

## GRADUATION KEY DEFINITION

**Graduate** - a student who has completed all course work prior to the end of the spring semester.

**Candidate for Graduation** - a currently enrolled student. Who will complete courses toward an AA degree, AS degree, or certificate in Spring 2009.

**Participant in Graduation** - a student at the end of the Spring semester who requires six units or less to complete an AA or AS Degree.

## ASSEMBLY FOR GRADUATION

The white collar is not required. You may wear sunglasses if necessary. Due to the artificial turf of the field, high heels are not recommended. Leave purses with friends or relatives. They cannot be carried in the procession or left in the gym. The college is not responsible for lost or damaged items.

Graduates will assemble in Gym N.P.E Building. Honor graduates will assemble at the front of the line.

## STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

An interpreter for the deaf will be assisting with the graduation ceremony. If you require additional special assistance, please inform the ASO Office (310) 287-4426 prior to Friday, May 21, 2009.

### ASO Hours

Monday & Wednesday	8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday	8:30 am – 7:00 pm
Friday	9:00 am – 1:30 pm

## DIPLOMAS

Diplomas for spring graduates will be available approximately the 2nd week of November for pick up in Admissions and Records. You will be notified by mail.

## CONFIRMATION OF PARTICIPATION

Students must complete the Graduation 2009 Confirmation of Attendance form and return it to the Bookstore before Thursday May 21, 2009 (see bookstore hours).

## PHOTOGRAPHER

The official photographer for the ceremony is Bob Knight Photographers. They will photograph you as you walk across the stage. No other professional photographers are authorized to take pictures of graduates. Please exercise caution as students have lost money to individuals posing as a photographers during graduation.

## Share Your Story

We will be taking photos and gathering quick facts about our graduates' plans after West. Stop by the "Next Stop" station and you might end up in a West publication or ad.

## FYI - Publication Photos Will Be Taken:

Please be aware that photos which may be used in West Los Angeles College publications, advertising or on the web site will be taken during the graduation ceremony. No additional permission will be sought by WLAC to use images taken at this public event of either the graduates or their guests. Any graduate or guest pictured in a photo used by WLAC will not receive monetary or other compensation.

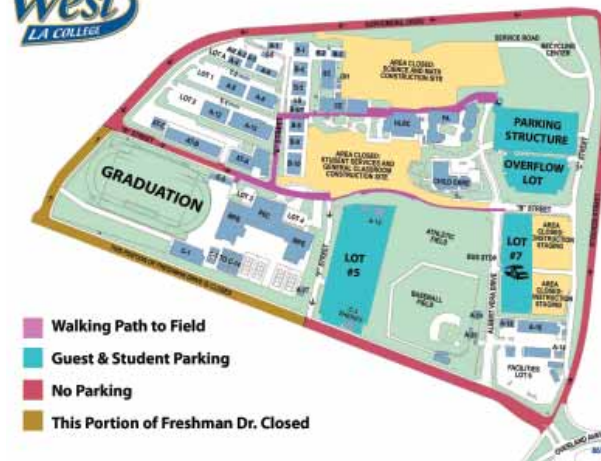
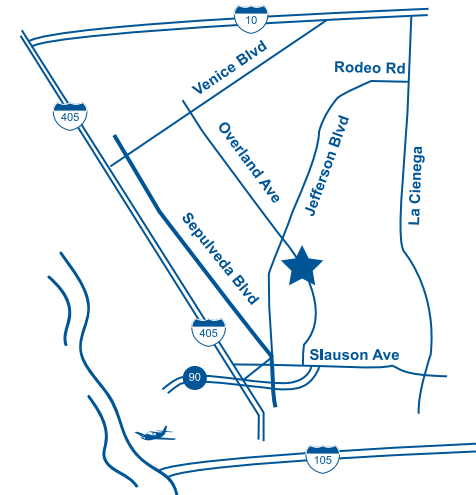
## DIRECTIONS TO CAMPUS

Take the San Diego Freeway (405) south to the Jefferson off-ramp. Go left on Jefferson across Slauson and Sepulveda where Jefferson becomes Playa, this becomes Overland. Continue to Freshman Drive and turn right.

Northbound, take the Jefferson off-ramp, turn right on Jefferson and continue across Slauson and Sepulveda where Jefferson becomes Playa (Overland). Continue to Freshman Drive and turn right onto the campus.

## PARKING

Arrive early for best parking. Students, parents, and guests may park in Lot 5 and the Parking Structure. A shuttle will be provided to and from Lot 7 and the Parking Structure for your convenience. There is no street parking available. Persons with a disabled placard can use the lots in front of the Men's and Women's PE Buildings. There is additional parking for disabled persons in Lot 7 where a shuttle will guide visitors to the ceremony. The Sheriffs will not be ticketing in student lots, but they will cite for red zone and handicap parking violations.



## COMMENCEMENT

Tuesday, June 9, 2009 | Promptly at 5:00 pm  
on the WLAC Football Field

The processional from the gym to the field will begin promptly at 4:55 pm Graduation is approximately 2 hours.

## REHEARSAL

**There will be two graduation rehearsals:**

Friday June 5 10:00 am  
Monday June 8 3:00 pm

Both rehearsals meet at the gym and end at the football field. It is highly recommended that you attend one rehearsal. There is a 'Question and Answer' period at the end of the rehearsal.

## CAP AND GOWN PURCHASE

Students may purchase their Cap and Gown from the WLAC Bookstore beginning **Monday, May 1st at a cost of \$23.95** plus tax.

Place gowns on a hanger as soon as possible to eliminate wrinkles. During the procession, the Tassel is worn on the RIGHT side of the cap. After your degree is conferred, the tassel is changed to the LEFT.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS/INVITATIONS

Personalized invitations of your graduation are \$1.95 each; \$14.95 for 10 or \$29.95 for 25, plus tax.  
Place orders at bookstore beginning May 1, 2009.

### Bookstore Hours:

Monday - Thursday	7:45 am – 7:30 pm
Friday	8:00 am – 3:00 pm
Saturday	8:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Telephone: (310) 287-4560

## HONOR CORDS

Honor students will pick up their honor cords at the College Bookstore if you have a cumulative G.P.A. listed below. If you have not received confirmation of your honor status you may contact the Admissions and Records Office at 310-287-4330 or 4372 prior to May 1, 2009.

### **Summa Cum Laude**

3.70 – 4.00 GPA Gold cord

### **Magna Cum Laude**

3.50 – 3.69 GPA Blue & Gold cord

### **Cum Laude**

3.00 – 3.49 GPA Blue cord

### **Admissions & Records Office Hours**

Monday – Thursday	9:00 am – 7:00 pm
Friday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm

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