



CLASS OF 2020

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Message from the President

Congratulations, graduates! The Spring 2020 graduation ceremony is just around the corner!

This annual ceremony honors those who have earned their associates degrees or certificates. Graduation will take place on Thursday, May 21, 2020, at the beautiful and spacious Pechanga Resort Casino in Temecula.



There will be two graduation ceremonies -- 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Graduates must register for ONE of the two available ceremonies.

We sincerely hope you will participate in the graduation ceremony. This is an opportunity for your family and friends to honor and celebrate you and your academic achievements! Congratulations, Eagles!

Roger W. Schultz, Ph.D.
Superintendent/President

MSJC Grad Fair Information

There is much to know and understand about this year's graduation ceremony. As a way of providing the most information to students in the quickest amount of time, MSJC Bookstores will hold their annual Graduation Fair as listed below:

SJC-Bookstore - Cancelled

MVC-Bookstore - Cancelled

**updated as of 3/24/20*

You will be able to pick up information related to caps and gowns, photography, special regalia, graduation gifts and accessories. Grad Packs (announcements, pride sash, graduate T-shirt, etc.) will also be on sale.

If you are an out-of-state student please contact the Bookstore at (951) 639-5134 or (951) 487-3130.

Student Speaker and National Anthem Singer Auditions

Graduates are invited to audition to participate in the graduation ceremony as a student speaker or National Anthem singer.

Student Speaker Auditions (Zoom):

4/7/20, 2P - 4P; <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/330918901>

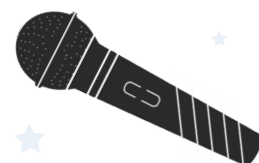
4/8/20, 2P -4P; <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/992505671>

National Anthem Singer Auditions (Zoom):

4/10/20, 11A - 12P;

<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/828197397>

msjc.edu/graduation



Guest Information

All family and friends are welcome.

Guests do not require tickets and do not need to RSVP. Doors will open to guests two (2) hours prior to each ceremony. The ceremonies will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Should the venue reach capacity, guests may be asked to sit in the Overflow room.

Please remind your guests:

- Balloons are not allowed inside Pechanga Resort Casino.
- Parking is free in the parking structure; We recommend the East Garage located off Pechanga Resort Drive.
- To avoid the Casino and general smoking areas, enter through the hotel lobby/entrance.

LiveStream

The ceremonies will be livestreamed! This is a great way for your family and friends to be part of your special day without leaving the comfort of home. Please visit our Facebook page or msjc.edu/graduation to watch the ceremonies live!

Parking Information

Parking is free for all graduates and guests in the Pechanga Resort Casino parking structure. Pechanga is an ADA compliant facility. Guests with mobility needs may take advantage of the resort's valet parking or park in the designated handicap parking spaces. Valet parking is limited and at guest cost.

Accommodations

We want to assist our graduates and guests with disabilities and provide reasonable accommodations at the ceremony. If you or your guests need an accommodation, please call the Accommodation Service Center at (951) 487-3302 or email ada@msjc.edu.

Graduate Check-In Information

All graduates participating in the 10:00 a.m. graduation ceremony will need to check in between 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Pechanga Resort Casino.

All graduates participating in the 3:00 p.m. graduation ceremony will need to check in between 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Pechanga Resort Casino.

Graduates must be checked in and lined up, at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony.



Alumni and Friends Association

Alumni & Friends of Mt. San Jacinto College are as vital to this college as the students who are here every day.

As you graduate with your Associate Degree or Certificate, we welcome you to the MSJC Alumni Association. We want to hear from you and encourage you to maintain your connection to MSJC. Membership in the Alumni & Friends Association is free. Become involved by participating in alumni opportunities and Foundation events.

For information about MSJC's Alumni & Friends Association visit msjc.edu/foundation.



Veterans Wall of Honor

The Veteran Resource Center (VRC) staff would like to congratulate all of the graduating veterans!

