

**LGBTQ PRIDE Graduate Ceremony
(Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning)**

Dear Cal State L.A. Prospective Graduate,

Congratulations on your academic achievements and for reaching an educational goal you have worked toward for several years. This will be an exciting, busy, and stressful time for you, and we want to make this process as easy as possible.

We are excited to present the 4th annual LGBTQ PRIDE Graduate Celebration. This Ceremony is sponsored by the Gender & Sexuality Resource Center (GSRC) and will take place on **Sunday June 14, 2009 from 4 -6 pm** at the University-Student Union at Cal State L.A. This ceremony is a great opportunity to acknowledge your education and graduation, especially for those who are part of the LGBTQ community, to recognize the progress of a historically-marginalized group, and most importantly to recognize and to celebrate the academic achievement of students in the company of their friends and family. LGBTQ graduates as well as straight allies are welcome to participate.

Enclosed in this packet is the following information:

- o **Application and acknowledgments form**
- o **Information about pictures, cost, and location**

The cost to participate in the LGBTQ PRIDE Graduate Celebration is \$65 (\$55 if you sign up by Friday, April 24 by 4pm). This fee will include:

- o Graduate Celebration Sash
- o Ceremony program (including your picture and acknowledgements)
- o Certificate of Achievement
- o Photo session for ceremony program
- o Reception with entertainment, light refreshments and beverages.
- o Seating for the graduate plus 4 guests (Additional guest tickets may be available after May 5 for \$10 each)

Please mark the date **Friday, May 1, 2009 (4 pm)** in your calendars as the last date to sign up and pay for the ceremony. Please note that no applications will be accepted after Friday, May 1, 2009. Registration fees non-refundable. **Space is limited, so don't wait!**

We will send you an e-mail confirming your participation, a draft of your name and grad book acknowledgements for you to proofread, and information on ceremony details and parking.

If you or your family members have any questions about the LGBTQ Pride Graduate Celebration, sponsored by the Gender & Sexuality Resource Center, please feel free to contact either of the following ceremony advisors:

Denise Carlos, MSW
Coordinator,
Gender & Sexuality Resource Center
323.343.5001
dcarlos@cslanet.calstatela.edu

Chaz L. W. Ashley
Program Coordinator,
Gender & Sexuality Resource Center
323.343.3370
chaz.wa@gmail.com

Thank you for your interest in participating in the LGBTQ PRIDE Graduate Celebration, sponsored by the Gender & Sexuality Resource Center at Cal State L.A. We look forward to celebrating with you on **Sunday, June 14, 2009.**

Sincerely,

Denise Carlos,MSW

Chaz L.W. Ashley

LGBTQ PRIDE Graduate Celebration 2008
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Important Dates and Deadline

Tuesday, March 31

Grad packets available online at www.calstatela.edu/usu/grad.

Friday, April 10 – Friday, May 1

Photo Sessions for Graduate Program. Photos must be taken by the U-SU Graphics Department, by appointment only, during the following dates and times. Call 323.343.2464 to make an appointment., or stop by the U-SU Graphics Department, U-SU 2nd floor. **If you do not make an appointment to take a photo, and/or if you do not make your photo appointment time, you will not have a picture in the program.**

Photo Session Dates:

April 17, 21, 23, 24, 28, 30, May 1 (9am – 4pm each day)
Cross Cultural Centers, U-SU 2nd floor

April 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 27 (9am – 1pm each day)
Cross Cultural Centers, U-SU 2nd floor

Friday, April 24 (by 4 pm)

Student Speakers/Grad Perspective. Any student wanting to be considered for this, please submit your 1 – 2 page essay (500 words maximum), on the topic: "What it means to be a LGBT graduate today."

Friday, April 24 (by 4pm)

Early deadline to pay and register for PRIDE Graduate Celebration, \$55. Pay at U-SU administration office, located on the 3rd floor of the University-Student Union.

Friday, May 1 (by 4 pm)

Final deadline to pay and register for PRIDE Graduate Celebration. \$65. Pay at U-SU administration office, located on the 3rd floor of the University-Student Union.

Sunday, June 14, 4 - 6 pm

Pride Graduate Celebration
Los Angeles Room
University-Student Union

PRIDE Grad Checklist

1. _____

Turn in completed paperwork (registration form and acknowledgements for program book) to Denise Carlos or Chaz Ashley at the Cross Cultural Centers, U-SU, 206, 8 am – 5 pm Monday – Friday. Please call ahead of time to make sure that one of the two is in the Office, 323.343.5001. Once Denise or Chaz has ***signed off**, you may proceed to the next step.

2. _____

Turn in registration fee of \$65 to U-SU Administration Office, U-SU 3rd floor. **They accept payments 8:30 am – 4 pm Monday through Friday.** Cash and checks accepted. Make checks payable to University–Student Union. In memo, please write “PRIDE Grad 2009.” **Deadlines: early registration, Friday, April 24 by 4 pm (\$55); final registration Friday, May 1st by 4 pm (\$65).** Please note that checks will be deposited on a weekly basis. Participants whose checks are returned for insufficient funds will be subject to additional fees. Once you have received a receipt of payment, proceed to next step. Please keep your receipt.

3. _____

Make ***required** photo appointment with U-SU Graphics. Their hours of operation are Monday – Friday 9 am – 5 pm. Call 323.343.2464 for an appointment. Photo sessions will be held in the Cross Cultural Centers, U-SU 2nd floor, 206. You are required to take your ceremony book photo with the U-SU Graphics Department. You may not send in a photo. ***If you do not make an appointment to take a photo, and/or if you do not make your photo appointment time, you will not have a picture in the program.**

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4. _____

In May we will hold information sessions for participants (dates announced via email) to share ceremony details. These information sessions will help answer your questions.

5. _____

LGBTQ Pride Grad Celebration takes place Sunday, June 14, 2009 at 4 pm in the new University-Student Union, Los Angeles Room, 3rd floor. Arrive no later than 3:30 pm.

4th Annual LGBTQ PRIDE Graduate Celebration 2009
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LGBTQ Pride REGISTRATION 2009 (please print neatly)

NAME _____ PHONE() _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE #2 () _____

_____ *E-MAIL _____

MAJOR _____ MINOR _____

Degree to be conferred (circle): B.A. B.S. M.A. M.S. Other _____

PRINT YOUR NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR IN THE PROGRAM:

THANK YOU'S AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
(80 WORDS OR LESS, LONGER ENTRIES WILL BE EDITED BY COMMITTEE;
PLEASE TYPE AND INCLUDE AS ATTACHMENT)

EXAMPLE: I would like to thank my mom and dad for their support. I also thank Professor Tavari Jones and Professor Ricky Rodriguez for pushing me when I didn't think I could make it. Finally, thanks to my partner for being the love of my life and my support system. I hope to do you proud. This is just the beginning, so watch out world, here I come!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN **BEING A STUDENT SPEAKER?** YES NO

The LGBTQ PRIDE Graduate Perspective is a 1 – 2 page speech given by a member of the graduating class. Please submit your essay (500 words maximum) **by 5 pm on Friday, April 24, 2009** to the Cross Cultural Centers, U-SU 2nd floor, Room 206 for consideration. No late submissions will be accepted.

***E-MAIL ADDRESS IS MANDATORY:** All information regarding the LGBTQ PRIDE Graduate Celebration will be sent out electronically.

Return completed application (including application form and acknowledgements) to the Cross Cultural Center's Office, U-SU 2nd floor, 206. Pay fees at the University-Student Union Administration Office. Applications will be accepted M – F, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. For more information, call the CCC office at 323.343.5001. Thanks!