

# 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 Alumni Director Jessie Fahy or Al Sturgeon with more information to sign up.

### GRADUATION BREAKFAST

**What** There will be a breakfast for 3L graduates the day before graduation (May 19) in the Smith Atrium 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 online, Mon. April 11 – Fri., April 15. A link to vote will be sent on April 11.

### 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 spring semester.

**When** Auditions will be held before a committee of faculty, staff, and peers beginning at 11:00 a.m. Fri. March 4.

**Action** If you would like to try out, please email [Jessie.Fahy@pepperdine.edu](mailto:Jessie.Fahy@pepperdine.edu) to sign up for an audition time.

### 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  
3/4 – 11am-4pm: Auditions. ACR  
4/11 – 4/15: 3L Breakfast Voting. Online.  
5/16-19 - Cap & Gown pick-up.  
Alumni Office. (Patty Hayes)

5/19 – 10:00 a.m.: Graduation breakfast (JD only). Atrium.  
5/19 – Time TBD: Straus Graduate Receptions. Atrium.  
5/20 – 9:30 a.m.: Graduates line-up at Alumni Park.  
5/20 – 10:30 a.m.: Commencement Ceremony & Reception.  
University Alumni Park.

## JULY 2016 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 all Los Angeles area testing sites. If you are not taking the bar exam at the L.A. area locations let us know and we can try to track down alums willing to bring you lunch (but no guarantees).

**Action** Look for an email in March 2016 with the link to a survey for you to fill out so you can enjoy free, healthy meals during the exam this summer.

### 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](http://law.pepperdine.edu/events/commencement)

For more information please contact:  
Jessie Fahy, Alumni Director  
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(310) 506-4762

## 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 UPDATE CONTACT INFO WITH THE CDO! →

This is very important!

### 3 CDO EXIT COUNSELING

Complete prior to graduation.

*Email CDO at [cdo@pepperdine.edu](mailto:cdo@pepperdine.edu) to schedule.*

### 4 FINANCIAL AID EXIT COUNSELING →

Complete online exit counseling in your WaveNet To Do List.

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