



## Commencement Information Graduation 2009

### May 2009

#### IMPORTANT...

All August 2008, December 2008 graduates and June 2009 applicants are eligible to walk in the ceremony on June 12. If you applied for Spring 2009 graduation by the March 3rd deadline, you are able to participate in the graduation ceremony. Please be advised that participation in the ceremony does not guarantee official graduation.

Final evaluations for June 2009 applicants are not completed until grades have been verified for the Spring 2009 term.

**THE GRADUATION CEREMONY** will be held Friday, June 12, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at the Newton T. Bass Stadium at Apple Valley High School. Sign up beginning May 12, 2009 at the Grad Faire or anytime thereafter. Graduates can park in either the Visitor or Home parking lots and make their way to the staging area which is located in front of the Automotive Building #C4—C6) in preparation to line up to march onto the field. Graduates must arrive 60 minutes prior to the ceremony.

**CAPS AND GOWNS** may be purchased beginning May 12, 2009 at the Grad Faire or at the Bookstore. The Grad Faire will be held in the Student Activities Center from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 12 and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on May 13. The Bookstore hours are Monday, Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday, Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; and Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Caps and gowns may be purchased up to 12:00 p.m. at the Bookstore on Friday, June 12. The purchase price for the gown (cap, gown, hood and tassel) is \$47.99 plus tax.



**Grad Faire**  
**May 12 1pm - 7pm**  
**May 13 1pm - 5pm**  
**Student Activities Center**

**TICKETS** will be limited to 10 per graduate. These are for guests since graduates will not need a ticket. Guests must have a ticket to be admitted into the stadium. Tickets will be available beginning May 12, 2009 in the Auxiliary Services Office (SAC Bldg.—upstairs). For further information call (760) 245-4271, Ext 2495.

**GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS** priced beginning at \$18.00 can be purchased beginning May 12 at the Grad Faire or at the Bookstore.

**HONOR CORDS** may be worn at commencement only by students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or better, based on completion of degree requirements for August 2008 and December 2008 graduates. June 2009 graduate honors will be based on degree requirements completed through Fall 2008. Honor cords may be purchased at the Bookstore.

**DIPLOMAS** - Graduates will receive a letter when their degrees are available for pickup. **Please be sure Admissions & Records has been informed of correct mailing addresses.** Additionally, any library or financial holds must be cleared.

**CERTIFICATES** are mailed on an ongoing basis as requirements are completed.

**GRADUATES AND GUESTS WITH DISABILITIES** - Persons with disabilities requiring special seating must be prepared to show a CA ID, Military Veteran, or State issued drivers license documenting disability. Please arrive at least 45 minutes prior to the ceremony for appropriate accommodations, and enter through either entrance of the stadium. You are allowed one (1) attendant if necessary. If you need accommodation for a disability, we ask that you notify us by May 12. Interpreting services will be available for the deaf and hearing impaired. Parking for disabled is identified in both parking lots. For concerns and assistance, please contact the ADA Coordinator at 245-4271 Ext. 2596.

**Congratulations and best wishes for the future!**

*Board of Trustees and the entire VVC staff*

If you plan for a year, plant a seed.  
If for 10 years, plant a tree.  
If for a hundred years, teach the people.

When you sow a seed once,  
you will reap a single harvest.

When you teach the people,  
you will reap a hundred harvests.  
Kuan Chung (645 B.C.)



# Victor Valley College graduation memo

## I. PROPER WEARING OF ACADEMIC REGALIA

- A. The robes should be hung to remove wrinkles (do not iron).
- B. The robes will be maroon; most colors will be appropriate under the robe. The hem lines on women's dresses should be shorter than the robe.
- C. Graduates should plan hair arrangements on which the mortarboard (cap) will fit squarely on the head.
- D. Please do not carry purses or bags of any kind. There will be no place to secure valuables, so please leave them with family members.
- E. Both men and women are to wear the mortarboard squarely on the head with the tassel on the right side.
- F. Men, please remove your mortarboard during the Pledge of Allegiance. At the conclusion of the pledge, the mortarboards are to be returned to your head and remain there throughout the remainder of the ceremony.
- G. Comfortable walking shoes should be worn since there will be prolonged walking and standing.



