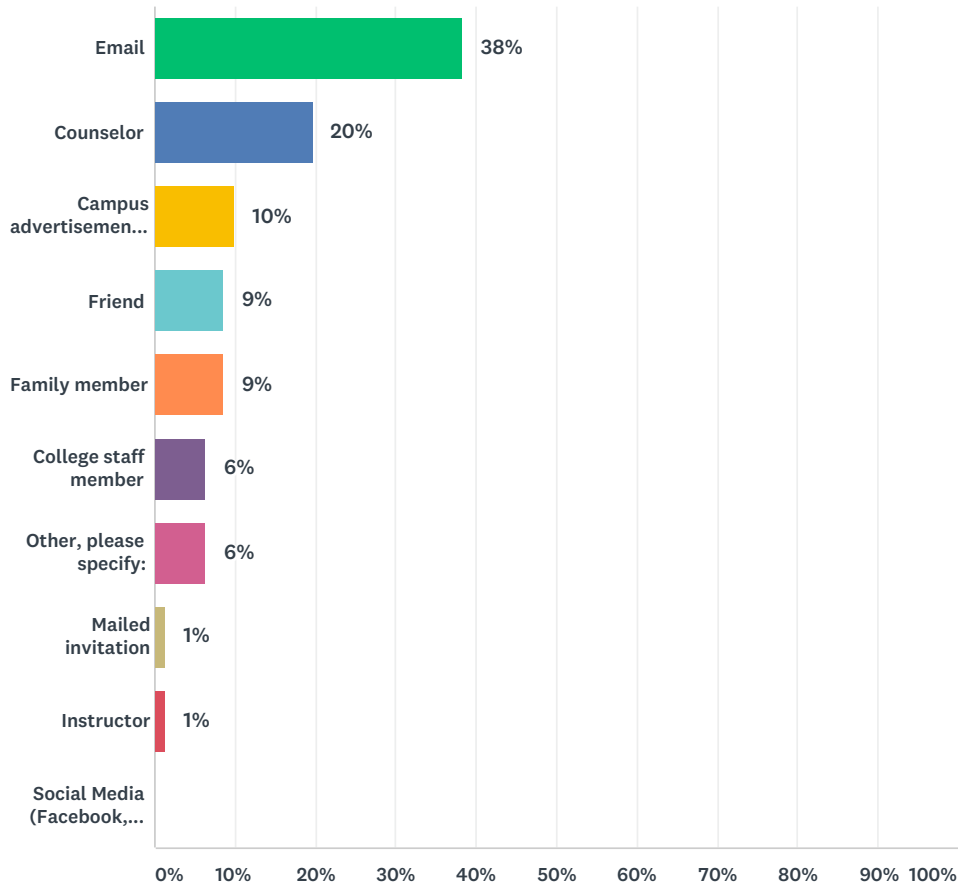


Q1 How did you first learn about the commencement ceremony?

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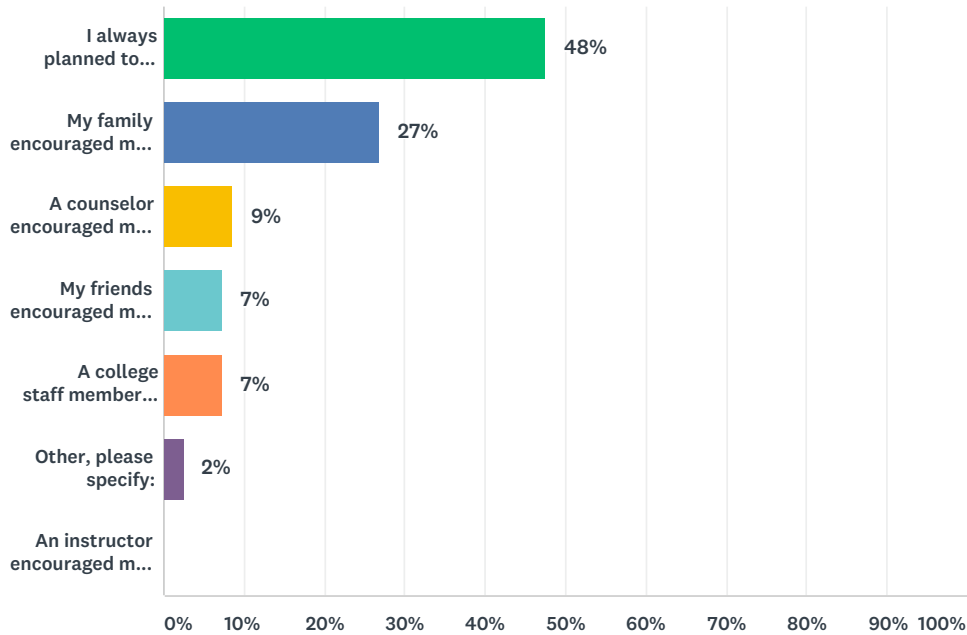


