Pilipino Graduation Celebration

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 14, 2016 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 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 PAC’s cultural graduation ceremony as soon as possible. The website is: http://www.csulb.edu/sld
Click on the Cultural Graduation Icon on the right hand side. You can also contact lbculturalpac@gmail.com for more information on registering for P-Grad and other questions about the celebration.

The deadline to Register and Pay is Friday, April 22nd by 5:00 pm

How much is registration? Where do we pay and what do we pay for?
Registration is $30, payable in cash only. 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. Included in the registration fee is the cost of the stole as well as refreshments.

What is the purpose of the bio and speech and how long should it be?
All graduates should submit a short biography and prepare a 30 second speech. The bio will be included in the P-Grad program.
Sample Bio: “Rae Jillian Rivera is receiving her Bachelors in Mechanical Engineering and Minor in Physics. She has been a member and officer of PAC and the Long Beach Maker’s Society. Rae has been accepted to MIT for her Masters in Bio-Mechanical Engineering!”

The speech is an opportunity for the graduates to show their gratitude to the special people in their lives that have contributed to making their achievements in college possible. The time limit is no more than 30 seconds per graduate. Keep in mind that there are children and elders attending the celebration so please make your speech appropriate (G-Rated).
Sample Speech: “I’d like to thank my parents, grandparents, and siblings for their patience, love, and support! I’d like to also thank my Mentor for helping me develop my professional skills. A special thanks to PAC for being my second family at CSULB. You made my college experience unforgettable! I love you all so much!”

When do we need to show up for the celebration?
Please arrive to the USU Ballrooms at 10:00 am with your CSULB graduation cap and gown. You will check in, pick up your stole, and line up for the ceremony at this time. The celebration includes the entrance of graduates, the national anthems of the Philippines and America, brief speeches from honored speakers and graduates.

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 for a reception in good company with your family and friends.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Rae Jillian Rivera or Kristen Cendana at lbculturalpac@gmail.com with all of your inquiries. We hope you choose to celebrate your graduation with us!