



# SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## Additional Commencement Information

### **Commencement held: Thursday, May 16, 2024**

- The ceremony begins at 10:00am and 2:00pm respectively. Please plan your commute time accordingly as the L.I.E. on a work day is congested. Arrive at your designated robing area no later by 9:00am and 1:00pm respectively. Be sure to bring full regalia including cap, gown, tassel and hood!
- Robing for graduates will take place outside adjacent to the Suffolk Federal Credit Union Arena building on the Grant Campus. Walk around the outside of the building to location. Signs and ushers will direct you to the right area. You will loosely be placed in alphabetical order though you are welcome to sit with whomever you want.
- Only individuals with bar coded tickets on paper or from your phone will be able to enter SFCU Arena Field House. Guests without tickets will be able to view a live web stream of the commencement ceremony on [www.sunysuffolk.edu](http://www.sunysuffolk.edu).
- There will always be a faculty member nearby to guide you; 1) as you enter and walk in the processional, to your seats, 2) as you walk on and off stage to get your diploma, and 3) as you head back to your seats. Note that at the start of the ceremony, a faculty member will be counting you off – 10 people to a row. Remain standing at your seat until you are instructed to sit.
- Please arrange to meet family and friends outside the building after the ceremony. You will not be allowed back into the building. Take advantage of the several landscaped areas that have been created for photo opportunities.
- There will be a flower & t-shirt vendor located at both the front and back entrances to the Field House before and after both ceremonies.
- You will receive the cover of your diploma on the day of commencement. Approximately 8-12 weeks following your graduation date, your diploma will be mailed to the address indicated on your Application for Graduation.
- A professional photographer has been retained to take individual photos of you as you receive your diploma. The photographer will correspond with you directly within approximately one week after graduation. You are under no obligation from the college to purchase these photos.
- There are numerous parking lots on the Grant Campus. We strongly encourage you to not park in front of the building to avoid traffic jams upon leaving.

- Strollers and baby carriages must be left in vehicles, as they can become Fire Hazards in the SFCU Arena. Balloons will not be allowed in building.
- Any student who will require accommodations in order to attend and fully participate should contact the Office of Disability Services. Our facilities are wheelchair accessible and an interpreter will be signing throughout the ceremony. If you have a guest who will need accommodations, please have them contact Disability Services at 631-451-4045.
- Handicapped parking is limited and drivers are encouraged to arrive early. Suffolk County Community College does not issue these hangtags.
- Wheelchairs are not provided by the Suffolk County Community College. However, special floor seating is reserved for those in wheelchairs. Guests must have a ticket and will be allowed one companion in the special seating area. There is no specific ticket for accessible seating. Each guest will need a standard guest ticket in order to enter the ceremony venue.
- Closed Captioning and sign language interpreters will be available for viewing.
- Commencement is a dignified academic event that recognizes the achievements of all graduates. Students who elect to participate are expected to observe some simple guidelines:
  - Students and guests should remain in their seats throughout the program.
  - The aisles must remain clear throughout the ceremony.
  - All graduates are members in the College's Alumni Association upon graduation.

**A heartfelt congratulations  
to all of our graduates!**

