

CBS 2026 Commencement Ceremony – Houston

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2026! We commend you for arriving at this point in your academic journey. May God continue strengthening and using your gifts and talents for His service!

The following information is needed to prepare you for this important day in your life and ministry.

Ceremony Overview

Date: Saturday, August 8, 2026

Arrival Time: 9:00 a.m. (students)

Group Photo: 9:15 a.m.

Ceremony Time: 10:30 a.m. (no admittance through main sanctuary doors after 10:30 a.m.)

Location: Houston's First Baptist Church

7401 Katy Fwy, Houston, TX 77024

Sanctuary doors open for family and guests at 9:30 a.m.

Commencement Regalia (Cap and Gown)

Commencement regalia are a requirement for all degree candidates to participate in the Commencement Ceremony.

PURCHASE OFFICIAL REGALIA: <https://www.buildagrad.com/cbshouston>

- Bible Certificate graduates will not need to purchase regalia.
- Associate-level graduates will wear royal blue robes and red tassels.
- Bachelor's-level graduates will wear black robes and gold tassels.
- For those graduates who have earned academic honors, CBS will supply red honor cords for associate-level graduates, and gold honor cords and medals for bachelor's-level graduates. Honor awards will be presented at the Graduation Breakfast taking place at 8:00 a.m. at the Fellowship Center of Houston's First Baptist Church the morning of graduation (Check-in for the breakfast at 7:45 a.m.). If you are planning to attend the Graduation Breakfast, please [click here to RSVP](#) by **no later than July 15, 2026**. RSVP is *required* to attend this event.

Dress Attire (Attire to be worn under regalia)

All graduates are expected to wear formal attire under their regalia and for any award presentations.

Attire Guidelines:

Male Graduates:

- White dress shirt
- Modest tie
- Dark slacks and/or suit jacket
- Dark socks and dress shoes

Female Graduates:

- Modest dark dress OR dark slacks with a nice, modest shirt
- Dark dress shoes (flats or heels are both acceptable)

Diplomas and Awards

Candidates who have fulfilled all requirements for graduation and whose degree has already been conferred will receive a diploma cover along with their official CBS diploma on the day of Commencement. Please contact the Office of the Registrar if you happen to find any mistake with the spelling of your name or degree. Rest assured that the Office of the Registrar will correct the error promptly and will mail your diploma with any corrections needed. Students not attending commencement will get their diplomas mailed within two weeks after graduation. Please contact the Office of the Registrar if your address has changed.

PLEASE NOTE:

- All CBS financial obligations (Student Financial Services and Library) and graduation exit assessments must be cleared/completed for the official certificate, diploma, and transcript with degree posting to be released.
- Please check your CBS email regularly and visit the CBS graduation website for important graduation information.
- Ensure you know the exact location of the graduation ceremony; CBS recommends driving to the location ahead of time if needed.
- Ensure you know the exact time you need to arrive on the day of the ceremony, plan on arriving at least 15 minutes early to allow for unforeseen events that may delay arrival.
- If you need assistance at any time, or have questions, please contact the Office of the Registrar@cbsouston.edu