GRADUATE INFO SESSION

CONGRATS CLASS OF 2027!



Commencement & Graduation: What's the Difference?

- Commencement is the ceremony that celebrates students who have or will soon graduate.
    - **There is not a separate fee to participate in Commencement.**

- Graduation means a student has completed all the requirements to earn a degree.





Office of the Registrar: Graduation Unit

- Our office audits undergraduate student records after students are approved by their college.
- Our office awards degrees and order diplomas.
- Our office notifies students of “deficiencies” that may prevent graduation.

Housekeeping Items For Graduation

- To graduate, students must:
  - Apply for graduation
  - Pay a graduation fee
  - Receive approval from their college department. (Summer 2026 graduates should check-in w/their department if they are not approved by March 27th, 2026).
- If students have incomplete grades, these need to be resolved by working with faculty.
- Final transfer transcripts with grades must be submitted by June 26th, 2026.
- It is important students check their CSUF email address, even after completing their final classes.

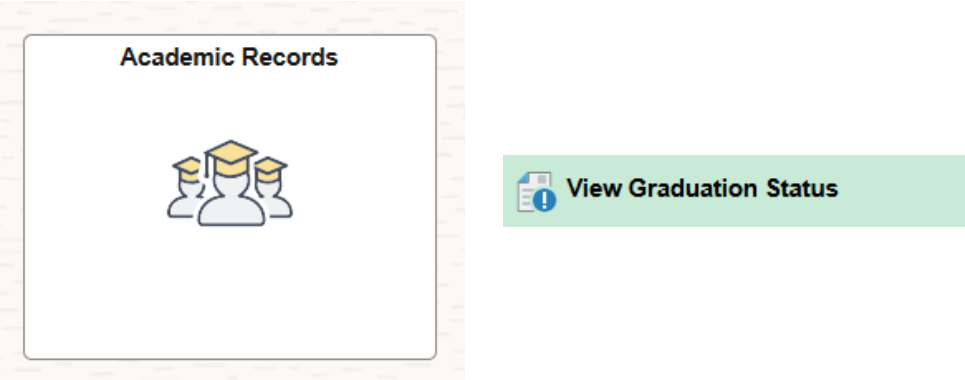




Check Your Record



- **Keep an eye on your TDA to make sure all requirements are met.**
- **Check your student homepage to make sure you are a candidate:**



- **Contact your graduation specialist/ major or faculty advisor/ college student success center if you have any questions.**

Housekeeping Items For Diplomas

- Students can update their mailing address through their student homepage under their profile tile.
- Resolve all financial obligations.
- When will students receive their diplomas?
  - Fall 2026 graduates: Starting the week of
  - Spring 2027 graduates: Starting from week of
  - Summer 2027 graduates: Starting from week of S



DIPLOMA NAME VERIFICATION

PARTICIPATION ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Declared Graduation Terms For Commencement 2026

Fall 2026 Semester

- Undergraduate Degrees Application Deadline: August 30, 2026
- Graduate and Doctorate Degrees Application Deadline: September 14, 2026
- Deadline to pay fee: September 25, 2026

Spring 2027 Semester

- Undergraduate Degrees Application Deadline: February 7, 2027
- Graduate and Doctorate Degrees Application Deadline: February 9, 2026
- Deadline to pay fee: February 26, 2027

Summer 2027 Session

- Undergraduate Degrees Application Deadline: March 14, 2027
- Graduate and Doctorate Degrees Application Deadline: March 9, 2026
- Deadline to pay fee: March 26, 2027

REGALIA/STOLES/CORDS/MEDALLIONS/ATTIRE





- Purchase Regalia at Titan Shops (in-person & online)
- Basic regalia (cap, gown, and tassel) is required.
- Stoles are available for purchase at Titan Shops.
- Cords are available through your college or club.
- Honors Medallions are available through your college.
- We recommend you wear light comfortable clothing under your regalia.
- Wear comfortable shoes: You will be standing for a long period of time and walking on varying surfaces that are uneven and steep to get to your seats. High heels are not recommended.

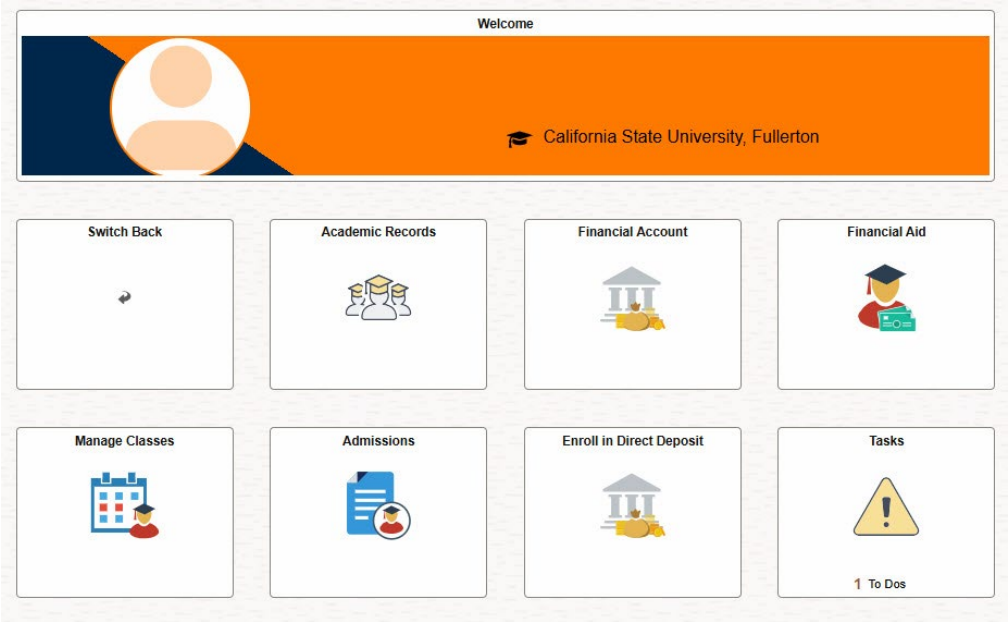
ACADEMIC REGALIA SUPPORT



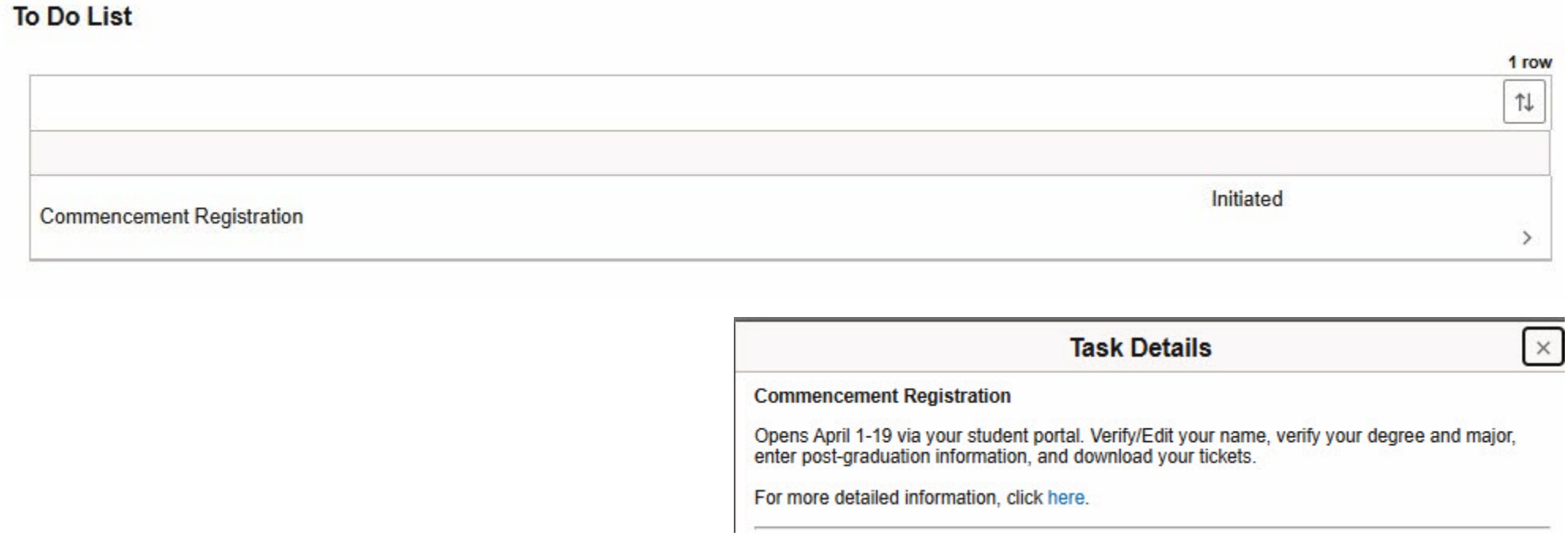
- Graduating students who experience a current or recent unanticipated hardship can submit a Basic Needs Services Academic Regalia Request for the opportunity to receive regalia at no cost.

