

CONGRATULATIONS!

You are receiving this letter because you are a candidate for the May 14, 2016 Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi graduation.

There is no rehearsal, so please review this notice carefully.

TIME, PLACE, PARKING & SEATING

Commencement ceremonies will be held Saturday, May 14, 2016, at the American Bank Center Arena as follows:

10:00 a.m.	College of Liberal Arts College of Science & Engineering
2:00 p.m.	College of Business College of Education College of Nursing & Health Sciences

Candidates should arrive at least 1 hour before their designated graduation ceremony time (see above). You must enter through the Convention Center side of the complex. Due to increased security efforts at the American Bank Center, you will not be able to enter the facility through the arena. Students must report to Exhibit Hall B in the Convention Center for assembly. **Only candidates will be permitted in this area.**

Personal items (purses, bags, etc.) should be left with family members or friends, as the University does not provide a location to secure these items and the American Bank Center has implemented a **bag restriction policy**. Please visit the following web site for more information. http://www.americanbankcenter.com/info/press/index.html?article_id=419.

DISABILITY SERVICES

If you require accommodations for a disability, please contact the Office of Disabilities Services at (361) 825-5816, located in Corpus Christi Hall, Room 116.

CEREMONY BROADCAST

We are excited for you to share the experience of commencement with your loved ones. If someone is not able to attend, they can watch the ceremony live on the TAMUCC Commencement website at <http://commencement.tamucc.edu>. On the day of the ceremony DVD's of the ceremony will be on sale at the American Bank Center, on the concourse area.

GUESTS:

Tickets are not required for the ceremony. Guest seating is available in the American Bank Center Arena on a first come, first serve basis. Arena doors will open at 9:00 a.m. for the 10:00 a.m. ceremony and again at 1:00 p.m. for the 2:00 p.m. ceremony.

PARKING:

Some free parking is available to students in Lots 21, 22 & 24. There is limited space in these lots. There will be a charge to park in any of the other lots near the complex. Limited parking is available along the seawall and surrounding area.

WHAT TO WEAR:

All candidates must wear the official black cap and gown. You may purchase it in the Barnes & Noble Bookstore on campus. You must purchase this in advance of Commencement. It is not available for sale at the arena on the day of the ceremony.

THE CEREMONY:

Formation- In Exhibit Hall B you should look for the sign for your College. You will then be placed in line (alphabetically by college and degree) and you will receive a name card. On the back of this card you may fill out the information to receive notifications from FLASH photography after the ceremony. This card is to be presented to person reading the names on stage. Do not bend or fold the card.

Processional - Student Marshals will lead the candidates in the processional line. Candidates with mobility limitations or other special needs should discuss those needs with the Student Marshal or the University Registrar Staff.

Presentation of Candidates - The symbolic conferral of the degrees will be conducted by the Provost and President. Each candidate will be recognized by the reading of his or her name from the name card. When your name is called, walk to the President. You will receive the diploma cover in your left hand and shake hands with the right. Continue across and shake hands with the Dean of your college. Once you cross the stage, you will be directed to return to your seat. **All candidates must remain seated until the conclusion of the commencement ceremony.**

Please note: The University reserves the right to remove a student that is disruptive during the event. As a courtesy to your fellow graduates please participate in the ceremony in its entirety.

Photographs - The University has made arrangements with FLASH photography to take color photographs of each graduate during the presentation of candidates. A free proof will be mailed to your permanent address, unless there is a privacy hold on your record. You are under no obligation to purchase the photographs.

Recessional - Upon the signal of the Student Marshal, the graduates will rise and recess row by row. Graduates will exit onto Shoreline Blvd. immediately following the ceremony. You will not be allowed back into the facility for any reason.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Office of the University Registrar at (361) 825-2624 or email registrar@tamucc.edu. More information is available on the University website at <http://commencement.tamucc.edu>.

Commencement is a special time to celebrate your academic achievements.
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS!