

COMMENCEMENT SURVIVAL GUIDE

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR GRADUATION

3L FOCUS GROUPS

What Dean Al Sturgeon would love to have the opportunity to meet with groups of 3Ls before graduation. This provides you the opportunity to share your candid feedback, thoughts, and suggestions about the Pepperdine Law experience.

When Post Spring break. Check the Just for 3Ls weekly newsletter for an announcement of the dates.

Action Look for an email from Al Sturgeon to sign up!

GRADUATION BREAKFAST

What There will be a breakfast for 3L graduates the day before graduation (May 14) in the cafeteria at 10:00 a.m. The breakfast is just for graduates and faculty (no friends, family, etc.) At the breakfast, there will be a class photo, awards announced and given, and speeches from (i) a law professor, (ii) a female 3L, and (iii) a male 3L. The speakers are selected by you, the graduating class. **You do not need to RSVP to attend this.**

When Voting/selections will take place in the atrium during lunch Mon., April 13 – Fri., April 17.

Action Plan on attending the breakfast on Thurs., May 14. Select your speakers April 13 – 17.

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 12:30 p.m. Mon. & Tues. April 20-21.

Action If you would like to try out, please sign up for an audition time in the Alumni Office.

DO YOU KNOW WHO'S "HOODING" YOU?

Graduates: you need to select someone to "hood" you. The hood is actually a garment that signifies your degree and drapes down your back. Your hooder must arrive and take his/her assigned seat at the actual graduation site (directly behind you) by 10:15 a.m.

QUICK LOOK: COMMENCEMENT TIMELINE

Post Spring Break: 3L Focus Groups
4/13 – 4/17: 3L Breakfast Voting. Atrium.
4/20-4/21-12:30p.m.-4:00p.m.: Tryouts. ACR
5/11 to 14– 8:00a.m.-5:00p.m.: Cap & Gown pick-up.
Alumni Office
5/13 – 4:00 p.m.: Straus Graduate Reception
(Non-J.D. MDR). Atrium.

5/14 – 10:00 a.m.: Graduation breakfast
(J.D. Grads only). SOL Cafeteria.
5/14 – 4:00 p.m.: Straus Graduate Reception
(J.D. & MDR). Atrium.
5/15 – 9:30 a.m.: Graduates line-up at Alumni Park.
5/15 – 10:30 a.m.: Commencement Ceremony & Reception.
University Alumni Park.

JULY 2015 CA BAR EXAM HOSPITALITY LUNCH

What

The SOL would like to provide you with a healthy lunch during the bar exam. Currently lunch will be available all three exam days at the Century City, Ontario, and Pasadena sites. If you are not taking the bar exam at the locations let us know and we can try to track down alums willing to bring a lunch (but no guarantees).

Action

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

Bar lunch survey link:

<http://goo.gl/forms/oy291inVRF>

HELPFUL HINTS

- Lunch spots in Malibu are hard to find after the Commencement ceremony. Make your lunch reservations **AHEAD** of time.
- You would not want to make a lunch reservation in the Malibu area **BEFORE 1:30pm** and outside Malibu, 2pm.
- Plan for cool weather in the morning and sunshine in the afternoon – that means jackets, sunglasses, and **SUNBLOCK!**
- Ladies, when planning your outfits please remember that the ground is soft and grassy. Wedges work better than heels.

VISIT THE COMMENCEMENT WEBSITE

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

law.pepperdine.edu/events/commencement

For more information please contact:

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DON'T FORGET THESE IMPORTANT ADMINISTRATIVE TO-DOS:

**A hold will be placed on your cap and gown until you check each of these off the list!

1 RETURN ALL LIBRARY BOOKS

All items must be returned before your account is cleared.

2 CDO EXIT COUNSELING

Complete by Friday, April 17.

Email CDO at cdo@pepperdine.edu to schedule.

3 FINANCIAL AID EXIT COUNSELING

Complete by Friday, May 10 online at:

<http://law.pepperdine.edu/financial-assistance/loans/counseling.htm>

Additionally, exit packets are available in the Financial Aid Office with an aggregate total and breakdown of all your loans.

4 UPDATE CONTACT INFO WITH THE CDO! → This is VERY important!