More information at QR code!

COMMENCEMENT REGISTRATION ON YOUR TO DO LIST ON YOUR PORTAL



- Candidates for graduation in fall 2026, spring or summer 2027 will have a to do list item in their task button to register for commencement. Once you have registered (yes or no) the item will disappear within 72 hours.





REGISTER APRIL 1st!

Register through your student portal with Tassel. Registration for all graduates opens on graduates on **April 1.** You must register by

Your registration will create a unique Stage Pass QR code that will be used to trigger name announcement as you walk across the stage.

Register your Commencement participation **via your student portal by** .

Please make sure your name is accurately recorded. This recording will be used to properly pronounce your name as your cross the stage.

Your registration must be completed by at midnight.

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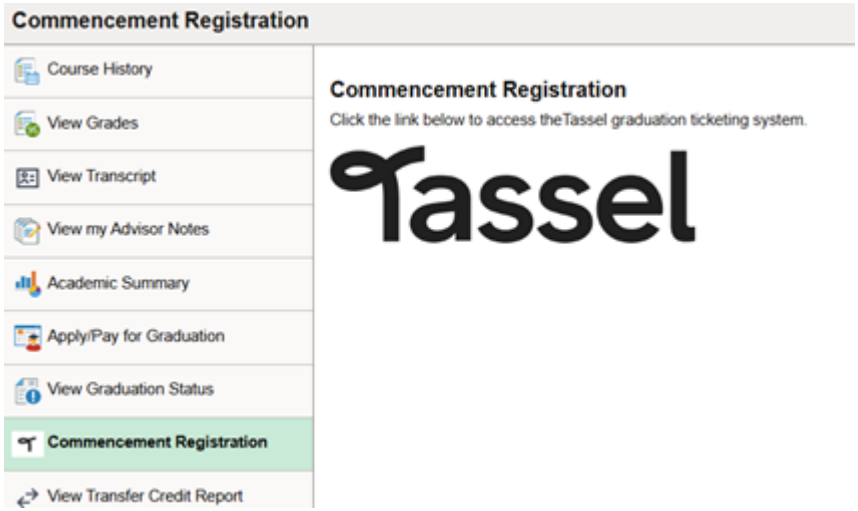
Registration instructions:

Log in to the campus portal and access the Student Homepage (Student Center)

Click on the Academic Records Tile

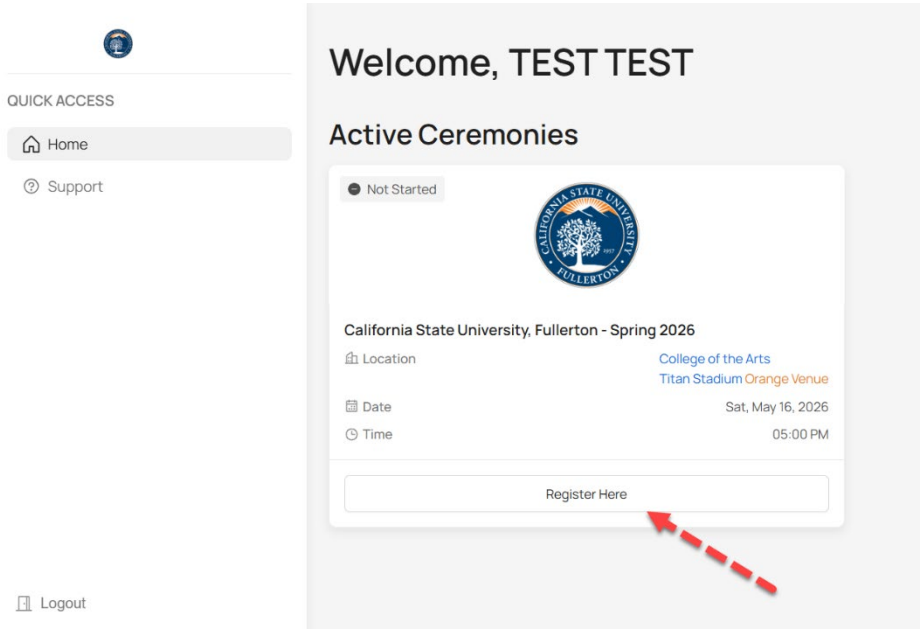


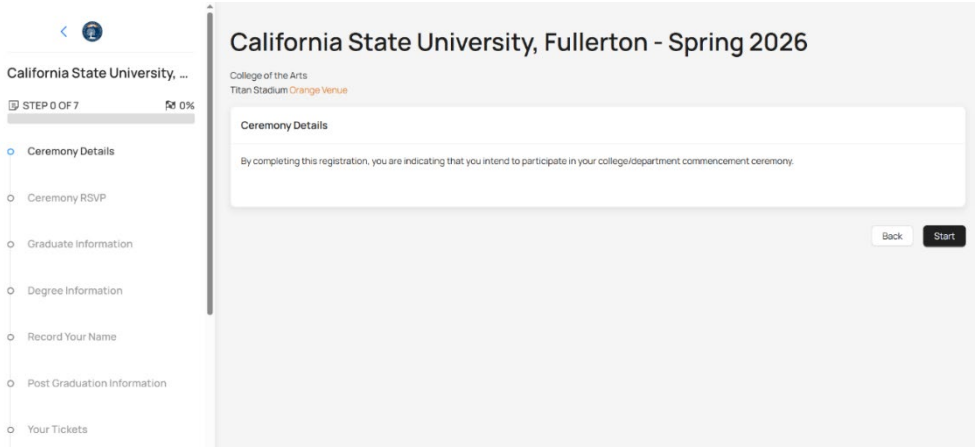
Click on Commencement Registration in the left menu. Then click on the "Tassel" icon.



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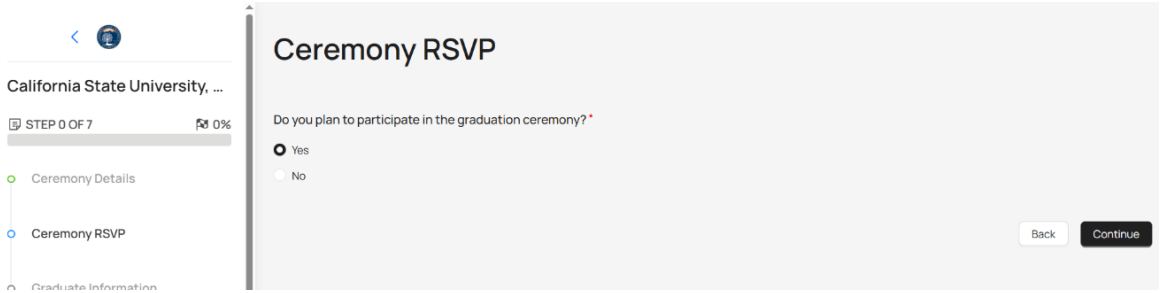
Follow the prompts. Click on the “Register Here” button.
Click on the “Start” button.



