

COMMENCEMENT SURVIVAL GUIDE

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR GRADUATION

GRADUATION BREAKFAST VOTING

What

There will be a 3L breakfast the day before graduation (May 15) in the cafeteria at 10:00am. **You do not need to RSVP to attend this.** At the breakfast, there will be a class photo, awards, and speeches from (i) a law professor, (ii) a female 3L, and (iii) a male 3L. The speakers are selected by the graduating class.

When

Voting/Selections will take place in the atrium during lunch Monday, April 14 – Friday, April 18.

Action

Plan on attending the breakfast on Thurs., May 15. Select your speakers April 14 – 18.

3L CHALLENGE/CLASS GIFT PROGRAM

What

The 3L Class Gift Program provides an opportunity for the Class of 2014 to have an impact on the future of Pepperdine Law. Your participation in the 3L Class Gift Program matters because it shows the strength of support of the graduating class, while directly supporting next year's incoming class. When you fulfill your pledge with annual gifts to Pepperdine Law, you **increase the value of your law degree** by raising our alumni participating rate. This participation rate is the percentage of Pepperdine Law alumni who make a cash gift of *any* amount to the law school each year. Corporations and foundations even look at alumni participation when making decisions about their gifts to schools like Pepperdine Law.

Action

Make your pledge of \$20.14 in the atrium during lunch, Monday April 14 – Friday, April 25.

COMMENCEMENT STUDENT ADDRESS & SINGER AUDITIONS

What

Every year at graduation, a member of the graduating class (i) performs the national anthem, and (ii) delivers a 6-8 minute speech on behalf of the 3L class. 3Ls audition for these honors during the final week of spring classes.

When

Auditions will be held before a committee of faculty, staff, and peers beginning at 3:00pm Tuesday and Wednesday, April 22-23.

Action

If you would like to try out, please sign up for an audition time at the Reception desk.

IMPORTANT ADMINISTRATIVE TO-DOS

(A HOLD WILL BE PLACED ON YOUR CAP AND GOWN UNTIL THESE ITEMS ARE COMPLETED!)

CDO Exit Counseling

3L Students need to complete and submit the Professional Development Verification Form located at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3TXDXYQ>. This must be done by April 23 at 3:30pm. Additionally, the ABA Employment Survey must be completed by all 3L students and can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Z22CHYT>. Both surveys must be done by April 23 at 3:30pm.

Financial Aid Counseling

Complete online at: <http://law.pepperdine.edu/financial-assistance/loans/counseling.htm> by Friday, May 9. Additionally, exit packets are available in the Financial Aid Office with an aggregate total and breakdown of all your loans.

Return all Library Books

Cap and gown will be held until all items are returned and your account is cleared.

Update contact info with the Alumni Office

Visit <http://law.pepperdine.edu/news-events/events/commencement/alumni-info.htm> and provide the SOL with your post-graduate contact information.

JULY 2014 CA BAR EXAM HOSPITALITY LUNCH

The SOL would like to provide you with a healthy lunch during the bar exam. Currently, lunch will be available all 3 exam days at the Century City, Ontario, and Pasadena sites. Additional sites may be added based on your response to this survey:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?usp=drive_web&formkey=dERoLTdvdnZJUFBBCVFdyQy1nREdrZnc6MA-gid=0.

Please fill out the survey at the link above so the school can plan appropriately and you can enjoy free, healthy meals during the exam this summer.

DO YOU KNOW WHO'S "HOODING" YOU?

Don't forget to select someone to "hood" you! The hood is a garment that signifies your degree and drapes down your back. Your hooder must arrive and take his/her assigned seat at the graduation site

VISIT THE COMMENCEMENT WEBSITE

For additional information about parking, arrival times, and additional services, please visit:

<https://law.pepperdine.edu/commencement>

HELPFUL HINTS

Lunch Reservations

Lunch spots in Malibu are hard to find after the Commencement ceremony. Make your reservations ahead of time.

Weather

Plan for cool weather in the morning and sunshine in the afternoon – that means jackets, sunglasses, and SUNBLOCK.

Attire

Ladies, when planning your outfits please remember that the ground is soft and grassy. Wedges work better than heels.

QUICK LOOK: COMMENCEMENT TIMELINE

4/14 – 4/18:	3L Breakfast Voting
4/14 – 4/25:	3L Challenge
5/15, 10:00am:	Graduation Breakfast (Grads Only). SOL Cafeteria.
5/12 – 5/15	Cap and Gown pick-up. 206A – Alumni Office
5/15, 4:00pm:	Straus Graduate Reception. SOL Atrium.
5/16, 9:30am:	Graduate line-up. University Alumni Park.
5/16, 10:30am:	Commencement Ceremony & Reception. University Alumni Park.