



Commencement 2025
May 16, 2025
Staff Check- In: 3PM
Graduate Check- In: 5PM
Faculty Check- In: 6PM
Ceremony Begins: 7PM





Commencement Day Leads

Assignment	Leads
ADA/DSPS	Katrina Marquez
Staff Check-In	Patty Ramirez
Faculty Check-In	Anna Melby
Student Check-In	Ben Peraldo & Timothy Lafondez
iPad Table/QR Code Support	Ben Perlado
Student Recessional	Ben Peraldo & Timothy Lafondez
Foundation/Alumni Booth	Alyssa Cross & Courtney Carter
Stadium Ushers	Julianna Mullen & Arisve Pimental
College Safety/Parking/Cart Drivers	Joe Grubbs & Carlos Rios
Basic Needs	Caitlin Davidson

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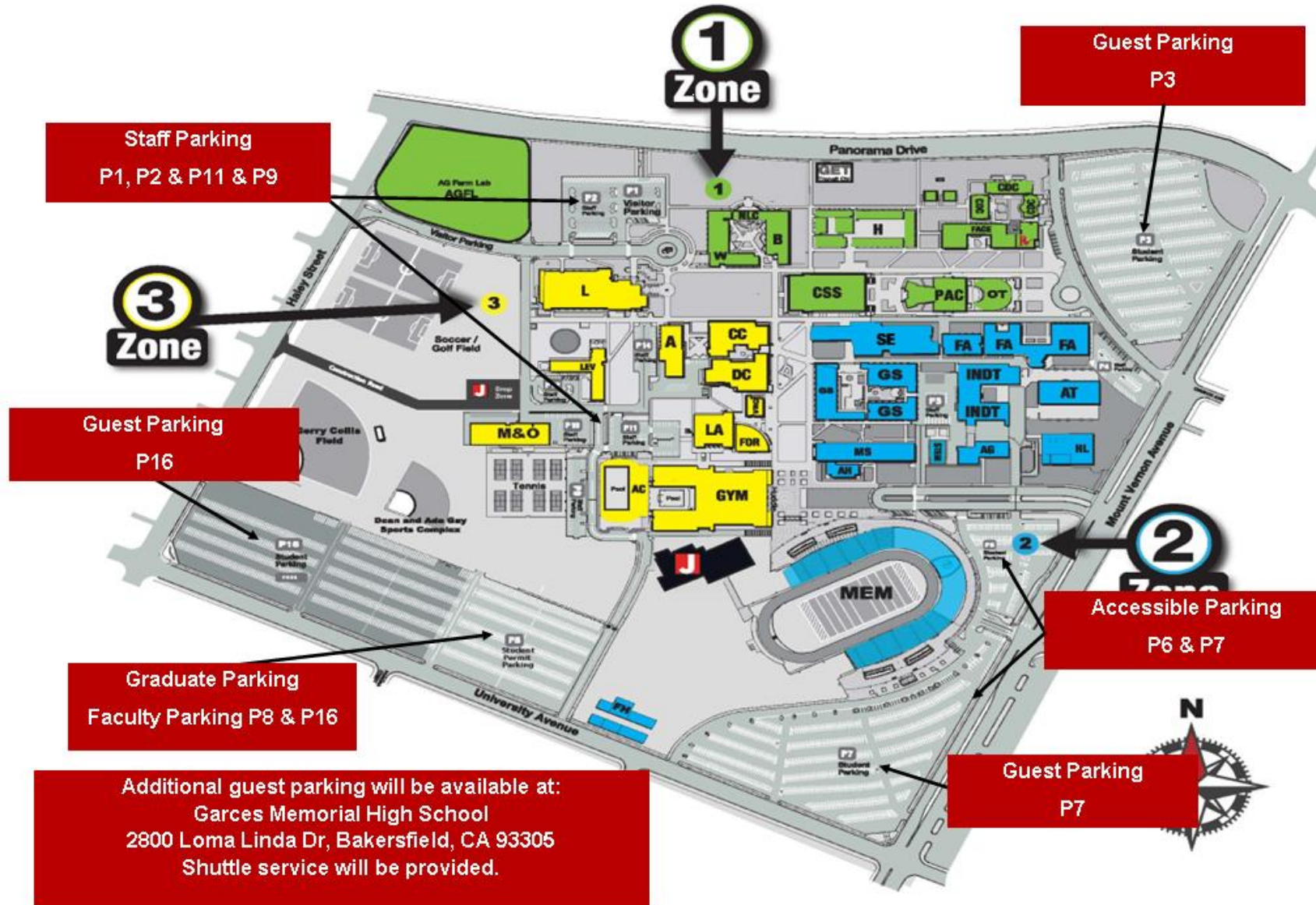
Assignment	Leads
Field Marshal	Debi Anderson & Ben Peraldo
Platform Party	Catherine Guerro
Fireworks	Caroline Walth & David Webb
Dispatch	Suzanna Galindo
Ramp/Graduate Photo	Ashlea Ward
Event Lead Concourse	Arisve Pimental
Event Lead Student Check In	Veronica Slanton
Event Lead Stadium	Leah Prendez



Event Staff: What do I wear?

