

LOS ANGELES PIERCE COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT
Tuesday, June 4, 2019, at 6:00 P.M.

LOCATION: Rocky Young Park

PARKING/GUESTS: We recommend you park in Lot 7; it is closest to Rocky Young Park. Parking is free. There is no limit to the number of guests. However, it is best to arrive early to ensure your guests find a seat.

ASSEMBLY: The commencement will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. with the processional. Graduates should assemble by 5:00p.m., Building 600 (located across the quad from the LLC). Arrive dressed in your cap and gown. Event staff will circulate through the line to distribute name cards and answer any questions. If you want to sit with your friends, make sure that you line up behind them, not side-by-side.

STUDENTS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES: Your “in-lieu” diploma will be issued on the stage and will require going up and down stairs or a ramp. Students with mobility limitations may be seated prior to the beginning of the ceremony. Please contact Genice Sarcedo-Magruder in the Office of Special Services at (818) 710-3318 for special arrangements to participate in the ceremony.

CAP, GOWNS, and TASSELS: Graduation apparel is available for purchase at the College Bookstore. All candidates **MUST** be robed in a black cap and gown, with the exception of nursing students who will be wearing white caps and gowns, to participate in the ceremony. Prior to the processional, position the tassel on the right side of your mortarboard (hat). At the end of the ceremony, you will be instructed to switch the tassel from the right to the left side of your hat; this will signify that you are a graduate.

READER CARDS: Reader cards will be distributed to students eligible to participate on the day of the ceremony. You must print your name and phonetic spelling clearly on the card. Please keep your card with you until you approach the stage. You will give the reader card to the person at the podium who will announce your name. The readers will not to read additional comments written on the cards. They will keep the card and give it to the photographer at the end of the ceremony. The photographer will take a picture of you as you receive your in-lieu diploma.

Please remember that the graduation is a public ceremony. By participating in graduation, it is possible that the media or other photographers will use graduation photographs in newspapers, other publicity print mediums, or other video briefs on television news.

COMMENCEMENT PHOTOGRAPHS: As indicated above, photographers will take pictures of each student as they receive the in-lieu diploma. If you also provided your contact information on the reverse side of the Reader Card, Grad Images will send you photo proofs via email. You are under no obligation to purchase photos.

ORDER OF PROCESSION: The first person to enter is the Bearer of the Mace (the senior faculty member), followed by the faculty, staff, emeritus, and administration. They will form a corridor in the center aisle for the graduates to walk through. Candidates for graduation enter, walking down the center aisle. The right-hand column will turn into the first aisle. The left-hand column will proceed to the first aisle on the left. The platform party enters. Finally, the procession leaders will direct you to your seats.

RECESSIONAL: You will exit the ceremony in reverse order. The platform party will exit first, followed by the faculty, administration, etc. Associate degree graduates will exit after the faculty, row by row. Remain standing until your row is instructed to exit.

DIPLOMAS: At the ceremony, you will receive a small scroll that is an “in-lieu” diploma. The Graduation Unit within the Admissions and Records Office will notify you to your student email when your degree is granted. Fall graduates may pick their diplomas up any time after May 20; Spring graduates may pick their diplomas up anytime beginning November 4.

Spring 2019 candidates: degree conferral is contingent upon final evaluation of coursework/grades from Spring 2019 semester.

TIPS/SAFETY:

- Alcohol is not to be brought and/or consumed on campus.
- Noisemakers, bullhorns, beach balls, confetti, streamers, etc., are not permitted.
- Graduation caps may be decorated. Pierce College reserves the right to remove any caps that are deemed inappropriate.
- It is recommended that graduates not wear heels. The ceremony takes place on grass/uneven terrain that may be difficult to walk on.
- Children must be supervised at all times and are not permitted on the stage with their graduate.
- Leave valuable belongings (purse, etc.) at home. Pierce College is not responsible for your belongings when you walk across stage to graduate.
- Smoking is not permitted in seating areas.
- Avoid unnecessary conversation and movement during the ceremony. Individuals who engage in inappropriate or disruptive behavior may be removed from the event.
- Students may not take selfies or use selfie sticks while crossing the stage. Due to fire code regulations, all main access aisles must remain clear of objects - backpacks, strollers, mobility assistive devices, etc.
- As a courtesy to your fellow graduates, students are asked to return to their seats after they receive their in-lieu diploma. Commencement does not officially end until the proclamation of degrees is made.

Congratulations Graduates!