

# Commencement

## Spring 2021



**Date:** Friday, May 14, 2021 • 7:30pm  
**Rain-out Date:** Saturday, May 15, 2021 • 7:30pm

**Location:** Freedom Field • Heritage Complex, Iowa Colony  
**Address:** 10855 Iowa Colony Blvd, Arcola, TX 77583  
**Stadium Gates Open:** 6:00pm  
**Ceremony Begins:** 7:30pm

**The ceremony will be live streamed at:** [www.alvincollege.edu/commencement](http://www.alvincollege.edu/commencement)

*\*All graduation plans were made to adhere to social distancing guidelines as directed by the CDC.*

### Location Key

Dual Degree Graduates (High School Students)  
**Location:** **YELLOW** (East/Visitor)

ACC Graduates (Non-Dual Degree)  
**Location:** **BLUE** (West/Home)

### Guest Information

**Guest information can be found at:** [www.alvincollege.edu/commencement](http://www.alvincollege.edu/commencement)

- Each graduate will receive guest tickets. Check the graduation website above for updates.
- Everyone 2 years or older must have a ticket.
- Gates for parking access will open at 6:00pm.
- Guests of **Dual Degree Graduates** will park on the **YELLOW** side of the stadium.
- Guests of **ACC Graduates** will park on the **BLUE** side of the stadium.
- Clear Bag Regulation will be enforced.
- Guests will not be allowed in the Graduate staging areas at any time.
- Programs will be distributed at the commencement ceremony and available virtually.
- If you have questions about accessibility, need assistance or require special accommodations for this event please contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS) at 281-756-3533 at least 7 working days prior to the event. Requests made less than 3 working days prior to the event may not be able to be accommodated.

## Graduate Information

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- **ACC Graduates:** ACC will schedule an on-campus ticket distribution process for Regular Enrollment graduates to retrieve tickets at the S-building drive-through (closest to the park). You will NOT have to get screened – this is a drive-through pickup process. \*Please bring your student ID or TX DL. Pick up schedule is located at: [www.alvincollege.edu/Commencement](http://www.alvincollege.edu/Commencement)
  - If someone is picking up tickets on your behalf, please email Danielle Thomas at [dthomas@alvincollege.edu](mailto:dthomas@alvincollege.edu) for this request in a **minimum of 24 hours in advance**. If the request is not made in advance, the tickets will not be released by the check in station.
- **Ticket Pick-up for Dual Degree Graduates:** Ticket distribution for dual enrollment will be coordinated through the Dual Enrollment advisors at each high school.
- Graduates must check-in on the Legacy Field House side of the stadium. See attached parking map to review graduate check-in and parking.
- Graduates will report to Freedom Field at 6:00pm.
- Graduates are to leave their gowns open to enter the stadium.
- Please review parking maps and traffic flow suggestions.
- No heels are allowed on the turf. Wedges and platforms are acceptable.
- Leave all items in vehicle or with a family member, we cannot hold any items for you.
- The ceremony will begin promptly at 7:30pm.
- The ceremony is expected to last about 3-4 hours.
- A photographer will take photos during the ceremony. You are not required to purchase.
- Completed graduates will receive their diploma in June. An email notification will be sent to all graduates.
- Graduates will be provided with water and hand sanitizer.

## COVID-19 Prevention Measures

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- Guests will be required to wear a mask at all times.
- Each Graduate will be provided with an ACC mask to wear at all times (except at the professional photography station).
- All guests and graduates are to self-screen prior to the event.
- Individuals who were diagnosed with COVID-19 cannot attend unless:
  - At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);
    - And the individual has improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath);
    - And at least 7 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- Guests and Graduates with any of the following will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony. New or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Chills
  - Repeated shaking with chills

- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19 if exposure to the active confirmed case occurred within the last 14 days.

- **Those found with any of these signs or symptoms WILL be excluded from the activity.**

- Guests and Graduates need to maintain social distancing at all times while in attendance at the ceremony.
- Guests and Graduates will be seated only in designated areas. Follow the directions of the ushers.
- Guests are to appropriately disinfect their hands, including prior to accessing school facilities and after the use of restroom facilities. Hand sanitizer will be provided at regular access points for students, parents, visitors, and staff.
- Touch surfaces will be cleaned throughout the ceremony.