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Email	38%	31
Counselor	20%	16
Campus advertisements (banner, flyer, poster, etc.)	10%	8
Friend	9%	7
Family member	9%	7
College staff member	6%	5
Other, please specify:	6%	5
Mailed invitation	1%	1
Instructor	1%	1
Social Media (Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.)	0%	0
TOTAL		81

#	OTHER, PLEASE SPECIFY:
1	Website
2	Administrative and Records employee
3	College website.
4	Friend
5	College website

Q2 What is the primary reason you chose to participate in this year's commencement ceremony?

Answered: 82 Skipped: 5

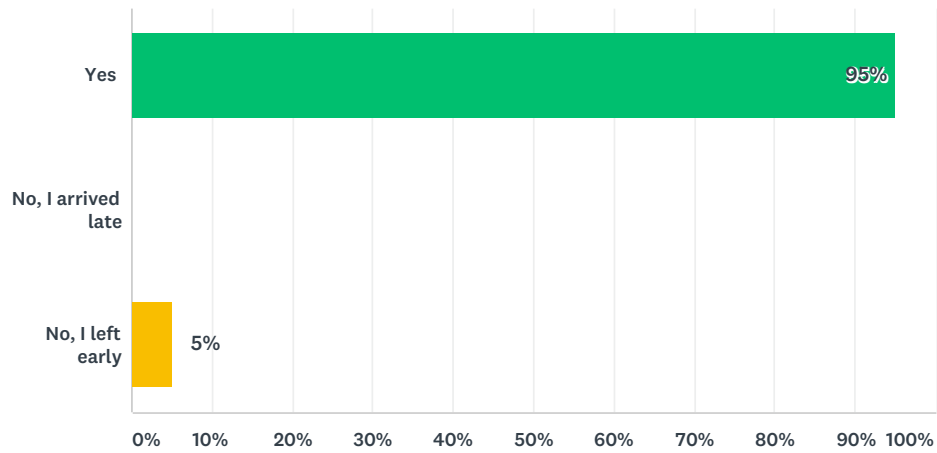


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I always planned to participate.	48%	39
My family encouraged me to participate.	27%	22
A counselor encouraged me to participate.	9%	7
My friends encouraged me to participate.	7%	6
A college staff member encouraged me to participate.	7%	6
Other, please specify:	2%	2
An instructor encouraged me to participate.	0%	0
TOTAL		82

#	OTHER, PLEASE SPECIFY:
1	I am
2	I decided to participate and my family supported me.

Q3 Did you experience the entire Commencement Ceremony?

Answered: 81 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	95%	77
No, I arrived late	0%	0
No, I left early	5%	4
TOTAL		81

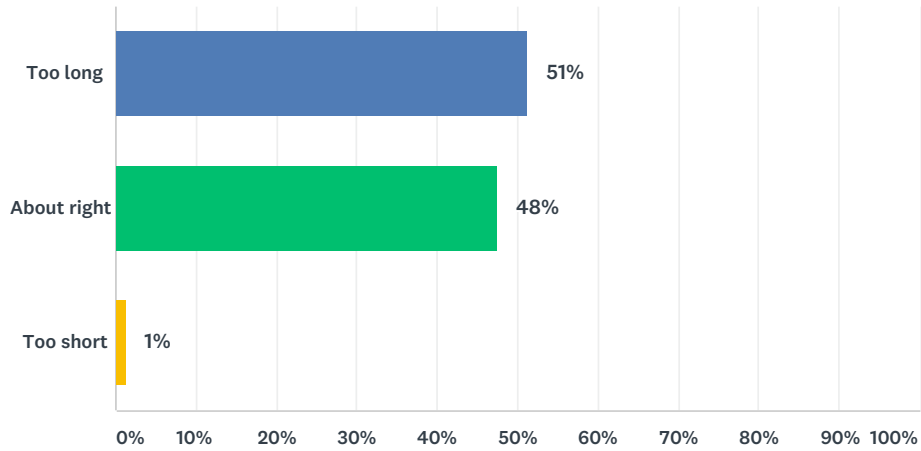
Q4 If you arrived late or left the ceremony early, please explain why:

Answered: 4 Skipped: 83

#	RESPONSES
1	It was hot at first than it got cold, I had a really bad headache I couldn't stay any longer.
2	I was going to lose my dinner reservation if I didn't leave soon
3	It took too long! I was only able to leave a few minutes early though.
4	I left when students were being dismissed row by row. I left so that traffic wouldn't be so difficult on the way out.

