



March 3, 2023

Dearest 2023 Graduates & Families,

It is hard to believe but we are only ten school weeks away from celebrating the tremendous achievements of the **Class of 2023!** Even more than academic achievements, we will honor the perseverance and grit of all our students, families and educators who continue to walk forward, adapt, and tackle their next summit. We are thrilled to recognize every one of you at the in-person ceremony planned for **Thursday, May 18th** beginning at **9:30am** at the Double-Tree Hilton Hotel. (Address below)

The ceremony and events surrounding this milestone take many hours of planning and coordination. It is important to **read this message in its entirety** and closely watch both student and parent email, as well as the weekly Basecamp Newsletter for any additional updates that may impact the ceremony or other graduation related events.

Graduation Pre-Bash Event: (required)

This year we will host a “come & go” event on Friday **April 21st** from **1:00-3:00pm** in the beautiful CECCS Courtyard. Graduates will come to pick up pre-ordered **cap & gowns, honor cords, ceremony tickets,** and enjoy some refreshments and activities along with friends, teachers and support staff that have joined them on their journey to success!

Missing Items: If an item is missing from a Josten’s pre-order on Pre-Bash pick up day, please contact Joe Adducci (joe.adducci@jostens.com)

IMPORTANT: Ceremony Tickets: This year we are excited to increase the guest attendance allowance. Each graduate will be allotted **8 guest tickets for family & friends.** This number is based on the number of graduates walking in the ceremony and the venue capacity. We ask students who **do not** need all eight tickets to donate their remaining tickets to support families who may need a few more. Once we have completed the initial ticket distribution at the Pre-Bash event, we will assess the remaining amount and offer additional tickets to students who have submitted requests. Extra tickets will be limited and there is no guarantee on the number available. (*Young children able to sit on family member laps do not need a ticket.)

Please email all extra ticket requests to Advising Department Assistant Victoria Phelps (victoria.phelps@coloradoearlycolleges.org) Extra tickets will be distributed in early May in order that the requests are received.

General Commencement Ceremony Details

- Ceremony Date:** Thursday, May 18, 2023
- Ceremony Location:** Double Tree Hilton [1775 East Cheyenne Mountain Blvd.](#)
- Student-Graduate Arrival Time: 8:00am** Graduates will report to the hotel main entrance dressed and ready in cap & gowns.

- Doors Open** for guest seating at **9:00am***
- Ceremony Start Time: 9:30am**

Ceremony Parking

Just for awareness, parking at the Double-Tree/Hilton Hotel is fairly limited. Overflow parking is permitted in the Target parking lot across from the hotel.

Post Graduation Survey & Fee Balance Payments (**required**)

The following tasks must be completed **BEFORE** graduates receive their ceremony guest tickets. We encourage students to complete these tasks before the Grad Pre-Bash event, but they will also have an opportunity to complete them **AT** the Pre-Bash event.

1. **Post-Grad Survey:**
https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=GvtudcS0wU2uY2kxeXaK9DPNUAY9Mp1PlvF_GaSulhBUM0ZWVUkxQ1NYQ08wS0JCVVQwSVZVNkJKTS4u
2. **Fee Balances:** All graduates must verify payment of the required Graduation fee of \$45.00 and confirm a zero-account balance for any previously incurred fees **PRIOR** to receiving ceremony tickets. Please contact Business Manager, Corrie Jaramillo to confirm account status.
(corrie.jaramillo@coloradoearlycolleges.org)

Any updates to ceremony event details will be shared at the Grad Pre-Bash. We cannot wait to celebrate you! Finish strong Mountaineers!

Thank you for your partnership,

Mrs. Daugherty

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