



# STUDENT COMMENCEMENT GUIDE - 2017

**DATE**

Saturday, September 23, 2017

**LOCATION ADDRESS**

**Liberty Station San Diego**

GUESTS & Ceremony  
McMillin Event Center  
2875 Dewey Road  
San Diego, CA 92106

STUDENT Check-In  
NTC Command Center  
2640 Historic Decatur Rd.  
San Diego, CA 92106

**VENUE AND PARKING LOCATION**



Parking Lot M is conveniently located near the venue. Additional public parking is also available in the surrounding streets and parking lots.

**TIMELINE**

- 9:00 AM** Students must check-in and assemble at NTC Command Center  
Doors open to guests at McMillin Event Center
- 10:00 AM** Procession Starts
- 10:15 AM** Ceremony Starts

**USU EXPECTATIONS**

**Check-in & Arrival:**

Students are expected to check-in and assemble at the NTC Command Center at 9:00AM and are discouraged from leaving the assembly area once checked in. Personal belongings cannot be left behind in the assembly area; USU Staff is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.



Check-in & Arrival (cont.):

The procession from the NTC Command Center to the McMillin Event Center will start promptly at 10:00 AM. Students who have not checked in by the start of the procession will not be able to participate in commencement.

Attire:

Students are encouraged to dress in business casual attire under their regalia (cap and gown) and to press or steam their regalia to ensure there are no folds or wrinkles visible. Master's candidates must bring and carry their hoods on their right arms throughout the event until they are hooded during the ceremony.

Tassels are worn on the right side. At the end of the ceremony, the President will direct graduates to move their tassel to their left side.

Cords for students receiving Academic Honors will be distributed upon check in and should be worn around students' necks over their gown with the ends hanging evenly in front.

**Undergraduate Students**

Summa Cum Laude graduates hold a GPA of 3.80-4.00.

Magna Cum Laude graduates hold a GPA of 3.65-3.79.

Cum Laude graduates hold a GPA of 3.50-3.64

**Graduate Students**

Graduate students who with a cumulative grade point average of 3.7 or above will be eligible for graduation honors and awarded the status of "With Distinction."

Diplomas:

Actual diplomas with hard diploma covers will be mailed to students 8-10 weeks after students' final grades have been posted and a degree audit processed. Paper diploma covers given during the ceremony are to be kept by the students.

**VENUE RULES**

Balloons are NOT allowed due to Airport/Aviation Laws. Also, please no pets, blow horns, megaphones, confetti, laser lights, fireworks/sparklers, or candles. Chewing gum is also prohibited inside the venue.

Smoking is only permitted 20 feet away from the buildings per California State Law.

Compliance with all fire codes and regulations is required. Doorways and exits are not to be blocked or obstructed.

**LOCAL RESTAURANTS**

Liberty Station is conveniently located amongst many restaurants and eateries which can be found on their website: <http://libtystation.com/directory/>.