Q5 Did you feel the length of the ceremony was too long, too short, or about right?

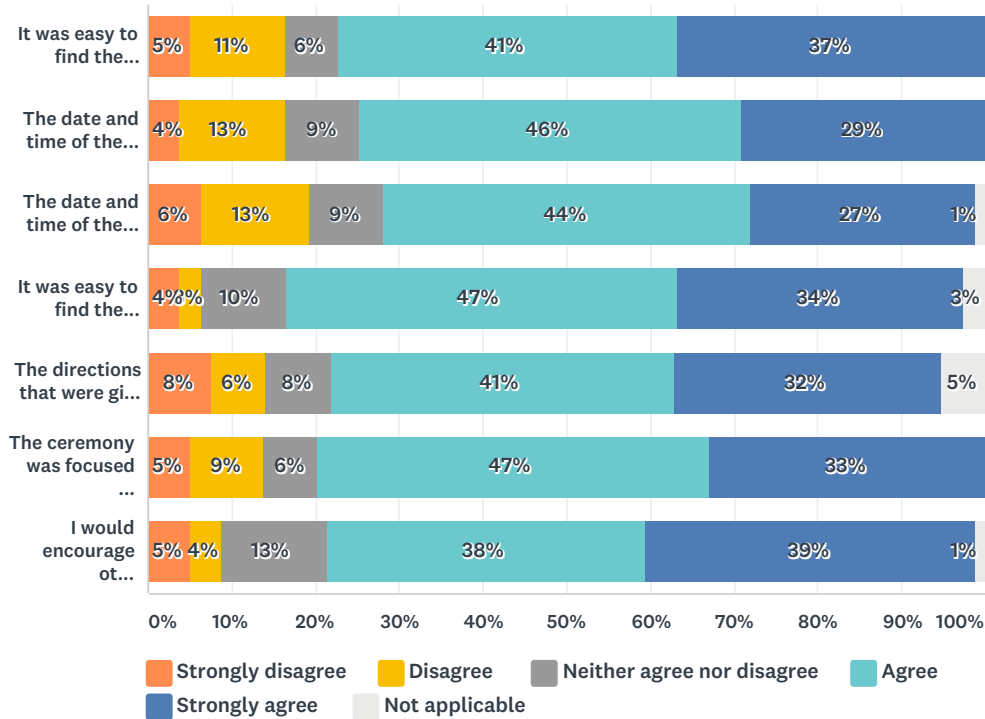
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Too long	51%	41
About right	48%	38
Too short	1%	1
TOTAL		80

Q6 Please rate your agreement with the following statements about the Cuyamaca College Commencement Ceremony.

Answered: 79 Skipped: 8



	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	NOT APPLICABLE	TOTAL
It was easy to find the information I needed about the ceremony.	5% 4	11% 9	6% 5	41% 32	37% 29	0% 0	79
The date and time of the ceremony was appropriate for me.	4% 3	13% 10	9% 7	46% 36	29% 23	0% 0	79
The date and time of the ceremony was appropriate for my guests.	6% 5	13% 10	9% 7	44% 34	27% 21	1% 1	78
It was easy to find the information I needed at the check-in table at the ceremony.	4% 3	3% 2	10% 8	47% 37	34% 27	3% 2	79
The directions that were given during the commencement rehearsal were clear.	8% 6	6% 5	8% 6	41% 32	32% 25	5% 4	78
The ceremony was focused on celebrating my academic achievements.	5% 4	9% 7	6% 5	47% 37	33% 26	0% 0	79
I would encourage other students to participate in the ceremony.	5% 4	4% 3	13% 10	38% 30	39% 31	1% 1	79

Q7 How would you describe the commencement ceremony to another student?

