



2026 Departmental Honors

Celebrate Commencement

In recognition of outstanding baccalaureate student achievements

With the approval of the dean of the college, departments may elect to award departmental honors to their baccalaureate graduates based on G.P.A. and/or other criteria determined by the department. Departmental honors are usually reserved for students whose outstanding performance is not otherwise recognized by university or college awards. The number of honors awarded by a department shall be limited to three students or five percent of graduates, whichever is larger.

Baccalaureate graduates are eligible for departmental honors if they have completed all bachelor's degree requirements and are receiving a diploma dated December 2025, January 2026, May 2026, August 2026, or December 2026.

Deadlines

- Nominations of graduates due to department offices: **Monday, February 16, 2026.**
- Department recommendations for honors due to CNSM College Office: **Monday, March 2, 2026.**

Criteria

- Nominees must complete all degree requirements and be receiving a diploma dated December 2025, January 2026, May 2026, August 2026, or December 2026.
- Nominees must have graduated (December 2025) or filed for graduation (Deadline: March 1, 2026 for on-time Fall 2026; late filing for Spring/Summer 2026 with \$10 fee).
- Departments may have additional requirements.

Directions

Nominees/Nominators: By Monday, February 16, 2026, send an email **from your @csulb.edu email address** to your respective major department (see [CNSM Commencement Awards](#) for department email addresses) with the following information in the body of the email:

1. *Full Name (as it should appear on the certificate)*
2. *Student ID Number*
3. *Address/City*
4. *Email Address*
5. *Phone*
6. *Major*
7. *Degree Completion Date*
8. *G.P.A. - CSULB*
9. *G.P.A. - cumulative*

10. *Check with your department to see if they require any of the following:*
 - a. *Current Resume*
 - b. *Letter(s) of Recommendation (should be sent by the recommenders)*
 - c. *MyCSULB transcript*
 - d. *Any additional department-required materials*
11. *Indication (yes/no) of expected availability to attend Commencement*

Departments: By Monday, March 2, 2026, forward a department-ranked list of nominees to the CNSM College Office (email CNSM-Commencement@csulb.edu). For each award recipient, include information items 1-6 (above). Retain any supporting documentation in the department office.