

November 25, 2019

Dear Graduate:

Congratulations on reaching your goal of graduation from South Arkansas Community College. This achievement shows your strong academic ability and certainly promises future success.

You are receiving this letter because you indicated a desire to walk at Commencement. We need to have an accurate number of walking students for seating purposes. If you no longer wish to walk, please let us know immediately by calling Michele Hildreth in the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs at 870-864-8127, or email mhildreth@southark.edu.

You must meet *all* catalog requirements in order to participate in the ceremony, including the attaining of an overall 2.0 GPA. Please note that all students will receive an empty diploma folder during the ceremony. Immediately following graduation, please return to the check-in rooms to receive your actual diploma.

Commencement is scheduled for **Thursday, December 12, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.** at the **El Dorado Conference Center, 311 South West Avenue, El Dorado.** You are encouraged to invite your relatives and friends to attend this special event. Please plan to be at the Conference Center **no later than 6:00 p.m., May 10,** for line-up and further instructions. **Please read the enclosed procedures prior to that time. All graduates must be in line alphabetically by 5:45 p.m.**

Caps and gowns will be available for pick-up in the SouthArk Bookstore (located on the first floor of the El Dorado Conference Center) **Monday through Thursday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., and 8:00 a.m. and noon on Friday**, beginning **Monday, December 2.** If you cannot come during the specified hours or are unable to pick up your regalia by **December 11** please call the Bookstore at (870) 864-7163 to make special arrangements.

If you or one of your guests have need any special accommodations (wheel chairs, etc.), please call Michele Hildreth in advance at (870) 864-8127. Please remember that parking will be limited, and it would be advisable to carpool and to arrive early.

Please tell us about your experience at SouthArk so that we can continue to make it the best that it can be. You can access our graduate survey by going to www.southark.edu/surveys and clicking on "Graduate Survey."

I hope you enjoyed your time as a student at South Arkansas Community College. I wish you continued success in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Murders, Ed.D.
Vice President for Academic Affairs