- Red "We Are BC" Shirt
- Black pants
- Comfortable shoes!

Bakersfield College Campus Map



Where can I park?

Staff Parking:

P1, P2, P11 and P9

Graduates & Faculty:

P8 & P16

Accessible Parking:

P6 & P7

Guest Parking:

P3, P7, P8, P16 & P18

Bakersfield College Campus Map

Affinity Celebrations:
Bachelor Programs (East REC)

Affinity Celebrations:
African American (Indoor Theater)

Affinity Celebrations:
Lavender (West REC)

Affinity Celebrations:
Chicano/Latino (Outdoor Theater)

Attending an Affinity Celebration?

Renegade Event Center East:
Bachelor Graduates

Renegade Event Center West:
Lavender Pride Graduates

Indoor Theater:
African American Graduates

Outdoor Theater:
Chicano/Latino Graduates



Bakersfield College Campus Map



Cart Service

- There will be cart circling these areas.
- No cart is permitted to drive into the parking lots.



Guests

- Doors will open at 4:30 PM.
- Seats are first-come, first-served; saving seats will not be allowed, please assemble your party before entering the stadium.
- Arrive early and be in your seat 10 minutes prior to the start time of the ceremony.
- Please remain seated throughout the ceremony.
- Be respectful of fellow guests around you.

Guest Relations Tent:

- Will be located on the Home and Visitor side of Memorial Stadium
 - Programs
 - First Aid Kits
- EMS Services



BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE

Bakersfield College welcomes you to the
111th Commencement Ceremony

Dr. Jerry E. Fliger, President

Dr. Queen King, Vice President, Finance and Administrative Services

Dr. Cesar Jimenez, Vice President, Student Affairs

Dr. Jessica Wojtysiak, Interim Vice President, Instruction

Cheryl Scott, Executive Director, Foundation

Dr. Sooyeon Kim, Interim Dean of Institutional Effectiveness

LaNina Andrews, Executive Director, Communication and Marketing

Dr. Steven Bloomberg, Kern Community College District Chancellor

Kern Community College District Board of Trustees

John S. Corkins, President

Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg, Vice President

Yovani Jimenez, Clerk | Dan Diaz | Kay S. Meek |

Kyle Carter | Christina Scrivner

Cindy Ceja Miranda, Student Trustee



DIGITAL VERSION OF FULL PROGRAM



Guest Relations: Concourse Area

- Nursing students passing out waters
- Cooling Stations
- Food Trucks



Guests

- Guests are not permitted on stadium field or staging area.
- For the safety of your pets and all guests, please leave your pets at home. Only service animals are permitted on campus during commencement.
- During the ceremony, medical personnel will be present.

Graduates: Where do they go?

An aerial photograph of the Renegade Athletic Complex, showing a large, light-colored building with a dark roof. A white callout box is overlaid on the image, pointing to a specific area. The text inside the box reads: "Graduate Check In: Each table will be a different letter".

