



COMMENCEMENT 20256

JUNE 12, 2026

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Programs

PROGRAMS FOR THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY WILL BE FOUND ON YOUR CHAIR WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE CEREMONY AREA. Please do not carry a program or other items in the procession; also, please leave your program on your chair when you go to the platform to receive your degree.

Processional

KNOW THE NUMBER OF THE ROW YOU ARE IN AND CHECK TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU ENTER THAT ROW IN THE SEATING AREA. YOUR CHAIR WILL HAVE A CARD ON IT WITH YOUR NAME.

REMAIN STANDING WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT YOUR CHAIR UNTIL DR. BARBARA BARRETT ASKS THE AUDIENCE TO BE SEATED.

Ceremony

After the opening remarks, Commencement address by Kip Thorne, Glee Club musical interlude, and the awarding of the Bachelor's degrees, DEAN CHAN will come to the microphone and say:

"Candidates for the degree of Master of Science."

ALL MASTER'S CANDIDATES SHOULD RISE AND STAND IN PLACE.

Dean Chan will then say:

"Mr. President, I present these candidates who have fulfilled all requirements for the degree of Master of Science. In addition, I present those in absentia whose names, appearing in the program, will not be read."

President Rosenbaum will reply:

"By the authority vested in me by the Board of Trustees of the California Institute of Technology, I confer upon you the degree of Master of Science and admit you to all its rights, privileges, and responsibilities."

Mater's candidates then proceed to the ramp on the east side of the steps, row after row, single file. Have your Reader Cards in hand. You will be asked if you have them. If you do not, you will be directed fill out a replacement. Hand one Reader Card to Hillary Tribbs at the foot of the ramp. Your second Reader Card in hand, proceed to the top of the ramp. At the top of the ramp, hand your second Reader Card to Dean Chan. Pause until he reads your name. When he reads your name, proceed across the stage, pausing to take your packet from President Rosenbaum with your left hand and shake hands with President Rosenbaum with your right hand. Exit the stage via the ramp on the west side of the stage and proceed to the waiting photographer. After having your photo taken, you will be directed to the Registrar's table to receive your actual diploma. You will then be directed back to your seat. Sit down immediately.

THE NEXT CANDIDATE IN LINE SHOULD COME TO A PAUSE ON AT THE TOP OF THE RAMP AND WAIT FOR THEIR TURN TO HAND DEAN CHAN THEIR READER CARD.

Ph.D. degrees will then be awarded. President Rosenbaum will offer concluding remarks, and the Glee Clubs will sing the Alma Mater.

Recessional

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE ALMA MATER, PLEASE REMAIN STANDING IN FRONT OF YOUR CHAIR until the Platform Party has marched out of the Ceremony area. THERE IS NO RECESSIONAL FOR GRADUATES.