Economics Graduation Ceremony and Reception

The Department of Economics cordially invites Economics Bachelors and Masters students to a private Department ceremony on

Thursday, May 21, 2015
Morris Dailey Auditorium

Doors open for guest seating at 5:30 p.m.
Graduates line-up for the processional at 5:30 p.m.
Ceremony begins at 5:45 p.m. and ends at 6:30 p.m.
Reception is on the Rose Garden from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

If your graduation date is December 2014, May 2015, or August 2015, we invite you to be our guest as we recognize your achievement.

Friends and Family are Welcome to Share the Celebration!
**GRADUATION CHECKLIST**

If you are graduating please complete this short survey
Please complete the survey even if you are not planning to attend.

**Graduation Ceremony Registration Survey**

- Purchase a Social Sciences cap and gown from the [Spartan Bookstore](#). Regalia goes on sale around April 6th. See the link or sjsu.edu/commencement/graduates/regalia for more information. You can also order online but shipping charges apply.

- Purchase tickets for your personal guests at $11 per person. Tickets will be available for pick-up and payment (cash or check only) at the Economics Department between April 17th and May 15th. There is no limit to the number of guest tickets. This covers the reception costs.

- Line-up outside the auditorium at 5:35 p.m. We start marching at 5:45 p.m. SHARP!

- Faculty march in first and sit in the first row. After the slide show the faculty will proceed to the stage and leave the first row empty. *(Hint – parents with cameras are free to move to the first row when we empty it).*

- Master’s Students are first in the processional line and sit in the first rows directly behind faculty. During the ceremony, Masters students will be asked to stand and to walk onto the stage from the right side (your right as you face the stage!). Dr. Ortega will be holding a microphone. Say your name and a few words to your guests into the microphone. Walk across the stage and hand your hood to Dr. Hummel. Turn your back to Dr. Hummel and either face the opposite end of the stage. Hence family will get a chance to take a side profile picture of Dr. Hummel and you as he places the hood over your head shoulders. Turn and shake hands with Dr. Hummel. Turn and smile to the audience in case your family is taking a picture. Take your time. Enjoy the moment. Exit the stage on the left and return to your seat. When you are done the next person will speak into the microphone.

- Bachelors Students will be asked to stand and process to the stage—row by row. Walk onto the stage from the right side (your right as you face the stage!). Say your name into the microphone and a few words to your guests or audience members. Walk across the stage and receive a certificate from Dr. Ortega. Shake hands with Dr. Ortega, then turn and smile to the audience because your family is probably taking a picture, exit the stage on the left and return to your seat. **Take your time.** Enjoy the moment.

- Other than that, ALL graduating students should relax, enjoy the speeches and award recognitions. Be in the moment. Reflect on all the choices that brought you to achievement of this goal. Relish the sweet feeling of accomplishment -- for tomorrow, you set new goals.

- We ask that you send Lydia.Ortega@sjsu.edu a power point slide with words of thanks to whomever you wish. We will put all the slides together and run a power point presentation at the beginning of the ceremony once everyone is seated. Maximum of two slides per graduating student (the 2 slides will run back-to-back). You design the layout and content but be sure font is large enough to be seen in an auditorium. The slide(s) can include pictures or images and **must** include the words “Thank You”. Be sure to include your name and email address so we can contact you if there is a problem with the slide(s). Be CREATIVE, FUNNY, WARM and LOVING, but also RESPECTFUL AND SUCCINCT. It is difficult to read long text. Below are a few sample slides.

- You may want to make a reservation at a local restaurant to take your family to dinner following the graduation. The ceremony will end at 6:30 and we will gather for appetizers, for pictures, and to meet your guests until about 7:30 pm. You can go to dinner anytime after 6:30 pm.
SLIDE EXAMPLES

Don't let this adorable face fool you...

I couldn't have done it without amazing Mentors, Friends, and Family. Special thanks to Jack and Lydia for always going above and beyond the call.

Thank You!

And to my parent: Thanks for all you have given me, I will pay for my own bills... soon...