



INFORMATION SHEET and SAVE THE DATE

2023 COMMENCEMENT

*San Diego College of Continuing Education
San Diego Unified School District Adult Education*

JUNE 7, 2023 – 5:00PM

Spreckels Organ Pavilion • Balboa Park

GETTING READY for COMMENCEMENT

ELIGIBILITY

To participate in Commencement, you must have completed one of the following by June 10, 2023:

- **High School Diploma**
- **High School Equivalency (GED/HiSET)**
- **Advanced ESL/VESL Program**
- **Career/Technical Education (CTE) Program of 200 hours or more**

Speak with a counselor to review your eligibility and completion of requirements.

COMMENCEMENT PETITION

Students are encouraged to complete the online [Commencement Petition](https://tinyurl.com/SDCCE2023Grads), which can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/SDCCE2023Grads>, to report their planned completion and participation in the Commencement Program.

CAPS and GOWNS

SDCCE is pleased to offer caps and gowns to students **free of charge** – to take advantage of this offer, please complete the **Commencement Petition** online and indicate your request in the sections provided. Supplies are limited, and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Distribution will take place during **GradFest** events in late May.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Requests for disability accommodations must be made no later than Tuesday, May 23, 2023 by calling (619) 630-0804.

GRADFEST

Celebrate your accomplishments, pick up your cap and gown and other regalia, find info about ordering class rings and other recognitions, get your graduation announcements, and much more at our 1st Annual **GradFest** celebration, to be held during the week of May 22nd at campuses of SDCCE. Watch your e-mail for announcements on specific dates and times for your campus and/or program.

FOR THE WEEK of COMMENCEMENT

REHEARSAL

Students are **highly encouraged** to attend rehearsal, to be held **Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 3:00PM** at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park.

BALLOONS ARE NOT ALLOWED AT COMMENCEMENT!

The City of San Diego has a **strict, no tolerance** policy on balloons in Balboa Park. Guests with balloons **will be turned away**. Leave balloons at home or in your vehicle!

PARKING and ARRIVAL TIME

Parking at Balboa Park can be challenging. We recommend arriving at the Organ Pavilion no later than 3:30PM on the day of Commencement to allow time to park and get settled. Ample parking is available in the Inspiration Point parking lot, located across Park Blvd via Presidents' Way.

WEATHER

Check the weather forecast the morning of Commencement and be prepared for all possibilities. In the event of extreme weather, call (619) 388-1870 or visit www.sdcce.edu for any possible change in location.

GUESTS and CHILDREN

If you are bringing children to Commencement, you **must** have another adult present to supervise them. **Childcare is not available**, and children may **not** accompany you in the graduate seating area.

CLASS PHOTOS

Class photos will be taken **by campus** beginning at **4:00PM sharp** at a designated location within the Organ Pavilion. Photos from Commencement will be available at www.flickr.com/photos/sdce a few weeks after the event and are available for download. Friends and family are welcome to take photos as well throughout the ceremony.

We look forward to celebrating you and your accomplishments at this year's Commencement ceremony!
Questions may be directed to the SDCCE Office of Student Affairs: (619) 388-1870 or SDCCEStudentAffairs@sdccd.edu