

Commencement Activities at Southwestern College

<http://www.sckans.edu/student-services/commencement/>

Please read the following carefully and share this information with the guests you have invited to join you in your celebration.

Saturday, May 3, 2014

Parents and guests are invited and encouraged to join graduates in attending the departmental receptions for main campus graduates and the Honors Convocation.

Main Campus Departmental Receptions

2:30 p.m.

Business and MBA (Memorial Library)
Natural Science and Mathematics (Welcome Center)
Performing Arts (Darbeth Lobby)

Honors Convocation – Richardson Performing Arts Center

4 p.m.

Graduates and faculty will gather outside, at the bottom of the 77 steps at 3:40 p.m. **in cap and gown**. *In case of inclement weather, you will gather in the basement of the Christy Administration Building.*

Although this is a traditional main campus program, Professional Studies learners who qualified for the Dean's Honor Roll for fall 2013 will be recognized on the printed program. Professional Studies learners and their families are welcome to attend and participate in the convocation should they choose to do so.

Sunday, May 4, 2014

Baccalaureate Service

10:00 a.m. in Richardson Performing Arts Center

- There is no seating order for this service (you may sit with your friends and family).
- Caps and gowns are **not** worn to the service.
- All graduates and their families are invited to attend

Order of the Mound Ceremony and Reception

11:30 a.m. at the Cole Mound Plaza (located on the south side of Mossman just off Kirk Drive.)

- Recognition of students graduating in the top 10% of the class and meeting guidelines stated in the college catalog.
- Graduates will be notified May 2nd and 3rd if they qualify for this honor.
- Caps and gowns are worn for this ceremony.

In case of inclement weather the ceremony will be held in Messenger Recital Hall in the Darbeth Fine Arts Building.

Receptions

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Communications, Computer Science, English (Christy 13)

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Social Sciences Majors & Minors Reception for graduates and their families. A light lunch will be served. (Welcome Center)

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Education (Library Reference Room)

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Professional Studies Reception (Dining Hall of the Roy L. Smith Student Center)

Commencement Ceremonies

Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony

1:00 p.m. Richard L. Jantz Stadium

12:00 p.m. Pick up name cards and line up in Stewart Field House.

- Caps and gowns are worn for this ceremony.
- Photographers will be available to take pictures prior to the procession to Richard L. Jantz Stadium.
- Line up order is by **degree** not major

Procession to the east side of Stewart Field House

- Listen carefully to instructions given and follow your junior marshals
- The stage party and the faculty precede you in line. When you proceed to the seating area, sit down to be sure every chair is filled.
- The junior marshals will cue you when it is time for your row to stand and proceed to the stage.
- Return to your seat for the remainder of the ceremony.
- You will be given two name cards— one card for the registrar's assistant as you line up to approach the stage; the second card should be given to the reader as you enter onto the stage

Graduate Hooding and Commencement Ceremony

5 p.m. Stewart Field House

4:00 p.m. Pick up name cards and line up in Richardson Performing Arts Center.

- Caps and gowns are worn for this ceremony.
- Photographers will be available to take pictures prior to the procession to Stewart Field House.
- Line up order is by **degree** not major

Procession to the northwest entrance of Stewart Field House

- Listen carefully to instructions given and follow your junior marshals.
- The stage party and the faculty precede you in line. When you proceed to the seating area, sit down to be sure every chair is filled.
- The junior marshals will cue you when it is time for your row to stand and proceed to the stage.
- Return to your seat for the remainder of the ceremony.
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*****Graduates with physical limitations should contact the registrar's office at 1-800-846-1543 ext. 6268*****

******IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER******

**Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony
B.S. degrees (except B.S. in natural sciences)
1:00 p.m. Stewart Field House**

12:00 p.m. Pick up name cards and line up in White PE.

- Caps and gowns are worn for this ceremony.
- Photographers will be available to take pictures prior to the procession to Stewart Field House.
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Procession to the northwest entrance of Stewart Field House

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- Return to your seat for the remainder of the ceremony.
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- Tickets will **NOT** be required for guests attending the ceremony.

**Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony
B.A., B.G.S., B. Mus., B.S.A.T., and B.S. in natural sciences
3:00 p.m. Stewart Field House**

2:00 p.m. Pick up name cards and line up in White PE.

- Caps and gowns are worn for this ceremony.
- Photographers will be available to take pictures prior to the procession to Stewart Field House.
- Line up order is by **degree** not major

Procession to the northwest entrance of Stewart Field House

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- Return to your seat for the remainder of the ceremony.
- You will be given two name cards— one card for the registrar's assistant as you line up to approach the stage; the second card should be given to the reader as you enter onto the stage
- Tickets will **NOT** be required for guests attending the ceremony.

