

# BLINN COLLEGE

## Spring 2019 Graduation Ceremony Information Thursday, May 9, 2019

### General Information

The Spring 2019 graduation ceremony will be held **Thursday, May 9, 2019** at the Brenham High School Auditorium– **525 A. H. Ehrig Drive, Brenham, TX 77833** (refer to map at the end of this document). Final grades for Spring 2019 are due on Friday, May 10, 2019. Degrees, certificates and occupational skills will be awarded as of May 10, 2019. The date of May 10, 2019 will be on transcripts, diplomas and academic files.

In order to graduate the following must be in order:

- **All graduation degree, certificate or occupational skills award requirements must be completed.**
- **Graduation application on file.**
- **All accounts must be paid in full at the Business office.**
- **All holds must be cleared.**

Please remember the graduation ceremony is a dignified occasion.

- No corsages may be worn on the graduation gown.
- Keep in mind – the robe is knee- to shin-length. Slacks or knee-length skirts are appropriate.
- You may be standing for an hour or longer, please wear comfortable shoes.
- If you plan to decorate your cap, it must be tasteful, no vulgar or inappropriate language. No 3-dimensional items extending from the cap that could block someone else's view. Decorated caps will be reviewed at the ceremony check-in. If not following the guidelines, the cap will be taken up and you will be given a new cap to wear during the ceremony.

### Graduation Cap and Gown

Blinn College provides one set of a cap, gown and tassel to each graduate participating in the ceremony at no cost. Students participating in the ceremony on May 9 may pick up their cap and gown **April 22 through May 9**. Caps and gowns do not need to be pre-ordered. **Gowns sizes are based on height; plus sizes are available.** Caps and gowns may be picked up at either the Brenham or Bryan Student Activity Offices in the Student Center. If you are unable to get to the Bryan or Brenham campus locations prior to May 9, please contact Sheri Rich at the Brenham campus (979) 830-4182, [Sheri.Rich@blinn.edu](mailto:Sheri.Rich@blinn.edu) or Lane King at the Bryan campus (979) 209-7585, [lane.king@blinn.edu](mailto:lane.king@blinn.edu) to make other arrangements for obtaining the cap and gown.

### Tassels, Stoles, and Cords

Members of the following organizations may obtain special tassels, stoles or cords from the organization's coordinators. Please contact the coordinator for price and pick-up location.

#### Phi Theta Kappa –Brenham

Coordinator: Dillon Phipps

Email: [Dillon.phipps@blinn.edu](mailto:Dillon.phipps@blinn.edu)

Phone: 979-830-4098

Office: Academic Building Office 4

Coordinator: Sophia Polk

Email: [sophia.polk@blinn.edu](mailto:sophia.polk@blinn.edu)

Phone: 979-830-4134

Office: Disability Services Office,  
Administration Building

#### Phi Theta Kappa - Bryan

Coordinator: Emily Erdmann

Email: [emily.erdmann@blinn.edu](mailto:emily.erdmann@blinn.edu)

Phone: 979-209-8282

Office: A279

Coordinator: Shonda Whetstone

Email: [shonda.whetstone@blinn.edu](mailto:shonda.whetstone@blinn.edu)

Phone: 979-209-7333

Office: A 141

Sigma Kappa Delta – Brenham

Coordinator: Clinton Hale

Email: [Clinton.hale@blinn.edu](mailto:Clinton.hale@blinn.edu)

Phone: 979-830-4403

Office: Acad Blg Room 14 (Writing Center)

Coordinator: Amanda Phipps

Email: [amanda.phipps@blinn.edu](mailto:amanda.phipps@blinn.edu)

Phone: 979-830-4186

Office: Academic Blg Office 13

Coordinator: Christina Mock

Email: [Christina.mock@blinn.edu](mailto:Christina.mock@blinn.edu)

Phone: 979-830-4058

Office: Academic Building 5

Mu Alpha Theta

Coordinator: Samuel Chen

Email: [Samuel.chen@blinn.edu](mailto:Samuel.chen@blinn.edu)

Phone: 979-830-4427

Office: Academic Office 19

Service Learning – Brenham

Coordinator: Brice Mund

Email: [brice.mund@blinn.edu](mailto:brice.mund@blinn.edu)

Phone: 979-830-4325

Office: Rankin Ag Complex Building – Office 121

Student Government Association – Brenham

Coordinator: Ryan Miller

Email: [ryan.miller@blinn.edu](mailto:ryan.miller@blinn.edu)

