



College Eight Commencement Ceremony

Saturday, June 12, 2010 / 1:00 pm*

UCSC Lower West Field

*Although the ceremony begins at 1:00pm, graduates must arrive at the College Eight Plaza by 11:30am and guests are encouraged to arrive no earlier than 12:00 Noon.

“Eight” Steps to Graduate:

Step 1 – Announce your Intent to Graduate from UCSC

To graduate from UCSC, you must apply to graduate at the Registrar's Office, or at their webpage: http://reg.ucsc.edu/graduation_announcerequest.htm

You should apply to graduate only during the quarter in which you will be completing all graduation requirements. The deadline for Winter '10 is February 5. The deadline for Spring '10 is April 28. The deadline for Summer '10 is July 30. ***Note: completing this step does not sign you up for College Eight's Commencement Ceremony...Please keep reading!**

Step 2 – Register for College Eight Commencement

To participate in the College Eight Commencement Ceremony and/or have your name listed in the print program you must register on-line by Friday, May 14. Please go to the College Eight Commencement website: <http://eight.ucsc.edu/commencement.html> and click on the graduation registration link. It's easy! College Eight students who plan to complete all requirements by the end of Fall 2010 are eligible to participate in the June Commencement Ceremony.

When you register online, you will also have the opportunity to:

- Indicate interest in being on the Senior Commencement planning committee
- Receive two parking passes for the Commencement Ceremony **at the local address you specify on the registration form.**

Step 3 – Check Your "Public Information" Status

All students have a "Public Information" status (a.k.a. Directory Restriction, FERPA or NRI) with the Office of the Registrar. The status of your personal information is currently set as either "Releasable" or "Restricted." If your status is set to "restricted", the University may not release any information about you.

Some students set their status to "RESTRICTED" without being aware of the implications. It is imperative that you check your status and confirm it is set as you wish, in light of the following:

* If your status is set to "RESTRICTED" as of Friday, May 14, College Eight will not print your name in the graduation program.

* If your status is set to "RELEASABLE" as of Friday, May 14, we can and will print your name in the program (provided you have registered via Step 3).

**Please check your status now in your My.UCSC portal. If you have special circumstances and wish to retain a "restricted" status but also wish to have your name printed in the program, please contact Mike Kittredge A.S.A.P. at 459-4279.

Step 4 – Order Announcements & Caps/Gowns, starting April 13

Order Announcements, Caps & Gowns and other items at the Bay Tree Bookstore Graduation Center beginning Tuesday, April 13 through Friday, June 4. You may order many items at the UCSC Baytree Bookstore's website: <http://slugstore.ucsc.edu/>. You are strongly advised to order your Announcements at least five weeks ahead of graduation to receive them on time.

Caps and gowns are strongly encouraged for the Commencement Ceremony. Although there is an option to rent or buy a baccalaureate hood, College Eight will not be "hooding" graduates during the ceremony. * **Discounts available for diploma frames when ordering announcements between 4-13-10 to 4-16-10.**

Step 5 – Pick Up Regalia, starting June 7

Caps and gowns that have been ordered will be distributed at the Bay Tree Bookstore, 2nd floor, beginning Monday, June 7 ending on Sunday, June 13.

Step 6 – Attend College Eight Commencement Rehearsal

Friday, June 11, 5:00 – 6:30 PM

A brief Commencement Rehearsal will be held on Friday, June 11, meeting at the College Eight Plaza. We will walk through the ceremony procedures and answer any last-minute questions.

Step 7 – Consider taking the Graduation Pledge and being part of the Senior Commencement Committee

The Graduation Pledge Alliance (G.P.A.) is a national organization founded in 1987 by a group of students at Humboldt State University. Be part of a national student movement by taking a personal pledge for social and environmental responsibility! More information can be found on the College Eight Commencement website: <http://eight.ucsc.edu/commencement.html>

Please consider joining other seniors on the Senior Commencement Committee to participate in planning for commencement activities, including selection of student speakers, input on the ceremony, and planning senior celebrations. Contact the College Eight Programs Office at 831-459-4279 for more information, or come to the first meeting on Weds. April 7th at 6:00 PM in the College Eight Programs Office, Red Building Rm. 204.

Step 8 – Celebrate! – Graduation Day, June 12, 2010!

Arrive at the College Eight Plaza no later than 11:30am. Please don't be late. You will need to check in and prepare for the 2010 Senior Photo, which will be taken promptly at noon.

Additional Information

Parking: Graduation Weekend

Parking on campus will be very limited, with 10 colleges having ceremonies. Each registered graduate will receive only two (2) parking passes for the day, so you may need to squeeze, carpool, shuttle, take the bus, walk, or be otherwise creative. Your guests should place a pass on their dash and follow the signs that read "West Side Ceremonies" and "College Eight." Parking officials will direct cars to the appropriate lot, from which guests may walk or shuttle to the ceremony site at the Lower West Field.

Campus Shuttles/Disability Vans

Campus shuttles will be available for those not able to park within walking distance of the Commencement Ceremony. For those with specific disability needs, please contact the College Eight Programs Office (831-459-4279) by May 14th to arrange for accommodations.

College Honors

College Eight will be conferring academic honors on graduating seniors who have achieved overall excellence in their coursework for their bachelor's degree. Only seniors who have applied to graduate through the office of the Registrar are reviewed for Honors. Honors are based on grades and narrative evaluations from all courses taken at UCSC as well as grades from courses transferred to UCSC. Graduates' files are reviewed by the College Eight Academic Standing Committee for selection. Please note: While honors and awards are listed in the Commencement Program whenever possible, they are not announced individually at the ceremony (College Honors and Honors in the Major will be recognized at the ceremony).

University Honors

To be eligible for University Honors, students must have completed 70 or more units at the University of California and have attained in their group a UC GPA that places them in the rankings as follows: Summa Cum Laude, top 2 percent; Magna Cum Laude, next 3 percent; Cum Laude, next 10 percent. Each year and for each group, the Registrar will calculate the GPA thresholds required for these levels of University Honors, based on the GPAs of recent graduates. For more information on University Honors, please refer to the Registrar's webpage at <http://reg.ucsc.edu/faqs/honors.htm>. Please note: Because "University Honors" are determined on the basis of final grades after the end of spring quarter, this notation will appear on the diploma and transcript only, and will not be part of the College Eight ceremony or published in the commencement program.

Commencement Photos

As guests may not approach the stage to take photographs of their graduates, professional photographers will be present, taking close-up, individual photographs of each graduate as s/he walks across the stage and receives a scroll from the Provost. Within two weeks of graduation you will receive a "proof" in the mail, at no cost or obligation to buy (sent to the address you provided on the online Commencement Registration form). For more details visit <http://www.chappell.com/>.

Commencement Reception

Walk or shuttle to this celebratory reception, held at the College Eight Plaza, immediately following the Commencement. Cake & light refreshments will be served.

Accommodations and Dinner Reservations

Make any reservations as soon as possible: there are ten UCSC College Commencements and many more celebrations during the weekend. Rooms/restaurants book quickly!

For more information about Commencement, contact:

College Eight Programs Office

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