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College of the Siskiyous Announces Plan for 2022 Commencement Ceremony

Weed / COS – The 63rd Commencement Ceremony will be held in person on Friday, May 20, 2022 at 5pm. College of the Siskiyous will be holding Commencement outdoors this year and may require limited guest seating per student. **Students who will be graduating and would like to participate in the ceremony should submit a Petition to Graduate by March 15, 2022.** Students not petitioning by this deadline will not be able to participate in the commencement ceremony. This does not mean that students who petition after the deadline will not be able to receive their degree. Petitions will still be reviewed for degree completion.

Commencement is a special event that marks the celebration and culmination of years of hard work completed by our students. Students are not required to participate in graduation / commencement in order to receive their diploma / degree. Students who petition by May 1, 2022 will still be included in the printed Commencement Program regardless of participation in the ceremony.

- **Petitioning to Graduate:** All students who are completing graduation requirements must file a "Petition to Graduate" available online (<https://www.siskiyous.edu/admissions/graduation.htm>) or at the Counseling and Student Support Programs Office. Deadline to submit is April 15.
- **Participation:** Students are not required to participate in graduation / commencement in order to receive their diploma / degree. Students can opt out of participating in the ceremony or having their name called and degrees listed by emailing studentservices@siskiyous.edu.
- **Student Speaker:** Students interested in becoming the student graduation speaker must apply and audition before a panel comprised of staff, students, and faculty. The Student Speaker Application deadline is April 1, 2022. The Student Speaker application is available online (<https://www.siskiyous.edu/admissions/documents/studentspeaker.pdf>).
- **Commencement Program:** Students will be listed in the program and in a release to the media unless they opt out by emailing studentservices@siskiyous.edu and including their first and last name in the e-mail, or if they had previously opted out through their petition form. If you are unsure whether or not you opted out, feel free to send an email to ask.

- **Degree Mailing:** Degrees are not automatically awarded. Pending successful completion of your courses, your degree will be sent to the address on your graduation petition in late July.

For questions regarding graduation, contact Student Services by sending an email to studentservices@siskiyous.edu or texting/calling (530) 938-5374. For questions regarding your Petition to Graduate contact Admissions and Records at (530) 938-5500. Other information regarding the 2022 Graduation event can be found online at <http://www.siskiyous.edu/admissions/graduation.htm>.