36th Annual Nuestra Graduación (Our Graduation) Celebration

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

Saturday, May 17, 2025
10:00am and 4:00pm
Walter Pyramid

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What is the Nuestra Graduación (Our Graduation) Celebration?**
   - Nuestra Grad, previously known as the Chicano Latino Graduation Celebration, is a festive and beautiful event that takes place the weekend before CSULB's Commencement week. The event celebrates students' personal success and academic achievements in the spirit and tradition of Latin American culture.
   - The celebration will take place in-person at the Walter Pyramid on Saturday, May 17th at 10am and at 4pm to accommodate our large number of graduates.

2. **What makes Nuestra Grad so special?**
   - Nuestra Grad is dedicated to *familia, comunidad, and cultura.* This year's theme is "A Dream Fulfilled - Un Sueño Cumplido" – "The Unity of our Cultures and Communities". Graduates have an opportunity to publicly thank those who have supported them throughout their educational career by writing a special dedication and walking across the stage. The celebration is also presented bilingually to accommodate both English and Spanish speakers.

3. **What will the celebration entail?**
   - The celebration includes brief speeches from honored speakers, cultural performances, and more to honor the Class of 2025.

4. **Who can participate?**
   - Any CSULB student completing a degree in Fall 2024, Winter 2024, Spring 2025, or Summer 2025 may register to participate.

5. **I am NOT a Chicano/Latino Studies major; may I still participate?**
   - Absolutely. Nuestra Grad is open to ***all*** CSULB graduating students.

6. **How do I register for Nuestra Grad? When is the deadline?**
   - You can find the online registration at http://www.csulb.edu/cgc by clicking on the Nuestra Graduación (Our Graduation) Celebration.

7. **Is there a cost to participate?**
   - Yes, the cost is $65.

8. **What do graduates receive with the registration fee?**
   - 5 Complimentary Digital Guest Tickets (No ticket needed for the graduate)
   - 1 Sash
   - 1 Grad Gift
   - 1 Program
   - Live Streaming of the event (Link will be attached to Nuestra Graduación (Our Graduation) Celebration website once available)

9. **Can I purchase additional tickets?**
   - An addition of 2 guest tickets may be purchased for $5 each after registration closes if any are available. We will announce this via email if it becomes an option. No ticket is needed for the graduate.

10. **Can I purchase a sash by itself?**
    - No, In order to obtain a sash, you must register to participate at the event. The Latinx Student Union (LSU) will be selling their own separate sashes if interested. LSU's sash will include sarape tips with the words "Chicano Latino" embroidered on it.

11. **When will I receive my sash and grad gift?**
    - Your sash and grad gift will be given to you at Nuestra Grad.

12. **Where can I find the live stream link?**
    - The livestream link will be attached to Nuestra Graduación (Our Graduation) Celebration website on the day of the graduation.

13. **Who can attend?**
    - Friends and family are all welcome to join us in this special event.

14. **What if I am struggling financially and can't afford to pay the registration fee at all?**
    - Please contact us at latinxgrad@csulb.edu to discuss your financial barriers and how we can support you.

15. **Where will I receive updates about the registration or event?**
    - You will receive updates via your CSULB email, and we will also be sharing information on our Instagram account @csulb_latinxgrad

Please contact latinxgrad@csulb.edu for further questions regarding Nuestra Grad.

Student Speaker Contest

The Nuestra Grad Committee invites you to participate in our Speech Contest for this year's graduation.

Student Speaker Criteria:

1. The speech must be a maximum of 3-5 minutes long.
2. Candidates are encouraged to incorporate Spanish in their speech but not required to.
3. The speech must incorporate this year's Nuestra Grad theme: "**A Dream Fulfilled - Un Sueño Cumplido**"
4. Submit your **Student Speaker Application** and **email your video recorded speech** by **Sunday, February 23rd, 2025** to latinxgrad@csulb.edu
5. Candidates will be notified by the week of **March 3rd, 2025** if they have been chosen as the student speaker. The Latinx Student Union committee will select 2 finalists (1 student speaker for each graduation session).