Dear Pilipino Graduate,

On behalf of the Pilipino American Coalition, PAC, we cordially invite you to participate in the annual Pilipino Graduation Celebration! The event will be held on:

**Saturday, May 16, 2015 at 11 AM in the University Student Union-Ballrooms**

**What is Pilipino Graduation Celebration? Why do we have it?**

The Pilipino Graduation is the opportunity to celebrate the graduates’ achievements in a more intimate setting with the emphasis of their culture. We hold this annual event in order to give the graduates the chance to have a ceremony in which they are the center of attention, among a smaller group of other graduates. We invite the graduates to say a few words, sharing their pride in their achievements and their gratitude toward the people who made their college career happen, during this event.

**Do you have to be a member of the Pilipino American Coalition or Filipino to participate in the Pilipino Graduation Celebration?**

Of course not. The Pilipino Graduation Celebration invites everyone who would like to celebrate their culture along with their college achievements to participate in the ceremony. Your only major requirement is that you are a CSULB student preparing to graduate.

**When do we register for P-Grad?**

Register online for the campus graduation ceremony first. Afterwards, register with PAC’s cultural graduation ceremony as soon as possible. The website is: [http://www.csulb.edu/sld](http://www.csulb.edu/sld) Click on the Cultural Graduation Icon on the right hand side. You can also contact carlvelasco90@gmail.com for more information on registering for PGrad and other questions about the ceremony.

The deadline to register is Friday, May 1st by 5:00 pm

**How much is registration? Where do we pay after registration and what do we pay for?**

Registration is $30, payable in cash only. Included in the registration fee is the cost of the stole as well as lunch. Pay your registration fee at the Associated Students Business Office in USU-229. Next, turn in your payment receipt to the SLD office in USU-215.

**Is there anything special we need to do as graduates for P-Grad?**

First and foremost, sign up online with us. When you sign up, there is a list of things to do and sections to fill out when you register. As P-Grad has programs, we ask that the graduates write a brief biography about themselves. Look on the website for more details. Also, we invite you to prepare a small speech.

**When do we need to show up for the celebration?**

Please come between 9:00 am – 9:30 am. It is vital that we do a run-through prior to the ceremony so that everyone is aware of what is going on throughout the celebration. The celebration includes the entrance of graduates, the national anthems of the Philippines and America, brief speeches from honored speakers and graduates, and the tassel (for the BA graduates) and hooding ceremony (for the MA graduates).

**What is the purpose of the speech and how long should it be?**

The speech is an opportunity for the graduates to show their gratitude to the special people in their lives that contributed to making their achievements in college possible. The time limit is dependent on the number of sign ups for the celebration as we’d like to give everyone the chance to share their thanks.

**Who can attend?**

Friends and family are all welcome to join us in this special event.

**Does anything else happen the day of Pilipino Graduation Celebration?**

After the ceremony, we’d like to invite you and your guests to join us and have lunch in good company with your family and friends.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact carlvelasco90@gmail.com with all of your inquiries. We hope you choose to celebrate your graduation with us!