

2022 Commencement Parent Letter

To: Families of 2022 CMC Graduates

With great excitement, I write to provide you with an update on planning for your student's graduation from Claremont McKenna College this May! We look forward to welcoming you and your family to campus for a vibrant Commencement ceremony celebrating your family's incredible journey. In addition, this year's celebration will include unique elements marking the completion of CMC's 75th Anniversary year. We cannot wait to share this memorable experience with you.

As we proceed with preparations, the College will continue to monitor closely the public health conditions in Claremont and around the globe. Our planning for Commencement events will continue to align with College policy, as outlined in our [COVID Visitor Policy](#), and county and state health and safety guidelines in order to provide our graduates and family members with a safe and enjoyable celebration. Additional information regarding various activities that honor our CMC graduates and their families will continue to be updated on the [Commencement website](#), and detailed information regarding the College's policies on visitors to campus (vaccination verification, testing, and other health guidelines) will be shared in April so that you can plan appropriately.

In the meantime, I thought it would be helpful for you to have the outline below of all currently scheduled Commencement activities. Additional information, FAQs, and event details are available on the [Commencement website](#).

Wednesday, May 4
Last Day of Classes

Thursday & Friday, May 12-13
Grade reports available in Registrar's Office for pick-up by May Graduates

** Please note that event details are subject to change.*

Thursday, May 12

4:30 p.m.

Phi Beta Kappa Initiation Ceremony and Dinner for students elected to Phi Beta Kappa and their parents (*By invitation only*)

5:00 p.m.

First-Generation Graduate Celebration

Friday, May 13

9:00 a.m.

Commencement Rehearsal for All Graduates and Cap and Gown Distribution for Undergraduates

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Reception for Graduates, Families, and Friends
Hosted by the CMC Alumni Association

Saturday, May 14

9:00 a.m.

R.O.T.C. Commissioning Ceremony

12:00 p.m.

Gates Open for Ceremony Seating
Pritzlaff Field

1:00 p.m.

Line-up for **ALL** Graduates

2:00 p.m.

75th Annual Commencement Ceremony
Pritzlaff Field

4:00 p.m.

Reception for Graduates, Family, and Friends

Sunday, May 15

12:00 noon

All graduates must be fully moved out of their residence hall/apartment areas.

Additional Information for Families & Guests

- CMC provides wheelchair access for individuals who may need accommodation (however, we do not provide wheelchairs or rides). Shuttles will be provided before and after the ceremony to assist guests parking north and south of Pritzlaff Field. If you have any special concerns, please direct them to the Office of Events.
- The College requests that guests refrain from bringing pets to the outdoor commencement ceremony. Service animals are permitted. Thank you for your compliance.

- Tickets are not required for the graduation ceremony. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Seats may not be reserved but may be held if a family member remains under the marquee. Staff members will be onsite to assist with seating and any special needs. Please note that the gates to Pritzlaff Field will open at 12:00 p.m. (noon) for access to the ceremony site.
- So that you do not have to leave your seat during the ceremony, CMC has contracted for individual photos of each graduate receiving a diploma during the ceremony. A link containing these images will be sent to you and your student via email one week following the ceremony.
- Live streaming of the commencement ceremony will occur on Saturday, May 14, 2022, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (PT). Please go to cmc.edu or to the [Commencement website](#) for additional details.
- [Commencement announcements](#) may be ordered through CB Announcements either online at www.cbgrad.balfour.com or by phone at (800) 433-0296.

If there is anything else we can do to facilitate your plans for this special Commencement day, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Events at (909) 607-4006 or events@cmc.edu.

I look forward, as you do, to a very special May 14, 2022.

Sincerely,

Heather Antecol
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