

Distinguished Graduate Program

This initiative spotlights each SAC program during our annual graduation ceremony by honoring one outstanding student from each of those programs, called the “Distinguished Graduate.” Selected 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.
- 4) If the student is currently on a disciplinary probation or involved in a current investigation they will not be considered.
- 5) Selected student can only represent one program.

Department’s choice must be:

- 1) A student meeting the criteria above with a pre-major or major in the respective department/unit.
- 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 his/her experience at San Antonio College and within his/her major influenced or inspired the student’s path to graduation.
- 2) A signed statement indicating that he/she is willing to participate in service projects that promote graduation and an understanding that failure to do so may result in the rescindment of his/her award (page 3 of this application packet).
- 3) A personal/academic biography that is 150-200 words. **(Must be a Word document)** Please keep in mind when writing the biography that the biographies of the selected Distinguished Graduates will be published online. For examples, please visit <https://www.alamo.edu/sac/experience-sac/current-students/graduation/distinguished-graduates/2019-distinguished-graduates/>

- 4) An inspirational quote including the name of the original author.

The deadline for a student to submit his/her completed application is **February 3, 2020**. Applications should be submitted to the academic department to which the student is applying for.

Each department must submit the name and application of their Distinguished Graduate via email to Shawntá Davis at sdavis35@alamo.edu by **February 10, 2020**.

Privileges of Honor

As Distinguished Graduates, students will:

- 1) Receive a Graduation Cord;
- 2) Have their names added to the Distinguished Graduate Department Plaque;
- 3) Receive a formal certificate;
- 4) Receive a T-shirt;
- 5) Have their picture, biography, and inspirational quote featured on the SAC website;
- 6) Have their picture featured in The Ranger; and
- 7) Have a Distinguished Graduate Award Ceremony in their honor.

Selected students should be prepared to attend a Distinguished Graduate Orientation on **February 27, 2020**.

Application for Distinguished Graduate in _____
(Program Name)

****DUE FEBRUARY 3, 2020 to Academic Department****

Every program at San Antonio College will select one Distinguished Graduate each year. That student must either be a major in the program or a student in one or more of its classes. S/he will receive special recognition at the graduation ceremony by wearing a cord signifying his/her Distinguished Graduate status and through an announcement made when s/he crosses the stage. His/her diploma will also be marked to show the achievement of this honor.

REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) Student must have a minimum GPA of 3.2.
- 2) Student must participate as a graduate in the SAC graduation ceremony taking place in May.
- 3) Student must demonstrate service to the college and department in the form of graduation promotion.
- 4) Student can only represent ONE program.
- 5) Student must complete the application, including signature, below:

CHECKLIST FOR APPLICATION PACKET:

- Signed Agreement Statement (this page)
- Essay (*Word document*)
- Biography (*Word document*)
- Inspirational Quote (*Word document*)

Name: _____

Banner ID#: _____

Major: _____

GPA: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Alt. Phone #: _____

Email address: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____

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

STUDENT: By signing 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.

Signature

Date