Lone Star College-North Harris Commencement Ceremony
Participation Guidelines

Attire: Participants and guests should dress comfortably. Men are encouraged to wear dark slacks, light colored shirts, and dark shoes. Women are encouraged to wear cool, comfortable fitting dresses or slacks, and low heel, dark shoes. **Comfortable shoes are strongly encouraged!** Graduates will walk some distance from the initial line up to their seating.

Cap & Gown: Graduates participating in the commencement ceremony must wear a cap, gown, and tassel without any alterations to the original appearance of the regalia. Academic regalia has a rich history of tradition and significance to be honored. **No flowers (Corsages), balloons, pins, or modifications of any kind to mortarboards will be allowed.** Regalia may be purchased at the Lone Star College-North Harris Bookstore until Friday, May 8th, 2015 before 2:00 p.m. However, sizes may be limited, so graduates are encouraged to purchase regalia early. The cost is $38.00 plus tax. Contact the bookstore at 281-618-5699 for additional information. Only Phi Theta Kappa and designated Honors’ students will be allowed to wear stoles and cords at the ceremony. **No other stoles or cords will be allowed.**

Diplomas: All commencement participants will receive a commemorative diploma cover at the ceremony. Certified candidates will receive their diplomas through the mail. (Spring graduates’ diplomas will be mailed in June and summer graduates’ diplomas will be mailed in September.)

Directions: From I-45, take Beltway 8 East, exit 60B. Merge onto Beltway 8 East and continue to the Aldine Westfield exit. Turn right onto Aldine Westfield Road. Turn right onto Aldine Bender Road. The M.O. Campbell Education Center is located on the Right at 1865 Aldine Bender Rd.

From US-59, take Beltway 8 West exit. Merge onto Beltway 8 West and continue to the Aldine Westfield exit. Turn left onto Aldine Westfield Road. Turn right onto Aldine Bender Road. The M.O. Campbell Education Center is located on the right at 1865 Aldine Bender Rd.

Guests: There is no limitation to the number of guests that may be invited. Doors will open to the public at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is required to walk through a metal detector prior to entering the facility on graduation day. Objects such as pocket knives, excessive noise makers, and balloons, will not be allowed and may be confiscated by security.

Honors Program: Graduates of the Honors Program should contact sponsors for information on inclusion in the program.

Invitations: Commencement invitations may be purchased from the bookstore or other outside sources.

Logistics: Graduates are expected to arrive between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. to the areas listed below. Graduates who do not attend orientation must pick up a required seating card by 5:00 p.m. in the following areas: 

- **Graduates with the last name beginning with A-L** will report to room 104 on the 1st floor at the west entrance of the M.O. Campbell Center.
- **Graduates with the last name beginning with M-Z** will report to room 158 on the 1st floor at the east entrance of the M.O. Campbell Center.

Phi Theta Kappa: Graduates who are members of Phi Theta Kappa may access [http://recognitions.ptk.org/](http://recognitions.ptk.org/) to order graduation regalia and will need their membership ID number. Please note that only stoles and tassels are permitted at the commencement ceremony. Enhanced members may wear their honor cords presented to them by the advisors. For additional Phi Theta Kappa information or questions, please contact one of the LSC-North Harris Phi Theta Kappa advisors, Laura Dupree at 281-765-7737 or Lynda Dodgen at 281-618-5536.

Reminders: **Items for graduates/guest to leave at home:**

- Flowers, balloons, air horns, etc.
- Food, drinks, and gum are not allowed in the facility.
- M.O. Educational Center is a non-smoking facility.

- **Items for graduate to leave with guest:**

- Purses, cell phones, cameras, keys, makeup, and hair items.

LSC-North Harris and M.O. Campbell Educational Center will not be held responsible for lost, stolen, or misplaced items.

You may also contact Gina Espitia at 281-765-7863 or Gina.E.Espitia@lonestar.edu or Beverly Theiss at 281-618-5419 or Beverly.S.Theiss@lonestar.edu to request additional information.