

COMMENCEMENT SURVIVAL GUIDE

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR GRADUATION

3L Coffee & Conversation

What

Before you graduate, Steve Schultz, Carlton Oliver, Al Sturgeon, Shirlene Love, and Morgan Thrower would love to have the opportunity to share a meal with you. This provides you the opportunity to share your candid feedback, thoughts, and suggestions about the Pepperdine Law experience.

When

A variety of breakfasts, lunches, and afternoon coffee breaks from April 9 – 25.

Action

Sign up at the Reception desk on a first-come, first-served basis. 10-12 students/meeting.

Graduation Breakfast Voting

What

There will be a 3L breakfast the day before graduation (May 17) in the cafeteria at 10:00 a.m. **You do not need to RSVP to attend this.** 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.

When

Voting/selections will take place in the atrium during lunch Mon., April 16 – Fri., April 20.

Action

Plan on attending the breakfast on Thurs., May 17. Select your speakers April 16 - 20.

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 3:00 p.m. Tues. & Wed., April 24-25.

Action

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

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

4/9 – 4/25: 3L Coffee & Conversation

4/16 – 4/20: 3L Breakfast Voting

4/16 – 4/25: 3L Challenge

5/17 – 10:00 a.m.: Graduation breakfast (Grads only). SOL Cafeteria.

5/17 – 12:30 p.m.: Cap & Gown pick-up. 206A - Alumni Office.

5/17 – 4:00 p.m.: Straus Graduate Reception. SOL Atrium.

5/18 – 9:30 a.m.: Graduate line-up. University Alumni Park.

5/18 – 10:30 a.m.: Commencement Ceremony & Reception. University Alumni Park.

3L Challenge/Class Gift Program

What

The 3L Class Gift Program provides an opportunity for the Class of 2012 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 for Pepperdine Law, while directly supporting next year's incoming 1L class. When you fulfill your pledge with annual gifts to Pepperdine Law, you **increase the value of your law degree** by raising our alumni participation 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 \$20.12 in the atrium during lunch, Mon., April 16 – Wed., April 25.

HELPFUL HINTS

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

July 2012 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. Additional sites may be added based on your response to this survey:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dF94dk5nZlplZHZNbF85VzhtUDVQb1E6MA>

Action

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.

DON'T FORGET THESE IMPORTANT ADMINISTRATIVE TO-DOS:

(A hold will be placed on your cap and gown until these items are completed!)

1. CDO Exit Counseling

Complete by: Fri., April 20
Email Danielle Guerrero at cdo@pepperdine.edu to set.

2. Financial Aid Exit Counseling

Complete online at:
<http://law.pepperdine.edu/financial-assistance/loans/counseling.htm>
by Fri., May 11. Additionally, exit packets are available in the Financial Aid Office with an aggregate total and breakdown of all your loans.

3. Return all library books

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

4. 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. Also, check out PAN (Pepperdine Alumni Network) online – a worldwide alumni web community.

VISIT THE COMMENCEMENT WEBSITE

For additional info about parking, arrival times, and additional services, please visit <https://law.pepperdine.edu/commencement>