

Political Science 2017 Department Convocation

Date: Wednesday May 24, 2017 - Time: 6pm - 8:30pm - Location: Student Union Ballroom

The 2017 Political Science Department Convocation is for students eligible for graduation (including Fall 16, Spring 17, and Summer 17). This event honors the academic careers and achievements of our seniors. During the ceremony, every graduating student will have an opportunity to walk on stage and give a short (30 sec) speech and receive a certificate. Several departmental awards will be presented, including this year's most "Outstanding Graduating Senior" award. Before the ceremony, light refreshments will be served just outside the Student Union Ballroom. **Caps and gowns are required and can be purchased at the Spartan Bookstore.**

CONVOCATION TICKETS

For this event, guest attendance is by ticket only (seats are already reserved for each graduate; **graduates do not require a ticket.**) Children under 3 years old do not need reserved tickets but we do ask that they sit in the guest's lap in the event that the Student Union Ballroom reaches capacity.

Each graduating student will be given two complimentary guest tickets with the option of purchasing up to 4 additional tickets for \$10 each. All tickets, including your two complimentary tickets and any additional purchased tickets, can be picked up at the Department office or delivered to you in advance of the event.

To request your tickets, and to communicate whether you would like to pick-up your tickets or have them delivered, please complete the Google Form (no later than Friday, May 5th) by clicking on the link below.

https://docs.google.com/a/sjsu.edu/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeZQB5eyQGU_bCSztOBvzIDUOSd6H3z0Zru00DStZB4Z66S5w/viewform?c=0&w=1

Please note that this form is not used to purchase your tickets, but rather specify how many tickets you would like.

To purchase tickets, click on the link below:

<https://commerce.cashnet.com/psasjsu>

If you choose to pick up your tickets, they will be available in the department office (CL 471) beginning Friday, May 12th. If you choose to have them sent to you by mail, it is encouraged that you request tickets as soon as possible.

PLEASE NOTE: This event fills up quickly. Do not delay ordering. If there are still seats available after the May 5th deadline, the department will provide students with a second opportunity to purchase additional tickets.

Remember, each ticket issued represents a single seat in the Student Union Ballroom; guests will not be admitted without a valid ticket. Graduates will enter together in formal procession and sit as a group in the front rows.

CERTIFICATES

Participating **graduates will receive a certificate of completion** of coursework for a degree in Political Science. However, **these certificates are not university issued diplomas**; the university will issue official diplomas a few weeks after graduation.

OUTSTANDING GRADUATING SENIOR

Each academic year, political science faculty select a student for the "Outstanding Graduating Senior" award. A student selected for this award will have earned a record of high academic achievement and demonstrated valuable service to political science students and/or the department. This year's outstanding graduating senior will be notified in time to prepare short remarks delivered at the Convocation.

PRE-CONVOCATION GET-TOGETHER

On the day of the Convocation, light refreshments will be served beginning at 4:30pm in the foyer outside the Student Union Ballroom. All graduates must report to the Student Union Meeting Room #4 at 5:30 pm to meet with department faculty, who will organize the entrance of the graduates into the Student Union Ballroom. Students will be given final instructions here.

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES:

Submit convocation ticket request and purchase additional tickets	Friday, May 5, 2017
Tickets Available for Pick-Up:	Friday, May 12, 2017
Convocation Ceremony:	Wednesday, May 24, 2017

NOTE: If you would like to have your tickets mailed, please complete the Convocation Ticket Request Form and purchase any additional tickets as soon as possible.

On behalf of the entire faculty and staff of Political Science, I want to commend you for all your achievements at SJSU and congratulate you for arriving at this important milestone in your academic career. We look forward to joining you, your family, and loved ones for a celebration of the Political Science graduates of 2017!

Sincerely,

Dr. Kenneth Peter, Acting Chair