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Renegade Athletic Complex

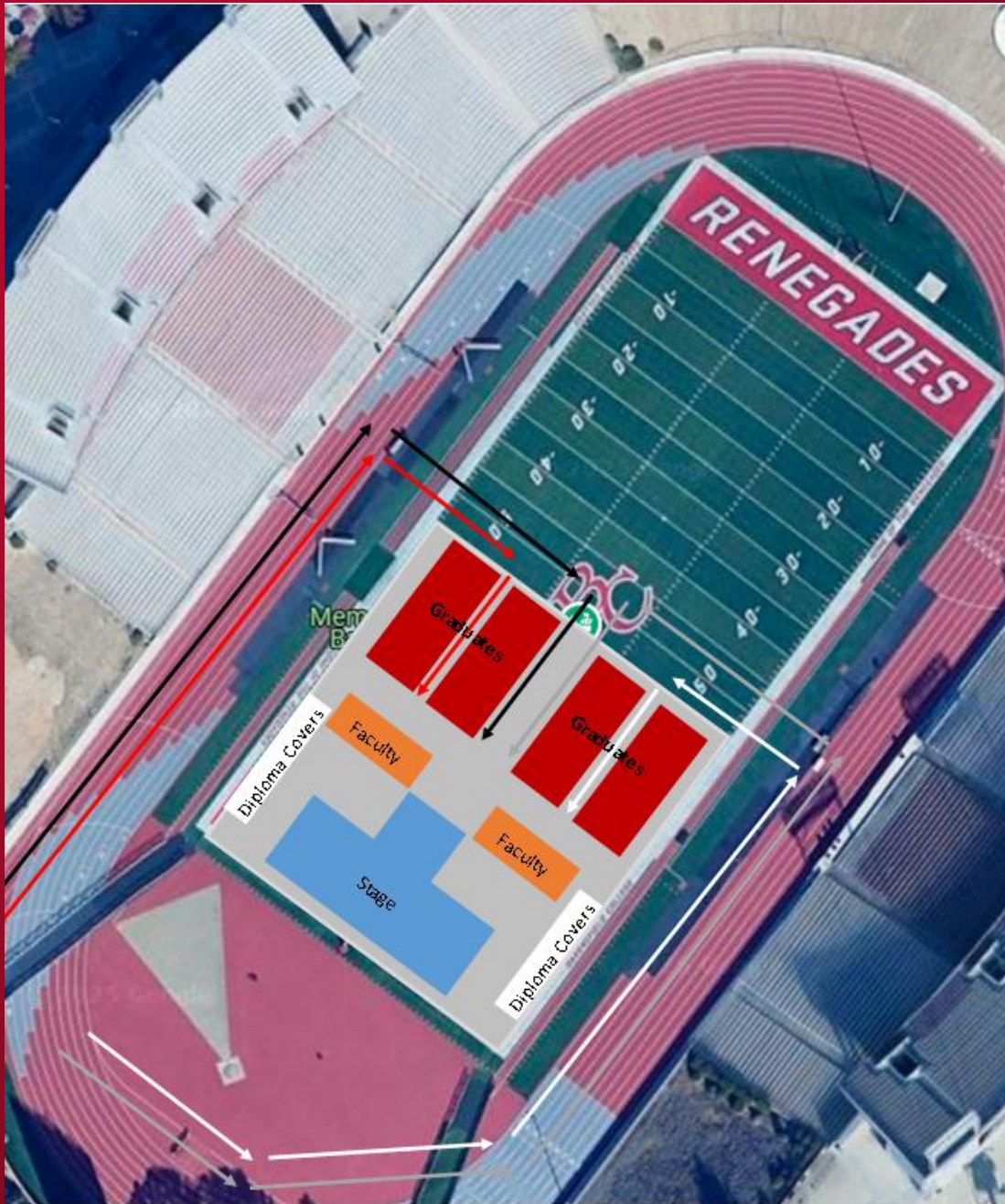
- Graduate check in will be in front of the Renegade Athletic Complex.
- If they signed up for accommodations (ASL, mobility, etc.) Please check in with the Accessibility Tent.
- Once checked in all graduates will be able to sit inside the (new) Basketball Gym area.



Graduates: While they wait

- **The Commencement Leads:** will be making announcements and assisting with getting everyone lined up.
 - All guests who requested accommodations will be carted to the stadium 15 minutes before the ceremony begins.
 - All Bachelor students will be asked to line up at the front to lead the graduates in the processional
- **Basic Needs:** will be offering snacks and waters from the Concession Stand
- **Foundation Alumni Association:** will be hosting their glam station to help you all get ready.
 - Secure caps, provide additional sun block, etc.





Processional

- Graduates: Line 1 & 2 will follow the black/red arrows; Line 3 & 4 will follow the white/silver arrows
- Faculty: Will follow the red and black lines



Lining up to the stage

- Graduates sitting on the outside seats will follow the row to the stage, take their first photo, then cross the stage, then take their second photo.
- Proceed down the middle ramp and go back to their seat.



During the ceremony

- If you need to use the restroom, there will be portable restrooms on the left side of the stadium.
- If you need assistance, please reach out to a field marshal, they will be on the field throughout the ceremony.
- Unless there is a state of emergency, no is permitted to leave until the ceremony concludes.

A large crowd of people is gathered at night for a fireworks display. A large firework is exploding in the sky, creating a bright, starburst pattern. In the background, a building with a sign that says "FALL" is visible. The crowd is dense and fills the foreground and middle ground.

Fireworks

- Commencement Firework show will be towards the end of the ceremony.
- Please reach out to a field marshal if you any health concerns or conditions.
 - Please advise all guest to check in with the Guest Relations tables if they have any concerns as well.



Recessional

Graduates: Students will follow Faculty, then proceed out the gate.



After the ceremony

- Printed diplomas are mailed to graduates approximately twelve (12) weeks after the close of the semester in which the student applied to earn their degree.
- For example, if you applied to earn your degree in Spring, your diploma will be mailed out 12 weeks after the semester is over in May.
- Students or alumni can request verifiable digital and printed credentials including transcripts, certificates, proof of enrollment, proof of degree, and diplomas via Certree.



**We will see you a
Commencement!!**