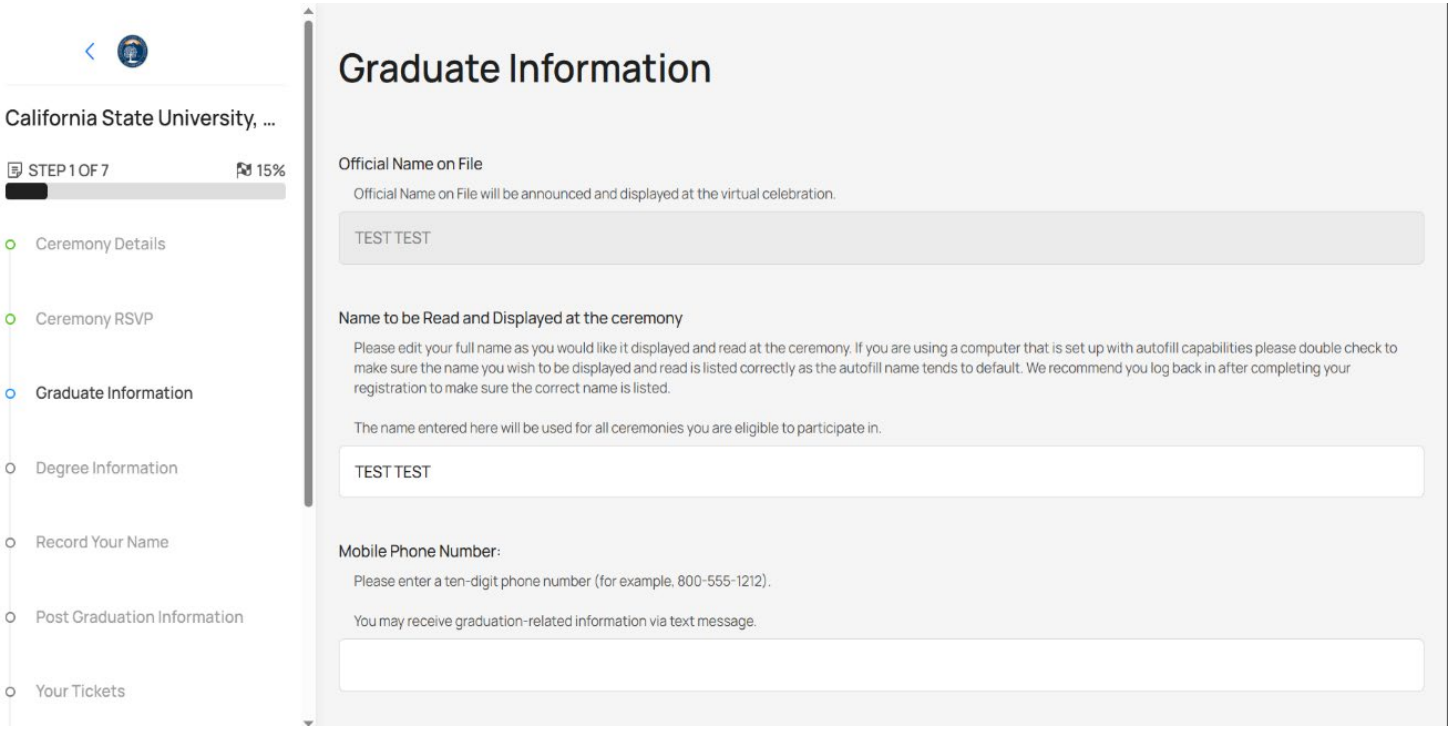


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If you are NOT participating in Commencement, your registration process will end once you click on “no.” If you change your mind, you can log back in to continue your registration.

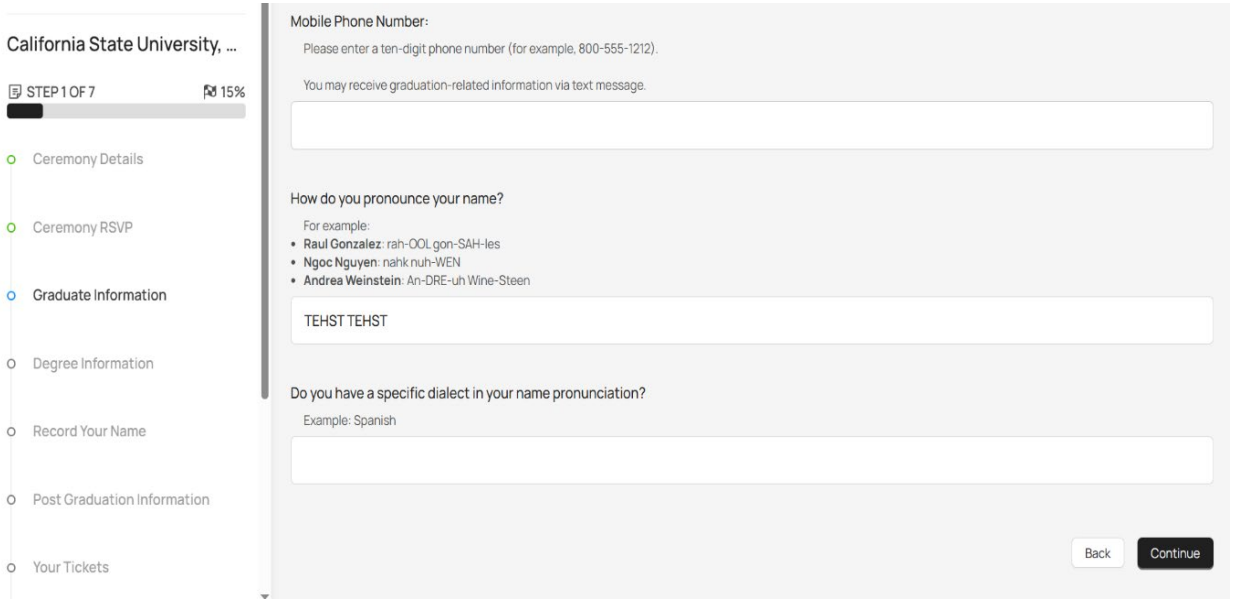


Tassel Step 1 of 7: By default, your official name on file will populate. You may specify the name you want to be read and displayed at the ceremony. Ensure it is spelled correctly. You can change this up until the deadline date.

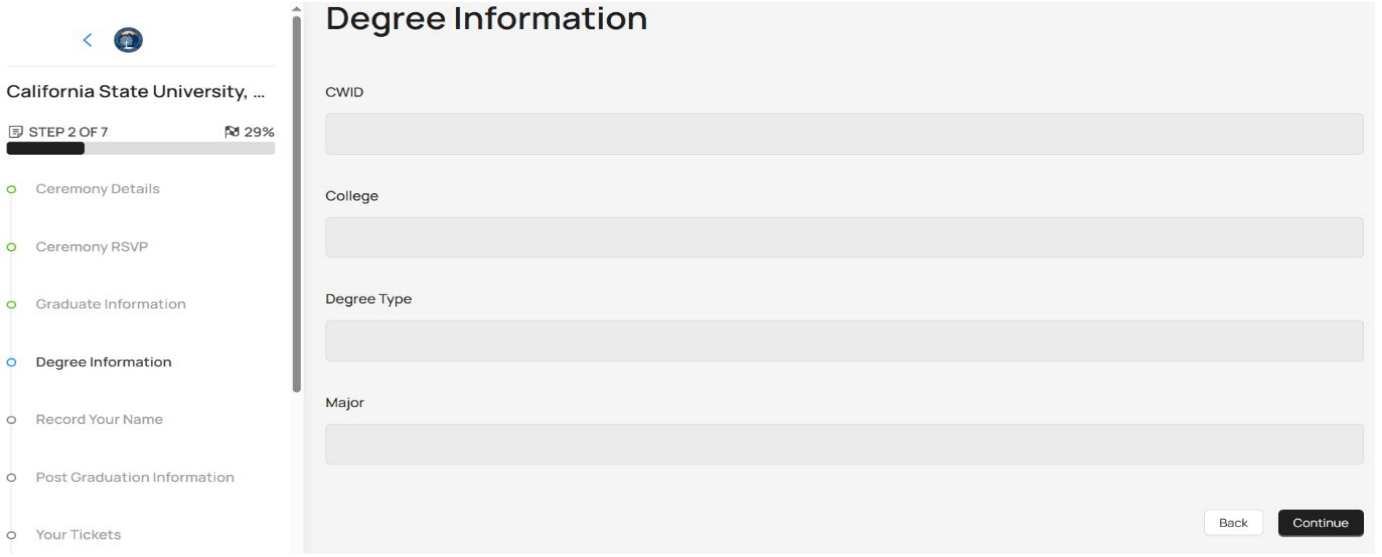


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Verify your phone number and provide the phonetic pronunciation of your name.