Phone: 979-830-4282

Office: Student Center, Room 111

Sigma Kappa Delta – Bryan

Coordinator: Heather Almanza

Email: [heather.almanza@blinn.edu](mailto:heather.almanza@blinn.edu)

Phone: 979-209-8068

Office: A137

Coordinator: Olympia Sibley

Email: [olympia.sibley@blinn.edu](mailto:olympia.sibley@blinn.edu)

Phone: 979-209-8605

Office: A131

Military Veterans:

Coordinator: Dr. Larry Van Meter

Email: [Larry.Vanmeter@blinn.edu](mailto:Larry.Vanmeter@blinn.edu)

Phone: 979-209-7504

Office: A208

Service Learning – Bryan

Coordinator: Gilbert Schlorlemmer

Email: [gilbert.schorlemmer@blinn.edu](mailto:gilbert.schorlemmer@blinn.edu)

Phone: 979-209-7534

Office: T Building – Office 209

Student Government Association – Bryan

Coordinator: Brittany Schultz

Email: [brittany.schultz@blinn.edu](mailto:brittany.schultz@blinn.edu)

Phone: 979-209-7247

Office: F-106

## Procedures on May 9, 2019 (before the ceremony)

- There will be a come-and-go reception hosted by the Blinn College Alumni & Friends Association for the graduates and their guests at the Brenham High School at 5:00pm until 5:45pm. The Alumni & Friends Association will send invitations for the reception.
- **Do not arrive at the Brenham High School before 5:00pm.** This is a regular business day for Blinn College and the staff will not be available to assist graduates or their guests before 5:00pm. Also the Brenham High School students, faculty and staff will need time to leave the campus.
- **Graduates can check in and line up starting at 5:45 and their guests can start entering the auditorium at 5:45pm.**
- **Graduates are expected to be at the Brenham High School no later than 6:10pm. Please plan accordingly for travel time and parking so you do not arrive late to the ceremony.** There is not a rehearsal beforehand. Blinn College staff will direct graduates to the proper area to line up. (Please refer to the map at the end of this document for directions to the high school.)
- At check-in, graduates will receive a card with their name and degrees, certificates and/or occupational skills listed. Graduates must keep this card until they reach the stage; then give it to the reader. The card will be used to read your name and later for the photographer for contact information. Graduates who apply for graduation by April 22 and are in-progress for Spring or Summer 2019 Graduation will have a pre-printed card. For others, the card will be completed at check-in if needed.
- Graduates will line up according to degree (AA, AS, AAS, Certificates and Occupational Skills). There will be staff members assisting in the line formation process throughout the ceremony.
- Students arriving late will be placed out of order at the end of the line.
- The procession leaves promptly at 6:20 pm, following the administration and faculty.

- Please contact Disability Services by April 22 if you will need assistance with seating arrangements, the procession or crossing the stage – 979-830-4410.
- Please leave all personal belongings (purses, jackets, cell phones, etc.) with your guests prior to check-in. Blinn College will not be responsible for any personal items left at the Brenham High School

## Procedure during the Graduation Ceremony

- The tassel is worn on the right side of the cap.
- All graduates will walk in single file and remain standing until after the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem are completed. (Men, please remove caps).
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- Each graduate will be recognized by the Chancellor and should receive the scroll in their left hand while shaking hands with their right hand.
- Diplomas, certificates and occupational skills awards *will not* be distributed to graduates at the ceremony. Final grades are due on Friday, May 10, 2019. Diplomas, certificates and occupational skills awards will be mailed in the weeks following the graduation date.

## Additional Information

- Each graduate may invite as many family and friends as he/she desires. Please note that there is LIMITED seating in the auditorium and seating is on a first come, first served basis. There will be security on site to prevent reserved seating.
- **Graduates and their guests are requested to be respectful to all graduates and the college by attending the entire ceremony.**
- Cell phones and other electronic devices should be silenced.
- **Absolutely no food, drinks, balloons, air horns or other noise makers in the auditorium.**
- For information on obtaining a class ring, please contact the Blinn College Bookstore (Brenham – 979-251-7810 or Bryan – 979-775-1846).
- FLASH Photography is the official commencement photographer. Graduates will be photographed and proofs will be sent to each graduate the weeks after the ceremony. If you have any questions, please contact Flash directly via their website at [www.FLASHphotography.com](http://www.FLASHphotography.com).
- Check the [Graduation FAQs](#).
- For additional questions, please contact Kristi Reddoch in the Brenham Admissions office at [Kristi.reddoch@blinn.edu](mailto:Kristi.reddoch@blinn.edu) or 979-830-4174.

