

BLINN COLLEGE
Graduation Ceremony
Information
Wednesday, December 12, 2018

General Information

The graduation ceremony will be held Wednesday, December 12 at 6:30pm at the Bryan Performing Arts Center (800 S. Coulter Dr, Bryan, TX 77803 – refer to map at the end of this document). Final grades for Fall 2018 are due on Friday, December 14, 2018. The date of December 14, 2018 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 planning to participate in the ceremony on December 12 may pick up their cap and gown **November 19 through December 11**. 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 Centers (Student Activity Offices on both campuses). If you are unable to get to neither the Bryan nor Brenham campus locations prior to December 11, please contact Sheri Rich at the Brenham campus (979) 830-4182, Sheri.Rich@blinn.edu or Dr. Bennie Graves at the Bryan campus (979) 209-7400 bgraves@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

Phone: 979-830-4098

Office: Academic Building Office 4

Phi Theta Kappa - Bryan

Coordinator: Emily Erdmann

Email: emily.erdmann@blinn.edu

Phone: 979-209-8282

Office: A 279

Coordinator: Shonda Whetstone
Email: shonda.whetstone@blinn.edu
Phone: 979-209-7333
Office: A 141

Sigma Kappa Delta – Brenham
Coordinator: Clinton Hale
Email: Clinton.hale@blinn.edu
Phone: 979-830-4403
Office: Acad Blg Room 14 (Writing Center)

Sigma Kappa Delta – Bryan
Coordinator: Heather Almanza
Email: heather.almanza@blinn.edu
Phone: 979-209-8068
Office: A137

Coordinator: Gena Probst
Email: gena.probst@blinn.edu
Phone: 979-830-4408
Office: Acad Blg Office 9

Coordinator: Olympia Sibley
Email: Olympia.sibley@blinn.edu
Phone: 979-209-7634
Office: A131

Mu Alpha Theta
Coordinator: David Fleeger
Email: david.fleeger@blinn.edu
Phone: 979-830-4436
Office: Academic Office Office 23

Military Veterans:
Coordinator: Dr. Larry Van Meter
Email: Larry.Vanmeter@blinn.edu
Phone: 979-209-7504
Office: A208

Service Learning – Brenham
Coordinator: Brice Mund
Email: brice.mund@blinn.edu
Phone: 979-830-4325
Office: Rankin Ag Complex Building – Office 121

Service Learning – Bryan
Coordinator: Gilbert Schlorlemmer
Email: gilbert.schorlemmer@blinn.edu
Phone: 979-209-7534
Office: T Building – Office 209

Student Government Association – Brenham
Coordinator: Ryan Miller
Email: ryan.miller@blinn.edu
Phone: 979-830-4282
Office: Student Center, Room 111

Student Government Association – Bryan
Coordinator: Brittany Schultz
Email: brittany.schultz@blinn.edu
Phone: 979-209-7247
Office: F-106

Procedures on May 10, 2018 (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 Bryan Performing Arts Center at 5:00pm until 5:45pm. The Alumni & Friends Association will send invitations for the reception.
- **Do not arrive at the Bryan performing Arts Center before 5:00pm.** This is a regular business day for Blinn College Staff and the staff will not be available to assist graduates or their guests before 5:00pm. Also the Bryan Performing Arts Center shares a parking lot with the public school; we want to give the Bryan ISD students, faculty and staff time to leave the campus.
- **Graduates can start lining up at 5:45 and their guests can start entering the auditorium at 5:45pm.**
- **Graduates are expected to be at the Bryan Performing Arts Center at 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 before. Blinn College faculty and 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 center.)
- 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 November 14 and are in-progress for Fall Graduation or graduated in Summer 2018 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 faculty/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.
- Procession leaves promptly at 6:20 pm, following the administration and faculty.
- If you or any of your family members will be needing assistance in making the march or with seating requirements, please contact the Disability Services office (979-830-4157) prior to December 5 so that arrangements can be made.
- Please leave all personal belongings (purses, jackets, cell phones, etc.) with your guests prior to arrival at the performing arts center. Blinn College will not be responsible for any personal items left at the Bryan Performing Arts Center.

Procedure during the Graduation Ceremony

All graduates will march in single file and remain standing until after the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem are completed. (Men, please remove caps).

- The tassel is worn on the right side of the cap until the degree is conferred when it should be moved to the left.
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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 Fall 2018 graduates at the ceremony. Final grades are due on December 14, 2018. Diplomas, certificates and occupational skills awards will be mailed in the weeks after the winter break.

Additional Information

- Each graduate may invite as many family and friends as he/she desires. Please note that there will be 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.
- Check the [Graduation FAQ's](#).
- For additional questions, please contact Kristi Reddoch in the Brenham Admissions office at Kristi.reddoch@blinn.edu or 979-830-4174.

Congratulations!

Wednesday, December 12, 2018 – Ceremony begins at 6:30pm.

Bryan Performing Arts Center, 800 S. Coultter Dr, Bryan, TX 77803

Graduates should arrive at the Bryan performing Arts Center no later than 6:00pm for the 6:30pm ceremony.

