Frequently Asked Questions About Graduation

Attire
Graduates and guests should dress comfortably. Men are encouraged to wear dark slacks, light colored shirts and dark shoes. Women are encouraged to wear cool, street-length dresses or pants with low heel and dark shoes.

Times
Arrival Time
Graduates are reminded to arrive at the Allen Events Center by 6 p.m. to line up for processional. Anyone arriving after 6:45 p.m. will be placed at the end of the graduate line.

Regalia
Graduates participating in the Commencement Ceremony must wear a cap and gown, which is available for purchase at the Bookstore located on any campus.

Regalia Policy
Graduates are expected to wear regalia without altering the appearance. Please refrain from attaching or wearing flowers (corsages), pins, stoles or alterations. Graduates who have EARNED stoles through academic achievement, such as Honors Program or other service to the college (i.e. Phi Theta Kappa Society), will be provided with the college-approved stoles to wear. Graduates are asked to respect the tradition of graduation by wearing regalia as issued by Collin College. The appropriate way to wear the mortarboard is flat on top of the head and not off to the side or fixed to the back of the head by pins.

Diplomas
All commencement participants will receive a commemorative diploma cover at the ceremony. All candidates will receive their diplomas through the mail after completion of degree requirements is certified. If you are a Spring Graduate, diplomas will be mailed by mid-June; and if you are a Summer Graduate, diplomas will be mailed by late September.

Invitations
Collin College does not require an invitation for guests to attend the ceremony.

Announcements
Students may purchase commencement announcements at the Spring Creek Campus Bookstore.

Guests
There is no limit to the number of guests you may invite. Seating is on a first-come basis; seating is not pre-assigned or reserved.

Photography
A photographer will take pictures during the ceremony. Graduates will receive proofs and an order form delivered to their home address on file with the Admissions and Records Office.

Graduation Night Final Exams
It is possible that your final exam may coincide with the time of graduation. If this is the case, please speak with your professor to make arrangements to take the final at another time.

Graduation Eligibility and/or Confirmation
For questions on graduation eligibility or confirmation that your graduation petition was received, please contact the College’s Degree Plan/Graduate Associates at aroman@collin.edu or cmitchell@collin.edu or 972. 377.1747.
Graduation Reminders

Please remember to leave purses, cell phones and other personal belongings in your vehicle. There will NOT be a secure room available to leave personal items.

• The Allen Events Center is a non-smoking venue.
• Strollers are not permitted in the Allen Events Center.
• Limited handicap seating is available on the Center floor. All handicap seating must be filled by 6:50 p.m.

• Once the ceremony begins, family and guests will not be permitted to enter through lower floor doors but will be directed to enter from the second floor.
• The graduation ceremony is a time to celebrate your accomplishments at Collin College.
• The celebration should be respectful of other members of the graduating class.
• Every graduate would like for family and friends to hear his or her name called when receiving certificate or degree.
• Have fun and enjoy the evening as you take this very important step towards personal and professional enrichment.
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