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- ◆◆Magna Cum Laude — Designates students who graduate with a cumulative GPA of 3.75 to 3.99.
- ◆Cum Laude — Designates students who graduate with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 to 3.74.
- Presidential Scholarship Award
- ◇Robinson Honors Program Graduate
- ▲Robinson Scholars
- ✂Student Excellence Award

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ACADEMIC REGALIA

ROBES

The academic regalia—robes, caps or mortar boards, medallions — found in most colleges and universities is derived from the academic and clerical dress common throughout the medieval universities of Europe.

The modern academic gown is a garment resembling a long black cape. In early medieval times, all students at the universities were required to wear the robes to class. The colors of velvet and piping on robes represents the degree or discipline of the wearer.

The hood was originally a functional garment, worn to shield the head from the elements. It has developed to an often bright and decorative garment worn only on special academic occasions. The interior lining of the hood displays the colors of the institution from which the wearer received a degree.

- Bachelor of Applied Science and Bachelor of Science graduates wear black gowns.
- Associate in Arts and Associate in Science graduates wear green gowns.
- Advanced Technical Certificate, Advanced Technology Diploma, and Career and Technical Certificate graduates wear navy blue gowns.

PRESIDENTIAL CHAIN OF OFFICE

The chain of office worn by the President is a celebration of the College's history. From September 1948 to July 2010, the College was named Pensacola Junior College. In July 2010, the College became Pensacola State College. The large bronze medallion on the center of the chain is the College seal. The right side of the chain recognizes the past presidents of Pensacola Junior College, and the left side of the chain recognizes the current president of Pensacola State College.

THE MACE

The ceremonial academic mace goes back to 1385 at the University of Vienna. An academic mace is traditionally carried in procession when degrees are granted or when the faculty is assembled in formal academic dress. The Pensacola State College mace was crafted by Mr. Fred Bond of Pensacola. To commemorate the history of the college, one side of the ornament at the top of the mace has the Pensacola Junior College seal which was taken into space aboard the Space Shuttle Discovery that was launched in April 2010, and commanded by deceased Alumnus Alan Poindexter. The other side of the ornament displays the seal of Pensacola State College.

MORTARBOARD

The academic cap, commonly known as the mortarboard, is symbolic of academia. It is a flat square hat with a tassel suspended from a button in the top center of the board. Graduates wear the tassel on the left side. Holders of doctorates and the current and past chairs of the District Board of Trustees wear a soft rounded headpiece known as a Tudor bonnet or tam.

GRADUATION STOLES AND HONOR CORDS

- African American Student Association — green, red, and black honor cord
- Alpha Beta Gamma — gold stole
- Dental Hygiene — purple and white honor cord
- Kappa Delta Pi — teal and purple honor cord
- Military Veterans — red, white and blue honor cord
- National Technical Honor Society — purple stole and white and purple honor cord
- Phi Beta Lambda — blue and gold stole and honor cord
- Phi Theta Kappa — gold stole and blue and gold honor cord
- Presidential Scholarship Award — medallion with gold ribbon
- Robinson Scholars — white and green stole and gold cord
- Sigma Beta Delta — gold and green stole and honor cord
- Student Ambassadors — silver stole
- Student Government Association — blue stole
- TRIO Student Support Services — red and black honor cord
- Veterinary Technology — grey honor cord

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