

# Graduation 2010



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**Palo Alto High School**  
**Graduation Events**

*Scholarships are limited this year – students with a demonstrated need  
should check in with Ms. Shultz or Ms. Launer*

## Mark Your Calendar

### Friday, May 14 – PALY

Come celebrate the last of AP testing after school with music on the quad featuring our student bands, BBQ, and the PALY Frisbee tradition.

### Friday, May 21 - PALY

Field Day and *Last Chance Dance* in the quad that evening with a theme of “White T’s and Nikes.”

### Wednesday, June 2 - PALY

Senior Finals through Friday, June 4.

### Thursday, June 3 - PALY

Pick up cap and gown on the Quad at lunch and after school. Josten’s representative will be on hand to sell cap and gowns to those students who forgot to purchase these earlier in the year – please note, cash only sales.

### Thursday, June 3 - PALY

Senior Awards Night at 7:00 pm in the Haymarket Theatre. Award recipients will receive their invitations in the mail mid-May.

### Sunday, June 6 – Stanford campus

Baccalaureate Service at Stanford Memorial Auditorium at 1 pm – students should arrive at 12:30 pm in order to participate

### Tuesday, June 8 - PALY / off-site in the afternoon

Breakfast and mandatory Graduation rehearsal on the quad at 7:45 am followed by the Senior Picnic at a secret beach location. Students will ride in chartered coaches. We plan to return by 5:00 pm.

### Wednesday, June 9 - PALY / off-site for the party

Graduation Ceremony in the Quad at 5:30 pm. Students line up in caps and gowns at 5:00 pm. A reception hosted by the Junior parents immediately follows the ceremony. Students then board chartered buses to their Grad Night party aboard the USS Hornet. *Grad Night is a not a PAUSD sponsored event, but rather one hosted for students by the PALY PTSA. All PALY 2010 graduates are welcome!*

## USS Hornet Requirements

To maintain the machinery and the safety of all guests, the *USS Hornet* forbids water bottles and backpacks. There will be a coat check available to stow jackets and purses. Students are encouraged to leave valuable items at home.

### Security

The usual security guidelines will be observed. Grad Night should be memorable for many reasons. Class of 2010 - let’s make sure it’s memorable for all the right ones!

**Congratulations**

**Class  
Of  
2010**

### Grad-Night Party – Wednesday evening, June 9

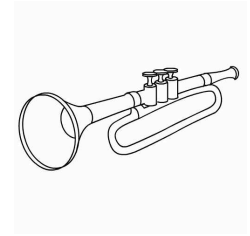
Immediately following the graduation ceremony, there is a short reception for seniors and their families hosted by the PTSA Junior class. Graduates will then assemble in front of the Haymarket Theatre at 7:45 pm to board chartered coaches to their Grad Night party aboard the USS Hornet.

We'll use the same "perfect groups of ten" request form to build bus rosters for both the Senior Class picnic and Grad Night.

Students should consider bringing a change of clothing to school as Grad Night party is very casual and jeans or shorts are best depending on the weather. *Please remember that there will be no time to go home to change between the graduation ceremony and the departure for the Grad Night party – you may bring a backpack with your change of clothes, but remember that you will NOT have access to your backpack once you board the bus to Grad Night. Backpacks will be stowed in your bus' cargo hold.*

### Music on the Quad – Friday, May 14

Brought to the PALY community by the PALY ASB/Leadership students, Music on the Quad is a new activity this year in celebration of the end of the testing season. The afternoon begins at 3 pm and features a couple of student bands, and a BBQ – come enjoy a burger with celebrity guest cooks, Mr. Berkson and Mr. Feinberg.



### Field Day and the Last Chance Dance – Friday, May 21

Field Day is a traditional PALY activity at lunch-time. There will be bouncy houses for students (big kids at heart) and lunch for all.

### Senior Finals – Wednesday, June 2

All seniors will take finals during these three days to give them and their teachers an opportunity to participate in year-end celebrations.

### Senior Award Night – Thursday, June 3

Celebrating in the Haymarket Theatre at 7 pm with Master of Ceremonies Mr. Lim, this evening is a special time to honor students who have earned awards and recognition in our community. Recipients will receive their invitations mid-May.



## Baccalaureate Service – Sunday, June 6

Open to all at no charge and no need for tickets, Baccalaureate Sunday is a special time for families. Held at Stanford Memorial Auditorium, 551 Serra Mall, Stanford, California 94305, at 1:00 pm, student performances and speeches are especially inspiring. After the service, most families gather at home or a local restaurant to celebrate this important rite of passage in their child's life.

### Attire

The Baccalaureate is a fairly formal affair....think of a wedding ceremony. The graduates wear caps and gowns during the ceremony. Girls generally wear dresses and dress shoes. Boys generally wear dress-slacks, dress shoes, collared shirts and many wear ties. Remember that girls' gowns are white and patterned dresses will show through. Collared shirts under boys' green gowns look better in pictures.

Guests tend to dress nicely as well. Many men wear coats and ties and many women wear dresses and dress shoes.

### Special Needs

If you or one of your guests needs special seating, please be in touch with our Student Activities Director, Kindel Launer at [klauner@pausd.org](mailto:klauner@pausd.org). We will do our best to accommodate your request.

### Parking

With the Stanford campus undergoing renovation near the Auditorium, parking can be tricky. Think about carpooling and dropping off guests near the venue. Walking in from Paly is also an option.

### Links to Directions

Stanford campus map: <http://campus-map.stanford.edu/>  
Directions: [maps.google.com](https://maps.google.com)

## Rehearsal & Senior Class Picnic – Tuesday, June 8

### The Rehearsal

This day is an all day activity sponsored by PALY and chaperoned by certificated teachers and administrators. Students should arrive for a PTSA sponsored breakfast at 7:45 am followed by a mandatory graduation rehearsal. Graduation tickets will be distributed at some point as well.

### The Picnic

Students will board chartered coaches at 10:00 am and head to a secret beach location. We plan to return by 5 pm. The picnic cost includes transportation, catered lunch, and fun activities. Wear shorts and bring towels, sunscreen, footwear, and a **warm sweatshirt**. Bring spending money if desired.

## Graduation Ceremony – Wednesday, June 9

### The Ceremony

Students should arrive to line up at 5:00 pm. Families should take their seats by 5:30. Please remember that there is no reserved seating.



Folks tend to dress up a bit for this ceremony, although perhaps not as much as for the Baccalaureate service - check the weather and remember that you will be sitting outdoors. The graduates again wear caps and gowns and still dress up some. Girls generally wear skirts and dress shoes - remember they will be walking on grass so be careful when choosing heels. Again, collared shirts for boys are a nice touch. Some families order leis for their graduate – this is a lovely tradition.

*To ensure the enjoyment of all guests, air horns and toss-able objects will be confiscated during this special ceremony.*