

2026 Commencement Ceremony

Graduate Check In and Order of Procession

Friday, May 15, 5 p.m.

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Master of Science in Education

Master of Science

Master of Arts

Master of Social Work

Master of Public Health

Master of Music

Undergraduate Check In and Order of Procession

Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m.

Bachelor of Science

Saturday, May 16, 1 p.m.

Bachelor of Arts

Bachelors of Music

Bachelor of Fine Arts

LifePrep@Naz

Arrive at Golisano Training Center



Please do not bring valuables inside with you. There is no place to store them.

Enter the main entrance and head straight down the hallway to the other end of the building to the indoor turf field/check in area.★

Check In

Go to the Registration & Record's check in table to pick up your index card. Cards are sorted by degree type and then alphabetically by diploma name last/first. Unsure of what degree type you are earning? [Check the list.](#)

The index card lists:
degree type and line order number,
diploma name,
phonetic name*,
and Latin honors (if applicable see below).

University policy qualifying for Latin honors:

- Only at undergraduate level, not given to graduate students.
- GPAs are exactly calculated to three decimal places and not rounded up.
 - 3.500-3.749 Cum Laude
 - 3.750-3.899 Magna Cum Laude
 - 3.900-4.000 Summa Cum Laude

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▶ Alicia Collins

▶ Ah-Lee-Sha Collins

▶ Cum Laude

*If you did not provide **phonetic name info** on your graduation application and need to, you can use a sharpie at the check-in table to add phonetic information. The phonetic spelling helps the person announcing your name on stage pronounce it correctly. No need to phonetically spell common names such as Jennifer or Smith.

Find Your Line and Fix Your Academic Regalia

Once you have your card, locate your degree type sign and find your place in the correct line. The number on the card ensures you place yourself in alphabetical order among the other graduates. The person behind you should have a higher number and the person in front of you should have a lower number but with the same degree type.



Ceremony staff are available to help you with your regalia. You must be wearing regalia to participate.

The hood should rest on your shoulders so that the colors representing your degree are visible.

- Bachelor's degree candidates should have their cap tassel on the right. It is moved to the left at the end of the ceremony.
- Master's and Doctorate degree candidates should have their cap tassel on the left.

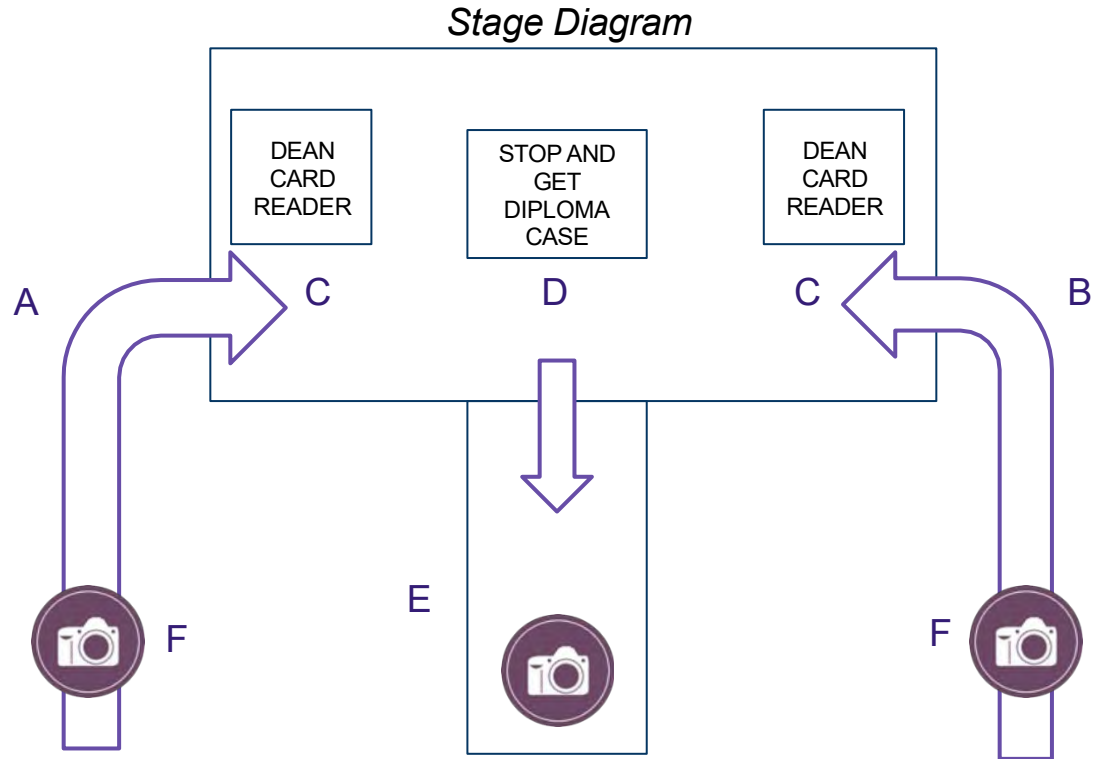
Ceremonial March

Graduates will begin marching into the ceremony area at the ceremony start time. Ceremony staff and faculty marshals will split each line into two new lines down the hallway and direct you into a row of seating for the ceremony. Be sure to move into the farthest seat in the row to allow room for all the candidates.



Crossing the Stage

Candidates assemble in a line and enter from both the left (A) and right (B) side of the stage as directed by ceremony staff. When it is your turn to cross the stage you will stop and hand your card to the Dean announcing names (C). Once your name is read, cross the stage to receive your diploma case in the middle of the stage (D) and then depart down the middle ramp (E) off the stage back to a seat. A professional photographer will take your photo with a diploma case before you cross the stage when you are lined up (F) and again when you are departing the stage down the middle ramp (E) with your diploma case.



Diplomas are mailed to your address of record after the ceremony if all financial obligations and degree requirements are met.

GRADUATE SEATING

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After the Ceremony

Enjoy showing your ceremony guests around our beautiful campus and take pictures to commemorate your accomplishment.