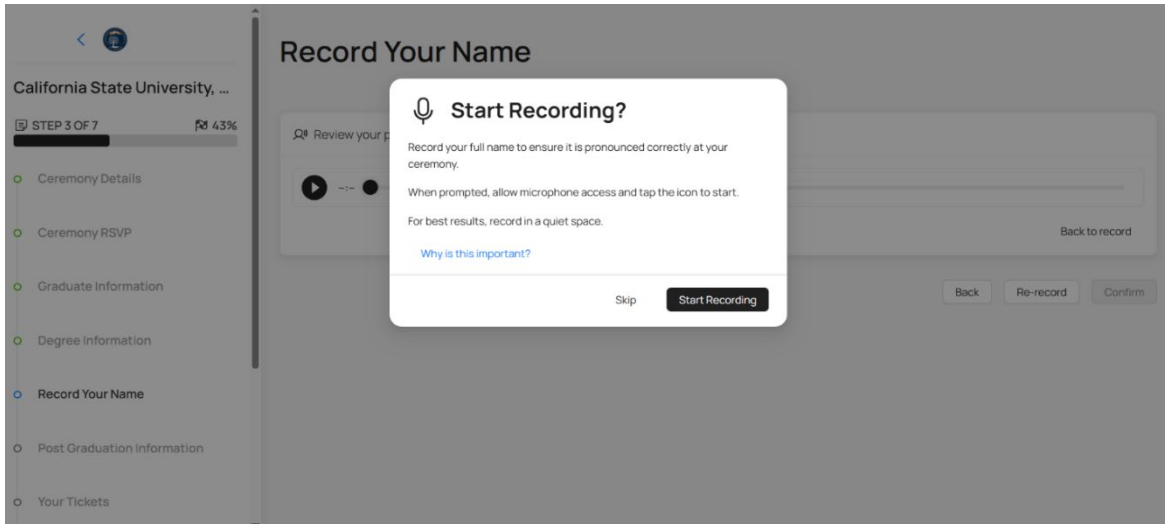


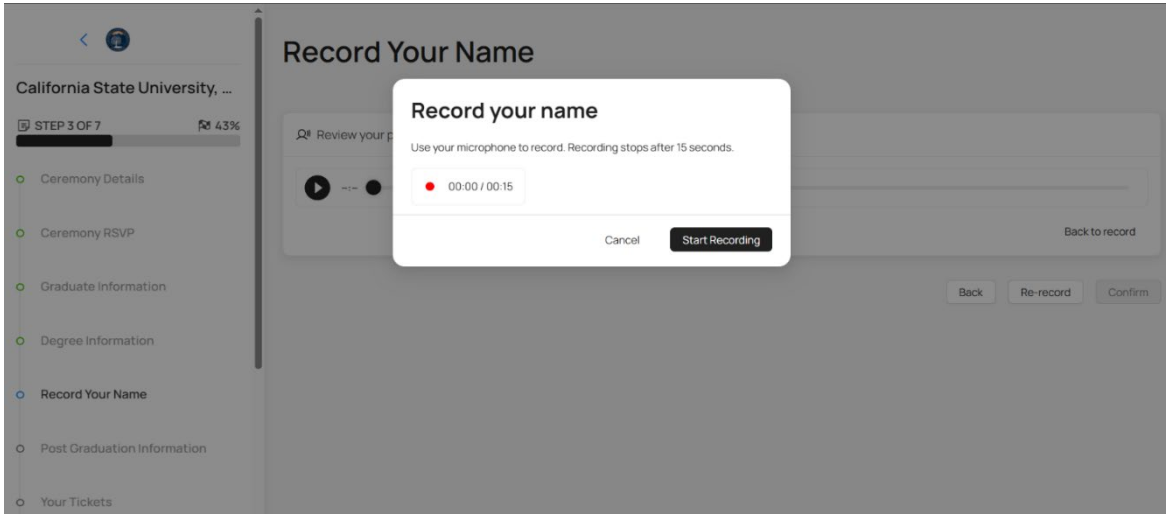
Tassel Step 2 of 7: Verify your data is accurate: CWID, college, degree type, major, etc.



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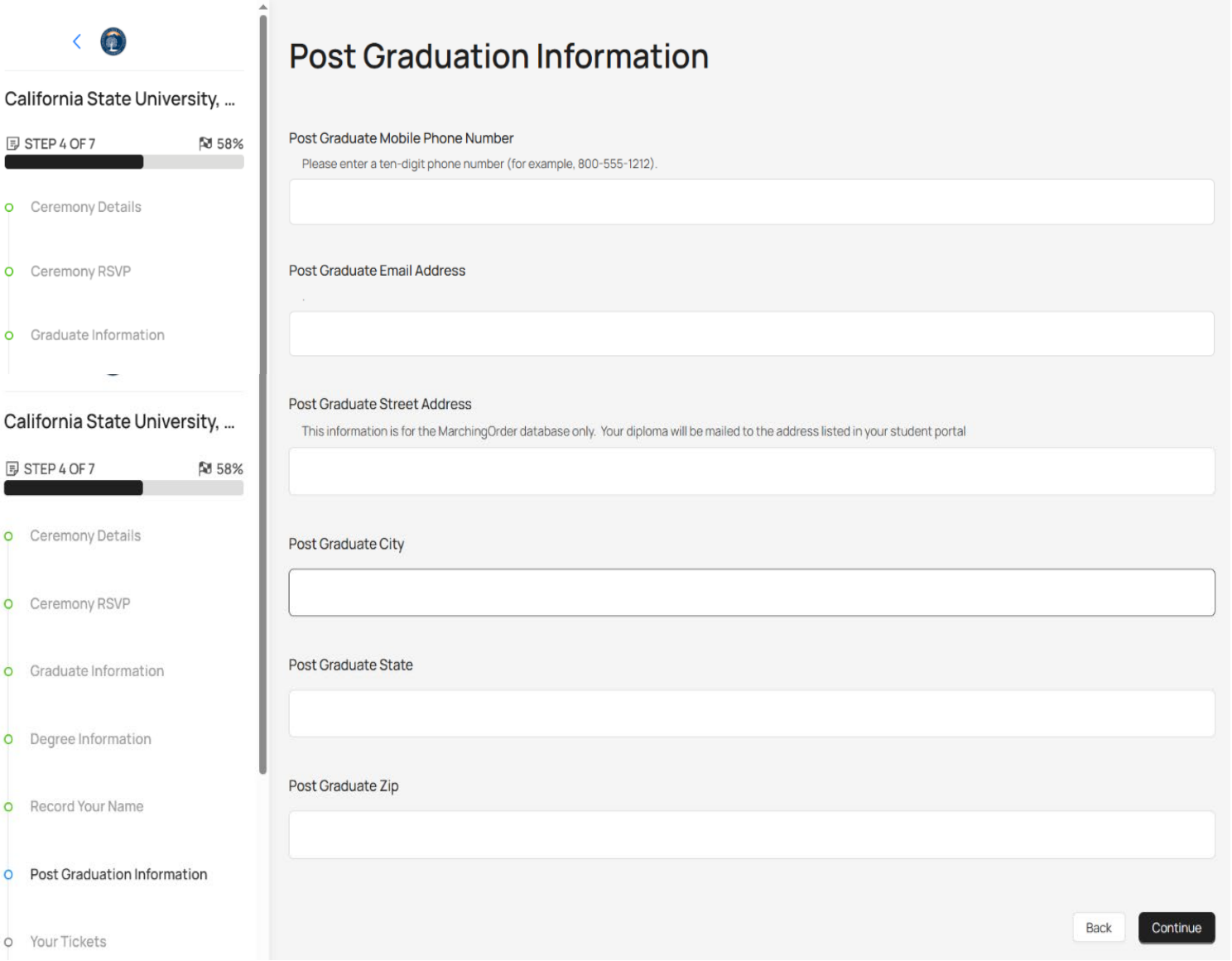
Tassel Step 3 of 7: Make sure your name is accurately recorded. The recording you choose will be used to properly pronounce your name as you cross the stage.





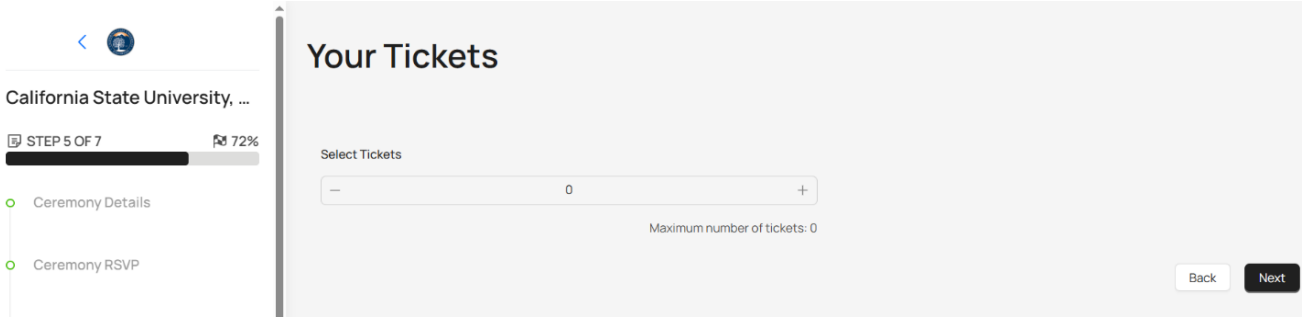
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Tassel Step 4 of 7: Enter your post-graduation information..

