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AWC celebrates commencement May 16

Yuma, Ariz. (April 30, 2025) – Arizona Western College, in collaboration with Northern Arizona University-Yuma, Arizona State University Local, and University of Arizona-Yuma, is pleased to announce the 2025 Commencement on Friday, May 16th.

The commencement ceremony will celebrate graduates from across Yuma and La Paz counties, including local high school students earning Associate of Arts degrees through the Dual Credit program. Many graduates honored at the event will be obtaining more than one certificate or degree.

“Graduation is not the end; it’s the beginning,” said **Ana English**, Dean of Enrollment Services & Athletics. “On behalf of Student Services, we wish you all the best on your new journey.”

At the end of the academic year, AWC will have issued over 2,500 degrees and occupational certificates, including Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC) certificates, which prepares students to transfer to a four-year university.

The ceremony is open to the public will take place at **7 p.m. on Friday, May 16**, at Veterans Memorial Stadium, 7150 E. 24th Street, next to Gila Ridge High School.

The commencement ceremony will be aired live on cable channel 74, via [AWC’s Facebook page](#) (no account needed to view), the [official AWC YouTube channel](#), and on AWC TV at azwestern.edu/live.

Alexia Gil, a Kofa High School alumna originally from Mexicali, B.C., has been selected as the 2025 AWC Student Commencement Speaker. [Click here](#) to read Alexia’s speaker bio, along with details on student speakers from our local university partners sharing in the commencement activities.

For information and updates regarding this year’s commencement, visit azwestern.edu/commencement.

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