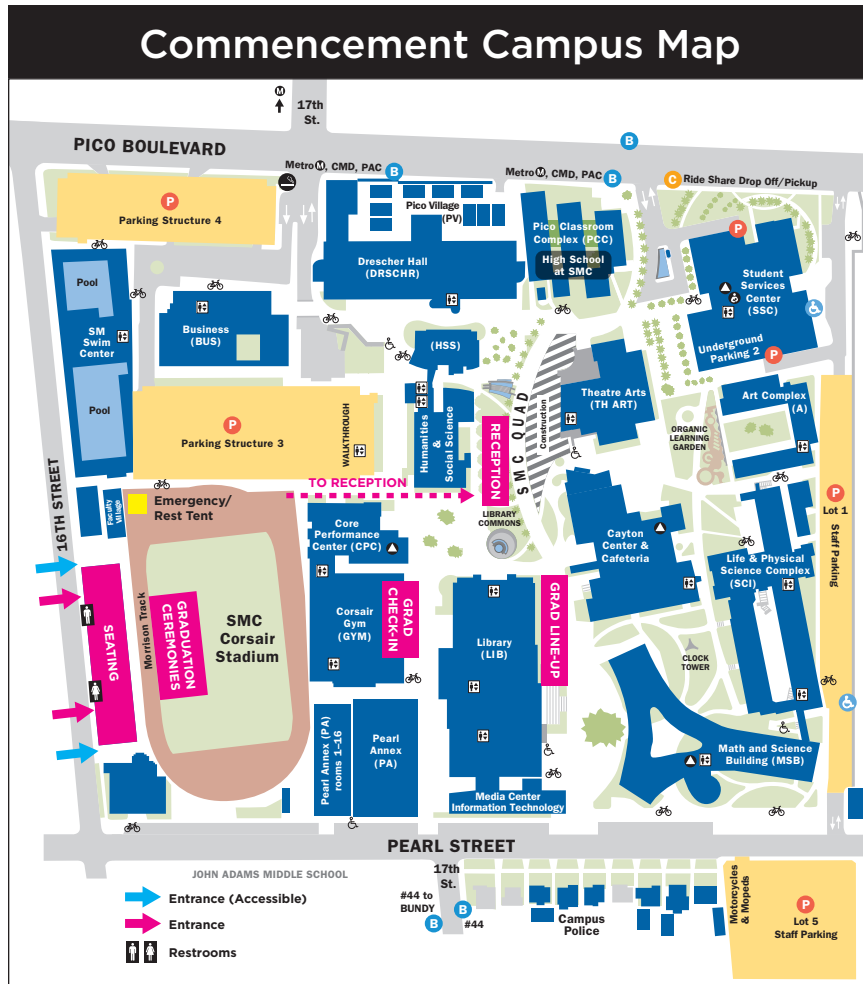


## Questions or Further Information

Contact your evaluator at [TranscriptEvaluator@smc.edu](mailto:TranscriptEvaluator@smc.edu)

# CONGRATULATIONS!

Take a deep breath, smile, and enjoy every second. You've earned this moment, and everyone at Santa Monica College is cheering you on as you step into the next chapter of your journey.



# COMMENCEMENT 2026

Tuesday, June 16 at 4 p.m.  
SMC Main Campus, Corsair Stadium



[smc.edu/commencement](https://smc.edu/commencement)



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# Congrats, Grad!

**You did it!** Your dedication and hard work have brought you to this incredible milestone, and we can't wait to celebrate you at Commencement.

This quick guide will help you enjoy the day and focus on making memories that will last a lifetime. Don't forget to share important details with your guests!

## YOUR BIG DAY AT A GLANCE

<b>Commencement</b>	Tuesday, June 16 at 4:00 p.m., Corsair Field
<b>Check-in</b>	2:00 p.m. at SMC Gym 100 with your personal QR code (see below)
<b>Guest arrival</b>	2:00 p.m. at Corsair Stadium on 16th Street
<b>Processional line up</b>	3:30 p.m.

## FOR GRADUATES

### To Participate

- You must have completed your degree or certificate requirements in Summer or Fall 2025, or in Winter or Spring 2026.
- **Event registration required.** Look for an email invitation on **May 15**.
- Check in with the personalized **QR code** you receive after registering. Arrive early.
- Pick up your **name card** at check-in! It's how your name is called on stage.
- Stay for the duration of the ceremony.

### What to Wear & Bring

- **Official SMC cap & gown required.** Available at the SMC Campus Store while supplies last.
- Wear comfortable shoes — flats recommended (please, no high heels).
- Backpacks and purses not allowed; check-in small items at Gym 100 (open until 7:30 p.m.).

### Make It Fun!

- Decorate your cap!
- Post on Instagram and tag **@smcedu** or **#ProudToBeSMC** — show off your creativity!
- Arrive early to enjoy music by a Power 106 DJ.

## Photos

- For everyone's safety and an unobstructed ceremony, guests are asked to remain seated. Photography in front of the stage or aisles is not permitted during the ceremony.
- Professional photographers from GradImages will be onsite to take your photo as you walk across the stage.
- Preregister at [gradimages.com/registration](https://gradimages.com/registration) for 20% off. No obligation to buy.
- Photo stations available at check-in and after the ceremony.
- Take photos with faculty and staff before the ceremony.

## Accommodations

Graduates who need accommodations should contact the Center for Students with Disabilities at [dsps@smc.edu](mailto:dsps@smc.edu) or 310-434-4265, **at least 5 business days before** Commencement.

## FOR YOUR GUESTS

### Admission & Entry

- Admission is **free** — no tickets needed.
- Gates open at **2:00 p.m.** on 16th St. between Pico & Pearl.
- Guests should arrive by **3:00 p.m.** to avoid delays.

### Security & Clear Bag Policy

- Clear bag policy + full security screening in effect. Be prepared for a long line.
- Prohibited items include backpacks, large bags, balloons, air horns, etc.
- Bags may be searched.
- Noncompliant guests may be denied entry.

### Seating & Accessibility

- First-come, first-to-be seated. Stadium seating.
- Limited accessible seating is available for guests with disabilities + 1 companion; first come, first served. Enter via the **north gate or Gate 1 on 16th Street**.
- Late arrivals may be asked to wait at the gate until the procession has concluded and graduates are seated.

### Directions and Parking

- Check [smc.edu/map](https://smc.edu/map) for directions to the SMC Main Campus, located at 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, CA.
- Parking is free on Commencement Day at all student lots. Suggested lots: Lot 3 & Lot 4 near Corsair Field.

### Livestream

Can't attend? Watch the live stream starting around **3:50 p.m.** at: [smc.edu/commencement](https://smc.edu/commencement)