***Congratulations!***

Thursday, May 9, 2019 – Ceremony begins at 6:30pm.

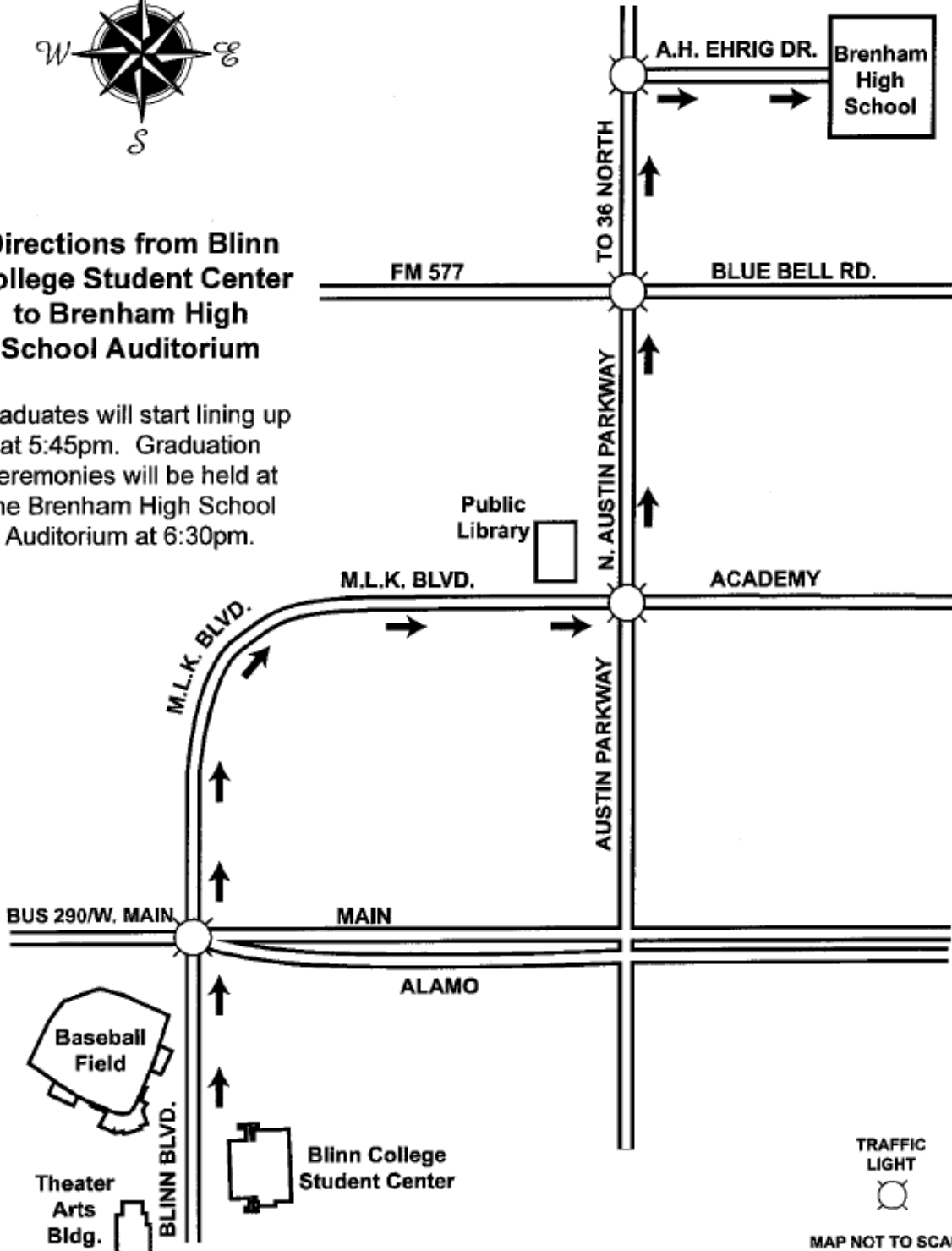
Brenham High School - 525 A. H. Ehrig Drive, Brenham, TX 77833

Graduates should arrive at the Brenham High School no later than 6:10pm for the 6:30pm ceremony.



**Directions from Blinn College Student Center to Brenham High School Auditorium**

Graduates will start lining up at 5:45pm. Graduation ceremonies will be held at the Brenham High School Auditorium at 6:30pm.



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