

# FOOTHILL COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

2025

Friday, June 27, 2025 | 10:00 AM | Foothill College Library Quad



## GETTING READY

### Graduating Students

All graduates must wear Foothill College regalia (cap and gown) to participate in the ceremony. Graduates should arrive by 8:30 AM and check in at the Smithwick Theater Plaza.

Please note:

- Travel light—no storage will be available for personal items. Small purses are OK and should be kept under regalia.
- Comfortable shoes are recommended.
- After check-in, students will line up in the Smithwick Theater by division of major.
- You will receive a reader card at check-in. Be sure to fill it out and keep it with you at all times. This card will be handed to the Dean during the ceremony so your name can be read aloud.
- A Commencement Marshal will guide you from the Smithwick Theater to the Library Quad and help direct you through the processional and diploma platform steps.

GradImages will be on-site taking professional photos during the procession. Photo purchase information will be shared after the event.

## DAY OF COMMENCEMENT

### Guest Tickets

Tickets are not required, but early arrival is encouraged to secure seating. Accessible seating is available for individuals with mobility or other access needs. Seating first come, first serve.

### Parking

Parking is free on Commencement Day, and all campus lots will be open to graduates and guests. The closest lots to the ceremony site are Lot 1, Lot 2A, and Lot 5. Staff and signage will help direct you to available spaces.

- **Lot 1:** Closest to the event but includes many stairs, which may be difficult for guests with mobility needs.
- **Lot 2A:** Also offers accessible parking, but no shuttle service will be provided from this lot.
- **Lot 5:** Accessible parking. A free shuttle service to the ceremony site will be available from Lot 5 to those with mobility needs; no reservation needed.

Please plan your arrival and parking based on your mobility and accessibility needs.

### Accessibility

Foothill College is committed to accessible, inclusive celebrations. Accessible seating, ASL interpreters, and mobility accommodations will be available. Graduates should indicate any accessibility needs for themselves or their guests when submitting their RSVP.

If you did not indicate accessibility needs in the RSVP, please contact us as soon as possible:

✉ [foothillgraduation@fhda.edu](mailto:foothillgraduation@fhda.edu)  
☎ (650) 949-7241

Our team is here to help ensure everybody can fully participate in this special day.

### Livestream

Friends and family who cannot attend in person can watch the ceremony live at: <https://foothill.edu/graduation/>

## Timeline

### Smithwick Plaza & Smithwick Theater

8:00 - 8:30 AM.....Student Arrival & Check-in  
8:30 - 9:15 AM.....Student Line-up in Smithwick Theater  
9:15 - 9:45 AM.....Final Line-up & Preparation  
9:45 AM.....Procession Begins  
10:00 AM.....Procession Continues in Library Quad

### Graduation Ceremony - Library Quad

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM.....Commencement Ceremony  
  
Post-Ceremony Celebration - Smithwick Plaza  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM.....Celebration of the Class of 2025!

## Venue Rules & Guest Guidelines

To ensure a joyful, safe, and respectful ceremony for all graduates and guests, please follow these important guidelines:

### Prohibited Items & Behavior:

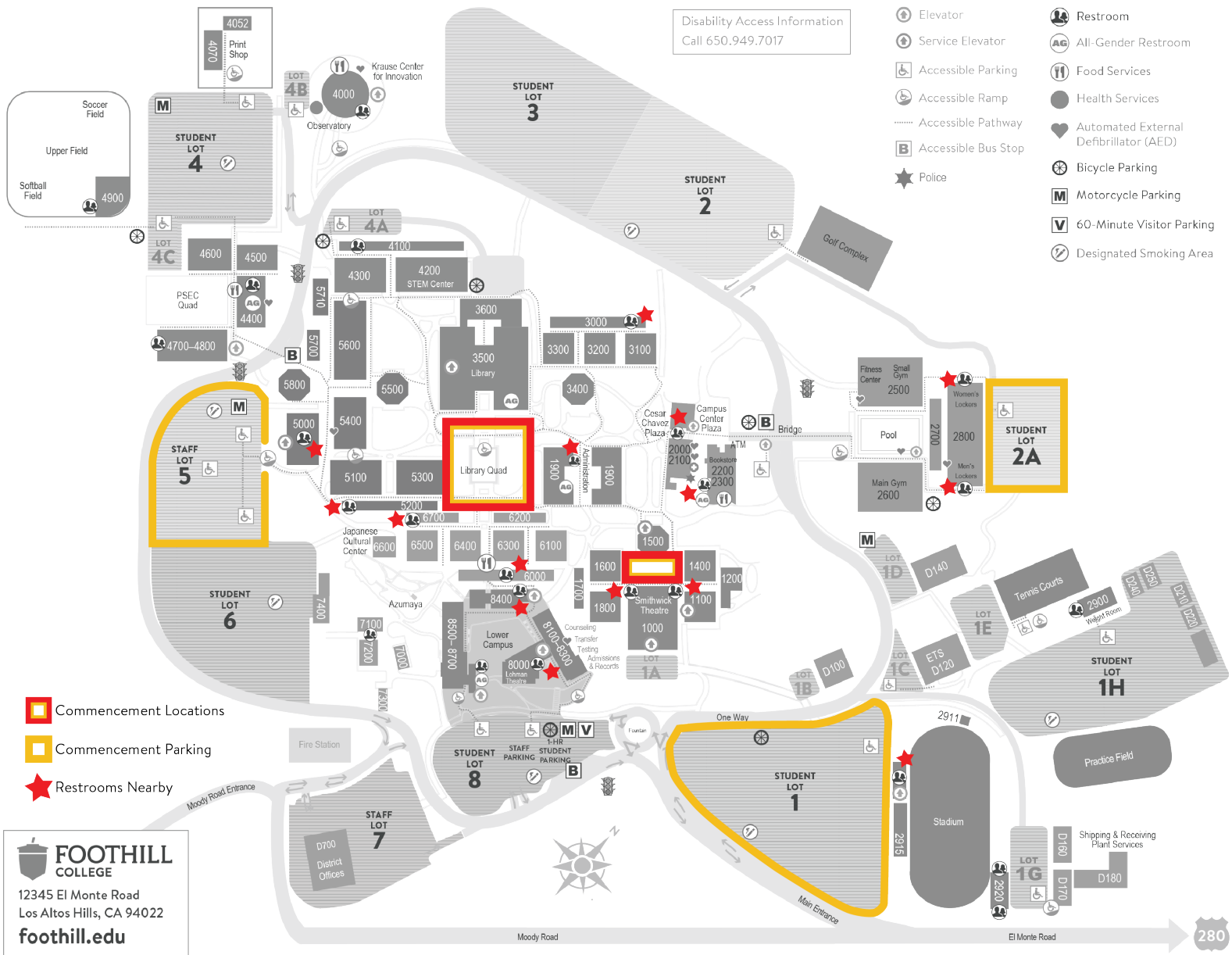
- Balloons are not allowed – they block the view of other guests.
- Confetti cannons, beach balls are prohibited.
- Alcohol, drugs, and smoking/vaping are strictly prohibited on campus.
- Obscene, offensive, or disruptive behavior will result in removal from the event.

## What You Can Bring:

- Guests should bring their own water bottles – It's typically hot, so stay hydrated!
- leis, flowers, and small congratulatory gifts – keep them respectful and unobtrusive.

### Photos & Seating:

- Personal photos are welcome, but guests must stay in designated areas.
- Professional photos will be taken of all graduates by GradImages during the ceremony.
- Please do not stand or block aisles to take photos.



## QUESTIONS?

Please email [foothillgraduation@fhda.edu](mailto:foothillgraduation@fhda.edu) or call (650) 949-7241