

Academic Regalia Standards for Undergraduate Commencement from Champlain College

Note: Only students who are having degrees conferred at the ceremony are eligible to wear regalia enhancements.

Regalia Options

1. **SASH:** Latin Honors recipients at the Associate and Bachelor's levels will be given GOLD SASHES to represent their distinction of Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude or Summa Cum Laude. Sashes will be provided by the institution.
2. **CORDS:** Academic honor societies, Student Government Association, and the Center for Service and Civic Engagement may award cords to their graduates. Cords will be provided by the institution.
3. **KENTE STOLES:** Kente cloth stoles are traditionally awarded by diversity and equity college offices to under-represented seniors as a way to recognize and celebrate their heritage, academic, and leadership accomplishments during their college career. The Office of Student Diversity and Inclusion (OSDI) will make this option available to under-represented students at Champlain and will cover the costs of kente stoles awarded for this purpose. Any student group wishing to award stoles must obtain approval from Student Life and must cover all associated costs.
4. **PINS:** Club members may wear pins representing their participation and will be responsible for paying for their pins.

Approval Process

An ad-hoc committee of Students, Staff and Faculty will be formed to set policy and approve any requests for honor cords, kente stoles or pins. This committee will be responsible for insuring that there is no repetition in honor cord color and that consistency and the mission of the institution is paramount in the decision-making process. Each group requesting and granting the use of honor cords, kente stoles, and pins are responsible for setting their own guidelines and standards for honoring students at graduation.

1. Cord Selection Process
 - Academic honor societies, SGA and CSCE will select their cord colors, which will become the standard for all future graduations.
 - Cord ordering process: All groups must follow the approval process outlined below.
2. Kente Stole Selection Process

- Under-represented individuals: Traditional kente stoles are unique to that individual based on their culture and heritage. Students who choose to wear a kente stole as a celebration of their cultural and ethnic heritage will work with the Office of Student Diversity and Inclusion to select their stole. Costs for these stoles will be covered by the Office of Student Diversity and Inclusion.
- Any student group wishing to award a stole to signify their group affiliation may be assisted by the OSDI office in the process of choosing and ordering their stole, but will be responsible for paying for the stoles themselves.

3. Pin Selection Process

- Student Clubs can select pins to represent their participation.
- It will be the responsibility of each individual advisor to coordinate with Debbie Urbahn and facilitate the ordering and distribution of pins.

4. Overall Approval Process

- All requests must be submitted in writing to Debbie Urbahn, by the end of the fall semester.
- The ad-hoc committee will meet the first week of the Spring Semester to review all requests. Approvals will be granted by mid-January and given to faculty/staff advisor.
- All approved requests may then submit orders for cords, kente stoles and pins directly to Debbie Urbahn by January 31.