Answered: 50 Skipped: 37

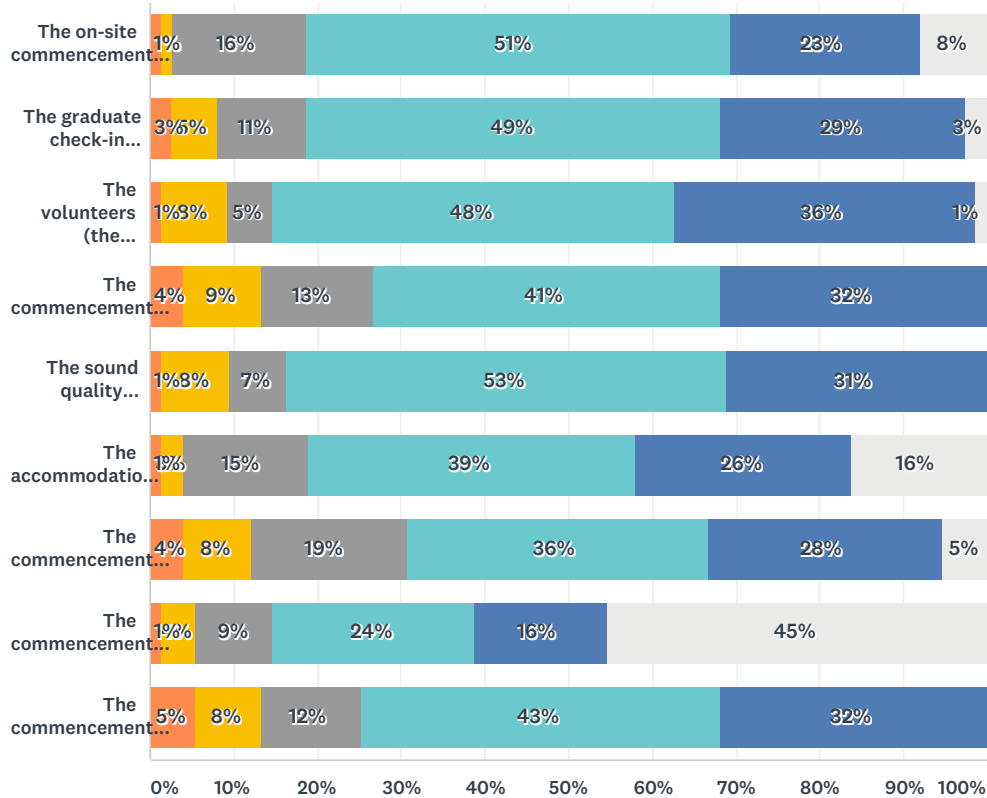
#	RESPONSES
1	You line up, stand in line for a while, walk to the chairs, sit for an hour or so to listen to speeches, stand up to get the empty diploma envelope, take pictures, and sit back down at your spot and wait another 20 mins to finally walk off bad meet with family and friends.
2	Great
3	It was a great feeling to walk across the stage but it was incredibly long and you don't have much of a choice but to sit there and wait for all the speeches to end.
4	It was a memorable event!!
5	Great memories and moments
6	Wonderful
7	I would describe it as the A&R employee did to me, "Anybody can walk". Cuyamaca is a joke.
8	It is a nice feeling because the day is about you and what you worked hard for.
9	Wonderful
10	It was a little long but it felt rewarding to be at the ceremony when the speakers were congratulating us for our hard work and continued motivating us to move forward.
11	It's always fun to practice in the ceremony. It just help you feel the happiness of your hard work through all the years.
12	I would describe it as a great experience in which you feel honored for complete your goals.
13	I told them to complete education and Study hard
14	Nice, it appreciates the good work, and motivates people.
15	A little disorganized when checking in
16	A celebration of all your achievements
17	It was very good
18	It's a great time to celebrate your achievements and this would be in your memory.
19	Unforgettable Moment.
20	The best
21	It is a fascinating experience that rewards you for all the hard work you've put in. You earned this, so take this time to enjoy it.
22	The ceremony is a great experience to be apart of. It is a must to solidify and celebrate one's achievements. That said, the ceremony was far too long with too many student speakers.
23	It was great event you will never forget in your whole life
24	Too long, and seemed to focus on teachers and student speakers then actually getting to the graduation/ceremony part.
25	Lots of speeches all saying mostly the same thing. Some students weren't even listening and were just on their phones/ standing up/talking during speeches.
26	A unique experience that would not happen again.
27	participate
28	Nice and quick to the point
29	Bad and it is not organized
30	It was the best day of my life and I was fully happy and excited
31	So long. Everyone talked about themselves. The speeches were twice the length of those given at the two high school graduations I attended in the same week. It was horrible

