

## **Spring 2024 Commencement Information**

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### **Academic Apparel – PICK UP ONLY**

Caps and gowns are provided to the graduates at no cost, are pre-ordered in a range of sizes, and are yours to keep after the ceremony. Academic apparel will be distributed according to the following schedule. Please pick it up at the campus that is most convenient for you. If you are unable to pick up your academic apparel on one of these days, please designate someone to pick it up for you before May 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you already have the appropriate academic apparel, email Rebecca Whitley ([rwhitley@parisjc.edu](mailto:rwhitley@parisjc.edu)) to confirm that you are participating in Commencement.

**Sulphur Springs:** April 23, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Greenville:** April 24, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Paris:** April 25, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 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

### **Commencement Tickets**

- Tickets **will not** be issued for Commencement. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

### **Ceremony Location (Clear Weather)**

The ceremony will be held at 7:00 p.m., Friday, May 10, 2024, 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 – 2400 Clarksville Street, Paris, TX 75462:

- From Greenville: take I-30 east, to exit 101 to Hwy 24. Follow Hwy 24 North to Paris.
- From Sulphur Springs: take Hwy 19 North to Hwy 24. Follow Hwy 24 North to Paris.
- Once in Paris, turn right on Evergreen/Jefferson Road (just past Evergreen Cemetery). Turn left on 24<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.parisjc.edu).

### **Commencement Day Arrival**

Arrive at the Learning Center (Library) at 6:00 pm, 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 Noyes Stadium 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 26th. 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 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 complete [exit loan counseling](#) before they graduate. This process will give you important loan information to assist you with all 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.

## **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/> .

## **Honor Graduates**

Graduates who are receiving an Associate of Science, Associate of Arts, or Associate of Applied Science degree and who earn the designation of Highest Honors (cumulative GPA of 4.00) will be presented an honors medallion during the commencement ceremony. Eligibility for this recognition requires students to complete all requirements in the fall or spring semester, complete at least 30 hours of their total coursework in residence at Paris Junior College and includes all prior college coursework/grades. Degree graduates who earn the designation of High Honors (cumulative GPA of 3.90-3.99) or Honors (cumulative GPA of 3.50-3.89) will receive recognition during the commencement ceremony. All honors will also be noted on transcripts and diplomas. Certificate students are not eligible for honors designation.

## **Diplomas**

During Commencement, graduates will receive a diploma cover. 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 Rebecca Whitley in the Records Office at (903) 782-0425.