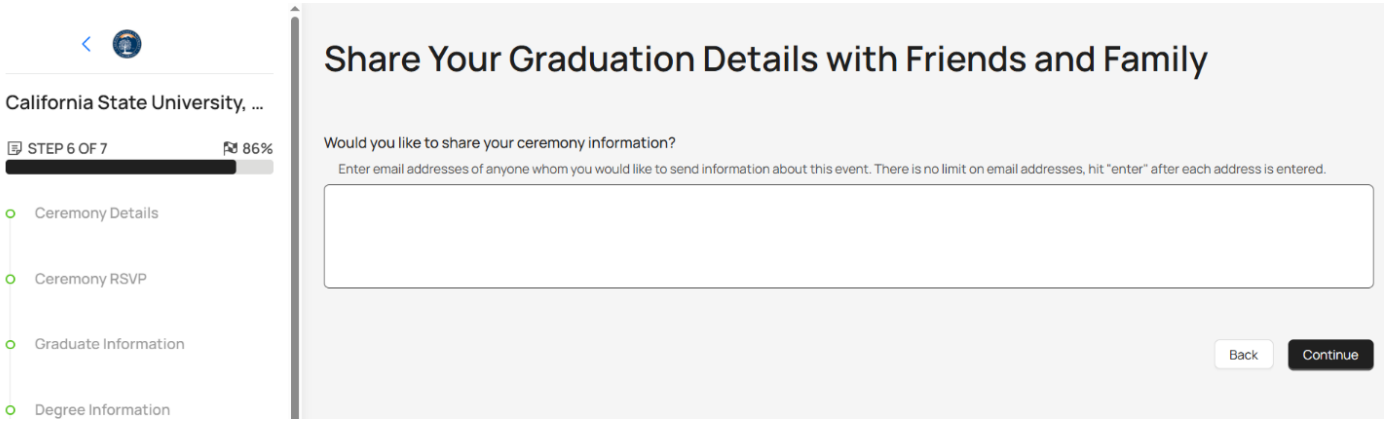


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Tassel Step 5 of 7: Select how many tickets you will use (8 tickets per graduate).

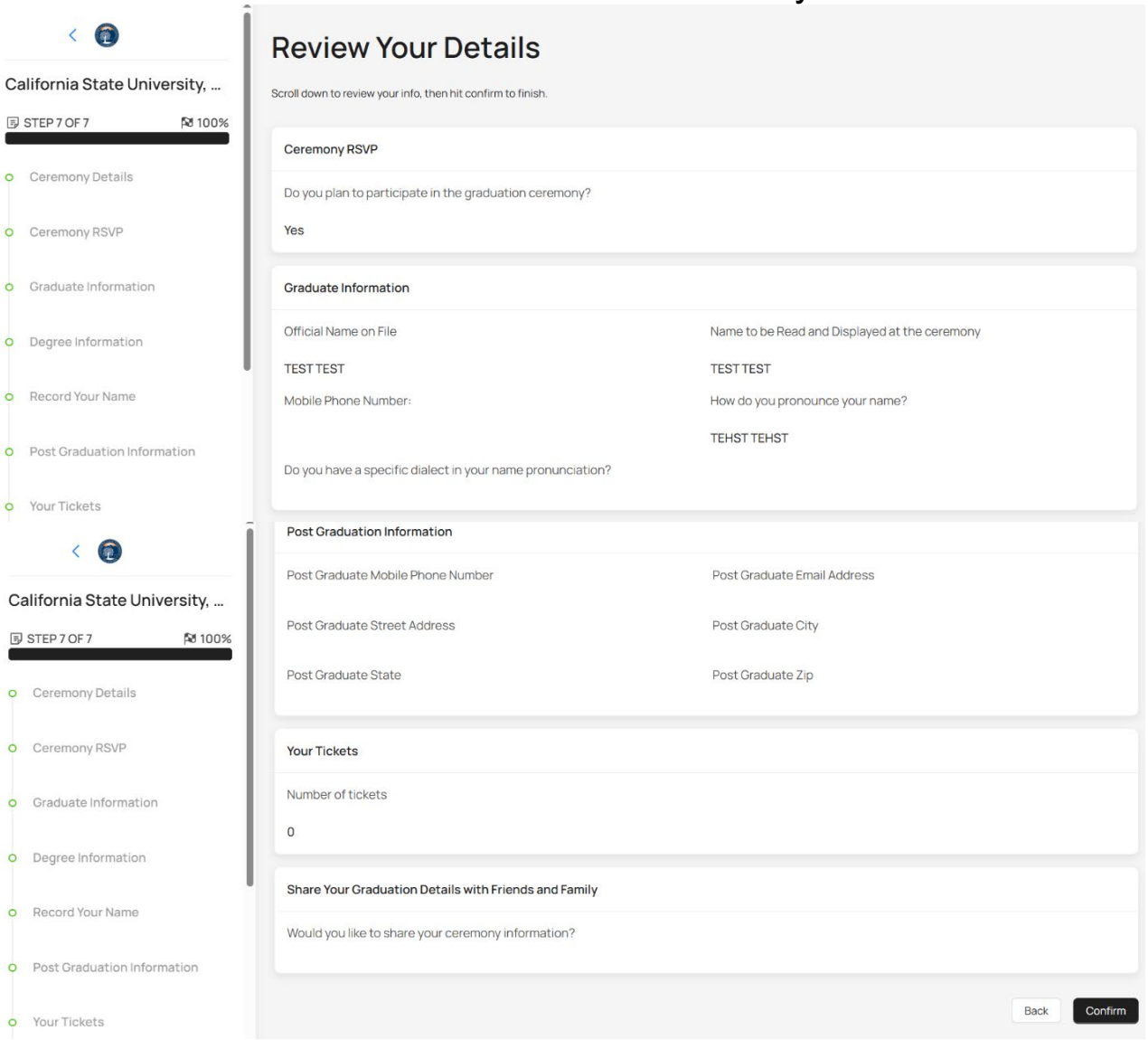


Tassel Step 6 of 7: You can share your ceremony details with friends and family.



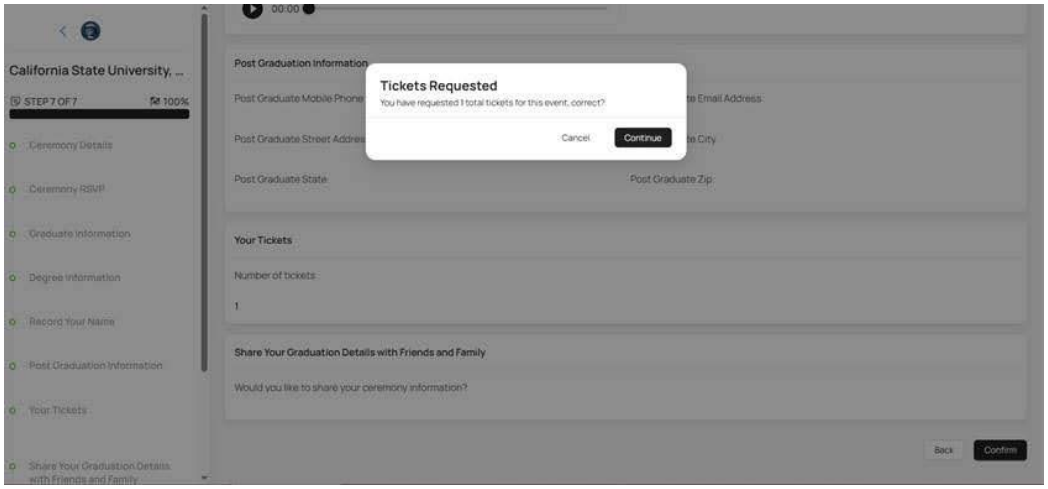
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Tassel Step 7 of 7: Review all the information entered for accuracy.



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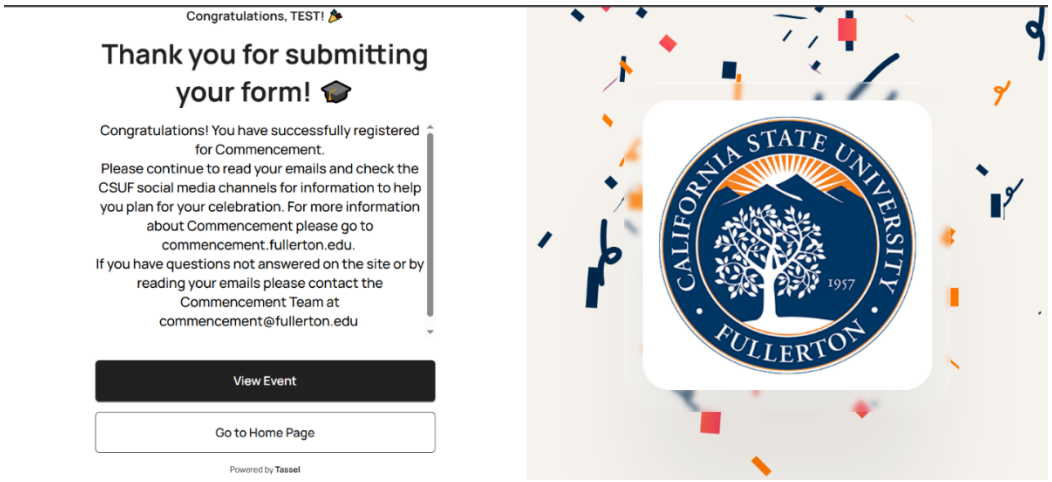
Step 7 of 7: Confirm the number of tickets requested.



