



### Distinguished Graduate Program

This initiative spotlights each SAC program during our annual commencement ceremony by honoring one outstanding student from each of those programs, called the “Distinguished Graduate.” Selected students receive a purple cord and medal to wear at the commencement ceremony with their regalia.

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) If the student is currently on a disciplinary probation or involved in a current investigation they will not be eligible.
- 3) Selected student can only represent one program.
- 4) Students must have a graduation application on file by March 14, 2025.

**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 no more than two pages explaining how their experience at San Antonio College and within their major influenced or inspired the student’s path to graduation.
- 2) A signed statement indicating that they are willing to participate in the commencement ceremony to be held in May at the Alamo Dome.
- 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 theselected Distinguished Graduates will be published online. For examples, please visit <https://www.alamo.edu/sac/experience-sac/current-students/graduation/distinguished-graduates/2020-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 14, 2025**. Applications will 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 Lauren Sjulín at [lsjulín@alamo.edu](mailto:lsjulín@alamo.edu) by **February 21, 2025**.

### **Privileges of Honor**

As Distinguished Graduates, students will:

- 1) Have their names added to the Distinguished Graduate Department Plaque
- 2) Receive a formal certificate
- 3) Have their picture, biography, and inspirational quote featured on the SAC website

Selected students should be prepared to attend the Distinguished Graduate Orientation on **March 20, 2025**.

For Department Use Only	
Applicant Selected	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**Application for Distinguished Graduate in \_\_\_\_\_**  
*(Program Name)*

**\*\*DUE FEBRUARY 15, 2024 to Academic Department\*\***

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- 1) Student must have a minimum GPA of 3.2.
- 2) Student can only represent ONE program.
- 3) 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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