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## Hello Soon To Be Graduates!

Graduation is a short 4 months away! I know that might seem like a long way off, but it will come up quickly! I am sure you are all excited about the upcoming festivities. There are quite a few things you need to know so hang in there with me until the end.

Here we go:

1. The graduation banquet is planned for Friday, May 10, at 5:30 pm. The location is at Riverview Golf and Country Club, 4200 Bechelli Lane Redding, CA 96002. **2019 Graduates are being honored and will be free.** The cost will be \$20 per person for friends and family. You can start making paid reservations with Faith McCarthy [fmccarthy@shasta.edu](mailto:fmccarthy@shasta.edu) beginning April 1 for any additional attendees. Final reservations need to be made no later than **Wednesday, May 8.** Please dress nicely. The evening will include honors and testimonies and a special time of celebration **so come prepared to say a few words about your time at SBC.**
2. Graduation is at 10am on Saturday, May 11, at CrossPointe Community Church (across the street from SBC). We would love for all of our graduates to participate but understand that some of you live at a long distance from SBC and may not be able to attend. If you have not already informed me of your decision to participate, please do so immediately so I can make sure we are prepared.
3. For those participating in graduation, **you will need to be there by 8am Saturday morning** in the lobby of the church for a quick practice. A continental breakfast on Saturday will be provided for you.
4. There is a President's Reception immediately following graduation in the SBC chapel. Light snacks and dessert will be served and everyone is welcome to come.
5. Professional graduation photos are part of the graduation packet and will be mailed to you soon after graduation, usually in mid to late June.
6. The graduation fee of \$125 has been added to your spring 2019 Populi account. Whether or not you participate in the graduation on campus, this fee is applicable. If you notice it has not been added, please let me know.

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7. All required classes for your degree will need to be completed by Wednesday, May 8, in order to participate in graduation. If during this semester you find yourself needing an additional course, we will reschedule your graduation for another semester. **Please note that failing a class in the spring 2019 semester will disqualify you from participating in graduation until you have repeated and passed the course(s).** Once all of your work is in and graded in Populi, you are eligible for graduation in that current semester. Even if it is the first week of the semester, you will not be able to receive your diploma until the graduation date at the end of the semester. (Example: You turn in your last assignment for Senior Theology on the Monday after graduation. Since everything was not completed, graded, and finalized prior to the date on the May diploma, you will now have a diploma with the August graduation date.)

8. If you have not paid your complete financial bill in full, including any fees or additional invoices, you will not be getting your diploma at graduation. Make arrangements now with the Financial Office for full payment by graduation.

9. All course work for those graduating in May must be in **NO LATER THAN Wednesday, May 8**, to give your professors time to record your final grades. **If you turn in work after this time, your diploma will be dated August 23 or later and you will not receive it until that date.** PLEASE make sure now that you are keeping up with assignments so this does not happen.

10. All graduates need to complete an exit interview form, regardless of whether you are returning for further education. The form will be emailed to you prior to graduation.

I know this is a LOT of information! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask. You will be receiving additional information as the semester progresses. We are looking forward to a great commencement!

Mrs. McCarthy