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32	An emotional experience that you do not expect. You can finally say I did it
33	It was orgnized very well and makes me feel proud and happy.
34	It's very good and very nice
35	It was too long if your guests don't want to stand up for a very long time they need to come hours before it starts because unfortunately mine left due to that situation. They didn't even end up staying for my name.
36	Very long winded speeches that didnt pertain to the graduates but to the speaker themselves. Guests were restless and losing attention. Almost 3 hours is too long for graduation ceremony
37	It's a amazing experience and definitely worth the time !
38	It is wonderful
39	Worth being able to walk
40	Waaaaaaaay too long. Be prepared to hear long speeches from people who work for the district but you have never seen or heard of before.
41	The Cuyamaca Commencement ceremony is very fun and exciting, I loved the staff, the teachers, and the students! The only issue was that the ceremony dragged a little too long because of how many speech's there were. Lower down on the speech's!
42	Memorable
43	If you went through your High School ceremony, it's pretty much the same process. If you didn't: google it. Pretty standard stuff.
44	I proud of my se6for the next ceremony
45	I wanted to walk in the ceremony and for that part I am glad I went. It is long, I think having less speakers, maybe 4, would keep the participants' and audience attention more. It did feel a bit as though presenters primarily wanted to share their own thoughts. As a graduate, I felt it was not so much about celebrating us and sending us off, which was disappointing. All in all, if you just are wanting to walk then I'd really think about it before committing. However, if you know the speakers, then it is probably much more enjoyable to sit through.
46	It was long. Too many names being called and there wasn't enough seating for guests
47	Lots of speeches about people praising each other and their credentials.
48	It was amazing and special feeling you would had it forever
49	Excellent
50	It was a fun, rewarding experience that really celebrated all the hard work it took to get there

Q8 Using the scale below, please indicate how satisfied you were with each of the following:

Answered: 75 Skipped: 12



■ Very dissatisfied
 ■ Dissatisfied
 ■ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
■ Satisfied
 ■ Very satisfied
 ■ Not applicable

	VERY DISSATISFIED	DISSATISFIED	NEITHER SATISFIED NOR DISSATISFIED	SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	NOT APPLICABLE	TOTAL
The on-site commencement registration process	1% 1	16% 1	16% 12	51% 38	23% 17	8% 6	75
The graduate check-in process before commencement in the Student Center	3% 2	5% 4	11% 8	49% 37	29% 22	3% 2	75
The volunteers (the individuals assisting with seating, directions, etc.)	1% 1	8% 6	5% 4	48% 36	36% 27	1% 1	75
The commencement speakers/presenters	4% 3	9% 7	13% 10	41% 31	32% 24	0% 0	75
The sound quality (volume, clarity, etc.)	1% 1	8% 6	7% 5	53% 39	31% 23	0% 0	74

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	VERY DISSATISFIED	DISSATISFIED	NEITHER SATISFIED NOR DISSATISFIED	SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	NOT APPLICABLE	TOTAL
The accommodations for students and guests with disabilities	1% 1	3% 2	15% 11	39% 29	26% 19	16% 12	74
The commencement honor line (the line leading graduates past faculty and other staff)	4% 3	8% 6	19% 14	36% 27	28% 21	5% 4	75
The commencement "after party" in the College's Student Center	1% 1	4% 3	9% 7	24% 18	16% 12	45% 34	75
The commencement ceremony, overall	5% 4	8% 6	12% 9	43% 32	32% 24	0% 0	75

Q9 What, if anything, would you change about the commencement process (i.e., registration, online information, check-in, ceremony, reception)?