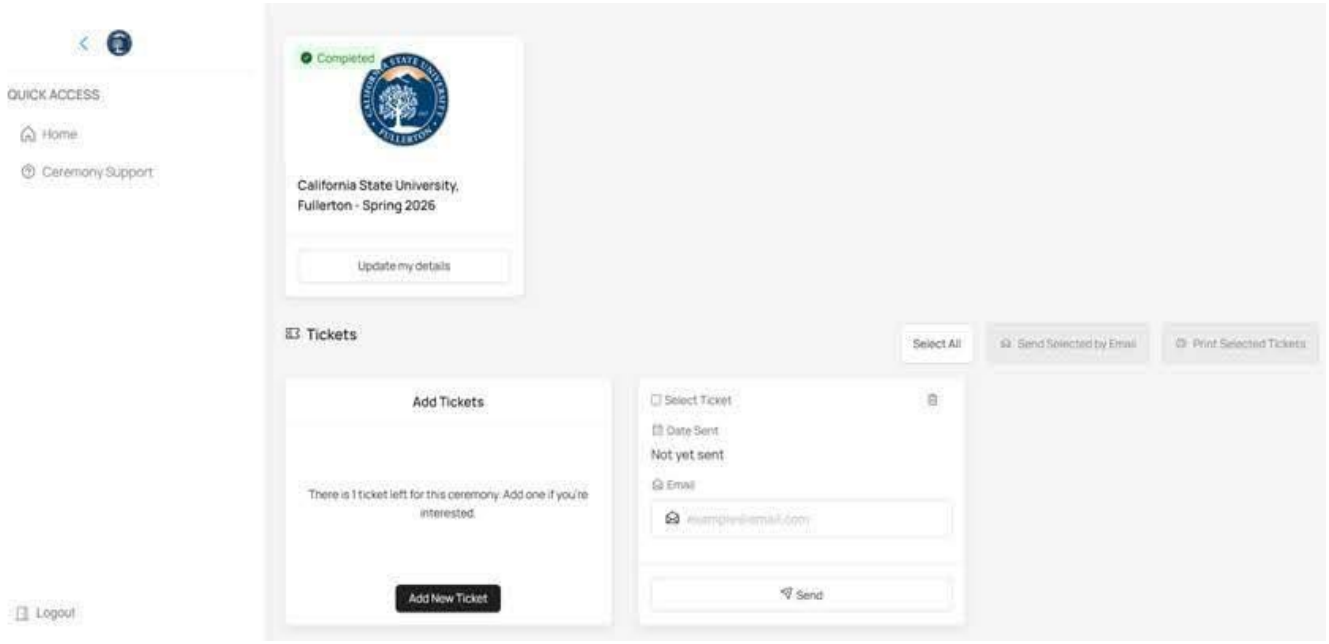
Your registration is now complete

COMMENCEMENT TICKETING

Select “View Event” to see your claimed tickets and email them to your guests.



Log in to your student portal to access Tassel (the process is the same as when you logged in to register). Open your Tassel registration page and scroll to the bottom to claim your eight (8) tickets. Select “View Event,” select your ticket to email or print your guest tickets.



TICKETS

- **How do I access my tickets?**

Starting April 1st, claim your guest tickets (up to 8) **electronically via Tassel!** Log into your student portal to access.

- You can EMAIL or PRINT your guest tickets.
- Guests can place tickets in digital wallets
- Children over the age of 2 require a ticket.
- **Can I purchase additional guest tickets?**

CSUF will not be selling additional tickets. Should you have a classmate who does not need all 8 of their tickets they can email the tickets to you for your use. Make sure your classmate is participating in the same ceremony you are. Each ticket has a unique QR code and can only be used for the ceremony it is assigned to.

Warning: Each ticket will have its own unique scanning pattern. Once a ticket has been scanned, it is no longer usable. Duplicate tickets are invalid. An electronic or hard copy of the guest tickets must be presented for entrance into the college graduation ceremony.

STUDENT ACCESSIBILITY





ADA ACCOMMODATIONS

Disability Support Services (DSS) will process commencement accommodation requests for **graduating students only**.

Graduating students' requests can be submitted via the Disability Support Services Commencement Accessibility page.

- Closed captioning will be available for each ceremony.
- All ceremonies will be livestreamed on the web and closed captioned. Link on commencement website day of ceremony. Video available for play back.

GUEST ACCESSIBILITY

Accessibility for guests with disabilities will be available for all Commencement ceremonies. ADA seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. We make every attempt to accommodate. We recommend you arrive early.

- Seating is available in the reserved ADA section. Only **one** companion seat will be permitted to sit alongside a disability-identified guest.
- Wheelchair seating is available, with one companion seat. Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Closed captioning available on all screens and on personal device.

Accessible seating for guests at **Titan Stadium** will be located at the top of the stadium.

Accessible seating at the **Intramural Field** will be in a roped-off area on one side of general guest seating.

Please note that wheelchairs will not be available for public use. Those who may need them are encouraged to bring their own wheelchairs and mobility devices.

Enhanced Comfortability

- A shade structure will be installed on the intramural field, keeping the space up to 15 degrees cooler than the surrounding outdoor areas.

- **New indoor viewing option:** For guests who prefer to stay out of the heat, an air-conditioned venue with large screens for livestreaming will be available in the Titan Student Union Portola Pavilion. Tickets are required, and standard security measures apply.









CULTURAL RECOGNITION CELEBRATIONS

MONTH OF MAY

The Cultural Recognition Celebrations celebrate the accomplishments of graduating students and are hosted by the cultural resource centers housed in Diversity Initiatives and Resource Centers (DIRC).

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES





MONDAY - THURSDAY, MAY 24-27

You will attend the ceremony date and time assigned to your major.

Commencement ceremonies are held on campus in **Titan Stadium (Orange)** and on the **Intramural Field (Blue).**

Free Parking

Gates open 1 hour before ceremony start time.

90-minute ceremony program

CHECK-IN

- Park in your assigned area.
- Line up in designated area.

STAGE PASS

This is your ticket to the event AND what we will scan as you cross the stage. Do not lose it!

DAY-OF TIMELINE – Part 1





CEREMONY – ceremonies are held on campus in Titan Stadium (Orange) and on the Intramural Field (Blue). Check the schedule and determine what day, time and location your ceremony will be.

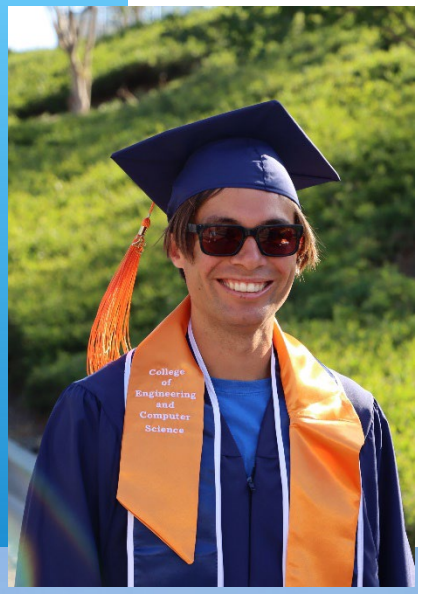
ARRIVE – 1.5 hours before ceremony start time with your guests.

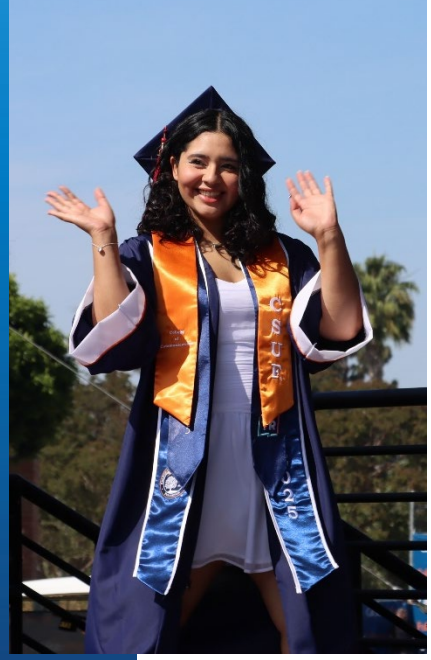
CHECK-IN TABLE – check in and receive directions and your QR code sticker.

STAGE PASS - Your QR code sticker houses the data for your name to be called and displayed on the screen as you cross the stage.

LINE-UP – at indicated college area
You will line up according to your major. There will be signs indicating major lines. Ushers will be there to assist you. (Guests are not permitted in the Grad Line-up areas)

DAY-OF TIMELINE – Part 2





PROCESSIONAL – Your ceremony will begin with a processional of graduates from the line-up area to graduate seating.

Your tassel should be on the right (UG).

