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April 2009

Dear Prospective Graduate,

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

The Asian Pacific Islander/Middle Eastern Graduate Celebration is a culturally focused ceremony that celebrates Asian Pacific Islander and Middle Eastern communities. The ceremony will take place **Sunday, June 14, 2008 at 12 pm** in the Los Angeles Room on the 3rd floor of the University-Student Union at California State University, Los Angeles. Participating in the API/ME Graduate Celebration is a wonderful and intimate way to celebrate your academic achievements and to honor your families and other significant people who helped contribute to your success.

Enclosed in this packet is the following information:

- Asian Pacific Islander/Middle Eastern Graduate Celebration application
- Deadlines and Reminder Sheet
- Checklist
- Information about placing personal ads from yourself, family or friends

The fee to participate in the APA Graduate Celebration is \$55.00 (if registered and paid by 4 pm Friday, April 24). Participants will receive a graduate book, a certificate, an elegant sash and more. You will also have the chance to enjoy the keynote speaker, entertainment, and the ceremony reception. The fee also includes five (5) tickets, one for you and 4 for your family and friends. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$10 per person at the Cross Cultural Centers office, 3rd floor of University-Student Union after May 4, 2009.

Please mark the date **FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2009 at 4 pm** in your calendars and planners. This is the early deadline to turn in all API/ME Graduate Celebration paperwork, and personal narratives at the \$55 price. Regular deadline is **FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2009 at 4 pm** and the price is set at \$65. All of these materials must be turned in to the Cross Cultural Centers office. **In order to guarantee that your personal narrative and photograph will appear in the graduate book, you must turn in all materials by the deadline.**

If you have any questions about the Asian Pacific Islander/ Middle Eastern Graduate Celebration, please feel free to contact any of the following people:

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Thank you for your interest in participating in the Asian Pacific Islander/Middle Eastern Graduate Celebration. We look forward to celebrating with you on Sunday, June 14, 2009.

Sincerely,
Nick Negrete
Assistant Director,
Cross Cultural Centers

Nadia Chiang
Program Coordinator,
APISRC

**Asian Pacific American and Middle Eastern Graduate Celebration
Deadlines and Procedures**

Mark **Friday, April 24, 2009** (as the early deadline) and **Friday, May 1, 2009** (as the regular deadline) in your calendar or planner. On that day by **4:00 pm**, the following items will be due at the Cross Cultural Centers in the University-Student Union 2nd floor:

- **Completed Asian Pacific Islander and Middle Eastern Graduate Celebration 2009 Application**
- **Asian Pacific Islander/ Middle Eastern Graduate Celebration Fee**
Please submit \$55 (check or money order) by 4 pm Friday, April 24 with your API/ME Graduate Celebration Application form, or \$65 if after 4/24. \$10 for each additional ticket purchased.

Note: Checks submitted will be deposited immediately. Fee payments must be made at the University-Student Union Administration Office located on the 3rd floor of the U-SU.

- **Personal Narrative**
Your personal narrative statement should be 75 words maximum. Please type it on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to the application form; Please print legibly if you do cannot type it.
- **Photograph**
In order to provide high quality photographs for the API graduate memory book, we will provide several sitting times for graduate participants to have their picture taken. Call 323.343.2464 to make an appointment.

Photographs for the API Graduate Celebration participants will be offered on the following days:

For students signed up by Friday, April 24, 2009

From 9 am – 1 pm on April 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20

From 9 am – 4 pm on April 17, 21, 23, 24

For students signed up Monday, April 27 – Friday, May 1

From 9 am – 1 pm on April 27

From 9 am – 4 pm on April 28, 30, May 1

Make Up Date: May 4, 9am-1pm

Photographs will be taken in the Cross Cultural Centers located in University-Student Union.

We would strongly recommend and prefer if you utilize the photography services of the U-SU Graphics Department for the API Graduate memory book. Outside photos will not be accepted.

- **Ad (optional- an additional fee is required)**
If you, your family members, or friends are interested in submitting a personal ad, please see the enclosed rate sheet. There is an additional cost for placing an ad, which will be placed in the back section of the Graduate memory book. If you are unable to submit a camera-ready ad, please supply general layout of the ad, real photographs with your name, address and where you would like the photo placed in the ad. Please print all text legibly. If possible, please submit ads camera-ready or on a disk.

