

BERKELEY HIGH SCHOOL/BERKELEY TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY - SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Updated October 7, 2016 – INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Major Events

September to June - Order or get a loaner cap & gown from Achievers Inc. Prices increase in January.

October 24, 2016 Senior Information Meeting at BTA Multi-Purpose Room 10:30am

October 31, 2016 - Deadline for "Petition To Graduate Early" forms with Counselor/Registrar's Office

Fall 2016 – College application deadlines, SAT/ACT testing. More info in the College & Career Center.

March 27 – April 21 – Senior Prom tickets are on sale during lunch & after-school.

March - Senior Class Informational Meeting in Community Theater.

April 22 8 pm -12 am – Senior Prom will be held in San Francisco at the Bently Reserve.

May - Graduation ticket info to be sent via monthly bulletin.

June-TBD 1:15 – 3:00 pm – Graduation Meeting & Senior Fest in Donahue Gym. All Seniors attend!

June 16 9:00 – 11:00 am – Graduation Rehearsal at the Greek Theater. All Seniors attend!

June 16 5:30 – 8:30 pm – Graduation at the Greek Theater. Doors open at 4:30 pm.

Small Learning Community Graduations & Cultural Celebrations (If you would like to participate in one of the Celebrations please send an email to ericajohnson@berkeley.net)

June 3 – AfAm Studies Graduation - @ Community Theater 2:00 - 4:00 pm Contact Naomi Washington

June 5 – CAS Graduation – @ Freight & Salvage Contact Amy Crawford

June 8 - ISP BBQ & Senior Recognition @ 5:00 pm Contact Tiffany Williams

June 9 - BIHS Graduation – @ BHS Community Theater 5:00 pm Contact Shannon Fierro

June 10- Chicano Latino Celebration – ceremony @ St. Ambrose Church Contact Leticia Amezcu

June ? - Bridge Cohort 4 Graduation @ TBD Contact Ashley Daly

June ? – Asian Celebration – 5:00 p.m. @ Berkeley Methodist United Church Contact Dana Moran

June ? - AC Graduation @ Berkeley Community Theater at 6:00 – Contact Felicia Phillips

June ? – AHA Graduation – @ Freight & Salvage 5:30 - 8:30 pm Contact Miriam Stahl

June ? – AMPS Senior Celebration – Contact Claudia Gonzalez

June ? – Newcomer Celebration - @ BHS Cafeteria 6:00 - 9:00 pm Contact Marcela Taylor

June TBD – 1:00 – 1:30 pm Mandatory Senior Graduation Meeting in the Community Theater

June 16 – 9:00 – 11:00 am - Graduation Rehearsal at the UCB Greek Theater.

All seniors who plan to participate in the graduation MUST be present at BOTH rehearsals.

June 16 – 5:30 pm-8:00pm - Graduation at the UCB Greek Theater. Please arrive by 4:30 pm!!!

Berkeley Tech Quarter 1 Finals 10/27 & 10/28

Mon 10/24 & Tues 10/25 Regular Schedule 8:45-3:30pm

Wed 10/26/16 Minimum Day 8:45am – 1:20pm

Thursday 10/27/16 Friday 10/28/16

Block 1 8:45 – 10:45 Block 3 8:45 – 10:45

Lunch 10:45 – 11:25 Lunch 10:45 – 11:25

Block 2 11:30 – 1:20 Block 4 11:30 – 1:20

Outstanding Debts & Book Fines Students must clear all financial obligations (including book debts, athletic equipment, etc.) to the school prior to obtaining graduation and/or Senior Prom tickets and receiving a diploma. Check with the Librarian Ann Sperske for a list of fines owed
Seniors won't receive their High School Diplomas until they return all their textbooks and library books back to the textbook room and library.

Please Note Seniors may not be allowed to participate in school activities if any of the following apply:

- 30 or more period unverified absences for any class from August 30, 2016, - March 3, 2017.
- Suspension for any discipline matter (For Senior Prom, this policy will be in effect after March 6).

