

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Graduation

When do I complete my application for graduation?

Your application for graduation is included in the Exit Packet that the Department of Student Services will provide to you. Students will complete their application for graduation at the beginning of their last semester prior to graduation (i.e. four months prior to graduating).

Is there a cost to participate in commencement exercises?

- No. Keiser College provides you with a cap and gown and it is yours to keep after the ceremony.
- Check with your local campus Student Services Department about the availability of announcements, tickets, and class rings.

Is attendance mandatory at the commencement exercises?

No. It is your decision to participate in commencement exercises. Your name is included in the program whether you walk or not, however, it is a great opportunity to celebrate your achievement with your fellow graduates, family, and friends.

How many guests can I invite?

This will vary according to the campus location and venue for the ceremony. Please contact your campus Student Services Department for details.

When and where is the graduation being held?

- Commencement Exercises are held twice each year at all campuses in January and July
- The cutoff for eligibility to participate in graduation are as follows:
 - Successful completion of graduation requirements between January 1 – June 30: **July ceremony**
 - Successful completion of graduation requirements between July 1 – December 31: **January ceremony**
- The date and time of each ceremony is planned at each local campus. Please contact your campus Student Services Department for details.

What are the honors designations?

- Valedictorian: The graduate with the highest grade point average of the graduating class
- Salutatorian: The graduate with the second highest grade point average of the graduating class

- Tiebreaker: If more than one graduate has the exact same, highest grade point average, the graduate with the highest attendance percentage will be the Valedictorian, and the graduate with the second highest attendance percentage will be the Salutatorian.

Bachelor of Arts or Science Degree Candidate Distinctions

- Summa Cum Laude: Graduates with a cumulative grade point average for their major falling between 3.90 and 4.0 on a 4.0 scale will receive the distinction of summa cum laude and wear a gold stole at graduation
- Magna Cum Laude: Graduates with a cumulative grade point average for their major falling between 3.70 – 3.89 on a 4.0 scale will receive the distinction of magna cum laude and wear a silver stole at graduation
- Cum Laude: Graduates with a cumulative grade point average for their major falling between 3.50 and 3.69 on a 4.0 scale will receive the distinction of cum laude and a bronze stole at graduation
- Perfect 4.0: Graduates with a cumulative grade point average for their major of 4.0 on a 4.0 scale will wear blue and white cords at graduation
- Perfect Attendance: Graduates with an attendance record of 100% as determined by the Office of the Registrar will wear green and white cords at graduation

Associate of Arts or Science Degree Candidate Distinctions

- High Honors: Graduates with a cumulative grade point average for their major falling between 3.75 and 4.0 on a 4.0 scale will receive high honors and wear double gold cords at graduation
- Honors: Graduates with a cumulative grade point average for their major falling between 3.50 – 3.74 on a 4.0 scale will receive honors and wear double silver cords at graduation
- Perfect 4.0: Graduates with a cumulative grade point average for their major of 4.0 on a 4.0 scale will wear blue and white cords at graduation
- Perfect Attendance: Graduates with an attendance record of 100% as determined by the Office of the Registrar will wear green and white cords at graduation

Diploma Candidate Distinctions

- High Honors: Graduates with a cumulative grade point average for their major falling between 3.75 and 4.0 on a 4.0 scale will receive high honors and wear a single gold cord at graduation
- Honors: Graduates with a cumulative grade point average for their major falling between 3.50 – 3.74 on a 4.0 scale will receive honors and wear a single silver cord at graduation
- Perfect 4.0: Graduates with a cumulative grade point average for their major of 4.0 on a 4.0 scale will wear blue and white cords at graduation
- Perfect Attendance: Graduates with an attendance record of 100% as determined by the Office of the Registrar will wear green and white cords at graduation

NOTE: You may obtain your final grade point average and attendance record from the Dean of Academic Affairs or the Registrar.