



CONGRATS, GRADUATE!

The Walden Community can't wait to see and share your best grad photos. Before you start snapping, try these "S.M.A.R.T." photo tips, and don't forget to share the results with us [HERE](#).

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S - STRIKE A POSE

Body language tells your story—let your portrait shout: "I DID IT!"

- Turn your body at a slight angle to the camera.
- Power pose! Try hands in pockets or on hips.
- Shift weight to your back leg.
- Keep your back straight when seated.
- Celebrate with your arms held high and a big smile!

M - MAKE YOUR SCENE

Your portrait background sets the mood. Make the world your stage.

- Try natural light! Face a window or go outside.
- Find a background that contrasts with your outfit.
- Position light source behind the camera.

A - ALL THE THINGS

Make your photo unique with some fun props.

- Take a group shot with supporters: partners, spouses, kids, parents, friends, family members, even pets!
- Add seasonally appropriate flourishes.
- Action shot: throw some confetti or your grad cap!
- Show off your diploma and regalia.
- Share your future plans with a chalkboard to-do list!

R - REGALIZE YOUR REGALIA

Look and feel your very best—you'll be ready for your closeup in no time!

- Align your tassel to overlap with your hair or edge of your face.
- Add a surprise like pajamas under regalia or colorful makeup!
- No cap and gown? Just wear something snazzy.
- Show off your WaldenGear or your class tee!

T - TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TECH

Whenever you're ready, you can use your camera and/or phone to add even more flair to your photos!

- Play with photo options: burst mode, portrait mode, etc.
 - Take a step closer rather than zooming with your phone for better resolution.
 - Experiment with the framing of your photo.
 - Taking a selfie? Try the timer function for better focus!
 - Use the hashtag #WaldenUGrad when you post.
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