



Dear Degree and/or Certificate Recipient:

Congratulations on your academic achievement at Paradise Valley Community College! This is a very exciting time of year as students receive the degrees and certificates they have worked so hard to earn. Please join us to celebrate your academic achievement by attending the 29th Annual Paradise Valley Community College Commencement Ceremony on Friday, May 10, 2019. Details about the commencement ceremony and participation process can be found below.

Commencement Ceremony

Friday, May 10, 2019 | 7:00 PM

Dream City Church

13613 N Cave Creek Rd.

Phoenix, AZ 85022

Ceremony is open to all family, friends, and guests who wish to attend. No admission ticket required.

Participation Process

Students wishing to participate in commencement need to complete the following steps between **April 1st and May 9, 2019** by visiting the Welcome Center, located in KSC Building:

- Pay \$25 Commencement Fee to the Welcome Center, located in the KSC Building
- Return and submit your Participation Card
- Pick up your cap, gown and announcement cards (**announcement cards are available while supplies last**)
 - Students receive five announcements each with their cap/gown and tassel.
 - Extra individual announcement cards are available for purchase of \$1.00 each, but will NOT be available until May 6, 2019, while supplies last. First come, first served.

Rehearsal: There is no rehearsal prior to commencement.

Graduate Check-In: Participating graduates must check-in. Check-in will begin at 5:00 PM at the Student Assembly area within the venue. **All graduates must be checked-in by 6:45 PM** or you may not be allowed to participate in the ceremony. This area has no place for storing personal items, please leave items with family and friends. Due to limited space, only participating graduates will be allowed in check-in area.

Photographs: Professional photographers will be taking pictures of all commencement participants during the commencement ceremony. These photographs will be available for purchase from *Grad Images*. To complete your pre-event registration, please visit www.gradimages.com.

Phi Theta Kappa: If you are a member of Phi Theta Kappa and would like to purchase PTK regalia, payment will be accepted at the Welcome Center. Arrangements to pick up regalia is available by contacting Dr. Stephen Nicoloff at stephen.nicoloff@paradisevalley.edu.

Request for ADA Accommodations: If you or one of your guests has a need for a sign language interpreter, alternative print format or accessibility request, please contact the Disability Resource Center at 602.787.7171.

Other Venue Notes:

- **Balloons are NOT permitted in the venue.** Venue personnel will direct anyone arriving with balloons to secure them in their vehicles.
- Parking is free. Parking and directional signage will be posted at the venue.
- A dessert reception will be available after the commencement ceremony.

Diplomas: Participation in the commencement ceremony **does not** certify graduation or completion of a certificate. Degree and certificate recipients who participate in the ceremony will receive an award cover at the ceremony. Students will receive diplomas and certificates via mail once certificates and degrees are available. Diplomas and certificates will be mailed 8 – 10 weeks after they have been posted to the address listed on the graduation application.

Commencement Program: The commencement program will list students as distinguished graduates based upon completed courses that were used for their *degree* requirements.

Maricopa Cultural Convocations: All PVCC candidates/graduates are welcome to participate alongside fellow MCCCDC graduates in any of our [MCCCDC Cultural Convocation Ceremonies](#). The listing of all events are available on the PVCC Graduation website.

Questions: Please contact Admission and Records at 602.787.7020, or visit www.paradisevalley.edu/graduation if you have any questions about the ceremony.

Congratulations on your academic achievement. Please accept our best wishes as you continue to pursue your educational and career goals.