PARKING
It is recommended that graduates and their guests park on the west-side of campus, parking structures 4 or 5. All guests must enter Viejas Arena from the upper-level.

- Tickets are required for guest admission to Viejas Arena.

PHOTOGRAPHS
Guests are not permitted to approach the lower levels of Viejas Arena. Professional photographers will take all individual student photos during the Name Reading Ceremony. For the safety and consideration of all, both guests and graduates must remain seated for the entire duration of the ceremony.

SECURITY
Due to stringent security measures, all students, faculty, and staff are required to present their SDSUcard (Red ID card) or they will not be allowed to enter or participate within Viejas Arena—no exceptions!

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE
Any graduate or guest requesting special assistance must contact Student Disability Services (619) 594-6473. Accommodations are available with adequate notification; however, due to the large number of attendees, late requests may not receive accommodation.

GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT INSTRUCTIONS
Graduates must arrive in L Lot (north-side of Viejas Arena) at 11:30am to allow adequate time to complete their photographer/name-pronunciation card and begin staging for the 12:30pm Processional. Line up behind the sign indicating your major within the parking lot.

All master’s graduates, organized by major, are grouped into a single line (closest to the arena) and are seated together.

The ceremony is approximately two hours. Name reading will occur towards the end of the ceremony. You will receive a diploma cover from the Dean and Department Chair (diplomas will be mailed directly to you at a later date).

When directed by staff: stand-up (by row) and approach the stage; hand your completed photographer’s card to the announcer; while you walk across the stage, a photo will be taken as you receive your diploma cover; then return to your seat until the remaining names are read.

- It is required that you remain seated until the ceremony ends.
- The Tassel Change Ceremony immediately follows Name Reading.

QUESTIONS?
College of Sciences Commencement Coordinator: (619) 594-7723