Commencement Ceremony
May 4, 2024

Class of 2024
Event Details:

- **Date:** May 4, 2024
- **Location:** Quad
- **How:** In-Person and Livestreamed
- **Tickets:**
  - Four seats per graduate in the reserved area
  - Open non-reserved seating in the grass area and Rizza will have livestreaming
- **Weather Plans:** Rain or shine, unless risk of lightning
Who:

- Graduating Seniors and Masters Grads from the Class of 2024 and 2020 who opt to participate (Approximately 200)
- Platform Party and Distinguished Honorees, Faculty/Staff (Approximately 100)
- Event Staff/Support (Approximately 25)
- Vendors (Band, AV/IT Production, and Interpreter) (Approximately 25)
- Cal Maritime Police Department
- Guests (4 reserved seating guests per grad and open non-reserved seating guests) (Approximately 1,600)
- TOTAL = Approximately 2,000 people
Commencement Week:

- **Monday, April 20 - May 2**
  Final Exams

- **Friday, May 3**
  Commissioning Rehearsal (11:15-12:00)
  Commencement Rehearsal (1:00-3:00pm)
  Academic Receptions (3:30-4:45pm)
  Senior Awards (5:00-5:45pm)
Commencement Day:

- **Saturday, May 4**
  Coast Guard and Navy Officer Commissioning Ceremony (9:00-9:45am)
  Commencement Ceremony Line-Up (10:00-11:00am)
  Commencement Ceremony (11:00am-1:00pm)
Salt & Pepper Uniform Requirements

SALT AND PEPPERS
(AUTHORIZED DRESS UNIFORM)

THE SALT AND PEPPER UNIFORM
consists of:

- White combination cover
- White short sleeve dress shirt
- Name tag
- Black dress trousers or optional black dress skirt
- Black belt with shined brass buckle
- Campus-issued black leather dress shoes
- Plain white crew neck undershirt, and
- Black dress socks
- Collar Devices (formerly shoulder boards)

When worn with black dress skirt, in lieu of black crew cut socks and shined black leather dress shoes, a 2 inch or less black heel will be worn.
Safety Protocols:

- Outdoor venue
- Masks recommended and welcomed*
- Restrooms available in proximate building around Quad

* We will share guidance from Health Services closer to the event
Important Dates:

• TBD: Deadline to submit Senior Commencement speeches
• TBD: Auditions (open to all seniors) of Senior Commencement Speeches  
  11:00am in Peachman
• February 21: Salt and Pepper Uniform inspection at Formation
• Feb 21-22: Senior pictures and class photos  
  12:00-5:00pm in Compass Room
• April 2: Senior Meeting  
  11:00am in Rizza
• May 3: Commencement rehearsal  
  Required of all graduates; guest tickets distributed
To-Do Items for Graduates:

• Apply to Graduate with Registrar
• Register to walk in Commencement
• Check Salt & Pepper uniform (*including shoulder boards*)
• Register personal needs for disability access (*before 04/01*)
• Register for late stay in residence hall if remaining until Commencement (*form available in April with CHECK-OUT info*)
Important Notes and Reminders:

- Guest tickets will be distributed at rehearsal and **only** at rehearsal.
- Parking is first-come, first-served and shuttles will be running from Lot E/F and A—parking in Lot D restricted.
- Services for guests with disabilities include handicapped parking, ASL interpreters, and handicapped seating.
- Only service animals are allowed—no emotional support animals or pets.
- Some—not all—of the reasons you might not be allowed to walk:
  - Intoxicated, not in compliance with uniform and grooming standards policy, disruptive of ceremony.
- [Commencement website](#)
Uniform Donation

• Donation Bins will be placed in Res Halls (April 25\textsuperscript{th})
• Bins will be available at Rehearsal on May 3 at the Quad
• Bins will be also be available following commencement in the Inclusion Center