Prom 2017 Date: Saturday, April 22, 2017

Location: Bently Reserve 301 Battery St, San Francisco, CA 94111

Time: 8:00 pm–12:00am – Doors close at 9:30pm - No in & out privileges for any reason.

Parking: Please visit bentlyreserve.com/ for directions and parking suggestions.

1. Attire: This is a formal event. Dress should be appropriate and not disruptive. Students who dress in an inappropriate manner will not be admitted.
2. Tickets: Beginning March 27, Senior Prom Tickets are on sale starting for \$TBD in the Leadership Office at lunch and after school. Tickets will be sold Monday through Friday. The ticket price will increase each week, so please buy early. Students in the free and reduced lunch program can purchase tickets at \$TBD. Please show proof of eligibility at the time of purchase. Cash or check are payable to "BHS ASB". Tickets will also be available online www.bhsprom2017.brownpapertickets.com
3. Guest Passes and Contracts: Non-BHS Guest Passes must be submitted when tickets are purchased. Only guests 20 years of age or younger will be admitted to the Senior Prom. The BHS Dance Conduct Policy will be strictly enforced. The last day guest passes are accepted will be April 14. Passes are available in the Leadership Office.
4. Sobriety: For your safety, any student suspected of being under the influence or in possession of an illegal or controlled substance, either when arriving or during the Prom, will have his/her parents/guardians notified and will be required to leave the premises. Parents/Guardians will be responsible for picking the student up and all school policies/consequences will be enforced.

Class Rings, Graduation Announcements, and Cap & Gowns

Place graduation orders at anytime by visiting the Achievers website: graduationorder.com

Use the code bhs510 to order caps and gowns as well as other graduation products before April 15

The deadline to request a LOANER cap/gown/tassel is April 15, 2017.

On October 24 Achievers will be on campus for orders cap/gown orders, announcements, and class rings.

On June 16, ACHIEVERS will be at the UC Berkeley Greek Theatre from 10am to 9pm to take care of any last minute cap/gown issues. Seniors can order their cap/gown order at any of the event dates listed.

1. Beginning with the Class of 2017, seniors will have their choice of color, red or gold, at the time of purchase.
2. Each gown will be marked with the student's name. Be sure that you have a gown, cap and tassel in your package.
3. Purchased caps and gowns are individuals' to keep and do not need to be returned. Please consider donating your cap & gown to the Leadership Office for use by a future graduate.
4. Decorations can only be applied to the top of the cap. Decorated gowns will not be allowed in the ceremony.
5. Please contact Achievers Inc. at 408.441.7200 if you have any questions.

Cap, Gown, and Tassel Loaner Program Achievers Inc. and BUSD have agreed to begin a loaner program for cap, gown, and tassel loaner for seniors to wear during the commencement ceremony. Please understand that per Berkeley Unified School District's (BUSD) requirements, this cap, gown, and tassel, must be returned immediately following the ceremony. Under Ed Code section 48904, failure to return each of these three items (cap/gown/tassel) may result in the student's diploma being held by BUSD and not being issued until the District has received payment for these items. In order to set up a loaner, please visit www.graduationorder.com and enter the code bhs510 You will select "Loan" after logging into the website. Please return your loaner cap, gown and tassel immediately following the ceremony. If you forget to return your loaner cap, gown, and tassel after graduation ends, please return these items to the registrar's office at BHS the following week. The deadline to request a LOANER cap/gown is April 15, 2017.

DIPLOMA:

Your diploma should be mailed during the first week of September, 2017. You will need to provide your SUMMER MAILING ADDRESS if different from the one currently on file at Berkeley Technology Academy. You will need to provide the updated address to the main office by EMAIL ONLY. Please submit updated address to ericajohnson@berkeley.net

GRADUATION:

TICKETS information available in spring 2017. **ALL INFO BELOW IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Date: Friday, June 16, 2017

Time: 5:30 pm ~ 8:30 pm. Doors open around 4:30 pm.

Location: UC Berkeley Greek Theater. 2001 Gayley Rd. Berkeley, CA 94720.

Parking: Please visit <http://calperformances.org/visit/venues/greek.php> for parking and directions.

