



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY — GLOBAL —

2026 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY May 29, 2026 – 12:00 pm MDT

Greetings, graduates and guests! We are looking forward to gathering with you all for our annual commencement ceremony. As with any large event, good coordination will help us stay on time and ensure our ceremony runs smoothly. We anticipate the actual ceremony will run 2 – 2½ hours, from noon to about 2:00 or 2:30 pm. Below are some important details you will need to know, so please read this before arriving at the National Western Complex. Updates and additional information can be found at: <https://csuglobal.edu/commencement>

ARRIVAL TIME

Graduates should arrive at the venue starting at 10:00 am. This will allow you plenty of time to park, take pictures with your guests, and make sure you are ready for the ceremony with your regalia on. **You should be inside the venue no later than 10:45 am (not parking at 10:45 am).**

PARKING

There are a number of parking lots at the National Western Complex that guests may use. The most convenient of these to the Livestock Center, where the event will take place, are lots D and H (see parking map on next page). Designated handicapped parking is available, and we will have parking attendants on hand to direct guests. Additional parking information will be forthcoming.

VENUE ENTRANCE

The entrances to the Livestock Center will be clearly identified with CSU Global signage and staff. Please anticipate that you will need to pass through a metal detector prior to entering the arena. Graduates are encouraged to bring only their regalia and cell phone, leaving any other personal items with their guests. There are no storage areas at the venue and neither CSU Global nor the National Western Complex will be responsible for lost or stolen items.

NAME CARDS

Once inside, graduates should find a CSU Global volunteer who will provide you with a name card; please fill out both the front and back. This card is important, so please hold onto it as it will be used to announce your name as you walk across the stage, and to share your graduation pictures from GradImages. We will take one posed photo and one candid photo as you cross the stage. A link to these pictures and ordering instructions will be emailed to you within 2-3 weeks.

REGALIA

Graduates are required to wear graduation regalia to participate in the commencement ceremony. Regalia consists of a black cap and gown, plus a hood for master's students. **Regalia orders that have not been placed already are unlikely to arrive and CSU Global does not have extra regalia.**

STAGING AND LINE-UP

At 11:15 am, graduates will begin lining up for the processional; this is the walk into the auditorium while “Pomp and Circumstance” (the graduation song!) plays. When it’s time to start lining up, we will be directing all graduates to the eastern end of the arena. Once there, you will be separated into groups based on your degree level (bachelor’s or master’s). Graduates will form two lines starting with our bachelor's degree students, followed by our master's degree students, and proceed into the main floor of the arena. **It is important that we keep these two lines organized and moving once the processional begins.**

We are very excited to celebrate you and your accomplishments. If you have any questions on the morning of the ceremony, please find a CSU Global volunteer who can assist you. If you have any questions leading up to the ceremony, you may email commencement@csuglobal.edu.

Warm regards,

Commencement Committee
Colorado State University Global

PARKING MAP

