

Distinguished Graduate Program 2015 - 2016

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DEADLINE EXTENDED TO February 1, 2016 @ NOON!!

This initiative spotlights each SAC program during our annual graduation ceremony by honoring one outstanding student from those programs, called the "Distinguished Graduate in _____ (program name)." Students receive special recognition at the graduation ceremony by wearing a cord signifying their Distinguished Graduate status and through an announcement made when they cross the stage. Their diplomas are also marked to show that they have achieved this honor.

Students are required to apply through a process as outlined below.

Criteria: for selecting the Distinguished Graduate from each department (departments may add to these criteria):

- 1) Student must have a minimum GPA of 3.2.
- 2) Student must participate in the May graduation ceremony.
- 3) Student must participate in events to promote graduation.

Department's choice must be:

- 1) A student meeting the criteria above with a major in the respective department.
- 2) If a department has more than one program, they may have that many distinguished graduates.

Application Process:

A student who meets the criteria must submit an application that includes:

- 1) An essay explaining how your experience at San Antonio College and within their major influenced/inspired the student's path to graduation.
- 2) A personal/academic biography that is 150-200 words. Please keep in mind when writing the biography that the biographies of the selected Distinguished Graduates will be published online. For examples, please visit <http://www.alamo.edu/sac/2015DistinguishedGrads/>
- 3) An inspirational quote including the name of the original author.
- 4) Agreeing in this application that you are willing to serve as outlined above and an understanding that failure to do so may result in the rescindment of your award.

The deadline for a student to submit the complete application has been extended to February 1, 2016. Applications should be submitted through this online application, not to the academic department.

Eligible applications will be forwarded to each respective department by the Office of the Vice President for Student Success. Each department must submit the name of their Distinguished Graduate to Lauren Sjulín in FAC 214 or via email to lsjulin@alamo.edu. Departments may also submit their graduate to Chaye Pena in FAC 221, or via email to apena259@alamo.edu by February 16, 2016.

Privileges of Honor

As Distinguished Graduates, students will:

- 1) Receive a Graduation Cord;
- 2) Earn special recognition at the graduation ceremony;
- 3) Have their names added to the Distinguished Graduate Department Plaque;
- 4) Receive a formal certificate;
- 5) Receive a T-shirt;
- 6) Have their picture, biography, and inspirational quote featured on the SAC website;
- 7) Have their picture featured in The Ranger; and
- 8) Have a President's reception in their honor.

Selected students should be prepared to attend a first meeting on

February 25, 2016 from 1:00pm - 2:30pm in VAC 120

Distinguished Graduate Application

Preferred Salutation (Mr., Ms., Mrs.):

Name: [Required]

Banner ID: [Required]

Major: [Required]

Grade Point Average (GPA): [Required]

Cell Phone Number: [Required]

Phone Number should be inputted in the following format 210-123-4567

Valid input:

- must be 10-15 digits long and may include only numbers, hyphens, and spaces.

Alternate Phone Number: [Required]

Phone Number should be inputted in the following format 210-123-4567

Valid input:

- must be 10-15 digits long and may include only numbers, hyphens, and spaces.

Email Address: [Required]

Valid input:

- name@myschool.edu

T-Shirt Size: [Required]

Favorite Inspirational Quote and Author: [Required]

Please share your favorite inspirational quote and the original author

File Upload, Academic Essay: [Required]

Please upload an essay explaining how your experience at San Antonio College and within your major has influenced/inspired your path to graduation

File Upload, Personal/Academic Biography: [Required]

Please upload a personal/academic biography that is between 150 and 200 words

Distinguished Graduate Terms and Conditions Acceptance: [Required]

By applying for this award you must agree to participate in service projects that promote graduation in your department and throughout the college as a whole. These will take place in either late February or early March.

STUDENT: By agreeing below, I certify that I am willing to serve as outlined above to the fullest extent required throughout the prescribed time period. I understand that failure to do so may result in the award being rescinded.

Valid input:

- Select only one choice.

I Agree