

**COMMENCEMENT 2026**

JUNE 12, 2026

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR BACHELOR'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.**

**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 and Glee Club musical interlude, DEAN JAHNER will come to the microphone and say:

“Candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Science.”

**ALL BACHELOR'S CANDIDATES SHOULD RISE AND STAND IN PLACE.**

Dean Jahner will then say:

“Mr. President, I present these candidates who have fulfilled all requirements for the degree of Bachelor of Science at the California Institute of Technology.”

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 Bachelor of Science and admit you to all its rights, privileges, and responsibilities.”

**Bachelor's candidates then proceed to the ramp on the east side of the steps, row after row, single file. Have both 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. The second Reader Card in hand, proceed to the top of the ramp. At the top of the ramp, hand your ssecond Reader Card to Dean Jahner. Pause until she reads your name. When she 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 THE TOP OF THE RAMP AND WAIT FOR THEIR TURN TO HAND DEAN JAHNER THEIR READER CARD.**

Master's and 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.**