

CONGRATULATIONS!

You are about to graduate with your associate degree or certificate from Antelope Valley College. Please read this information carefully so you don't miss any important information.

The commencement ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 3, 2011 at AVC Brent Carder Marauder Stadium.

GETTING READY FOR COMMENCEMENT

GRAD FINALE will be held April 26 from 2–7 p.m. in the Student Lounge. Mark your calendars and join us for this special day just for you.

GRAD FINALE INCLUDES:

• Cap and Gown

All graduates participating in the ceremony need to purchase a cap and gown. Black cap, gown, maroon/silver tassel, and collar will be sold as a complete set at the Marauder Bookstore for \$26 plus tax. (Gold tassels designating honors will be sold separately for \$5 plus tax. You must be on the Honors list to purchase a gold tassel.)

NOTE: All graduates MUST wear an AVC cap and gown.

• Announcements

Personalized graduation announcements and engraved note cards will be available for purchase through Jostens. Generic announcements can be purchased at the Marauder Bookstore.

• Graduation Portraits

Ultimate Exposures will be on campus to take graduate photos. You must register for a sitting appointment on their Web page at www.UltimateExposures.com

• Class Rings

Jostens will be offering graduates AVC rings for purchase. You may visit their Web site at www.jostens.com/rings/college/index.asp

myAVC

Yes, graduates, we have a group on myAVC (in the Student Clubs & Organizations folder under the Groups index tab). Please subscribe and learn about important information related to "Commencement 2011."

Admission

No admission tickets will be issued. All are welcome to attend.

THE DAY BEFORE COMMENCEMENT

Commencement Rehearsal

To make sure everything goes smoothly for you, we will have a rehearsal on **Thursday, June 2, 2011 at 2 p.m.** at AVC Brent Carder Marauder Stadium. We will meet at the AVC Brent Carder Marauder Stadium ticket booth.

Please be on time.

THE DAY OF COMMENCEMENT

Dressing for the Day

Don't forget your cap and gown.

Please dress appropriately for the weather.

We will be on the new football field, so please wear flat comfortable shoes. Leave all valuables at home. Please don't bring electronic devices (cell phones, pagers, etc.) since there is no place to store them.

Check-In

All graduates must check in at Brent Carder Marauder Stadium (look for "Graduates Check in Here" signs) to line up beginning at 5:45 p.m. Graduates will line up on a first come, first line-up situation.

The Ceremony

Brent Carder Marauder Stadium will open at 5:30 p.m. The procession will begin promptly at 7 p.m. regardless of weather conditions.

Once you enter the field, you **WILL NOT** be allowed to leave until the ceremony has concluded.

After the procession and upon arriving at your chair, please remain standing until you are instructed to sit down. You will stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem. Guests on the platform will make remarks followed by the address from the commencement keynote speaker.

Following the speakers, your degree will be conferred and at the direction of the commencement marshals, the first row will be directed to the stage. When your turn comes, move up to the stage area and hand your name card to the vice president. After your name is called, proceed across the stage and receive your degree cover, exit the stage, stop to have your picture taken, return to your row and be seated.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, all graduates will be asked to stand and move their tassels from right to left signifying graduation. The commencement marshals will direct you to march out in reverse order.



All graduates will pass through the Path of Scholars created by the faculty. Family and friends will not be allowed to interfere with the ceremony. All graduates **MUST** remain for the entire ceremony and all graduates will march off the field together.

There are NO EXCEPTIONS.

Water & Refreshments

A bottle of water will be provided for each graduate. **ABSOLUTELY NO OTHER FOOD OR DRINK OF ANY KIND WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE FIELD.** Please eat before you arrive. Coolers, alcohol, drugs or smoking **ARE NOT ALLOWED** at this facility.

Commencement Graduate Photos

At graduate check-in, you will receive a card that needs to be completed by you, as well as an AVC photo release form. You will need to hand that card to the vice president who will read your name during the ceremony. As you cross the stage, Ultimate Exposures will take your photograph and will mail commencement day proofs for your review and possible purchase.

Length of Ceremony

The commencement ceremony is expected to last about two hours, so please plan accordingly.

Disabilities Accommodation

Upon request three business days before the event, reasonable accommodation will be provided to facilitate the participation of covered individuals with disabilities. Call (661) 722-6360 (voice/relay). Handicapped parking is located at the stadium. You must have a disabled person placard or plate to park in this area. Please call Louis Lucero at (661) 722-6300, ext. 6161 for more details or to discuss any of your other special needs.

AFTER COMMENCEMENT

Alumni Association

Once you graduate, you will want to be part of this exciting group. The Alumni Association will enable you to stay connected, get news and information about your alma mater and your classmates. Alumni and Friends Web site: www.avc.edu/alumni/

Cap and Gown Donation

If you would like to donate your cap and gown to AVC and receive a tax benefit, you can do so by turning them in to the Student Development and Services Office (SSV180) the week following commencement.

Diplomas

Diplomas will be mailed to you approximately November 1, 2011.

If you have any other questions, please contact my office at (661) 722-6300, ext. 6354, or bring them with you to the rehearsal and we will work out all the details at that time.

Congratulations again, and see you at the rehearsal!

Dr. Jill Zimmerman
Dean of Student Development and Services
Commencement Chairperson

“ Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined. ”

— Henry David Thoreau



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