

38th Annual Black/Pan-African Graduation Celebration

Friday, May 16, 2025

6pm-8pm Walter Pyramid

The deadline to register is 5:00 pm Friday, April 11th, 2025.

Black Grad Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is Black/Pan-African Graduation Celebration?

- Black Grad is a celebration of Black graduates, that highlights Black entertainment, speakers, music, and joy.
- Watch the YouTube video recap of previous celebrations on the [Black Grad website](#)
- The celebration includes brief speeches from honored speakers, cultural performances, and more to honor the graduating Class.

2. How do I register?

- **Register at:** csulb.edu/cgc
- Registration is \$65

3. What do I get with my registration fee?

- 5 complimentary guest tickets
- Kente cloth sash
- Grad program (on the day of)

4. Can I buy additional tickets? Is there a limit to how many tickets I can purchase?

- Additional guest tickets may be purchased for \$5 each after the registration deadline if seating is available, or on the day of Black Grad at the Pyramid Box Office.
- There is no limit to how many additional tickets you can buy, but please be considerate, only purchase tickets that you will use.

5. Who can attend? Do children need tickets?

- Family and friends are welcome to join us.
- Children under 2 do not need a ticket if they are not taking up a seat.
- Everyone in a seat will need a ticket.

6. Where will I receive updates about the registration or event?

- You will receive updates via email.
- We will also be sharing information via the Black Resource Center Instagram account [csulbbrc](#).

7. Can I submit a speech?

Submit your [Student Speaker Application](#).

Student Speaker Criteria:

- If you would like to be in consideration to deliver a speech, please submit at speech to blackgrad@csulb.edu by February 28 before 5pm.
- The speech must be a maximum of 3 minutes long.
- The speech must incorporate this year's Black Grad theme: Unapologetically Black: Crowns of Excellence
- Complete the [Student Speaker Application](#) by February 28, 2025
- Submit your speech via email to blackgrad@csulb.edu by February 28, 2025
- Candidates will be notified by March 14, 2025 if they have been chosen as the student speaker.
- The planning committee will review all speeches and select a speaker.