Dear Class of 2014,

Only 88 Days until Commencement!

This 2\textsuperscript{nd} grad newsletter contains information about:

- An Exciting Change to the UC Hastings Commencement Ceremony re Hooding
- Look Out for Info from the 3L Class Council- coming soon
- Upcoming Important Dates and Deadlines

• An Exciting Change to the UC Hastings Commencement Ceremony!!!

In an effort to both personalize the overall Commencement experience and shorten the length of the ceremony, students and the Administration have developed a new optional pre-ceremony hooding procedure. The new process means a shorter ceremony, more flexibility for people to be hooded by friends/loved ones or a professor of your choice, and additional photo opportunities. It is optional, so students who do not particularly care about hooding can hood themselves. Read about it here. [http://www.uchastings.edu/news/articles/2014/02/new-hooding-procedure.php](http://www.uchastings.edu/news/articles/2014/02/new-hooding-procedure.php)

• Look Out for Info from the 3L Class Council- They need your Input!

Very soon, the 3L Class Council will be sending you information related to selecting a student and faculty speaker. They will also ask if you plan to participate in the new optional hooding process. Stay tuned and please respond!

• Upcoming Important Dates and Deadlines
Feb 19 and 20- *LiveScan Fingerprinting back on Campus*. Sign up in Student Services Now!

Live Scan Fingerprinting will be available on campus on **Wednesday, February 19** and **Thursday, February 20** from **9:30am to 5pm in the Dobbs Atrium**. Sign up for a spot at the Student Services office (Room 254, 200 Building)! The fee for Live Scan Fingerprinting is $25. (bring cash or check and a government issued ID)

**Feb 20- Last day to register to take the March 29 MPRE Exam**

This will be the last MPRE exam prior to graduation. The next one will be after the July Bar exam in August. Take it now if you have not already done so. All but 3 jurisdictions require it. The Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) is a two hour multiple choice exam administered by the National Conference of Bar Examiners. It is required for admission to the California State Bar as well as almost every other jurisdiction. **The next MPRE date is March 29, 2014** (the late registration deadline is February 20, 2014 and costs $160) Exam information and registration may be found at the following website: [http://www.ncbex.org/multistate-tests/MPRE/](http://www.ncbex.org/multistate-tests/MPRE/)

**March 1- Register to take the CA State Bar Exam**

The California Bar Examination is a three day exam administered in February and July each year. Applications for the July 2014 bar exam will be available March 1, 2014 and should be submitted no later than April 1, 2014. The final filing deadline will be in June 2014 (please check later for exact date). It is best to sign up as early as you can to hopefully get the test location you would like. For registration and other information, please see the following website [http://calbar.xap.com/Applications/CalBar/California_Bar_Exam/default.asp](http://calbar.xap.com/Applications/CalBar/California_Bar_Exam/default.asp)

**March 1- Bar Day** (9:15 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) to help jump start your bar studies! **RSVP now!**

As you know, Bar Day is the first spring semester event of the *Ready, Set, BAR! series*. During Bar Day, faculty members will lecture on several bar subjects in order to provide you with an introduction to (or basic review of) material tested on the bar exam. You select the lectures that will be most helpful to you. Lunch & snacks will be included. **Please RSVP no later than Friday, Feb. 21.**

**March 19- Grad to Do Day** mandatory event- Drop in any time between 8:30am – 4:30pm to complete your tasks, Dining Commons. This is your chance to get many graduation-
related tasks done at once. **You can also take a photo in a cap and gown to send with your announcements and/or a professional photo if you dress in business attire (see attached flyer), and we hold a raffle with great prizes!** Those of you away for the spring semester (doing a clinic, externship, study abroad, etc. and therefore not able to come to campus on Grad To Do Day) will receive detailed information about how to complete Grad To Do Day tasks by email after March 19.

**Check out the Commencement Webpage for more information:** [http://uchastings.edu/student-life/student-services/commencement/index.php](http://uchastings.edu/student-life/student-services/commencement/index.php)

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