## Attire

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- Cap, gown and tassel are available for purchase at the College Store; [www.alvincstore.com](http://www.alvincstore.com)
- Please take out your cap and gown prior to commencement day to remove wrinkles.
- Shoes – **no heels are allowed on the turf** – you will be turned away. Wedges and platforms are acceptable.
- Gold honors cords and Military cords will be provided on site. PTK stoles/tassel are purchased from the College Store.
- Any excessive decoration on mortarboard caps and/or gowns are distracting and therefore inappropriate. ACC reserves the right to require you to remove any embellishment, deemed inappropriate by authorized ACC officials, before you are permitted to participate in the ceremony.

## Prior to the Ceremony

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- Graduates check in at Legacy Field House at 6:00pm.
- Be dressed in cap and gown when you arrive – limited restrooms are available for graduates..
- Graduates will receive cords and name card at their designated check in tent. Dual degree students will receive their medal at their check in tent. See map for details.
- After check in, graduates will be directed to their seats on the field.

## After the Ceremony

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- At the end of the ceremony, we are asking graduates not to toss their caps due to social distancing standards and the inability to retrieve their own cap.
- When directed, ushers will dismiss everyone in an orderly manner by section and by rows. Please have patience during this process as we work to ensure the health and safety of all participants.
- No one will be allowed to congregate on the field or in the parking area after the ceremony.

## Miscellaneous

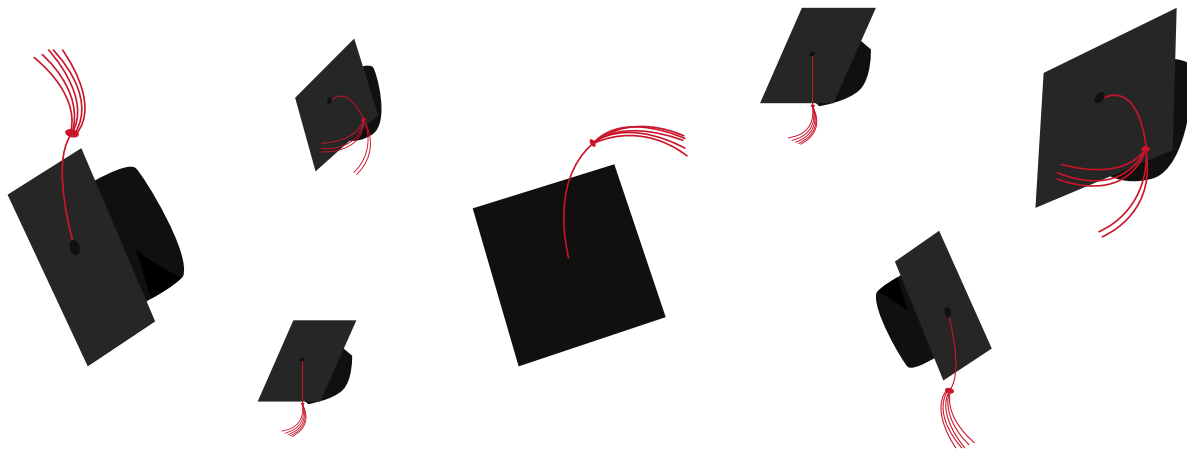
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- Concession stands will be open for purchase of water only
- No outside food or drink is allowed in stadium
- No tailgating will be allowed
- No strollers
- No alcohol or tobacco products.
- No weapons of any kind (knives, guns\*, chains, etc.)
- No electronic or vapor cigarettes
- No unauthorized banners, signs, or flags
- No balloons
- No noisemakers, air horns, laser pointers, or fireworks
- No roller blades or skate shoes
- No animals other than service animals
- No tripods

## For More Information

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**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
**CLASS OF 2021**



- ★ Graduate Check In - Blue Ticket
- ★ Graduate Check In - Yellow Ticket
- ◆ Board, Special Guests, & Faculty Check In

- Home Stands Blue Ticket Entry
- Visitor Stands Yellow Ticket Entry
- Faculty Seating
- Graduate Seating - Blue Ticket
- Graduate Seating - Yellow Ticket

➔ Entry to Freedom Field  
 Must have ticket to enter stadium