Two Free Tickets: Beginning June 6, All graduating seniors get two free bowl tickets for the graduation ceremony. These can be picked up from Erica in the Main Office at BTA the week of June 6, 2017. You must complete the Senior Exit Report in order to receive the two free tickets.

Additional Tickets: Tickets will be on sale up to and during graduation, as long as they last. Starting June 3, tickets will be sold through the Cal Performances box office at UC Berkeley; online at <http://tickets.berkeley.edu/>, by phone at 510.642.9988, and in person at the Zellerbach Hall (cross street Bancroft & Dana). There is a limit of THREE BOWL TICKETS per purchase for the first week.

Box office and phone hours are Tuesday-Friday, 12 p.m.-5:30 p.m., and Saturday-Sunday, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.
CLOSED MONDAY. INFORMATION BELOW REFLECTS 2016 PRICES and IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Every person attending, regardless of age, must have a ticket for entrance.

Bowl Regular Price \$22; Bowl Reduced price \$15

Lawn Regular Price \$8; Lawn Reduced price \$8

Reduced Ticket Prices: Students on free and reduced lunch are eligible for discounted tickets. To receive discounted tickets, students should go to ? in the counseling office. Discount codes will be available starting May ?. The discount code must be presented at the time of purchase to receive the discounted price. Students purchasing tickets with a discount code can purchase a limit of five tickets at the discounted price and must buy their tickets at Zellerbach Hall in person. (See above)

ADA Seating: The doors to the Greek Theater are scheduled to open by 4:30 pm for ADA seats first and then for general seating. Guests can be dropped off at the North Gate

1. ADA seating is available upon request at the time of ticket purchase. ADA patrons may purchase one ADA seat and one companion seat per disabled individual.

Graduation Day On Friday, June 16, seniors will report promptly to the Greek Theatre by 4:30 pm to line up for graduation. There will be considerable traffic congestion just before graduation, so it is recommended that students allow themselves an extra margin of time.

1. Caps and gowns must be worn at graduation.
2. Gifts and flowers should not be given to students prior to the ceremony due to lack of security.
3. Any student who engages in disruptive behavior during the ceremony, inflatable balls, etc. will be warned and then escorted from the graduate section if not compliant.

Shuttle Bus & Parking There are no designated parking areas for students or families at the Greek Theater, even for disabled parking. It is strongly recommended that you do not attempt to drive and park near the Greek theater up Hearst Street or onto Gayley Street as traffic congestion will be heavy. There will be shuttle buses running between BHS and the Greek Theater. Shuttles are scheduled to begin at 3:30 pm, picking up passengers at the corner of Milvia and Kittredge. Last shuttle back down is around 8:30 - 9:00 pm. It is also possible to walk from Downtown BART up to the Greek Theater.

Senior Awards Ceremony The Senior Awards Ceremony is TBD. This evening is one of recognition for scholarships and awards students have received. Students, parents and guests are invited to attend. Further information will be available at a later date.

Behavior Reminder We would like to finish this year on the same positive note that we have had all year, and we would like to remind seniors of a few behavior expectations:

1. After the Senior Meeting, seniors who violate any school policy that causes an out-of-school suspension will forfeit all rights for participating in graduation activities, including the Senior Prom.
2. Sobriety: For reasons of safety, any student suspected of being under the influence at any event will have his/her parents/guardians notified. Parents/Guardians will be responsible for picking the student up.

Yearbooks: Yearbooks can be ordered online at www.yearbookordercenter.com or in person in C327. Sales of yearbook typically begin in September and continue all the way until May. Yearbook distribution

takes place in the weeks leading up until Graduation. Wendy Shiraki-Raphael is the current Yearbook Advisor.

Senior Portraits: Please contact ABC School Portraits about setting up an appointment. They visit the school on a regular basis during the fall for pictures after school. Visit www.abcschoolportraits.com or call 707.297.7304 for the latest information. There may be a deadline to get a senior portrait into the school yearbook, so try to schedule an appointment before January 1, 2017.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the Main Office at 510.644.6159 or Mr. V in the Leadership Office at 510.644.8990 or johnvillavicencio@berkeley.net.
Feel free to access our website at www.bta.berkeleyschools.net