

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is it?

A Senior Recognition Ceremony is a graduation reception and celebration for all graduating students who self-identify in a specific identity of Black, Chicax/Latinx, LGBTQ, Middle Eastern/North African, Native American, or Pan Asian. The ceremony is a more intimate way of celebrating graduation with family and friends, and focuses on the Black, Chicax/Latinx, LGBTQ, Middle Eastern/North African, Native American, or Pan Asian communities.

What will happen at this event?

The Office for Multicultural Learning has put together a Senior Recognition Ceremony that honors each of the diverse ethnic heritages of the Black, Chicax/Latinx, Middle Eastern/North African, Native American, or Pan Asian communities as well as the identity of the LGBTQ community. This evening will start with a reception, then proceed with guest speakers, "sashing" of the graduates, and much more!

Is this the actual graduation?

No, a Senior Recognition Ceremony is an opportunity for the community to celebrate the graduating seniors' accomplishments and an occasion for the seniors to show appreciation for those who have been instrumental in those accomplishments. The official University-wide Commencement will be held the Saturday after the Senior Ceremony. It will be at the Commencement that you will receive your diploma from the University President. Please contact the University's Commencement Office for details on the University's graduation activities.

What should I wear?

Dress code is business casual, i.e. no ties, no jeans, no flip flops. You do not need to, nor should you wear your cap and gown.

How many guests can I bring?

Because we have limited capacity and want all seniors to have the opportunity to bring up to 4 guests, we can only guarantee a spot for 4 guests per senior. If you have more guests in your party, please email Pauline Nguyen at ppnguyen@scu.edu and we'll put them on a waiting list.

Can I invite my teachers and staff members?

The Office for Multicultural Learning had sent out invitations to all the faculty and staff to help celebrate this important point in the life of our graduating seniors but a personal invitation from the graduating senior would make it such an honor for them to partake in the ceremonies.

Will there be food?

Light appetizers will be served.

How long will the event last?

Approximately 1 to 1.5 hours. For more details click in the specific ceremony's web page.

If I can't make my specific Senior Ceremony, can I still have a sash?

Yes, for \$10 you can purchase a sash if you cannot attend your specific Senior Ceremony.

Because there are limited number of sashes, we give priority to the students who will be attending the ceremony. We ask that you email ppnguyen@scu.edu before May 29th and you will be able to pick up your sash on a first come first serve basis on June 14, 2019 between 9 am - 11pm in the OML office which is located at 832 Market St.

What happens if I have missed the May 20th deadline to RSVP?

If you miss the May 20th deadline, your name and statement will not be included in the program booklet, there's no guarantee that you will get a sash or spot to walk in the ceremony. Please RSVP before 5:00pm on May 20th to guarantee a sash and spot to walk in the ceremony!

What happens if I RSVP for a ceremony and I don't show up?

You can still pick up a sash from OML for a \$10 no show fee on Friday June 14, 2019 from 9am – 11am.

Can I walk in a different ethnic senior ceremony than my own?

We are aware of the many students that identify as multi-ethnic and/or multi-racial. Graduating seniors are encouraged to register for multiple senior ceremonies in which they identify.

Who do I contact if I have more questions?

You can contact our Director, Dr. Joanna Thompson at jlthompson@scu.edu or Office Manager, Pauline Nguyen at ppnguyen@scu.edu.