Seniors Get Ready

- Have your senior ticket ready and line up at Maxwell Family Field at 8:30 a.m. The main entrance to Maxwell Family Field is on Piedmont Avenue. A map is attached.

- Please be on time. Graduates should arrive at 8:30 a.m.

- Graduates requiring special accommodations should proceed to the orange balloon line.

- When you arrive, please head to a color balloon and check in. If you wish to walk with your friends, please gather at the same balloon, as several lines will be formed and seated in different sections. Please make sure to get a sticker matching the balloon color so that you can be counted.

- Be sure to fill out a card with the phonetic spelling of your name so that your name can be read aloud (and correctly!) as you enter the stadium. Example: Oski Bear should appear as AH-skee BEAR. Please only write your first and last name on the card. (No middle names or initials.) Remember that there will be more than 3,500 names to read at the ceremony.

- Names will be read during the senior procession at the end of the program. When it is time for your name to be read, you will march on stage, hand the name card to the reader, then return to your seat in the graduate seating area on the field.

- Graduates will enter from the center and be seated in front of the stage.

- Graduates with 2 p.m. ceremonies will be placed at the beginning of line 2. Please look for the ORANGE balloon when you arrive at Maxwell Family Field.

- Graduates who require ADA assistance, please meet at the ORANGE balloon.

Things NOT to Bring

- Seniors may not bring bags in the procession line. Water and light refreshments will be available to you on the field.

- No alcoholic beverages are allowed.

- Banners, umbrellas and other objects that can obstruct the view of other guests.

- Prohibited items will be confiscated. There is no bag check; seniors should leave their bags with family members, friends, and other guests.

Things to Bring

- Tickets! All graduates must have tickets for themselves and their guests. “Will Call” opens at 7:30 a.m. and is located in the kiosk outside Memorial Stadium at Gate 1. If you have not picked up your tickets by May 15th from the University Relations Building (2080 Addison Street), you must pick your tickets at Will Call. If the ceremony has not sold out, tickets will be sold at Will Call for $10 per ticket. Cash only.

- Cap and gown! You must be wearing a cap and gown to participate in Commencement.
Graduation Day Check List
Commencement 2013
California Memorial Stadium
Saturday, May 18, 2013 10 a.m.

Graduating Student Assembly @ 8:30 a.m.

- Flat shoes – Both Maxwell Family Field and Memorial Stadium are grass surfaces. Please do not wear stilettos or other thin heels as you will have difficulty walking on the turf of the field.
- Please be prepared for the weather. Bring sunscreen and plenty of water if it is warm; bring rain gear if it is raining. We ask that you please not bring umbrellas since they can obstruct the view of other guests and graduates.

☐ Arrival

Memorial Stadium is on Piedmont Avenue and Bancroft Way.

- Graduation Student Entrance: Maxwell Family Field (adjacent to Memorial Stadium on Piedmont Avenue). Enter from the gate across from Haas Business School or the gate across from Bowles Hall.
- Guest entrance: Gates 1 – 6 on the west side of the stadium.
- ADA (Special Accommodations) entrance: Gate 6

Reserved parking is not available for commencement. Some spots may be available on campus but are not guaranteed. For information on campus parking and shuttle routes, visit pt.berkeley.edu/news/2013-senior-commencement-information. We encourage you to take public transportation. A shuttle will run from the Downtown Berkeley BART station (Shattuck Avenue in front of Bank of America) to Memorial Stadium on 12 – 24 minute intervals. If you choose to drive, you may park in the campus parking lots on a first-come, first served basis, for $10. You may park in surrounding city and private lots, but fees and hours vary.

☐ Families Get Ready

- Doors open at 8 a.m. Direct your guests, with tickets in hand to the west side of Memorial Stadium. Remind them to come early as the gates do get clogged if everyone waits until 10! Seating is general admission and guests will be accommodated on a first come, first served basis.

☐ Get Snapped

GradImages will photograph each graduate on stage. The ceremony will also be available via webcast after the event. Please fill out your information card so we can keep track of your picture.

☐ Keep in Touch

- Convert your student email address to a free forwarding address. Login with your CalNet ID. You can also update your information in the alumni directory and network with other Cal alums.
- Follow Cal on Google+, Twitter, and Foursquare.

☐ Celebrate!

- We anticipate the ceremony ending between 2 – 3 p.m.
- Flower vendors will be outside of the stadium for families, friends, and guests to purchase flowers and leis for seniors. Floral vendors will be located at Gates 1 and 6.
- Congratulations on your achievement!