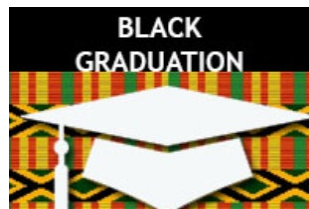
Dear «first_name» «Middle_Name» «last_name» ,

Congratulations! You are invited to participate in **West Los Angeles Colleges' Class of 2023 Commencement Ceremony on June 6, 2023**. 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.

In addition to the College ceremony, you are also invited to affinity groups including the following. These events are for graduates from all 9 Los Angeles Community College District campuses. Visit the links provided for more information on time, location and to RSVP. Various College groups including the Promise Program, Transfer Center and Guardian Scholars are holding receptions prior to or on the day of Commencement. Check your email for invitations and/or contact groups you are affiliated with to see if they have something special planned.



LACCD Lavender Graduation
May 25, 2023 @ 4pm
[Lavender Grad Sign-up](#)



LACCD Black Graduation
June 1, 2023 @ 2pm
[Black Grad Sign-up](#)



LACCD Mi Gente Graduation
June 3, 2023 @ 10am
[Mi Gente Grad Sign-up](#)



LACCD APIDA
May 27, 2023 @ 11am
[APIDA Grad Sign-Up](#)

***IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE WLAC VETERANS PROGRAM
PLEASE CONTACT THE VETERANS OFFICE FOR INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR VETERANS SASHES.**

EMAIL: VETERAN@WLAC.EDU

PHONE: (310) 287-4370

Once again, congratulations on your success.

Sincerely,

The Graduation Office



GUIDE FOR GRADUATES

**COMMENCEMENT: Tues, June 6, 2023 - 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 2023 Commencement Ceremony please visit: [Graduation Confirmation](#)

■ **REHEARSAL**

There will be two graduation rehearsals:

Friday, June 2nd at 10:00 a.m. and Monday, June 5th at 1:00 p.m.

Both rehearsals meet in front of MSA 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.

■ **STUDENT RECEPTION**

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

■ **ASSEMBLY FOR GRADUATION**

Graduates will assemble at the SSB/GC Quad. You may wear sunglasses if necessary. Due to the grass of the SSB Lawn, high heels are not recommended for both graduates and guests. Leave purses with friends or relatives. They cannot be carried in the procession. The college is not responsible for lost or damaged items.

■ **CAP AND GOWN PURCHASE**

Students may purchase their Cap and Gown 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.

■ **ANNOUNCEMENTS / INVITATIONS**

Personalized invitations of your graduation can be place online at <https://www.cbgrad.com/>

■ **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 degree listed below. GPA calculation includes **ALL** degree-applicable coursework taken within LACCD.

Summa Cum Laude 3.90 – 4.00 GPA *Gold cord*
Magna Cum Laude 3.70 – 3.89 GPA *Blue & Gold cord*
Cum Laude 3.50 – 3.69 GPA *Blue cord*

Bookstore Hours: Mon – Thurs: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Fri: 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Saturday, June 3: 9:00 am- 1:00 p.m.
Telephone: (310) 287-4560

Admissions and Records Office Hours: Mon - Thurs: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Fri: Closed; Online services available.
Telephone: (310) 287-4501. In person and live chat: Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

ASO Hours: Contact Marty Turner Telephone: (310) 287-4460

■ 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 commencement ceremony, you will be provided a name card that: 1) will be used by the Commencement announcer to phonetically pronounce your name and 2) your contact information will be used to send you proofs of your photos. 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. Please exercise caution as students have lost money to individuals posing as photographers during graduation.

■ STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

An interpreter for the deaf will be assisting with the graduation ceremony. If you require additional special assistance, please inform the Marty Turner at (310) 287-4460 prior to Wednesday, May 31, 2023.

■ DIPLOMAS & CERTIFICATES

Awards for Spring will be available for pickup at a later date at the Admissions and Records Office. You will be notified by email.

■ 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 and on Albert Vera Street and the entrance to the parking structure. Lot A will be designated for Disabled Parking, 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 <http://www.wlac.edu/graduation/Graduation-Information/Graduation-Parking.aspx>.

■ MASK WEARING is encouraged when gathered in large crowds, but it is not required nor is proof of being vaccinated.

Graduation Pricing

- **Cap, gown & '23 tassel (set)** \$45.95
- **Grad Sash Classic (Class of '23)** \$49.95

SASHES:

Kente Hybrid (non-dated)	\$49.95	Kente Hybrid Dated (Class of 2023):	\$59.95
Serape Hybrid (non-dated)	\$49.95	Serape Hybrid (Class of 2023)	\$49.95
Native/Indigenous (non-dated)	\$49.95		
Dental Hygiene (non-dated)	\$49.95		
Nursing (non-dated)	\$45.95		
Aviation (non-dated)	\$45.95		
Paralegal (non-dated)	\$49.95		
Pharm Tech (non-dated)	\$45.95		
Lavender (non-dated)	\$45.95		
Fab! (non-dated)	\$45.95		

View/order sashes at...OnlineStore.WLAC.edu

- **Extras!**
 - DIPLOMA Frame \$109.95
 - DIPLOMA Frame with Tassel \$149.95
 - WLAC Diploma Cover \$19.95
 - WLAC Alumni Tee \$19.95

Grad plushies and MORE at...OnlineStore.WLAC.edu