Dear Students,

For those of you studying for the bar exam, I hope your studies are going well. We are busy preparing for graduation. If you are at the law school this week, you will see the tent going up tomorrow.

Scroll down for details about Saturday (e.g. when to show and where to go), as well information about the ceremony itself, and more post-graduation concerns.

First, the information you have all been waiting for (okay, maybe not all of you, but at least the ones who will be sticking around to study for the bar and have been emailing me regularly)...

**YOU WILL HAVE GYM ACCESS!** Dean Steele went to the mat, and Dean Martinez went to bat for you on this. Typically, student fees cover gym access, and since graduates are not assessed summer fees, past graduates had to purchase daily passes at $10 a pop. Our SLS Alumni Relations department covered a portion of that fee so grads paid only $5 a pass, but still. This year, after protracted effort, we scored a win. We are ironing out the details and will send more information as soon as we have it. There is a possibility you will have to pay $25 for a temporary access card. We are trying to avoid it, but that may be the best we can do.

**Graduation Details**
**Please report to the following rooms by 10:15 am on Saturday.**
- JD students: Room 290
- Advanced degree students: Room 280B

We will have staff on hand to help you with robing, and we stock the room will an assortment of items you may need (sunscreen, safety pins, a steamer for your robe, etc.). We ask that you arrive early, and that your guests not come with you to the room. Also, consider leaving your belongings with a loved one. We will lock the room after leaving, but we cannot guarantee the security of belongings left behind. We line up to process at 10:45, so you must be in the room by that time.

**REGALIA**
If you haven’t already, stop by the bookstore to pick up your regalia. We always have a few students who experience problems with the regalia, so be sure to try it on, and leave it to hang for a few days. If you have any regalia problems (wrong size, wrong hood, etc.), visit the bookstore as soon as possible. They will be open the morning of the ceremony, but we recommend you not wait until then.

If you plan to attend the commencement ceremony on Sunday, you can keep your regalia and return it to the bookstore afterward. The bookstore will have large bins in front of the store for you to deposit everything. If you don’t plan to attend Sunday’s ceremony, you can drop your regalia in the bookstore bins, or the bins in the breezeway near the classroom building.

**NAMECOACH**
A number of you recorded your name in Axess for your classes, which included nicknames or informal names. We sent out a separate request that asked you to record your name as you would like Dean Steele to read at the ceremony. Thank you to those of you who have already done this. I will send out a reminder through NameCoach to those of you who still need to record your ceremony name.

**GRAD FORM**
One last plea here to submit our graduation form: [http://web.stanford.edu/dept/law/forms/Grad19.fb](http://web.stanford.edu/dept/law/forms/Grad19.fb)
Even if you don’t plan to attend the ceremony, please submit the form. It includes questions about which bar you plan to take. Only 176/267 (!) of you have completed the form so far.

**WEATHER**
It will be warm on Saturday, so plan accordingly. Those robes can get uncomfortably hot. We will put water under the seat of each graduate (as well as a program on your chair), and we will have water stations for your guests. Most all of our guest seating is under the tent, with spillover seating under the trees.

**NAME CARDS**
Each of you will be given a name card that you will take with you and hand to Dean Steele during the ceremony. We will arrange them in alphabetical order (by program, for the advanced degree students) on the tables in your robing room, along with your pro bono cord if you earned one. When you arrive, find your card and stand in that location. Your name card will show your seat location (row/chair) for the ceremony.

**PHOTOS**
Your name card also doubles as an address card, which you can fill out if you’d like to order graduation photos from GradImages. GradImages will take multiple images of you during the ceremony (e.g. shaking hands with Dean Martinez, holding your diploma once you exit the stage). If you provide your mailing address, they will send proofs. See attached coupon for 20% off photo orders if you pre-register.

**CEREMONY DETAILS**
I have attached two diagrams of the ceremony – one for the procession and the other for the degree path. Our procession will be led by a flag bearer, followed by the faculty, advanced degree students, and then JD students. We will process down the center aisle; SLS staff and the graduation Marshals will help direct you to your seat. When it comes time for you to receive your degree, you will exit your row from the outside aisle (not the center, see ‘degree path’ diagram), hand your name card to Dean Steele, walk across the stage and get your diploma from Dean Martinez, have two photos taken once you exit the stage, and then return to your seat from the center aisle. Again, we’ll have staff on hand to direct you.

**FOR UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT ON SUNDAY:** For the university commencement ceremony on Sunday, you should carry (not wear) your cap and gown through gate security. Please take the time to read over the security protocol here: [https://commencement.stanford.edu/ceremony-instructions-advanced-degree-candidates](https://commencement.stanford.edu/ceremony-instructions-advanced-degree-candidates) (note that campus refers to all graduate students as ‘advanced degree’).

**SUMMER ACCESS TO DINING HALLS**
If you plan to stay in university housing to study for the bar exam, your Stanford ID card should still be active (limited to housing, and the GYM) which means that you should have access to any meals left on your card. After graduation, you may not be able to purchase more meals, so dining recommends you add meals to your card before this weekend if you want to eat in the dining hall. If you have any questions, contact Stanford Dining at 650-723-4751.

**HEALTH INSURANCE**
Those of you with CardinalCare will have coverage through August 31st. If you have any questions about health insurance, contact that office directly at 650-723-2135.

**GRADUATION WEBSITE**
Think you may have missed an important graduation-related email? We have archived all graduation emails on our webpage.

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DEGREE PATH

- Stop for photos
- Get diploma & shake hands w/ Dean
- Hand name card to Dean Steele
- Return to seat from center aisle
- To stage from outside edge of row
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