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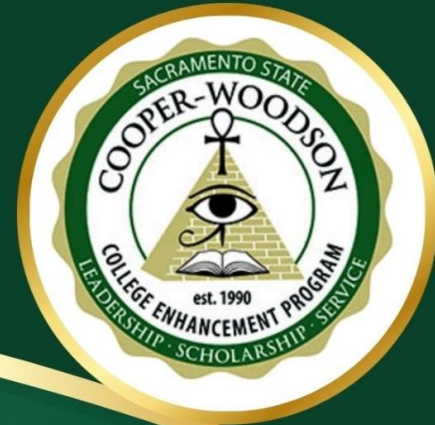
PAGC INFO SESSION

WEDNESDAY MARCH 18TH

11:00AM - 12:00PM

UNIVERSITY HOUSING: RIVERVIEW HALL

ELDERBERRY & BEETLE ROOM





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2026

GRADUATE
SIGN-UPS

BY MARCH 28TH





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To: Class of 2026

Subject: Pan-African Graduation Celebration

Congratulations to the Class of 2026! Today, we celebrate a tremendous and well-earned milestone in your lives. We gather not only to honor your academic achievements but also to recognize the legacy, resilience, and collective vision that have carried you to this moment.

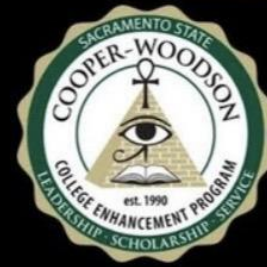
Welcome to the Pan-African Graduation Celebration—Rooted in Greatness: 40 Years of Our Ancestors' Wildest Dreams. Still, We Rise. This event affirms that your success is both personal and communal, built upon the aspirations of those who imagined futures they may never see, yet believed you would one day arrive. We are deeply honored to feature our keynote speaker, Dr. Idara Wood, whose leadership and presence bring profound meaning to this celebration. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your patience, commitment, and participation as you offer your final contribution to this University community.

Please know that this moment has been waiting for you your entire life—and today, you have arrived. You have met and surpassed goals, fulfilled long-held dreams, and persevered through challenges that demanded faith, discipline, and intentional mastery of your time, education, and willpower. This achievement stands as a testament not only to your individual strength but also to the collective legacy that continues to carry us forward.

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PAN AFRICAN GRADUATION CELEBRATION

ROOTED IN GREATNESS

40 Years of Our Ancestors'
Wildest Dreams:

Still We Rise

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Idara Wood



University Ballroom

May 11, 2026

California State

University, Sacramento

6:30pm

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TICKETS:

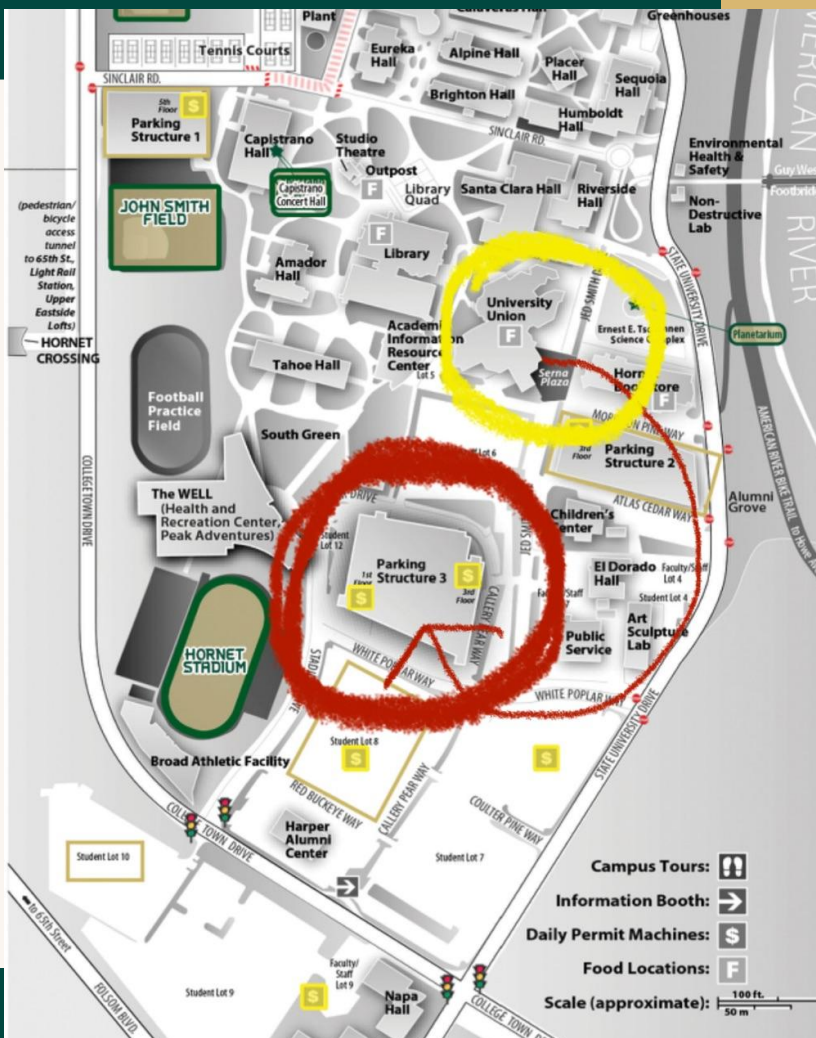
- There will be no tickets offered this year.
- Seating will be first come, first serve.

