

ASHFORD

INSIDE COMMENCEMENT NEWSLETTER

8620 Spectrum Center Blvd., San Diego, CA 92123

Hello Commencement Ceremony Participants!

Congratulations on making it to commencement. You have come a long way. The fall 2014 commencement ceremony is just around the corner!

All students, both graduate and undergraduate, will attend one of two ceremonies which will take place at the San Diego Convention Center at 111 W. Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101 on Sunday, October 5, 2014.

The day before the commencement ceremony, Saturday, October 4, you, your family, and your friends are invited to the Ashford Commencement Celebration at the Ashford University San Diego campus. This special family occasion will feature numerous fun events. The schedule of events for the entire commencement weekend are on the following pages, as well as general information for the events. We look forward to celebrating with you in October.

Sincerely,

Ashford University
Commencement Committee

Please be aware that should severe inclement weather require changes to the events, students will be notified by text message (if they signed up for the service while ordering their regalia) or by email.

Please note: By being present at the events held throughout commencement weekend, you release Ashford University from all claims regarding the use of your likeness and/or image in any print or electronic media including, but not limited to, video, television, and newspaper.

COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2014 CAMPUS CELEBRATION

Food, fun, and friends await you at the Ashford Campus Celebration! The Saturday before commencement will be jam-packed with activities for all ages! For complete details, see page 3.

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2014 COMMENCEMENT

Ashford University's Commencement ceremonies will take place at the San Diego Convention Center in San Diego, CA.

CEREMONY ONE

7:00 AM - CHECK-IN OPEN

9:00 AM - COLLEGE OF EDUCATION / COLLEGE OF HEALTH,
HUMAN SERVICES, AND SCIENCE (ALL LEVELS)

CEREMONY TWO

11:30 AM - CHECK-IN OPEN

1:30 PM - COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS / FORBES™ SCHOOL
OF BUSINESS (ALL LEVELS)

Ticketing

Tickets will not be issued for the event. Instead, we will offer open seating. Seating in the Sails Pavilion will be limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Honors Regalia

Students who have not completed their courses prior to the ceremony weekend will have their degrees evaluated two (2) weeks prior to the ceremony to determine if they qualify for University honors. If qualifications are met as of that review, temporary honors will be awarded to the student and will be recognized at the ceremony. Any student who has earned honors or has been temporarily awarded honors will receive their regalia when they check in the morning of the ceremony. This group includes students who have been inducted into honor societies (Alpha Sigma Lambda, Golden Key, SALUTE or Phi Theta Kappa) and/or students earning University honor designations (Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude or Summa Cum Laude). For students who have previously been inducted into an honor society, there is no additional cost for student regalia. Students may not join societies the day of the ceremony. Actual honors earned are listed on official University transcripts.



Honor Societies Meet & Greet Event

Members of Ashford Honor Societies are cordially invited to a private Meet & Greet on Saturday, October 4, 2014 from 11:45 am to 12:45 pm, in the large tent in the visitor parking lot at the San Diego campus. Come and enjoy refreshments, photography opportunities, and meet with other society members from around the world!

Members belonging to the following Honor Societies are invited:

- Alpha Sigma Lambda
- Golden Key
- SALUTE
- Phi Theta Kappa
- Ashford Junior-Senior Honor Society
- Mu Sigma Eta
- Scholars Institute
- Sigma Tau Delta
- Delta Alpha Pi



Get Your Picture Taken with President Richard Pattenaude!

Fountain
10:30 am - 11:30 am

College Meet & Greet

College of Health, Human Services, and Science: 10:00 am

College of Liberal Arts: 10:35 am

College of Education: 11:10 am

Forbes School of Business: 11:45 am

Military Appreciation Event

Military and Veteran students and their families.

1:30 pm - 2:45 pm



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Saturday, October 4 Details

The Ashford Campus Celebration will be held on Saturday, October 4, with main celebration events taking place at San Diego's Ashford University Campus located at 8620 Spectrum Center Blvd., San Diego, CA 92123. This fun-filled festival will be packed with plenty to do for the entire family including campus tours, various events, food, a kids' play zone, photo opportunities, a faculty meet and greet, and more!

