BLINN COLLEGE
GRADUATION INFORMATION
Friday, MAY 15, 2015

General Information
The graduation ceremony will be held Friday, May 15th at 6:30pm. Graduation ceremonies will be held at the Brenham High School Auditorium (525 A. H. Ehrig Drive – refer to map at the end of this document). In order to graduate the following must be in order:
- All graduation degree, certificate or marketable skills award requirements must be fulfilled.
- Graduation application on file.
- All accounts must be paid in full at the Business office.
- All holds must be cleared.

Please remember the graduation ceremony is a dignified occasion.
- No corsages may be worn on the graduation gown.
- Keep in mind – the robe is knee- to shin-length. Slacks or knee-length skirts are appropriate.
- You may be standing for an hour or longer, please wear comfortable shoes.
- If you plan to decorate your cap, it must be tasteful, no vulgar or inappropriate language. No 3-dimensional items extending from the cap that could block someone else’s view. Decorated caps will be reviewed at the ceremony check-in. If not following the guidelines, the cap will be taken up and you will be given a new cap to wear during the ceremony.

Graduation Cap and Gown
Students planning to participate in commencement exercises on May 15th may pick up their cap and gown April 27th through May 12th. Caps and gowns may be picked up at either the Brenham or Bryan Student Centers (Student Activity offices on both campuses). If you are unable to get to neither the Bryan nor Brenham campus locations prior to May 12th, please contact Sheri Rich at (979) 830-4181 (Sheri.Rich@blinn.edu) or Dr. Bennie Graves at (979) 209-7400 (bgraves@blinn.edu) for more information about other arrangements for obtaining the cap and gown.

Tassels, Stoles, and Cords
- Members of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) on the Brenham campus should pick up their tassels and stoles before the May 15th ceremony. For more information please contact Dillon Phipps 979-830-4098, Dillon.phipps@blinn.edu or office 14B-02, Academic Building or Keith Carlson 979-830-4211, keith.carlson@blinn.edu, 408-04 Old Main building. The cost is $35.00, and checks should be payable to Phi Theta Kappa. PTK members on the Bryan campus may pick up tassels and stoles from Joseph Denman, joseph.denman@blinn.edu, office A-209. The cost is $40.00, and checks should be payable to Phi Theta Kappa.

- Members of Sigma Kappa Delta (SKD) on the Brenham campus may purchase and pick up their cords from Clinton Hale (clinton.hale@blinn.edu), Academic Building office 14. The cost is $10.00, and checks should be payable to Blinn College. Sigma Kappa Delta (SKD) members on the Bryan campus may contact Emily Monteiro (Emily.monteiro@blinn.edu) Office A 147, for more information on obtaining cords for graduation. The cost is $10.00, and checks should be payable to Blinn College.
• Members of Mu Alpha Theta may obtain a Mu Alpha Theta graduation cord from David Fleeger in the Academic Building on the Brenham Campus. Currently there is no charge for the cord.

• Students who meet all requirements will be given the option to wear a red Service Learning cord during the graduation ceremony. Greg Phillips, Dean of Instructional Administration, will contact all eligible students and provide them with more information. If you have any questions, please email Dr. Phillips at gphillips@blinn.edu. Dr. Phillips or coordinators will also be at the auditorium prior to the ceremony to pass out cords.

• Members of Student Government Association (SGA) on the Brenham campus may pick up their tassels from the student center prior to the ceremony. For more information please contact Erikah Brown Erikah.Brown@blinn.edu.

• Graduating Military Veterans can pick up their recognition cords from Joseph Denman joseph.denman@blinn.edu, office A-209, Bryan.

Procedure on May 15, 2015 (before the ceremony)

- There will be a come-and-go reception hosted by the Blinn College Alumni & Friends Association for the graduates and their guests in the Atrium of the Brenham High School at 5:00pm until 5:45pm. Invitations for the reception will be mailed.
- Graduates can start entering the high school gym and their guests can start entering the high school auditorium at 5:45pm.
- Graduates are expected to be at the Brenham High School Lobby at no later than 6:15pm. Blinn College staff will direct graduates to the proper area to line up for the procession (please refer to the map at the end of this document for directions to high school).
- Graduates will line up according to degree (AA, AS, AAS, Certificates and Marketable Skills). There will be faculty/staff members assisting in the line formation process.
- Students arriving late will be placed out of order at the end of the line.
- Procession leaves promptly at 6:20 pm, following the administration and faculty.
- If you or any of your family members will be needing assistance in making the march or with seating requirements, please contact the Disability Services office (979-830-4157) prior to May 6th so that arrangements can be made.
- Please leave all personal belongings (purses, jackets, cell phones, etc.) with a family member prior to arrival at the high school. Blinn College will not be responsible for any personal items left in the student center or at the high school.

Procedure during the Graduation Ceremony

- All graduates will march in two’s and remain standing until after the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem are completed. (Men please remove caps).
- The tassel should be worn on the right side of the cap until the degree is conferred when it should be moved to the left.
- Each graduate will be recognized by the President and should receive the scroll in their left hand while shaking hands with their right hand.
- Diplomas, certificates and marketable skills awards will not be distributed to Spring 2015 graduates at the ceremony. They will be mailed in the weeks following the ceremony. Summer graduates will receive theirs also by mail in the weeks following the August graduation date.

Additional Information

• Each graduate may invite as many family and friends as he/she desires. Please note that there will be LIMITED seating in the auditorium and seating is on a first come, first served basis. There will be security on site to prevent reserved seating.
• Please no food, drinks, air horns in the auditorium.
• For more information on obtaining a class ring, please contact the Blinn College Bookstore (Brenham – 979-8304183 or Bryan – 979-775-1846).
• FLASH Photography is the official commencement photographer. Graduates will be photographed two times and proofs will be emailed and mailed to each graduate the week after the ceremony. If you have any questions, please contact Flash directly via their website at www.FLASHphotography.com.
• Check the Graduation FAQ's.
• For additional questions, please contact Kristi Reddoch in the Admissions office at kirsti.reddoch@blinn.edu.

Congratulations!
Directions from Blinn College Student Center to Brenham High School Auditorium

Graduates should report to the high school between 5-6:15 p.m. Graduation ceremonies will be held at Brenham High School at 6:30 p.m.