Graduate Hooding and Commencement Ceremony 5 p.m. Stewart Field House

4:00 p.m. Pick up name cards and line up in Richardson Performing Arts Center.

- Caps and gowns are worn for this ceremony.
- If there is a possibility of rain, please bring an umbrella. Graduates will process outside on the way to Stewart Field House.
- Photographers will be available to take pictures prior to the procession to Stewart Field House.
- Line up order is by **degree** not major.

Procession to the northwest entrance of Stewart Field House

- Listen carefully to instructions given and follow your junior marshals.
- The stage party and the faculty precede you in line. When you proceed to the seating area, sit down to be sure every chair is filled.
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if you are unsure which ceremony you should participate in.**

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Simulcasts

The following locations are available for viewing of the undergraduate ceremony:

- Richardson Performing Arts Center
- Java Jinx in the Roy L. Smith Student Center
- Campus Life lounge in the lower level of the Roy L. Smith Student Center

The simulcast locations are climate controlled. The ceremony is also broadcast locally over cable channel 20. A webcast of the ceremony can be viewed by following the Commencement 2014 link at www.moundbuilder.com.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The information contained in this packet is **important** for you and your family members to ensure an enjoyable and memorable Commencement. Please **keep** it and **refer** to it when you or your family members have questions about the events of the day.

Photo Ops

During the commencement ceremonies, there will be a picture taken of you and the president and another of you in front of the flags. There will also be a designated area for family to take pictures of you should they choose to do so. Your name, address, and email address have been provided to Grad Images. If you have not received your proofs within two weeks from the commencement ceremony, you may contact them at giservice@gradimages.net or by calling 800-261-2576.

Overnight Accommodations

Motels

- Comfort Inn at Quail Ridge: 3803 Pike Road (south on Hwy 77), Winfield, 620-221-7529
- Super 8 Motel: 3803 Pike Road (south on Hwy 77), Winfield, 620-229-8888
- Econo Lodge: 1710 Main, Winfield, 620-221-9050
- Sonner Motor Inn: 1812 Main, Winfield, 620-221-4400
- Best Western Atrium Gardens: 3232 North Summit, Arkansas City, 620-442-7700
- Best Western Hallmark Inn: 1617 North Summit, Arkansas City, 620-442-1400
- Super 8 Motel: 3228 North Summit, Arkansas City, 620-442-8880

Bed and Breakfast

- Barns @ Timber Creek: 14704 91st Road, Winfield, 620-221-2797

Restaurants

- Biederman's Bistro: 801 Main Street, 620-221-0888 (open from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.)
- Gambinos: 1400 Main Street, 620-229-2278 (open 11 a.m.-9 p.m.)
- College Hill Coffee: 403 Soward, 620-229-8155 (by reservation only)
- El Maguey: 1515 E 9th Avenue, 620-221-4940 (open 11 a.m.-2 p.m.)
- Neives' Mexican Restaurant: 119 E 9th Ave, 620-229-7600 (open 11 a.m.-9 p.m.)
- Pizza Hut: 1912 Main Street, 620-221-7500 (open 11 a.m.-10 p.m.)
- Subway: 2210 Pike Rd, 620-221-7827
- Taco Bell: 2011 Main Street, 620-229-9099 (open 10 a.m.-9 p.m.)
- Montana Mikes: 3727 Quail Ridge Drive, 620-221-0069
- The Eatery: 815 Millington, 620-402-6607 (open 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
- Kathryn's: 822 Main Street, 620-229-8366

Moundbuilder Market

Moundbuilder Market, located in the basement of Roy L. Smith Student Center, is Southwestern College's logo and apparel store. The Moundbuilder Market will be open:

- Friday, May 2nd – 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 3rd – 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 4th – 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

For more information, visit: www.moundbuildermarket.com

Parking

Parking will be available for persons with handicap permits in the parking lot between Christy Administration Building and Roy L. Smith Student Center. Security personnel will assist you in finding parking and by providing rides on golf carts. For your convenience, parking is also available at the Winfield High School with shuttle service to the commencement site.

A map of the campus can be viewed at www.sckans.edu/campustour.

Weather Updates

In case of inclement weather, the decision to move commencement exercises indoors will be posted on www.sckans.edu/campus. You can also call (620) 229-6333 or 800-846-1543 ext. 6333 for more information.