ALL DAY EVENTS			
Event	Time	Description	Location
Refresh Coffee	8:30 am - 2:30 pm	Pastries, coffee, tea, and smoothies are available for purchase.	Refresh Coffee Cart
Bookstore Sale	10:00 am - 3:30 pm	The Ashford University bookstore will offer a Commencement Sale.	Cafeteria
Campus Tours	11:00 am - 2:30 pm	A sign-up table for tours will be available in the main lobby of the building where tours will leave every 30 minutes. Tours of the San Diego campus will include working space, training rooms, and historical information of the Ashford University San Diego campus.	Lobby
Food	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Join us for some yummy BBQ.	Roundabout
Future Achievers Fun Zone	10:30 am - 3:00 pm	This kids' area is loaded with fun things to do including bounce houses, games, craft projects, and more.	Lower parking lot
Information Booth	10:30 am - 3:00 pm	Come here to get any information you need.	Entrance of lower parking lot
SCHEDULED EVENTS			
Picture with the President	10:30 am - 11:30 am	Picture with the President	Fountain
Faculty Meet and Greet - College of Health, Human Services, and Science	10:00 am - 10:30 am	Come and meet the Executive Dean, Associate Deans, advisors, and faculty members from your college!	Leadership Room
Faculty Meet and Greet - College of Liberal Arts	10:35 am - 11:05 am	Come and meet the Executive Dean, Associate Deans, advisors, and faculty members from your college!	Leadership Room
Faculty Meet and Greet - College of Education	11:10 am - 11:40 am	Come and meet the Executive Dean, Associate Deans, advisors, and faculty members from your college!	Leadership Room
Faculty Meet and Greet - Forbes™ School of Business	11:45 am - 12:15 pm	Come and meet the Executive Dean, Associate Deans, advisors, and faculty members from your college!	Leadership Room
Ashford History Presentation	11:30 am and 2:30 pm	Learn all about Ashford University, its wonderful history, people, and journey.	Training Room 6
Photo with Champ	12:00 pm, 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm	Come say hello to everyone's favorite St. Bernard, Champ!	12:00 pm - Fountain 1:00 pm - Fountain 2:00 pm - Fun Zone
Honor Society Meet & Greet	11:45 am - 12:45 pm	Honor Societies: Alpha Sigma Lambda, Golden Key, SALUTE, Phi Theta Kappa, Ashford Junior-Senior Honor Society, Mu Sigma Eta, Scholars Institute, Sigma Tau Delta, Ashford Faculty Institute, Delta Alpha Pi	Large tent in lower parking lot

Designated Rest Areas 1st and 2nd floors of the building

Student Bookstore Sale

Don't forget to make a stop at the Bookstore sale to purchase the latest Ashford University gear, upgrade your diploma frames, select an Ashford sweatshirt, and more! The store will be open on Saturday October 4, from 10:00am to 3:00pm. On Sunday October 5, a satellite store will be prior to and during the commencement ceremonies. Please note that the selection at the satellite store will be limited due to the location. If you wish to see the full inventory of items for sale, please visit the bookstore during the day on Saturday.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 - PARKING

Beginning at 9:00 am on Saturday, October 4, the back parking lot will be open for parking at the San Diego Ashford University Campus Family Celebration day. Parking will be available all day and will be able to accommodate all guests.

NOTE: Traffic to and from all events can be very congested. Please take this point into consideration when planning travel arrangements.

Special Accommodation Parking

Beginning at 9:00 am on Saturday, October 4, special accommodation parking will be available for those students and guests with state issued disabled parking placards. The special accommodation parking spots will be located at the front of the parking lot at the Ashford Campus (**8620 Spectrum Center Blvd. San Diego, CA 92123**).

Guests with mobility impairments who do not possess a state issued disabled parking placard may drop off by the handicapped parking, and proceed to regular parking after they drop off their guests. The driver of the car must then park at one of the standard parking lots mentioned above.



Questions?