- **Asian Pacific Islander/ Middle Eastern Graduate Perspective (optional)**
The Asian Pacific American/Middle Eastern Graduate Perspective is a 1- 2 (one to two) page speech given by a member of the graduating class. This is a great opportunity for you to share your college experiences and challenges. This may also serve as inspiration and motivation for those students soon to graduate and those entering college. Plus it will look great on your resume! Entries should be two (2) pages or less (500 word maximum), double spaced and 10-12 point font, and should address the topic "What it means to be an APA/ME graduate today." Submissions will be reviewed by a panel of students and staff/faculty. **You must submit your speech no later than Friday, May 1st, if you wish to be considered.** The selected graduate will be notified by Friday, May 15, 2009.
- **Tickets**
Tickets will be ready for pick-up by Monday, June 1, 2009 at the Cross Cultural Centers University-Student Union 2nd floor.
- **The Day of the Celebration**
Graduates must report to the Los Angeles Room, located on the 3rd floor of the University-Student Union by 11 am for check-in and line-up.

Celebration of Asian Pacific American and Middle Eastern Graduates Checklist

Turn in completed paperwork (application and thank you's) to Nick Negrete or Nadia Chiang at the Cross Cultural Centers, University Student-Union, 8 am - 4pm Mon - Fri. Please call ahead of time to make sure that one of the two is in the office, 323.343.5001. Early deadline is Friday, April 24, 2009. Regular deadline is Friday, May 1, 2009. Once Nick or Nadia has ***signed off**, you may proceed to the next step.

Turn in registration fee to Administration Office, University Student-Union 3rd floor. Checks and money orders accepted until 4:00 pm only. Make checks payable to University-Student Union. In the memo, please write "API Grad 2009." Please note that checks will be deposited on a weekly basis. Participants whose checks are returned for non-sufficient funds will be subject to additional fees. Once you have received a receipt of payment and a **signature**, proceed to the next step.

Make a ***required** photo appointment with U-SU Graphics, University-Student Union. Their hours of operation are Monday - Friday 9 am to 6 m. Photo session dates are listed on "*Deadlines and Procedures*" page. Call 323.343.2464 for an appointment. Photo sessions will take place in the Cross Cultural Centers, U-SU, 2nd floor.

- ✓ Steps 1 and 2 must be signed by the appropriate people before you can proceed to the following tasks
- ✓ You are required to take your ceremony book photo with the U-SU Graphics Department. You may not send in a photo.

**Asian Pacific American/ Middle Eastern Graduate Celebration REGISTRATION 2009
(please print neatly)**

NAME _____ PHONE #1 (____)_____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE #2 (____)_____

E-MAIL _____

MAJOR _____ MINOR _____

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

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

THANK YOU'S AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

(75 WORDS OR LESS, LONGER ENTRIES WILL BE EDITED; PRINT LEGIBLY OR TYPE ON ATTACHED SHEET. THESE ARE ONLY EXAMPLES; WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO PERSONALIZE YOUR OWN ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.)

EXAMPLE ONE: I would like to thank my parents for their support and encouragement through my long journey at Cal State L.A. Without my family and friends, I would not have accomplished all my goals. I would also like to thank all my professors for pushing me to work harder. I am grateful for all the wonderful memories and great friends I made at this university, and I will keep striving for the next big thing.

EXAMPLE TWO: Thank you mom, dad, Jesse, and Vanessa. You have always supported me in everything I've done. I finally made it! Thanks to my husband for all his encouragement and love. I couldn't have made it without you. I really enjoyed my experiences at Cal State L.A. and I'm glad I had my great friends experience them with me. I hope to continue on my educational journey, and I know someday my work will contribute greatly to our society.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A STUDENT SPEAKER? YES NO

The **APA Graduate Perspective** is a 1 - 2 (one to two) page speech given by a member of the graduating class. Please submit your essay (500 words maximum) and application by 12 noon, Friday, May 1, 2009 to the Cross Cultural Centers office, University Student Union 2nd floor to Nadia Chiang or Nick Negrete for consideration. **No late submissions will be accepted for consideration.**

ESSAY QUESTION: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN API GRADUATE TODAY?

Return completed application, ad text and ad photographs/graphics to the Cross Cultural Centers office, University Student Union 2nd floor, by 4 p.m. on Friday, April 24, 2009 (early) or Friday, May 1, 2009. Pay fees at the administration office, University Student Union 3rd floor. For more information, call the CCC office at 323.343.5001. Thanks!