IMPORTANT GRADUATE & PARENT INFORMATION

Cap & Gown:
Campus Specialties at 1529 Eubank n.e.  505-275-9357
For more information about Campus Specialties click this link: [CAP & GOWN]

Free messaging service keeps Seniors informed...Parents too!
To access the free messaging service please see the NEWS section above and follow the instructions.

* TICKETS ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION.
* Senior Class Meeting in PAC at noon on THURSDAY, May 12th.
* Cap & Gown Distribution at DNHS Bookroom at 1:00pm on THURSDAY, May 12th. (All fines MUST be cleared)
* Senior Honors Assembly: May 13th at 8:56am in Main Gym- Grads MUST be in gym at 7:30am in full Cap & Gown.
* Graduation Ceremony: May 14th at Tingley Coliseum at 2:30pm- Grads MUST be in Tingley at 12:30pm

Road Construction that may interfere with travel to the Graduation Ceremony:
The New Mexico Department of Transportation will begin daytime work on northbound Louisiana Boulevard at I-40 and the eastbound I-40 on-ramp at Louisiana, resulting in partial lane closures on northbound Louisiana and a full eastbound on-ramp closure beginning March 14 at 12 a.m. The on-ramp is expected to be closed approximately 15 days. Motorists are urged to seek alternate routes, observe traffic control signage and reduced speed limits. For project-related traffic updates, visit [www.nmroads.com].

The following is a list of expected closures; however, all dates are approximate and subject to change.

· March 14th to April 3rd – Northbound Louisiana will be restricted to 1 (one) to 2 (two) lanes;
· March 14th to March 28th – The Eastbound I-40 on-ramp will be closed to traffic;
· March 29th to April 26th – The Eastbound I-40 off-ramp will be closed to traffic; and
· April 29th to May 13th – Southbound Louisiana will be closed to traffic between the north side of the bridge and Constitution Ave. Interstate
on-ramps will continue to be accessible in both directions. There will be no access to southbound Louisiana from the eastbound off-ramp.

**The Graduation Class of 2016**

Dear class of 2016 Graduating Seniors please read and understand the following...

**Honors Assembly:**
May 13, 2016  
DNHS Main Gym
(Time: 8:56am)

Graduates must be in their seats at 7:30am.

**Graduation Date:**
May 14, 2016  
2:30pm at Tingley Coliseum

Graduates must be in their seats by 12:30pm.

**Textbook return:**
Directly to the bookroom.

**Fines:**
It is your responsibility to clear all fines prior to picking up your cap and gown. Cap and gown will **NOT** be issued if you are carrying any fines.

**Non-Graduating Seniors:**
Those not participating in the commencement ceremony may pick up their diploma in the main office on May 16, 2016.

**Cap & Gown Distribution:**
May 12th, 2016: 1:00pm in the Del Norte Bookroom.

**Expected Dress (required):**

**Men**
- ✓ Light colored (white preferred) dress shirt.
- ✓ Tie
- ✓ Dark Slacks (black preferred) **NO JEANS!**
- ✓ Dark dress shoes or dress boots with hard sole
- ✓ **NO ATHLETIC SHOES!**

**Women**
- ✓ Dress-any color: Not longer than "Tea-Length" or
- ✓ Dress slacks or Dress Capris (Black ONLY)
- ✓ **NO JEANS!**
- ✓ Dress Shoes: A sensible walking heel is advised.
- ✓ **NO ATHLETIC SHOES or Flip-Flops!**

**Correct Graduation Ceremony Cap & Gown Attire:**
Black Gown with Gold Stole (worn longer portion down the back), black "mortarboard" cap (worn flat on head, parallel to the floor-**NOT** on back on head), tassel. Ladies, do not wear the white collar included with cap & gown (this will make sense when you receive your cap and gown).
ONLY honor cords and medals received as senior awards or at the honors program are allowed to be worn on cap and gown. **No altering of the cap or gown is allowed at all. No decorations, adornments, or slogans of any type are allowed on cap or gown, including but not limited to flowers, leis, buttons, balloons, signs, sayings, decals, stickers, etc.**

ALL graduates will be "screened" as they enter Tingley Coliseum. **No bags, purses, cameras, cell phones, food, drinks, beach balls, etc are allowed past the “Student Entrance”.** Please be prepared to secure all items (especially cell phones) outside of Tingley Coliseum as you will NOT be allowed to bring those items in and will be turned away at the door. Please leave these items with family member or guest. **Do not bring them in!**

All graduates planning on participating in this year’s graduation ceremony will be required to open (unzip) gown and prove that no unauthorized items are being brought into Tingley Coliseum. Please understand, those seniors carrying any unauthorized items will be turned away at the entrance. Graduates may be asked to empty pockets. It will be their responsibility to adequately secure these items. To answer a question before you ask it, “No. We will not hold your purse, cell phone, camera, etc”. Any graduate found to be in possession of any of the above mentioned items while in their ceremony seat will be removed and, depending on time constraints prior to the start of the ceremony, may forfeit their opportunity to participate in this year's’ graduation ceremony.

**IF you DO NOT attend the Senior Honors Assembly YOU WILL NOT have a seat at graduation.**

**PLEASE - Be On Time for all events!!!**

**Campus Specialties (505-275-9357) , located at 1529 Eubank Blvd,** is the official vendor selected by Del Norte High School to provide graduation announcements and caps & gowns to our graduates.

**2016 GRADUATES** who plan to borrow a cap & gown may only borrow from ‘12, ‘13, ‘14 or ‘15 graduates. If you borrow a cap & gown you will need to purchase a ’16 tassel in May. It is a possibility that in May you will need to purchase a Turquoise collar and/or a cap that correctly fits your head.

Where Do I Park?
Where do I sit? Where Do my guests sit?

2016 APS GRADUATION CEREMONY LAYOUT: TINGLEY COLISEUM

Note: The diagram is a general design layout of the event and is not drawn to scale.
Where do I get my Diploma?
After the ceremony where do I go? Where do my guests go?

POST COMMENCEMENT MEET & GREET SITE

Upon the conclusion of the commencement ceremony, graduates will be escorted to the Post Commencement Meet & Greet Site located at the Creative Arts Parking Lot southwest of Tingley Coliseum. Families and friends may enter the Post Commencement Meet & Greet Site by exiting the coliseum through the west doors. Graduates, families, and friends are welcome to gather and share in the commemoration of the academic achievement of graduates but are kindly reminded to share brief congratulations then move on to personal celebrations.