



Dear Graduate:

Columbia College congratulates you on the completion of your academic achievement. We are very proud of your accomplishment, and on behalf of the College, we encourage you to be publicly recognized by participating in the Columbia College *Drive Through Commencement Ceremony*. The Commencement will provide the opportunity for both **2020 and 2021 graduates** to participate in the Drive Through ceremony. **Commencement is expected to begin at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 30, 2021.** Graduates are welcome to share their achievement with family and friends who can be passengers in their vehicle.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY PROCEDURES

Commencement Ceremony: Graduates are limited to only one vehicle in the ceremony. You may include family/friends in the vehicle. We need to know if you plan to participate in order to arrange your scheduled time of arrival. **Please RSVP by March 15 by choosing a scheduled time in Starfish Dashboard: under “other” services, select “Commencement (Columbia College).”** If you have trouble logging into Starfish, please contact the Help desk by calling 209-588-5385.

Ceremony Route: *Each graduate will need a driver as an escort.* The Processional drives the loop around San Diego Reservoir (the lake). When graduates reach the stage, **only the graduate** will exit his/her/their vehicle to walk across the stage to receive their diploma and have their photo taken. They must then return to their vehicle and exit the campus. *If you would like to participate but do not have a vehicle, let us know so arrangements can be made.*

Academic Regalia: This year has posed considerable challenges for students. As such, this alternative graduation ceremony is designed to continue to honor students' achievement and success. Regalia will still be worn, but *this year the Regalia will be provided by Columbia College with no cost to the students.*

Graduation Rehearsal: There will be no rehearsal prior to the 2021 Commencement ceremony.

Your academic achievement at Columbia College represents a significant personal milestone and the commencement ceremony is our way of recognizing your success! If you should have any questions regarding the Commencement Ceremony, please email Michael Igoe at igoem@yosemite.edu. Either he or someone from the Graduation Committee will respond to your inquiry within 24-48 hours.

If you will be requiring assistance with special accommodations, please email hannc@yosemite.edu to review at least 10 business days before the event.

Sincerely,

The Columbia College Graduation Committee