

TO: Recent Pacifica Graduates and Possible Spring Graduates

FROM: Francine Matas, Registrar

RE: **Commencement – May 2008**

Each year, Pacifica looks forward to honoring its graduating students in a community celebration. In anticipation of this event, I would like to provide some important information about commencement weekend to both recent graduates and those students who could potentially complete all degree requirements prior to April 18. I would also like to request some information from each of you that will ensure a celebration that is worthy of your accomplishments.

Commencement ceremonies will be held over Memorial Day weekend according to the following schedule:

**Friday, May 23**

9:00 am to 5:00 pm      **Thesis Presentations** by M.A. **Counseling Psychology** Graduates

**Saturday, May 24**

9:30 am                      **Commencement** for M.A. **Counseling Psychology** Graduates

3:00 pm                      **Commencement** for both M.A. and Ph.D. **Depth Psychology** Graduates  
and Ph.D. **Clinical Psychology** Graduates

**Sunday, May 25**

10:00 am                    **Commencement** for both M.A. and Ph.D. **Mythological Studies** Graduates and  
M.A. **Humanities Graduates**

Please note that three separate commencement ceremonies will be held on the Ladera campus; immediately following each ceremony, a reception will be held in your honor.

**Important !**

**In order to participate in the commencement ceremony, all of your degree requirements must be completed and submitted to the Office of the Registrar by April 18; in addition, all of your financial obligations to the school must be satisfied by May 16.**

*Note: If you do not complete all degree requirements prior to the April 18 deadline, you will not be eligible to participate in the May 2008 commencement ceremony. However, you will be invited to participate in next year's commencement ceremonies.*

**If you are a Ph.D. candidate, your Dissertation defense must be completed no later than April 13.**

During the commencement ceremony, you are invited to briefly address the audience and express your thoughts or reflections. It is important, however, that you limit your remarks to no more than two minutes. You might wish to say a few words about your experiences at Pacifica and their meaning for you. If you are a doctoral recipient, you may choose to speak briefly about your dissertation research.

Enclosed with this letter is a **Commencement and Diploma Response Form** that requires your immediate attention. **Regardless of whether or not you plan to participate in the commencement exercises, please complete the response form and return it to the Registrar's Office by March 18th.**

Due to capacity restrictions on campus, **no more than 4 guests are allowed per graduate**. To assist you and your guests in reserving accommodations, a **lodging information sheet** is also included. Because local hotels, inns, and motels fill up quickly for Memorial Day weekend, **we urge you to make your reservations as soon as possible**.

If you have specific questions about degree completion, financial matters, or ceremonies, please feel free to contact any of the individuals listed on the accompanying **contact information sheet**.

**Summary of important dates:**

<b>March 18</b>	Deadline to return the Commencement and Diploma Response Form
<b>April 13</b>	To participate in the ceremony, your dissertation defense must be completed by this date
<b>April 18</b>	To participate in the ceremony, all academic requirements must be satisfied by this date
<b>May 16</b>	To participate in the ceremony, all financial obligations must be satisfied by this date
<b>May 23</b>	Thesis Presentations
<b>May 24</b>	Commencement Ceremonies
	<b>9:30 am            Counseling M.A.</b>
	<b>3:00 pm            Depth M.A and Ph.D. and Clinical Ph.D.</b>
<b>May 25</b>	Commencement Ceremony
	<b>10:00 am        Myth M.A. and Ph.D. and Humanities M.A.</b>

On behalf of Pacifica's faculty and administration, I would like to congratulate each of you in advance for your outstanding accomplishments. We look forward to celebrating with you and your special guests in May.