CEREMONY PROGRAM - The program will include speeches from your Dean and/or President or Provost, classmates and faculty from your college. The ceremony will last approximately 1.5 hours.

STAGE CROSS - Your name will be announced, and you will walk across the stage to receive a certificate of participation. The only item you will need to take to the stage is your QR Code sticker (on your phone), which will announce your name, project your name and help photographers do their jobs.

There will be a few closing words at the very end, your degree will be ceremonially conferred, and you will receive direction to move your tassel from right to left at the end of the ceremony.

RECESSIONAL – your ceremony will have a recessional. Ushers will direct you to venue exit.

ETIQUETTE - Out of respect for your fellow graduates, all commencement participants will remain seated until the conclusion of the ceremony.

MEET YOUR GUESTS – outside the venue after your ceremony



STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Please remember that the student code of conduct is in effect for the commencement ceremony.

Use, possession, or distribution of alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs and controlled substances on college premises or at any college sponsored activity, including appearing on college premises while under the influence of alcohol or drugs/controlled substances, is strictly prohibited.

GRADUATE ETIQUETTE

Respect Your Fellow Graduates

By tradition, the Commencement ceremony is a formal, dignified event to honor the achievement of graduating students. We ask that you please observe the following:

- **Graduates are asked to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner that demonstrates respect toward fellow graduates, guests and the speakers on stage.**
- **Be on time: Please make sure you are on time to lineup, check in at the registration tent, receive your QR code and are in line for your processional.**
- **Cell phones should be turned off or operated in silent mode during the ceremony. Do not speak on a cell phone or carry on a conversation during the ceremony as this prevents others from hearing and enjoying the ceremony.**
- **It is important that students respect fellow students, faculty, administrators and guests who have come to witness and participate in the conferring of degrees. For this reason, graduates are expected to return to their seats after they cross the stage and remain in graduate seating until all students have crossed the stage. Please remain until the conclusion of the ceremony.**
- **Please be considerate and clean up after yourself.**

PROTOCOLS

- Only graduates are permitted in the graduate seating area and able to proceed across the stage.
- Cell phones should be operated in silent mode during the ceremony.
- No children or guests will be permitted in the graduate seating or on stage.
- All candidates should plan to meet their guests outside the venue after the ceremony.
- Guests will be asked to exit to meet their graduate so we can prepare for the next ceremony.
- Only graduates and Commencement personnel will be permitted in graduate areas pre-ceremony.
- No professional photography allowed or personal livestreaming.

Prohibited Items

- Alcoholic beverages
- No glass
- Bags that violate the Clear Bag Policy, including diaper bags
- Lights, tripods, selfie sticks, monopods, and poles
- Coolers, including soft side coolers
- Flash Photography
- Confetti, glitter, Silly String, fireworks, flares, laser pointers of any type, or other elements used to cause a distraction or disturbance.
- Helium Balloons
- Flags, signs, and banners larger than 11”x17”
- Clothing with obscene, discriminatory, or profane messages
- Klaxons, bullhorns, whistles, or any other noisemakers
- Pets
- Projectiles, including footballs, frisbees, bats, inflatables, etc.
- Drugs, drug paraphernalia, marijuana, and substances deemed illegal
- Smoking, including e-cigarettes
- UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles) and drones
- Weapons of any kind, including pocket knives
- All objects deemed inappropriate

CLEAR BAG POLICY

Walk-through security systems will be in place at all venues. Guests can bring clear bags no larger than 12 inches by 12 inches, which are available for purchase at Titan Shops. Bags are not permitted in the graduate areas.





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APPROVED BAGS

Must Be No Larger Than 12" x 6" x 12"


Clear Plastic Bag


Clear Backpack


1-Gallon Plastic Freezer Bag


Clear Purse


Clear Fanny Pack


Clutch with shoulder strap (no larger than 4.5" x 6.5")


Clutch with wrist strap

NON-APPROVED BAGS


Purse


Backpack


Binoculars Case


Diaper Bag


Camera Case


Tinted Plastic Bag


Oversized Tote Bag

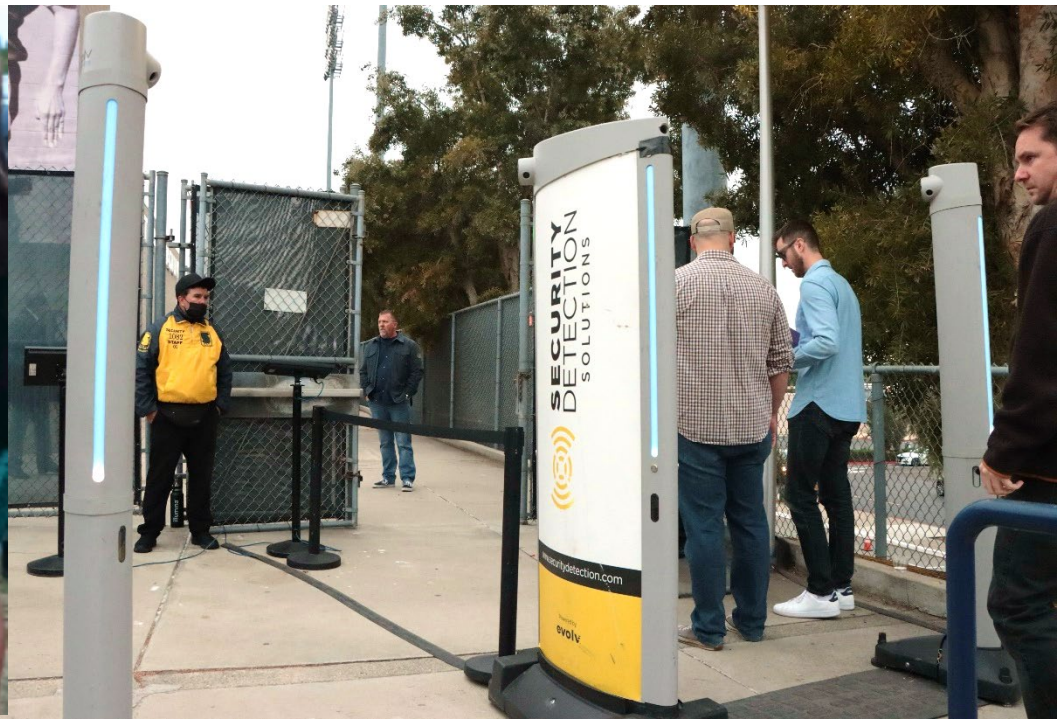

Fanny Pack/ Belt Bags


Mesh Bag

GUEST SECURITY

- There will be a walk-through security screening system in place before entering the venue for both graduates and guests.
- All bags are subject to search by event staff and University Police. For security purposes, all attendees are encouraged to keep items to a minimum.
- All prohibited items must be returned to your vehicle.
- There are no places to store personal items during the ceremony.





GRADUATE - SECURITY PROTOCOL

- **Graduate safety measures**: Bags are not permitted in the graduate areas.
- Graduates and guests will pass through a security screening system before entering the venue.
- There are no secure places to store personal items before or during the ceremony. Small personal items, such as phones and wallets, must be carried in a pocket. There are pockets on both sides of the blue CSUF stole.
- Graduates are not permitted to carry items across the stage.
- Graduates with medical bags or items they must carry with them must inform Disability Support Services of their need and have pre-approval.
- Upon arrival at the graduate line-up, the bags and/or items will be inspected and labeled with a security band. PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY TO AVOID LAST-MINUTE GATE PRESSURE.