Answered: 39 Skipped: 48

#	RESPONSES
1	Put old students in the front.
2	The ceremony was way too long. We had no idea that anyone who earned a certificate or degree could walk, so it was almost twice as many people as we thought would be there. My entire family left early because my grandfather is 92 and cannot sit outside for 3 hours. He was in a wheelchair and nobody could even see the stage so none of my friends or family even saw me walk on stage to get my degree. It was a waste and stressful and made me feel crappy because I got to walk to my car by myself after the ceremony. I don't expect my 2-year-old son and my 92-year-old grandfather to sit and listen to 3 hours worth of speeches of people who I don't even know who they are and watch thousands of students walk across the stage for a certificate. There should be two separate ceremonies, one for certificates and the other for degrees. Way too many people to fit in one sitting.
3	There were a lot empty seats. You would allow people to use them.
4	Many students got the honors strip but they are not an that was not fair and the honors and other student without honors should sit together to prevent hurt others feelings
5	Make sure that every student walking in the ceremony is actually graduating. Cuyamaca has wasted my family's time and has lied to me. I attended the ceremony thinking I graduated, I even bought my graduation photo. Only to receive a letter saying I didn't really graduate. Thanks cuyamaca for embarrassing me in front of my family. I will not be spending my money here anymore and telling everyone I know that a cuyamaca employee told me, "Anyone can walk".
6	Make it a little shorter since it's done outside and people get hungry and have headaches because it takes 3-4 hours
7	Nothing
8	The process of lining up to get names called. That part felt very disorganized.
9	Since it's on June I would recommend a place near by the real ceremony place. It was really hard to walk to the H building and then stand in the sun to check in. Then walk again "with heels" down to the B building.
10	ceremony
11	If it was on a Friday or Saturday. And for staff to direct students to the right line at check in because everyone kept going on the line that was the longest instead of the one based on their last name.
12	When calling names of students, there should be someone that can really know how to pronounce the names of students.
13	Nothing
14	Of all the professors I had in the 5 years at Cuyamaca, there was only 1 present at commencement. I was a little disappointed that nearly all of them weren't there. My professors were a big part of my success and I was hoping to see them and thank them one last time before I left. Unfortunately, I didn't get that opportunity, but future graduates should. So, my suggestion is that all professors are required to attend the commencement ceremony.

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15	Registration for commencement needs to be taken more seriously. If a student is close to meeting the requirements, but is removed from the list due to a missing requirement, staff needs to follow up with those students to ensure that they were correctly removed from the list. I had to call to speak with a counselor many times before I was told that I needed to send in a transcript for a course that I was taking during the semester of graduation. Had I not been persistent, I would have been incorrectly removed from the graduation list. Further, the commencement ceremony had WAY too many student speakers. It was too focused on the 15 (or so it felt) student speakers and not enough on the graduates as a whole. Every student has their own unique hardship-to-degree story, with many of them having to also care for a family, to just have to sit around for an hour plus to listen to the ones the college asked to speak. I highly recommend giving more credit to the students as a whole. After 5 student speakers, you've completely lost the attention of most of the attendees and students. Lastly, at the end of the commencement ceremony, holding students in their seat is a waste of everyone's time. Allow them to get up and meet up with their families as they please. No matter what, there is going to be a bit of chaos that takes place at the end of a commencement ceremony. I participated in a 4-year university commencement ceremony for another degree and they managed to make the ceremony celebratory while moving through the graduation much faster than Cuyamaca.
16	Book your seat in advance before ceremony
17	Make it shorter!!! Students' name with 3.9 GPA should be announced in the ceremony because of most 4.0 GPA students didn't attend the ceremony.
18	Make it shorter, and instead of letting so many people speak and then rushing us students when it's time to get our diplomas, it should be the other way around. After all it's about us not the staff.
19	Online information and reception
20	Less talking. Many families have small children who cannot sit through the entire ceremony. Thank you.
21	Nothing to change everything was perfect
22	The place of the ceremony, at the end was very disorganized. Cars driving, people lost, no one could get out on their cars. Needs more security to guide the crowd
23	Nothing
24	Make the amount of speakers shorter the graduation was too long
25	Everything
26	The commencement was very long so shortening that up would be great. Putting shades so it's not too hot and maybe putting more chairs for guests
27	Make the ceremony shorter so the guests and graduates don't suffer for 3 hours. Too many long winded speeches! Make them shorter if you are going to have that many speakers. Five minutes at most. It should be a day for the graduates not faculty members to pay themselves on the back.
28	Every thing was good
29	Make it shorter. I mean, we respect the people who help keep the school going and everything but it was way too long. For a second there I thought you guys were going to have the janitors make speeches too haha
30	Keep track of the assisting volunteers. Apparently one of them was doing a phishing "Vegas Trip" scam, it was a volunteer that had people sign up during rehearsal.
31	Maybe have big screens like Grossmont college so the people towards the back could see better.
32	Length of ceremony
33	I would change the number of speakers for the ceremony. Perhaps also giving them prompts to speak on, keeping the graduates the focal point (i.e. what do you hope students leave with? What is the number one thing you love about Cuyamaca? Etc). Having also received commencement information for Grossmont college, I think the breakdown of info for Cuyamaca could be more concise and clear.
34	Film commencement and or take more photos like Grossmont's
35	Less speakers. The speeches were too many and the ceremony seemed way too long.
36	Shorten the speeches.
37	Organize the time please
38	Nothing everything was perfect.
39	The online information took me a while to find, but once I found it it was easy to get to. So maybe a more direct link to it off of the main Cuyamaca website.