The Wall of Honor is an MSJC tradition dating back to the 2013-2014 academic year, when the Wall of Honor was created by fellow veterans to celebrate, recognize and honor the accomplishments and success of MSJC graduating student veterans. The Wall of Honor inspires current and future MSJC Student Veterans and highlights "education mission accomplished." One Wall of Honor is at our San Jacinto VRC and the other at our Menifee VRC.

To participate in the Wall of Honor, please send the following details to Terry Russell and Martina Moncada at trussell@msjc.edu and mmoncada@msjc.edu.

- A picture of yourself (head shot or full body shot – professional photo not required)
- Full name
- Military branch
- Military rank
- Term of service
- Graduation term/year
- Major(s)
- If applicable, University/College Transfer Acceptance



Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Lei Sale

You can pre-order your lei at the upcoming Grad Fairs (May 7th at SJC & May 4th at MVC) or online until May 14. Visit <https://calendar.msjc.edu/event/leis/> for more information and to make your purchase.

Pre-sale price is \$15

Day of graduation (at Pechanga) price is \$20



What Next? Career Opportunities

Are you looking for a job after graduation? Need help with your resume? Or need help finding the next best thing regarding employment? Then you need to stop by Room 919 and visit the Job Developer/Placement Coordinator, where you will understand how to search for employment, cultivate your resume, improve your interview skills, and most importantly, learn to network into the job that will make your future bright. So send an email to Carrie Tate-Meyer and make an appointment today. Remember: the opposite of Networking is Not-Working.

Carrie Tate-Meyer
Job Developer/Placement Coordinator
 Career Education
Cmeyer@msjc.edu



FAQ's

- **When is graduation?** May 21, 2020- 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
- **Where is graduation?** Pechanga Resort Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula 92592
- **Which ceremony do I participate in?** Graduates must RSVP for ONE of the two available ceremonies. RSVP at msjc.edu/graduation.
- **What ceremony will my professor or counselor attend?** Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences faculty and Counselors/Librarians/Non-teaching faculty will attend the 10:00 a.m. ceremony. Math, Science, Athletics and Career Education faculty will attend the 3:00 p.m. ceremony. Note: Students may RSVP for their ceremony of preference.
- **Is there a rehearsal?** No. Please visit msjc.edu/graduation to view the Rehearsal video.
- **May I decorate my graduation cap (also called mortarboard)?** Yes.
- **Are balloons allowed at the venue?** No. Please notify your guests that balloons are not allowed into Pechanga Resort Casino due to fire safety concerns.
- **Are children allowed to attend the ceremony?** Yes, however children must be accompanied by an adult, not the graduate, at all times.
- **How long is the ceremony?** The graduation ceremony is expected to last 2 hours.
- **Are graduates allowed to leave the ceremony early?** All graduates are expected to be at the ceremony for its duration. Early departures are not permitted as it disrupts the ceremony and is disrespectful to other graduates.
- **Are there special accommodations available?** Graduates and/or guests needing special accommodations during the ceremony (i.e. sign language interpreter, wheelchair access, etc.) are encouraged to let us know early so arrangements can be made. Contact Accommodation Service Center at (951) 487-3302 or email ada@msjc.edu for accommodations.
- **Do I get my diploma on May 21?** No. Each graduate will receive one diploma cover, regardless of the number of earned degrees/certificates, as they cross the stage. The actual awards will be mailed after July 15. If you have questions regarding diplomas or certificates, contact the Evaluators' Office in Enrollment Services at (951) 639-5219 or (951) 487-3224.
- **Where do graduates and guests park?** Free parking is available for all graduates and guests in the Pechanga Resort Casino parking structure located off Pechanga Resort Drive. Valet is available at your own cost and is limited.
- **May guests approach the stage for photos?** No. Audience members are to remain seated during the ceremony. Photographs may be taken before or after the ceremony.
- **Will there be professional photos taken at graduation?** Yes. GradImages will be onsite to take candid photographs as you receive your diploma or certificate cover as well as a posed photograph. You will receive a free passport-sized, full-color proof by email after graduation. There is no obligation to purchase. Available portrait packages vary in cost. Also, The House of Portraits will be available for graduates to take portraits at Pechanga Resort Casino from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Available portrait packages vary in cost.



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