We hope that this newsletter answers a lot of your questions. Please also visit ashford.edu/student_services/graduation.htm for more details on traveling to San Diego, local hotel information, rental car discounts, and much more.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email graduation.information@ashford.edu. You may also call 866.974.5700 x 8971.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 - PLANNING FOR YOUR CEREMONY

Protocol for Receiving Diploma Covers on Stage

For all colleges, the Dean of the College will announce each degree one at a time. When called, candidates will rise and file to the right or left of the stage depending on where they are seated. Once on the stage, candidates will hand their information cards to an Ashford representative, who will scan their card. The student's name will be announced over the loud speakers in the Sails Pavilion. The candidates then proceed to Dr. Richard Pattenaude or Dr. Lorraine Williams, University President and University Provost, respectively, to shake hands and receive their diploma cover. Undergraduates will move their tassel from the right to left side of their cap before they leave the stage. All candidates then exit the stage from the front center steps and proceed down the center aisle back to their original seat.

Please note: Diplomas will not be issued at the ceremony. Diplomas will be ordered and mailed to your address on file upon completion of all degree requirements and payment of any outstanding balance due to the University.

Appropriate Commencement Attire

Women should wear dresses, skirts, or dress slacks with appropriate tops. Men should wear collared shirts, neckties, and dress slacks. Please wear dark comfortable shoes. Ladies, black pumps are the most appropriate footwear for commencement dress, but please know that you may be standing for long periods of time. Any jackets or sweaters must be worn under the commencement gown. Mortar boards should be worn with the point above your nose and flat so that the square part is level. Master's candidates should have their tassels on the left side. Bachelor's candidates wear tassels on the right side. Candidates may not carry any personal items in the processional, including cell phones, video cameras, and other electronic devices. No security is provided for these items if left unattended. Proper decorum is expected of all participants.

Special Accommodations

Graduates requiring accommodation for a disability should contact the Office of Student Access and Wellness at campusaccess@ashford.edu a minimum of two weeks prior to the ceremony in order to ensure all requests may be met. Special seating areas will be designated for guests who are pregnant, elderly, or who have disabilities. Please have guests arrive early to ensure they are able to access the designated seating area and have them notify event staff that they are a guest needing special seating. A limited number of assistive listening devices, large print programs, and programs in Braille will be available upon request.

Convention Center Protocol

No strollers or balloons will be allowed to enter the Sails Pavilion. A stroller check will be provided at the top of the escalator. Please do not bring in balloons.

Things to Do in San Diego, CA

Wondering what to do or where to eat while you are in San Diego for the weekend? Visit the [Convention & Visitors Bureau website](http://www.sandiego.org) at www.sandiego.org or everything you need to know to make your stay in San Diego a great one. From the website you can find a list of attractions, restaurants or can even request a free Visitors Guide to be sent to you. Enjoy!

Photography and Video

Color photographs of graduates will be taken during the ceremony by a commercial photography service. To pre-order a DVD, visit <http://www.rauschproductions.com/AshfordDVD>. DVDs of the event will be available for pre-purchase at the ceremony. Also, a purchase link will be emailed to students after the ceremony.



COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY PARKING

Beginning at 7:00 am on Sunday, October 5, the San Diego Convention Center will be open for graduates and guests to park.

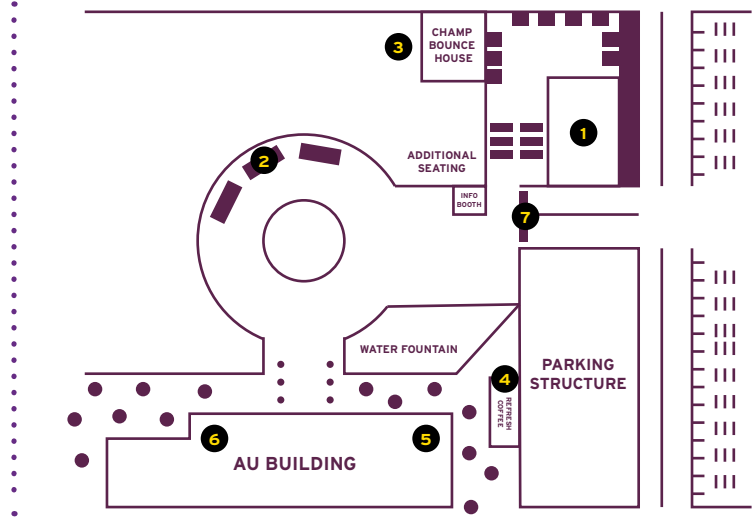
Special accommodation students will need to be dropped off at the E Concourse and then your party may proceed to the parking lot.

