 Guidelines for Student Singer Applicants

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Requirements

• Be a graduate in the UCLA College by Spring or Summer 2020.

Performance Instructions

• The Star Spangled Banner – Singers may perform at the ceremony with a vocal ensemble including singers from the Herb Alpert School of Music.

• UCLA Alma Mater – Singers may perform the UCLA Alma Mater, Hail to the Hills of Westwood, with a vocal ensemble including singers from the Herb Alpert School of Music, as well as debut a new musical composition.

Application details – submit via e-mail to commencement@college.ucla.edu

1. Please indicate if you will be auditioning to sing The Star Spangled Banner (1st verse only), the UCLA Alma Mater (Hail to the Hills of Westwood), or both.

2. If you are auditioning as a group, the group size is limited to 8 individuals (maximum). Please indicate who the primary contact is, but provide all group members’ information for items 3–7 below plus the bio described on the next page.

3. Name

4. UID

5. E-mail address

6. Phone number – indicate whether it is a cell or home number

7. Please indicate if you prefer one of the ceremony times over the others. The choices are 11:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. If no preference, please indicate that as well.

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Student Bios – Upload a draft of your bio as a Word document* to the Box folder; the link is provided on the Singer and Speaker webpage, [https://www.college.ucla.edu/commencement/speakers-singers/](https://www.college.ucla.edu/commencement/speakers-singers/).

*Please use the naming convention: LastName FirstName_bio.docx

The selected singers will be featured in the College Commencement Program (as one paragraph), so please provide a brief bio (not to exceed two paragraphs and 150 words) addressing the following questions:

**Personal**
- What is your hometown?
- What inspired you to come to UCLA?
- What inspired you to audition to be this year’s commencement speaker or singer?
- What are the three most important things you’ve learned about yourself while at UCLA?
- What is one interesting or unique thing about yourself?

**Academics**
- What is your major(s)? minor(s)? area(s) of study?
- What academic experience was the most impactful to your learning? What did it teach you?

**Extracurricular**
- Have you been involved with any campus or community organizations during your time at UCLA? If so, please list the ones you were most actively involved with.

**Post-graduation**
- How will you be spending your first year after graduation?
- What are your career goals?

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SONG LYRICS

*The Star Spangled Banner*
by Francis Scott Key (1814)
(1st verse only)

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

HTTPS://ALUMNI.UCLA.EDU/UCLA-HISTORY/UCLA-HISTORY-SONGS/

*Hail to the Hills of Westwood*

Hail to the hills of Westwood,
To the mighty sea below;
Hail to our Alma Mater,
She will conquer every foe.

For we're loyal to the Southland,
Her honor we'll uphold;
We'll gladly give our hearts to thee,
To the Blue and to the Gold.