

Fresno State Commencement – 2019 Report and Recommendations

2019 Commencement at a Glance

- Dates: May 10-11, 17-29, 2019
- Ceremonies: Total of 21 ceremonies
 - 1 University Commencement
 - 8 College/Schools
 - 6 Affinity Groups
 - 4 Departments (ROTC, Nursing, Athletic Training, Physical Therapy)
 - 2 Other (CAMP, EOP)

Degree Type	# Conferred in 2018-2019
Bachelors	5065
Post Bacc	1061
Doctorate	94 (DNP : 29 / EdD: 33 / DPT: 32)

	2019 ATTENDANCE		
	GRADUATE #	GUEST #	TOTAL ATTENDANCE
Craig School of Business	610	5448	6058
College of Social Sciences	520	5598	6118
College of Arts and Humanities	403	3905	4308
Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology	570	6969	7539
College of Science and Mathematics	606	6902	7508
Kremen School of Education and Human Development	756	8188	8944
Lyles College of Engineering	189 (SMC)	2996 (SMC)	3185 (SMC)
College of Health and Human Services	743	7594	8337
University Commencement Celebration	n/a	n/a	2000 - 3000
UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT	703	7734	8437
African American Recognition Program	80	1757	1837
Chicano/Latino Commencement Celebration	1105	13276	14381
AAPI Commencement Celebration	91	1570	1661
International Graduation	112	369	481
EOP Graduation Recognition Ceremony	130	363	493
Rainbow Graduation Celebration	12	36	56
American Indian Graduation Celebration and Dinner	9	94	103

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- Logistics/Organization
 - Your team did a great job! *
 - Commencement is always a great celebration. The main commencement is always well organized and planned out. *
 - Considering the two new ceremonies, the weather challenges, and the tight schedule, I was very happy with commencement overall. *
 - Possibility of live streaming ceremonies, especially for those celebrations where we reach maximum capacity/close doors
 - Save Mart Center staff and security - recognition of professionalism for security details in midst of inclement weather.
- Outdoor Graduation Celebration
 - I heard many students talk about the Graduation celebration. *
- Scheduling
 - I appreciated the consistency of every college having a graduation ceremony. *
 - Too many commencements, creates challenging scheduling issues. Heard from friends and family that it was difficult to get to the Engineering commencement because the Health and Human Service families were waiting to get seated. *
 - The university commencement 'competes' with the college commencements. *
 - If we continue with a university commencement, maybe have it kick off commencement instead of end commencement. *
 - There is a lot going on during the two Commencement days, and believe that an additional day and additional staff may be required to sustain, as there is no room for any breathing room. Additionally, with the growth of API, for consistency, they should be offered Save Mart as an option. *
 - Current SMC schedule is aggressive, with limited reset time between ceremonies.
 - Ceremony support teams (i.e. videography team) has limited time to reset between ceremonies, at the expense of the video team staggering their hours and finding time to eat.
- University Commencement
 - It seemed like we had more faculty show up for the main commencement ceremony this year. *
 - I was also happy with the 703 and xx numbers of family members that attended the main commencement. I still believe that if we want this program to grow, bringing a featured speaker would assist. *
- General Inquiries
 - Etiquette
 - Because main commencement was after CHHS, there were many CHHS students wanting to leave the ceremony after their name was called. Is this common or is it because students were just being students? *
 - Students leaving after their name is read is seen at various ceremonies. How can we set expectations for students to remain for the duration of the ceremony? If they exit, direct them to back of arena to reduce distraction.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced parking/traffic congestion • Provide additional scheduling opportunities for identity/cultural ceremonies during 3 day period (outside of college ceremonies) 		stay for duration of ceremonies	
<i>Move Main University Commencement to Friday morning</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shifting of academic ceremonies to both Friday and Saturday • Sets the tone for Commencement weekend 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May need to shift start time to earlier (8am) in order to accommodate remainder of academic ceremony schedules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows for reevaluation of non-academic ceremonies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic calendar already has Saturday 5/20 as Commencement Date