Dear Graduating Student,

Congratulations on this upcoming achievement! Student Services will send you a monthly e-newsletter with information specifically related to Graduation.

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1. Graduation Related Events- Mark Your Calendar

Grad To Do Day (Mandatory Event) - Wednesday March 6, 2013
8:30am – 4:30pm, Louis B. Mayer Lounge
This is your chance to get many graduation-related tasks done at once. You can take a photo in a cap and gown to send with your announcements, and we hold a raffle with great prizes. This is also your last chance to get your fingerprinting for the moral character application done on campus. Just drop in to the LBML to complete many grad tasks at once! 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 6.

Public Interest Celebration- Friday May 10, 2013
4:00 to 6:00pm, Alumni Reception Center (Reception to Follow in Dobbs Atrium)
Each year UC Hastings hosts this celebration to honor graduating students and rising 3Ls for their commitment to public interest work and service to the community while in law school.

Honors Elect Luncheon- Saturday May 11, 2013
11:30am-1:00pm, Nob Hill Masonic Center, 1111 California Street
For Honors Elect Grads and Faculty. Honors Elect students will receive a letter with more details.

132nd Commencement Ceremony- Saturday May 11, 2013
2:00pm, Nob Hill Masonic Center, 1111 California Street
Grads must arrive at 1:00pm. Doors open at 1:00pm for guests as well.
We are thrilled to be returning to the Nob Hill Masonic Center (where we have previous held Commencement at least 15 times most recently from 1994 - 2008) and to have
Commencement on a Saturday! The number of tickets and other details is discussed below in section 5 of this newsletter.

2. Important Deadlines

TODAY: February 12- Last Day to timely register to take the April 6 MPRE Exam. (See CA Bar Exam checklist for more details)

March 1- Registration Opens to take the CA Bar Exam: (Registration is open from March 1 - April 1, 2013)
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.

3. Select a Student & Faculty Speaker

Hello graduating class of 2013,

It's time to think about who our student speaker at graduation will be!

If you are interested in giving a 2-5 minute speech at the ceremony, please email alameddi@uchastings.edu by Monday, February 25. You will be given a timeslot on Wednesday, February 27 between 3:30 - 4:30pm to present your proposed speech to the 3L class council, who will then narrow the selection to 3 candidates. The top 3 will then upload videos that the entire class (3Ls/LL.Ms/MSLs) will be able to view and vote on in March. In the same survey, you will also be voting for the faculty speaker and the 6 faculty members you would like to "hood" us on stage. If you have a nomination for the faculty speaker, please email alameddi@uchastings.edu by March 1. Thanks!

Natalie Alameddine
3L Class President

4. Academics/Transcript Notations

Check that you are on track to graduate.
To access your degree audit report, log in to WebAdvisor and click on the “Program Evaluation” link and select your active program (JD, LLM, or MSL). Please note this is not an official transcript. A complete listing of degree requirements and other regulations can be found in the Academic Regulations. Records has a general graduation requirement checklist here. JD students can also schedule an appointment with the Director of Student Services to check you have met the requirements to graduate. Just call 415.565.4773 to schedule an appointment.

Pro Bono Recognition at Graduation
Students who have completed at least 45 hours of approved pro bono services will be recognized as members of the pro bono society. Students who have completed at least 150 hours will be recognized for outstanding achievement in pro bono. If you have provided pro bono services but have not submitted verified timesheets, it is not too late. For those of you who still have hours to complete to qualify for graduation recognition, it is also not too late.
Pro Bono timesheets must be approved by a supervising attorney or student coordinator of the organization or group with whom the services were performed. Timesheets may be submitted to the Externships and Pro Bono Programs office, 100 McAllister St., Rm 350, or emailed as a pdf to jacksoja@uchastings.edu. Due Date for your name to be included in the graduation program is April 19, 2013, no exceptions. If you have outstanding pro bono hours from prior semesters which have not yet been submitted, these too may be submitted prior to the April 19th deadline. Pro bono opportunities and timesheets are available online.

Concentration Recognition at Graduation and on Transcripts
Though most of you who plan to complete a concentration have already done this, please be sure you have had your concentration advisor sign this form and that you have turned in the form to The Records Office. This form should be submitted by the beginning of your last semester. If you have not already turned in the form, please do so by Friday February 22.

5. Complete Requirements for The CA Bar - checklist with costs

6. Commencement Details (Many More Details Given at Grad To Do Day)

Commencement Ceremony's Date, Time, Location:
Saturday, May 11, 2013
2:00 pm; Grads must arrive by 1:00pm; guest seating opens at 1:00pm
Nob Hill Masonic Center, 1111 California St. San Francisco

How long is the ceremony?
About 2 hours.

How Many Tickets will I get?
Admission to the Commencement Ceremony is by free and ticket only. The number of tickets is based on the size of the venue. Each student eligible to participate in the ceremony gets six (6) guest tickets. If you know you need less or you know you will not attend Commencement, please let us know at Grad To Do Day so we can give your tickets to other students via lottery.

Will more tickets become available?
Yes; probably a limited number. You can request more tickets at Grad To Do Day, so please come to To Do Day knowing the exact number of tickets you would like to have.

Who can participate in this Commencement Ceremony?
December 2012, May 2013, and December 2013 graduates can participate.
Further Information about Commencement: Can be found on the Commencement webpage. This webpage will be updated regularly as more information becomes available. Please let your friends and family know about it.

7. Important Announcements

Alumni Center
Please pick up your class gift from the Alumni Center before you graduate! Stop by our office in 223-200 or come by our tables at BOBs throughout the spring. Congratulations!

And, please don’t forget to make your gift to support the Class of 2013 Campaign! We suggest $20.13 in honor of your class year but the focus is on participation and a gift of any size counts. Funds go towards any scholarship, student organization or on-campus program of your choice. The group who receives the most support wins; currently LEOP is in the lead! All donors will be invited to a reception at the conclusion of the campaign in April. Click HERE to donate now! Indicate that your gift is for the Class of ’13 Campaign and the group you want the funds to go to (HPILF, LEOP, etc…) in the comment section.

Health Services
Congratulations Spring 2013 graduates! Please go to the Graduating Students page for more information about your UC SHIP policy, health insurance options after graduation, and health records. The Graduating Students page will be updated with coverage dates and UC SHIP continuation plan costs as soon as this information is received from the UC SHIP office. Please call 415.565.4612 with any questions.

Ice Cream Social Happening Now!

If you are on campus, swing by and get some Ice Cream at the Lunar New Year Ice Cream Social Happening Now! 12pm-3pm, Dining Commons.

Celebrate the Year of the Snake!
Thanks,

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