

**California State University, Long Beach
Annual Lavender Graduation Celebration**

Friday, May 19th, 2024

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is the Lavender Graduation Celebration? (Lav Grad)**

Historically Lavender Graduation has been an annual graduation ceremony conducted at universities to honor LGBTQ+ students and acknowledge their academic accomplishments and contributions. This tradition started in 1995 by Ronni Sanlo, a lesbian keynote speaker in the LGBTQ+ community, after she was denied access to attend her children's graduations due to her sexual orientation.

The Lavender Graduation Celebration at CSULB is a celebration for the academic accomplishments of all LGBTQIA+ graduates and their futures as our community members!

"Lavender Graduation is a wonderful opportunity for LGBTQIA+ students to celebrate their accomplishments in the community they hold dear. Being able to have loved ones and fellow Queer and Trans students present for this intimate celebration, where students can truly honor their authentic selves, is a joyous occasion!"

- **What makes Lav Grad special?**

Lav Grad is dedicated to our LGBTQIA+ Graduates and their Chosen Family: those individuals, related or not, who supported our students throughout their educational career. Students will also be given a chance to write a statement of appreciation to share as they walk across the stage.

- **What will the celebration entail?**

Lav Grad will include graduating student speakers, potential performances, and more to honor the Class of 2024.

- **Who can participate?**

Any CSULB student completing a degree in Fall 2023, Winter 2024, Spring 2024, Summer 2024, or Fall 2024 may register to participate.

- **Is the celebration only for specific majors/degrees?**

The Lavender Graduation Celebration is open to any graduates of any major and degree type from CSULB.

- **How do I register for Lav Grad? When is the deadline?**

Online registration is now available by visiting www.csulb.edu/cgc and clicking on Lavender Graduation. The registration deadline is **Friday, April 19, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.**

- **Is there a cost to participate?**

No, all who register may be able to participate. It is a first come, first serve for sashes at this time so be sure to secure a sash by purchasing one. Visit www.csulb.edu/cgc and click on Lavender Graduation to purchase a sash.

- **How many people can each participant invite?**

Each graduate may request admission for up to four (4) guests when registering only. The graduate is not included in the count. Additional guest admission may be requested after the registration deadline if seating is available.

- **Where will I receive updates about the registration and event?**

You will receive updates via email and can find information shared via the LGBTQ+ Resource Center Instagram account @csulb_lgbtq

- **Who can I contact if I have questions?**

Please contact lgbtqrc@csulb.edu for questions about the Lavender Graduation Celebration.