COMMENCEMENT MAP

COMMENCEMENT

CEREMONY SITES

TS **Titan Stadium** (Orange Venue)
Graduate line up: **Parking Lot A South**
General Parking: **Lot A**
ADA Parking: **Lot G**

IF **Intramural Field** (Blue Venue)
Graduate line up: **Titan Track (TT)**
General Parking: **Eastside North Parking Structure (ENPS)**
ADA Parking: **State College Parking Structure**

MAP LEGEND

- **B** Bookstore/Titan Shops
- **ENPS** Eastside North Parking Structure
- **IF** Intramural Field
- **PL** Pollak Library
- **TS** Titan Stadium
- **TSU** Titan Student Union
- **TT** Titan Track
- **UP** University Police

Road Closure

- Information
- Solutions Tent
- ADA Parking Only
- First Aid
- Food/Beverage
- Bottled Water
- Lost and Found
- Gift
- Cooling Center/Stations
- Restroom
- Uber/Lyft Zones

ADA Shuttle Stop
ADA Shuttle Route



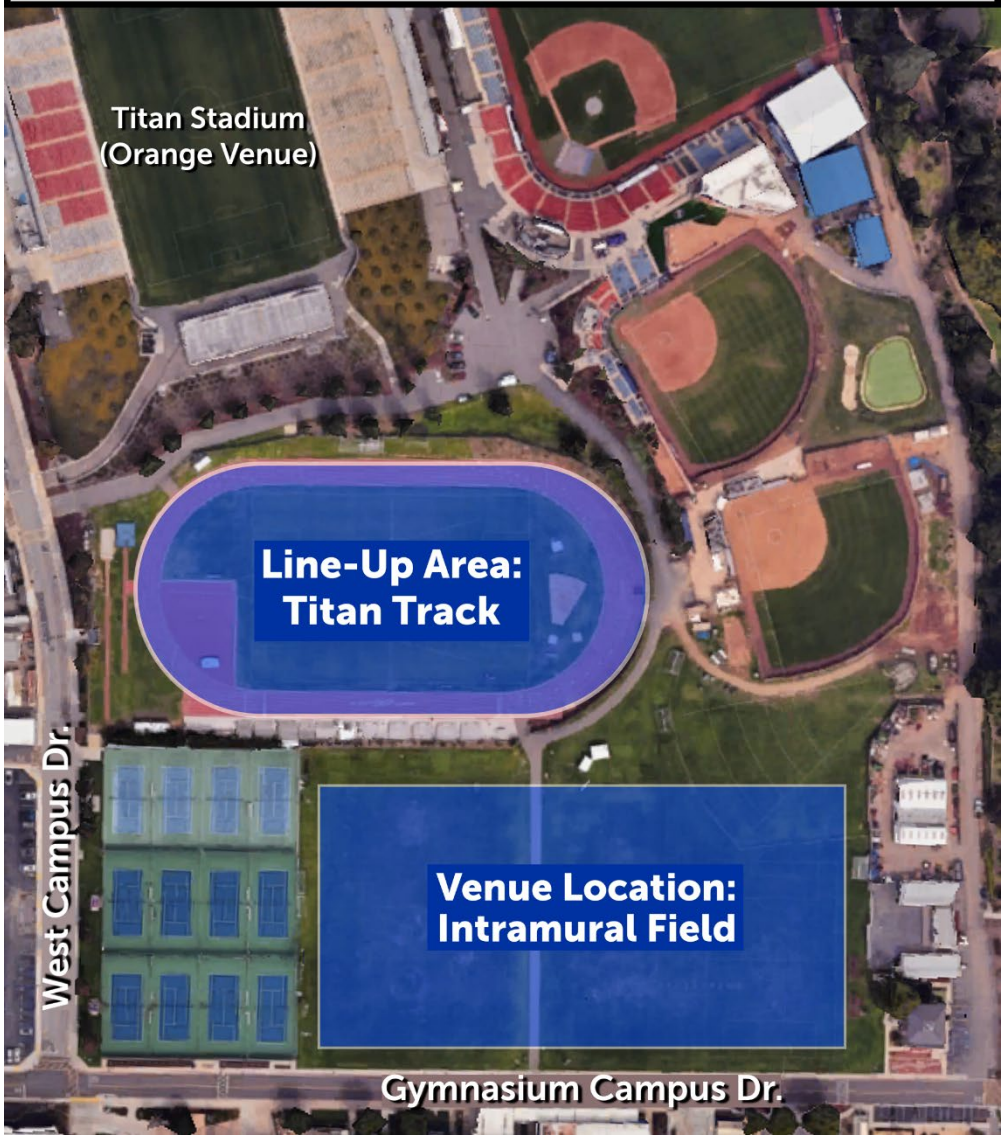
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GRADUATE LINE-UP LOCATIONS

Titan Stadium Line-Up Area and Venue Location



Intramural Field Line-Up Area and Venue Location



FAQ





- **Flowers & Leis** – Your guests can pre-order flowers and gifts for pick-up just prior to your ceremony by visiting this website https://www.thecommencementgroup.com/fullerton/
- These are permitted in venues.

- **If you are late** – Find a Commencement Volunteer with a "staff" badge to assist you.

- **What to wear** – Regalia; wear appropriate clothing underneath your academic regalia. It is recommended you wear shoes that allow you to stand for periods of time and walk without tripping (you will be outside with no shade and walking on uneven surfaces).

- **Cap Decorating** - You are welcome to decorate your cap as long as it is not distracting to others & follows campus community policies.

- **Custom Stoles** – Custom stoles are permitted as long as they follow campus and community policies

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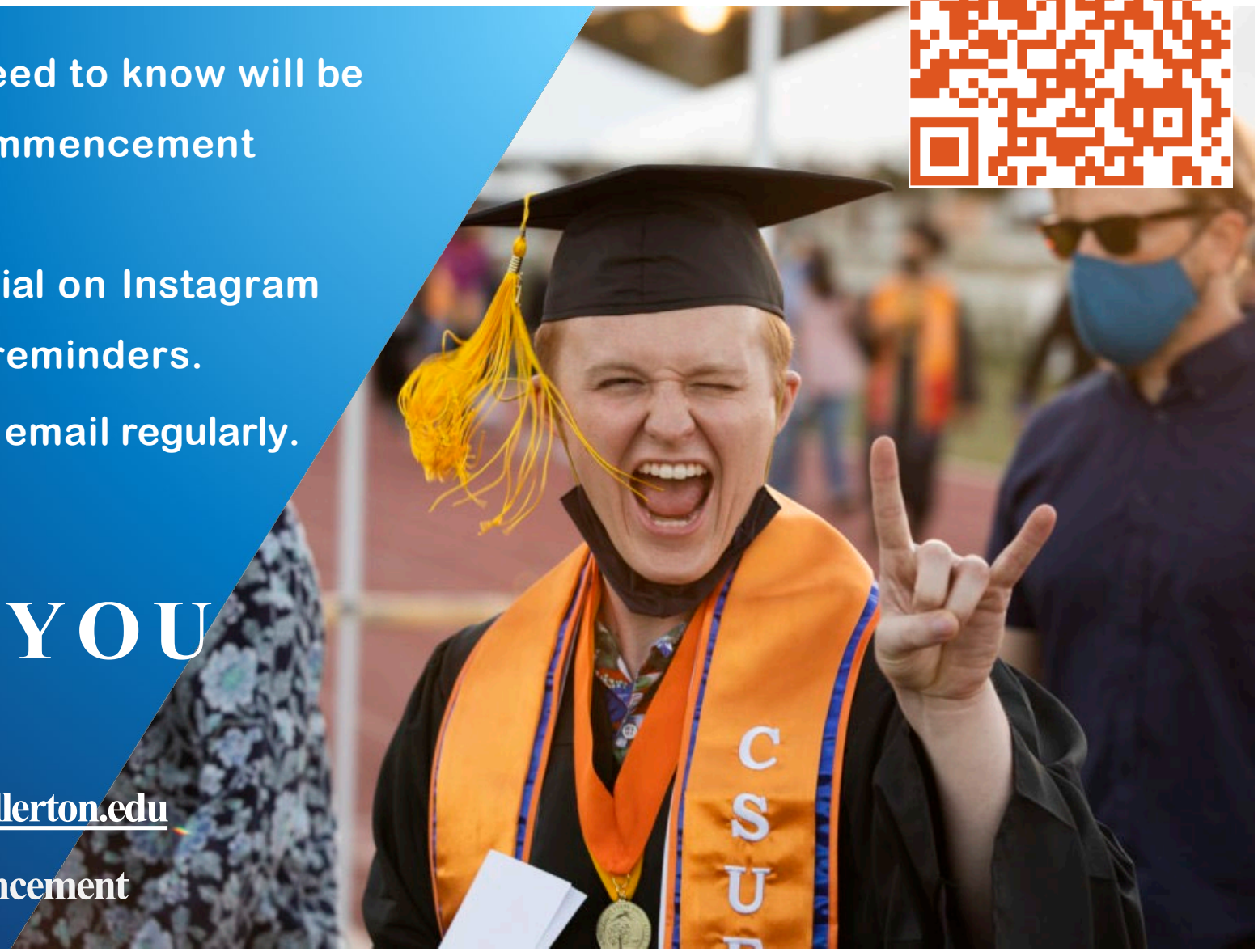


- **Photos on stage** – A photographer will take your photo as you cross the stage. Photos will be emailed to you about a week after the event. We do not allow professional photography during commencement week or at the ceremonies.

- **Stage Pass** – When you register in Tassel, verify your name is displayed as you would like it announced as you cross the stage, your major is correct, and you have downloaded your tickets.

- **Livestream** – The ceremonies will be livestreamed at fullerton.edu/commencement for those who cannot attend in person. Links will be live the day of your ceremony. Personal livestreaming is prohibited.

1. Everything you need to know will be posted to the commencement website!
2. Follow @csufofficial on Instagram for updates and reminders.
3. Check your CSUF email regularly.



THANK YOU

Questions?

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fullerton.edu/commencement