



General Information for Graduates Class of 2018

ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMENCEMENT

The Class of 2018 includes all students who complete degree and certificate requirements in January, May, or August 2018. Diplomas and certificates will be mailed approximately 8-12 weeks following your graduation date.

All graduates, including prospective August graduates, are encouraged to participate in the commencement exercises on **Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 11 a.m.** in the Field House of the Health, Sports and Education Center on the Michael J. Grant Campus in Brentwood. ***You must file the application for graduation whether or not you wish to attend the commencement ceremony.***

PRIOR TO THE CEREMONY

Graduation Kick-Off:

Sponsored by Follett Bookstores, a graduation kick-off event will be held on each campus on **Wednesday, April 18, 2018**. Please check with your campus bookstore for details.

Regalia:

Regalia (cap, gown, hood and tassel) may be purchased through the campus bookstores beginning on **Wednesday, April 18, 2018**. The cost for the Associate Degree regalia package is \$58 + tax. If you do not need to purchase the complete regalia set, individual pieces are available. You may use cash, Follett gift card, check, or personal credit card with photo ID as your payment options. The last opportunity to purchase regalia from the bookstore is **Friday, May 18, 2018** at 12:00 p.m. (noon).

Tickets:

Each person (including the graduate) who plans on attending the ceremony **MUST** have a ticket. Tickets are **NOT** automatically reserved for each graduate, as not all graduates attend the ceremony. Therefore, each graduate **MUST** pick up their own ticket and can pick up a maximum of 2 guest tickets at their local campus bookstore beginning on Wednesday, April 18, 2018. Guest tickets will be available on a first come/first served basis and go quickly. Once they are gone, no more will be available. **NO ONE** will be admitted without a ticket.

Guests without tickets will be able to view a live web stream of the commencement ceremony on www.sunysuffolk.edu. Guests without tickets may also attend a video simulcast in the Van Nostrand Theatre located in the Sagtikos Arts and Science Center on the Michael J. Grant Campus while seats are available. Please note that seating is limited in the theatre.

PLEASE NOTE: Strollers or infant carriers are not allowed in the seating area. Strollers/carriers brought into the ceremony building will need to be brought to the stroller parking area provided under the bleachers. Please remember, infants/toddlers must have a ticket to attend the ceremony, even if they are sitting on a lap.

Rehearsal Night:

A rehearsal for graduates has been planned for **Friday, May 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Health, Sports, and Education Center on the Michael J. Grant Campus in Brentwood. Graduates should plan to attend this important event. At rehearsal, we will discuss where to assemble preceding the commencement exercises and procedures to follow during those exercises. As an added convenience, the Michael J. Grant Campus bookstore will open until 8:00 p.m. so students who haven't yet purchased their cap and gown will have a chance to do so following rehearsal.

COMMENCEMENT DAY

Commencement exercises will begin on **Thursday, May 24, 2018** at **11:00 a.m.** Graduates should report to the lobby of the Health, Sports, and Education Center on the Michael J. Grant Campus in Brentwood **no later than 10:00 a.m.** and will then be directed to their designated robing area. Please do not leave valuables in the robing areas; robing areas will not be locked.

Web-streaming:

The ceremony will be streamed live on the home page of the College's website:
www.sunysuffolk.edu.

Important Safety and Security Information:

Out of respect for fellow graduates, please remain seated until the completion of the ceremony; this includes refraining from leaving your seat to take pictures and departing before the ceremony ends. **Upon the conclusion of the ceremony, students should arrange to meet their family and friends outside of the building in order to avoid crowding within the facility.**

In accordance with New York State and Suffolk County fire code, no balloons will be permitted in the facility.

Disability Accommodations:

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. Handicapped parking is limited and drivers are encouraged to arrive early. If you have a guest who will need accommodations, please have them contact Disability Services.

Disability Services 451-4045

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Photographs:

A professional photographer has been retained to take individual photos of you as you receive your diploma. The photographer will correspond with you directly, approximately one week after commencement. **You are under no obligation from the College to purchase these photos.** Special areas have been designated outside for you to take photos after the ceremony.

Alumni Association:

All graduates are members in the College's Alumni Association upon graduation.

Diplomas:

You will receive the cover for 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. You must file the application for graduation whether or not you wish to attend the commencement ceremony.

For further information about regalia attire, diploma frames, class rings, announcements, or bookstore hours, please call or visit your campus bookstore or bookstore websites:

Ammerman Campus Bookstore

Telephone: 631-451-4379
www.sccc.bkstr.com

Eastern Campus Bookstore

Telephone: 631-548-2554
www.sccc-eastern.bkstr.com

Michael J. Grant Campus Bookstore

Telephone: 631-851-6768
www.sccc-grant.bkstr.com

For further information, please contact the Office of Campus Activities and Leadership Development at your home campus:

Ammerman Campus

Eastern Campus

Michael J. Grant Campus

Babylon Student Center, 100

Peconic Building, 122

Captree Commons, 110

451-4376

548-2522

851-6702

Directions to the Michael J. Grant Campus are available on the College's web page at:

<http://www3.sunysuffolk.edu/About/Directions.asp>