



Challenger Graduation Timeline 2024

- March 12:** Senior Parent Info Night - 4:30 pm on Zoom; 5:30 pm in person at CHS
- March 25:** Cap & Gown Pick-Up - 10:45 am to 11:35 am - CHS Commons
- March 27-29:** Senior Presentation - Schedule the time with your Advisor
- May 1:** Senior Photos Due for graduation slideshow (email to avonstein@bethelsd.org)
- May 22:** Senior Awards Ceremony (by invitation); 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Spanaway Lake High School Commons
- May 31:** Last Day for Seniors! All fees & fines cleared/paid, turn in books, iPad, charger, block by 3:00pm
(All classwork turned in, projects completed and all graduation requirements completed by 2:30pm)
- June 3:** Senior Check Out – **Required!** (AM Students: 8:00 - 11:00 am; PM Students 11:30 - 2:30 pm)
Challenger Main Office and Commons
- Senior Check Out Activities/Stations:**
- Verify all classes and graduation requirements are completed
 - Verify that all books, iPad, charging block, cord, hotspot (if had one) are turned in
 - Verify that all fines are paid/cleared
 - Graduation details and expectations provided
 - Cap and gown needs
 - Senior Exit Surveys
 - Name Card for graduation ceremony
 - Pick up graduation tickets for PLU!
- June 4:** Senior Celebration: 10:00 am - 12:30 pm, at Challenger (no family/guests. Challenger students only)
- June 5:** Graduation Practice: ***Required to be able to walk in graduation ceremony***
9:00 - 10:30 am at Pacific Lutheran University, Olson Auditorium
- June 5:** Graduation Ceremony, Pacific Lutheran University, Olson Auditorium 3:00 pm
- Each graduate will receive 5 complimentary tickets at Senior Check Out. 5 extra tickets will be given for students who have completed their FAFSA by May 24th. Ten additional tickets can be purchased at \$5 each (20 total ticket limit) - Online tickets can be purchase through June 2nd or in person through June 3rd at 3:00 pm
 - Graduates arrive between 2:00 pm and 2:15 pm. Ceremony starts promptly at 3:00 pm
- June 6-14:** Diploma Pickup at Challenger: Main Office (**only grads can pick up their diploma**), 8:00 am - 3:00 pm



Challenger Graduation Expectations

- ★ *Only students who have fulfilled all graduation requirements will be allowed to participate in the ceremony.*
- ★ *If students are short credits, have not completed a graduation pathway, or have not completed their culminating project, and paid all fines prior to graduation day they will not be allowed to walk in the graduation ceremony.*
- ★ *The Challenger graduation is a formal ceremony and students need to dress following the expectations below.*

Graduation Dress Expectations

All graduates must have a cap, black gown, tassel and red stole.

- Caps, gowns and stoles need to be ordered through Jostens
- If you need help in purchasing a cap and gown from Jostens or borrowing a cap and gown, please let us know.

Dress expectations (any of these combinations are appropriate):

- Dress, skirt, or dress pants and a dress shirt
- Dress shirt and tie (shirt with a collar look best)
- Dark trousers or khakis and dark shoes
- Appropriate shoes (**short heels**) or flats. Be able to walk a distance and climb stairs in your shoes.
- No flip flops
- No (old) athletic shoes

No decorations of any kind can be worn with the cap and gown other than honor cords awarded through Challenger or Pierce County Skills Center.

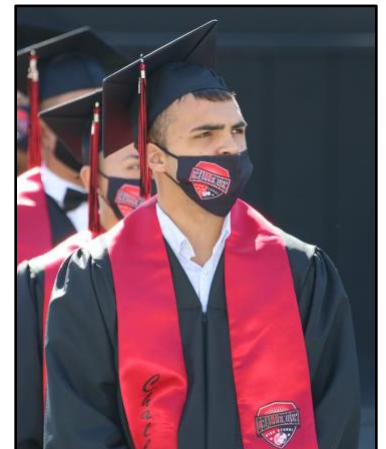
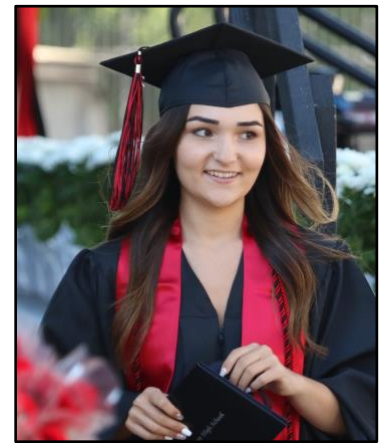
No decorations will be allowed on graduates' mortarboard hats during the ceremony.

Native American students can wear items of tribal regalia or cultural significance. Students must follow a process outlined in the SB policy. Rachel Barger will be the point of contact for tribal families.

No leis, flowers, sashes, or sunglasses can be worn during the ceremony, but feel free to present your graduate with these after the ceremony.

If you need help with meeting these dress expectations please let us know! We would be happy to help!!

Students not complying with these dress expectations will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.





Balloons, large signs and air horns will not be allowed into Olson Auditorium at PLU. Please do not bring these into the ceremony.

Graduation Information

- Each graduate will receive 5 complimentary tickets (10 total comp tickets if FAFSA is completed by May 24th) at “Senior Check” out on June 3rd for families to attend the ceremony. Up to ten more tickets can be purchased.
- The ceremony will be streamed for family and friends that cannot be at the ceremony starting at 2:00 pm. The link will be posted to the school district Youtube account

Pacific Lutheran University (Olson Auditorium): 12180 Park Ave. S, Tacoma, WA 98447



Getting to Pacific Lutheran University

- Take Pacific Avenue north from Spanaway/Challenger
- Turn west on 125th St. S.
- Turn north onto S Yakima Ave
- Turn west onto 124th St. S
- Olson Auditorium will be on the right
- Several free parking lots are in the nearby area

Graduation Day - June 5th - 3:00pm

- Graduates arrive at PLU between 2:00 pm and 2:15 pm
- Graduates and ticket-holding families/friends proceed to Olson Auditorium
 - Students gather in the Field House and get ready for ceremony
 - Family and friends enter the Auditorium and take seats
- Graduates need to be dressed in graduation cap, gown, stole and tassel (see CHS Graduation Expectations)
- **Only clear bags or small clutch/purses/wallets will be allowed inside the venue. Bags must be clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC and do not exceed 12" x 6" x 12" (search clear stadium bag on Amazon.com). A small clutch bag, not exceeding 4.5" x 6.5", with or without a handle or strap, may be carried inside the venue.**
- **Balloons, large signs and air horns will not be allowed into the auditorium for the ceremony. Please do not bring these into the venue.**
- Photos will be taken during the ceremony for families to purchase. Picture purchasing information will be included in each graduate's diploma packet on June 6th.