Parking will range anywhere from \$15-\$25 on the day of the event. Once you have parked your vehicle, please proceed to E Concourse.

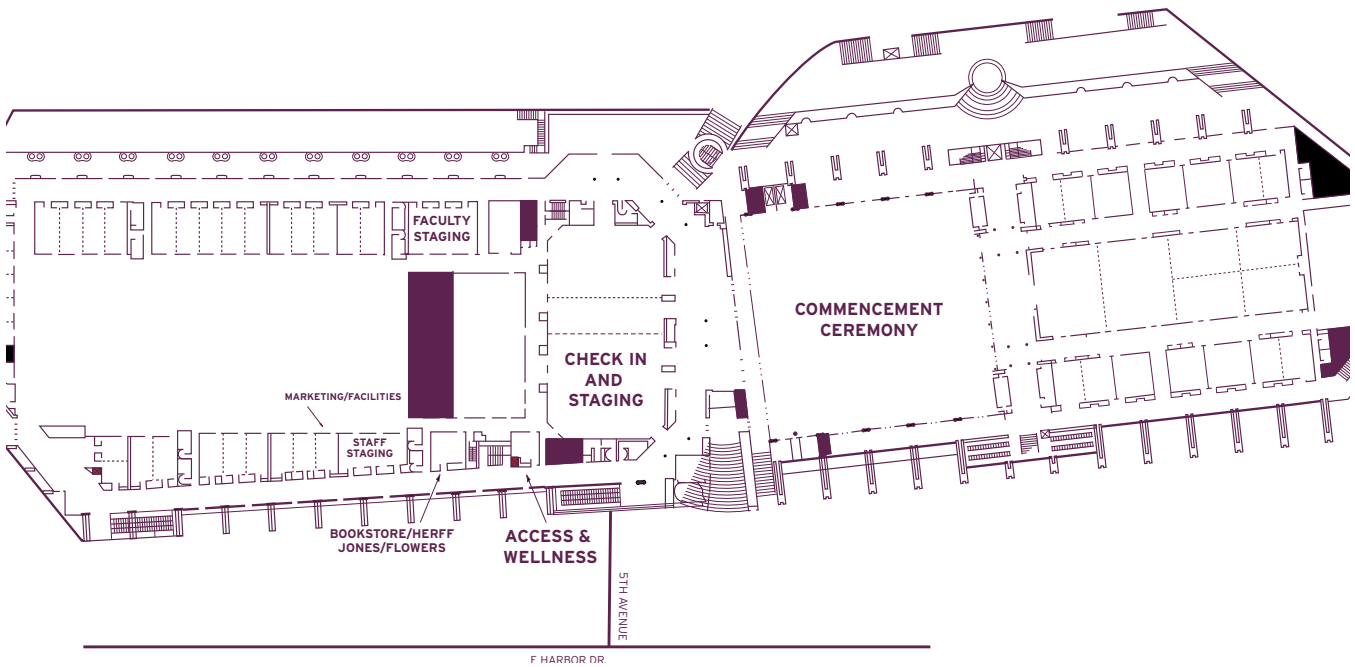
NOTE: Traffic to and from the event can be very congested. Please take this point into consideration when planning travel arrangements. It could take 30 minutes to an hour to exit the parking structures after the ceremony.

SATURDAY CELEBRATION MAP (ASHFORD CAMPUS)

- 1 Large Tent in Lower Parking Lot - Honor Society Meet and Greet, Military Appreciation event
- 2 Roundabout - Food
- 3 Back of Parking Lot - Fun Zone
- 4 Refresh Coffee
- 5 Cafeteria - Bookstore
- 6 Leadership Room - Faculty Meet and Greets
- 7 Check in



SUNDAY COMMENCEMENT MAP (San Diego Convention Center)



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CONGRATULATIONS FALL 2014
ASHFORD UNIVERSITY GRADUATES!



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