## II. ORGANIZATION

- A. Parking will be provided only in the Visitor or Home parking lots at the stadium. As you enter the stadium from Bear Valley Road, you will be directed where to park.
- B. Please arrive no later than 4:30 p.m. for the 5:30 p.m. ceremony. Report to Building #C4 - C6 -Automotive.
- C. When you arrive, you will be requested to print your name on a card as you want it announced. Please print your name phonetically if you think the announcers may have difficulty pronouncing it.
- D. We will have persons to assist you with your robe and mortarboard.
- E. The Processional will begin promptly at 5:15 p.m. for the 5:30 p.m. ceremony. The order will be Platform Members, then the faculty, and then the graduates. You will march in single file with the Honor graduates leading.
- F. A Guide will lead you through the entire ceremony. It is important that you follow his or her directions. There will not be a graduation rehearsal.
- G. You are to remain standing in front of your seat until all of the graduates have marched in. Please remain standing for the National Anthem.



***Once the ceremony begins, there will not be an opportunity for guests to leave their seats for photos. Please inform guests that there will be photo opportunities after the ceremony.***

### III. CONFERRING OF DEGREES/CERTIFICATES/DIPLOMAS

- A. For the conferring of degrees, the Superintendent/President will announce the graduates as a group to the Board of Trustees.
- B. After degrees have been conferred, the Guides will take individual rows of graduates to the entrance of the platform.
- C. When it is your turn to cross the platform, please hand your card to the announcer. When your name is announced, walk across the platform to receive your degree from a member of the Board of Trustees. You are to receive the degree in your left hand and shake hands with your right hand to receive congratulations.
- D. When all of the graduates have received their degrees and are seated, the changing of the tassel will take place. All graduates will rise together. Watch for the Guide's signal.



### IV. THE RECESSIONAL

- A. Remain standing for the recessional.
- B. The recessional order is: Platform Members, Faculty, Graduates.
- C. Guides will lead the way for exiting during the recessional.

*You have shown your  
commitment and now  
the day you've  
dreamed about is  
here. Your success is  
our success.*

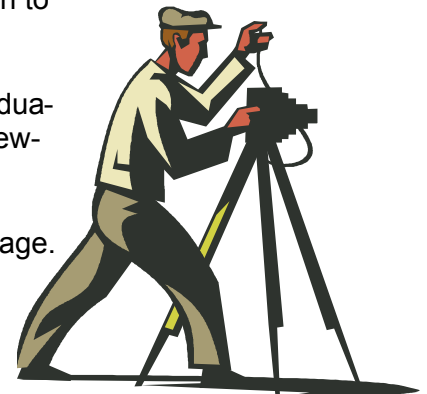
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### PRE-REGISTER for your grad photos

Chappell Photography has developed a new pre-registration system which will allow graduates and/or their parents to provide their email and mailing address information to Chappell prior to the ceremony.

Graduates can pre-register their email, friends and family email addresses and Graduation Images will contact them just as soon as their photos are available for online viewing and ordering.

Just log on to our website at [www.vvc.edu](http://www.vvc.edu) and click on the Commencement 2009 page. You will find the link to enter your information.

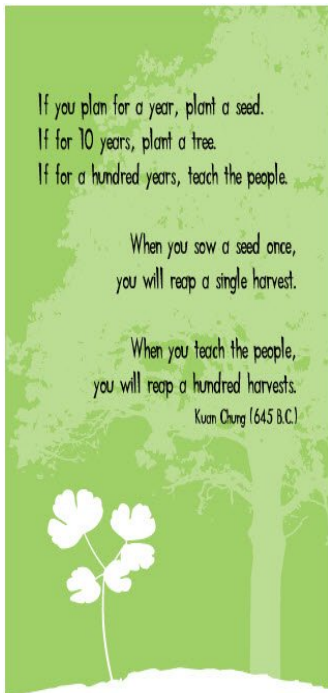


**Graduation Information**  
DO NOT THROW AWAY!



**2009 Graduation Information**

Victor Valley College  
18422 Bear Valley Rd.  
Victorville, CA 92395



**Graduation Tickets**  
Beginning May 12 in the  
Auxiliary Services Office  
Limit 10

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