Spring 2022 Commencement Information
Date: Friday, May 13, 2022
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Noyes Stadium, Paris Campus

Academic Apparel – PICK UP ONLY
Caps and gowns are pre-ordered in a range of heights and sizes and are yours to keep after the ceremony. Paris Junior College is pleased to provide the academic apparel at no cost to the student. Caps and gowns will be distributed according to the following schedule. If this schedule is not convenient for you, please designate someone else to pick up your regalia before May 6th.

**Sulphur Springs students:** April 25th from 8 am to 6 pm

**Greenville students:** April 27th from 8 am to 6 pm

**Paris students:** April 28th from 8 am to 6 pm, Administration Bldg. AD 149

Suggested attire for Men: light-colored shirt and tie and dark slacks
Suggested attire for Women: dresses or dark colored slacks

Ceremony Location (Clear Weather)
The ceremony will be held at 7:00 p.m., Friday, May 13, 2022, at Noyes Stadium on the Paris campus. In case of severe weather, the ceremony will be moved to the Hunt Center (gymnasium). See Alternate Location (Inclement weather) for details.

**Directions to Noyes Stadium:**
In Paris, turn right on Evergreen/Jefferson Road (right past the Evergreen Cemetery).
Turn left on 24th Street
Noyes Stadium will be approximately ¼ mile on the right.

Alternate Location (Inclement weather)
In the event of inclement weather, graduation will be moved to the Hunt Center (gymnasium) on the Paris campus. The decision to change the location will be made by noon on the day of the graduation and will be posted on the PJC website at www.parisjc.edu.

Commencement Day Arrival
Arrive at the Learning Center (Library) at 6:00 p.m., with your regalia, so that we can provide you with important instructions. When you arrive, you will be provided a card with your name (as it will be announced) and you will be asked to line up alphabetically with your fellow graduates. There will not be a secure place to leave your personal belongings. Please do not bring purses or other valuables. Lost tassels can be replaced but replacement regalia will not be provided to you at the ceremony. Please instruct your guests and family members that arrive with you to report directly to Hunt Center for choice of seating.

Phi Theta Kappa Members
PTK members are recognized by wearing a gold tassel and monogrammed stole with their cap and gown. This academic regalia must be purchased separately. You should have received instructions from a previous
invitation letter to contact Kenneth Webb. It is preferred that students order online at [www.ptk.org](http://www.ptk.org) and have items shipped to their home. However, students who cannot order online, may order their stole and tassel by paying $40 at the Business Office at any campus; payment must be received by April 29th. Students will pick up preordered and prepaid PTK regalia from the Greenville Center, or Sulphur Springs Center, or Kenneth Webb (Student Center Room 208) beginning April 29th. Students must show their receipt when picking up their PTK regalia.

**Required Exit Loan Counseling**
All students who received student loans while attending Paris Junior College are required to do exit loan counseling before they graduate. This process will give you important loan information to assist you with all of the repayment, deferment, or consolidation options. Your records at Paris Junior College will be blocked until this process is done. If you have any questions, please contact Student Financial Aid at 903-782-0429. You may log onto exit counseling at the following address: [http://mappingyourfuture.org/Borrowers/](http://mappingyourfuture.org/Borrowers/)

**Invitations**
Students who wish to send graduation invitations should contact their local office supply store or print shop. There will be no ceremony seating.

**Photographs**
A photographer from Candid Color Photography will be taking pictures of all graduates receiving their diplomas from the President. They will contact you directly regarding proof review and purchasing or you can visit their website at [http://oklahomapartypics.com/](http://oklahomapartypics.com/).

**Honor Graduates**
Graduates who are receiving an Associate of Science, Associate of Arts, or Associate of Applied Science degree and whose cumulative grade point average is 4.00 - Highest Honors, or 3.9 - 3.99 – High Honors (including transfer courses) will be recognized during the ceremony. Eligibility for this recognition requires students to complete all requirements in the fall or spring semester and to complete at least 30 hours of their total coursework in residence at Paris Junior College. Degree graduates whose cumulative grade point average is 3.50-4.0 will receive recognition on their transcripts and diplomas. Certificate students are not eligible for honors designation.

**Diplomas**
During Commencement, graduates will receive a diploma tube. Diplomas will be mailed to those individuals who meet all graduation requirements following receipt of final grades and verification of graduation requirements. Diplomas are generally mailed within four to six weeks of the last day of the semester.

**Reception**
A reception for graduates and guests will be held in the Tennis Courts, following the graduation ceremony.

**Additional Information**
If you will need special accommodations during the commencement exercises, or if you have any questions concerning graduation, please contact Amie Cato or Norma Wright in the Records Office at (903) 782-0220.

*Paris Junior College will continue to monitor and assess the COVID-19 impact on the communities served. Masks are no longer required on a PJC campus. However, you should consider wearing a mask to protect your own health.*