Activities and Information Guide

Caltech’s 125th Annual Commencement
Thursday, June 13, and Friday, June 14, 2019
2019 Activities Schedule

Caltech welcomes families and friends of the Class of 2019 to join the celebration of the Institute’s newest graduates.

Thursday, June 13

Cap and Gown Portraits/Family Portraits (optional)
10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., Millikan Pond
4:00–6:00 p.m., President’s Garden, 415 South Hill Avenue

Graduate Studies Celebration Luncheon*
MS and PhD candidates and their families and friends
11:30 a.m., The Athenaeum, 551 South Hill Avenue

Reception at the President’s Garden*
All graduates and their families and friends
4:00–6:00 p.m., 415 South Hill Avenue

Senior Graduation Banquet*
BS candidates and their families and friends
6:00 p.m., The Athenaeum, 551 South Hill Avenue

Student Concert
All graduates and their families and friends
8:30 p.m., Ramo Auditorium

Friday, June 14

Group Photograph of 2019 BS Candidates
8:45 a.m., Parsons-Gates Hall of Administration

Commencement Exercises
10:00 a.m., Beckman Mall
Speaker: France Córdova (PhD ’79), Director, National Science Foundation

Post-Commencement Luncheon*
All graduates and their families and friends
12:30 p.m.–2:00 p.m., The Athenaeum, 551 South Hill Avenue

*Reservations are required for asterisked events, and must be made and paid for by May 17, 2019.
Please make your reservations online at commencement.caltech.edu.
There is no charge for the President’s Reception.
Ceremony Details
A single, all-campus ceremony—including bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral candidates—will be held outdoors on Beckman Mall, just south of Beckman Auditorium.

The ceremony begins at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 14.

Parking
Parking is available in lots and structures around campus, and will be free for guests on Thursday, June 13, and Friday, June 14. Please see the included campus and ceremony site map for locations. In addition, the two-hour parking limit on surrounding streets will be lifted on Friday, June 14.

Guest Seating
Tickets are not required for the ceremony. Seating is open and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Seating opens at 9:00 a.m. Reserved seats will be held for graduates, dignitaries, and those with accessibility needs. Please see the map for details.

Marshaling Areas
Candidates for all degrees must be in cap and gown and reach their specified line-formation site (see included campus and ceremony site map) no later than 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 14; latecomers may not be included in the processional. Commencement exercises will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. Detailed instructions regarding the processional will be distributed in the marshaling areas when the candidates sign in.

Caps and Gowns, and Other Mementos
Questions regarding buying or ordering caps and gowns, commencement invitations and announcements, graduation photos, DVDs, class rings, diploma frames, and flowers should be directed to the Caltech Store at citbook@caltech.edu or 626-395-6161.

Photographs and Video
GradImages, a commercial firm, will be at commencement to photograph each graduate as they receive their diploma. Photographers will be available at several locations and activities to take individual and family portraits in advance of the ceremony. Within five business days after the ceremony, proofs and order forms will be made available to graduates. Please see commencement.caltech.edu for details.

The ceremony will be recorded, with DVD and Blu-ray discs of the event available for purchase. A live broadcast and recording of the event will also be shared online for those who are not able to attend the ceremony. Please see commencement.caltech.edu for details.

Guests are not permitted to take pictures or videos in front of the stage or the graduate seating area. Designated photography areas along the east and west walkways will be available to individuals wearing a guest wristband. On the morning of commencement, each graduate will be provided one guest wristband when checking in at the marshaling area.
Accessibility Services

**Accessible Passenger Drop-Off** is located at the south end of Lot 11 (see included Campus and Ceremony Site Map). The area can be reached via Michigan Avenue, south of Del Mar Boulevard.

**Accessible Parking** is available in all parking structures on campus; please use marked accessible spaces.

**Transportation on Campus** is available from Campus Security. There will be an officer stationed at the Accessible Passenger Drop-Off area on the morning of Friday, June 14, beginning at 9 a.m. The officer can call for an electric cart for transport to the commencement site, if needed.

**Wheelchairs** are available for on-site use only to transport disabled guests to/from their seats. These wheelchairs are kept at the First-Aid Tent, located at the far south end of Beckman Mall.

**Accessible Seating** is located at the front of the seating area. This limited seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Due to the size of the accessible seating area, only one companion may accompany each guest.

**American Sign Language Interpreters** will be signing at the commencement exercises. They will be located at the front of the accessible seating area.

**Large-Type Programs and Assisted-Listening Devices** are available at the Information Tent, located at the far south end of Beckman Mall.
Getting to Caltech
1200 East California Boulevard, Pasadena, California 91125

From Los Angeles International Airport (LAX):
> Travel south on Sepulveda Boulevard to the Century Freeway (105).
> Proceed east on the 105 to the Harbor/Pasadena Freeway (110).
> Drive north on the 110 until it ends at Arroyo Parkway in Pasadena.
> Continue north on Arroyo Parkway to California Boulevard.
> Turn right on California Boulevard and travel east until you reach campus.

From Downtown Los Angeles:
> Proceed north on the Harbor/Pasadena Freeway (110) until it ends at Arroyo Parkway in Pasadena.
> Continue north on Arroyo Parkway to California Boulevard.
> Turn right on California Boulevard and travel east until you reach campus.

From Burbank Airport (BUR) and Glendale:
> Follow the signs leaving the airport to the Golden State Freeway (5).
> Proceed south on the 5 to the Ventura Freeway (134).
> Go east on the 134 to the Foothill Freeway (210).
> Continue east on the 210 to Hill Avenue.
> Turn right on Hill Avenue and travel south until you reach campus.

*Several commercial shuttle services offer door-to-door transport from the airport.*