Graduation Recognition Cords

Honor Cords will be available for pick up when caps and gowns are handed out. A list of graduates with the cord(s) you qualify for will be available for verification. The cords are yours to keep in recognition of your accomplishment.

Cords will be available for the following:

- Highest Honors – blue cord
  - Cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher as of Fall 2026
- Honors – white cord
  - Cumulative GPA of 3.25 – 3.49 as of Fall 2026
- Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society members – gold cord
- Military Service – red, white, and blue cord
  - For veterans and active duty members of the military
- Volunteer Service – silver cord
  - In recognition of 30 hours or more of volunteer service while a NIACC student
- TRIO members – red and black cord

1. The Honors, Highest Honors, Phi Theta Kappa, and TRIO/SSS cords will be identified by the Records Office through existing student information.
2. When applying for graduation, please indicate if you are eligible for the Military Service cord.
3. To receive the Volunteer Service cord representing campus or community service while attending college, please complete the Volunteer Cord application form. You must be signed in to TrojanHome before submitting the form. If you have any difficulties with the form, please contact Jennifer.ryan@niacc.edu.
   a. 30 service hours are required for this cord.
   b. Volunteer hours must be logged in the NIACC Volunteer Center.
   c. Any volunteer service that has been completed while attending NIACC will qualify you for this cord.
   d. Apply by April 16, 2027.