ENTRANCE:

- Doors open to the University Ballroom to your guests at 6pm.
- Ceremony will start at 6:30pm.

BALLOONS & SIGNS:

- Balloons and signs will not be permitted by the venue.
- Anything that will obstruct the view of the guests will not be allowed in.



PARKING:

- Park at Parking Structure 3.
- It is the closest to the University Ballroom.
- The ceremony is on Monday.
- Please consider there will be other students on campus and you will need to plan your arrival time.

Things to Know for Graduation Day

Graduation Rehearsal

Graduation rehearsal will take place on **May 11th at 9:00 AM** in the **University Ballroom**. Please arrive on time.

Graduate Check-In

- All graduates must be back by **4:00 PM** to sign in and receive their wristband.
- We will meet in the **Cottonwood Suites** located in the **University Union**.
- Food will be provided.

Group Photo

There will be a group photo at **4:30 PM**.

Personal Items

If you bring personal items to the Cottonwood Suite, someone will be present in the room to monitor it. However, CWC is not responsible for any items.

Ceremony Schedule

- The doors open at **6:00 PM**.
- The program begins promptly at **6:30 PM**.

Pan African Graduation Celebration

GRADUATION CELEBRATION – STUDENT SPEAKER CALL

Rooted in Greatness: 40 Years of Our Ancestors' Wildest Dreams

Congratulations, Class of 2026! Graduation is a powerful milestone—one that reflects not only your individual journey, but the legacy of those who paved the way before you. All graduating student scholars are invited to apply to participate in the African-American Graduation Celebration as a **Student Speaker**.

This year's theme is: **“Rooted in Greatness: 40 Years of Our Ancestors' Wildest Dreams”**

We invite you to reflect on heritage, resilience, growth, and the future you are building as part of this historic Legacy.

Submission Guidelines (Deadline: No later than March 30, 2026 by 5:00 PM)

Submit a 3–5 minute typed speech

Email to: cwmentor@csus.edu **Subject Line:** PAGC Speech 25

Theme Requirement: Your speech must align with the celebration theme: **“Rooted in Greatness: 40 Years of Our Ancestors' Wildest Dreams”**

Formatting: 12-point font • APA format • 1-inch margins (top and bottom) • Clear, concise, and focused writing

Cover Sheet Required: Include: Full Name, Theme Title, Telephone Number, Major, Degree, Graduating Term (Fall 2025, Spring 2026, or Summer 2026)

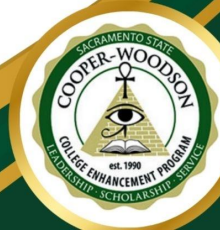
Selection Process: Selected students will be invited to present their speech to the African-American Graduation Celebration Committee (date and time to be determined).

Finalists will be notified by Monday, April 6, 2026. Upon selection, student speakers will be paired with committee members for coaching and final revisions.

Good luck—and congratulations on your achievement!



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Congratulations on this incredible achievement!
Your dedication and perseverance have led you to this moment, and it is truly an honor to support your journey by creating a custom, handmade graduation cap to celebrate your success.

You are invited to select one authentic African fabric print for your graduation hat, which will be worn during your African American graduation ceremony and serve as a lasting keepsake of your accomplishments.

Please follow the steps below:

Choose one (1) of fabric swatches attached and indicate your selection on the attached form. **Each cap is made custom to fit, kindly provide all of the measurements requested using a tape measure. Please measure twice to ensure a proper fit.**

Complete the form and submit it to the project official and/or via the email address provided. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me directly at the phone number listed on the order form or via email at beverlyjones1950@gmail.com.



4th Large Group Meeting

Game Night & Graduation Cap Decoration

Date: Friday, May 1, 2026

Time: 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM

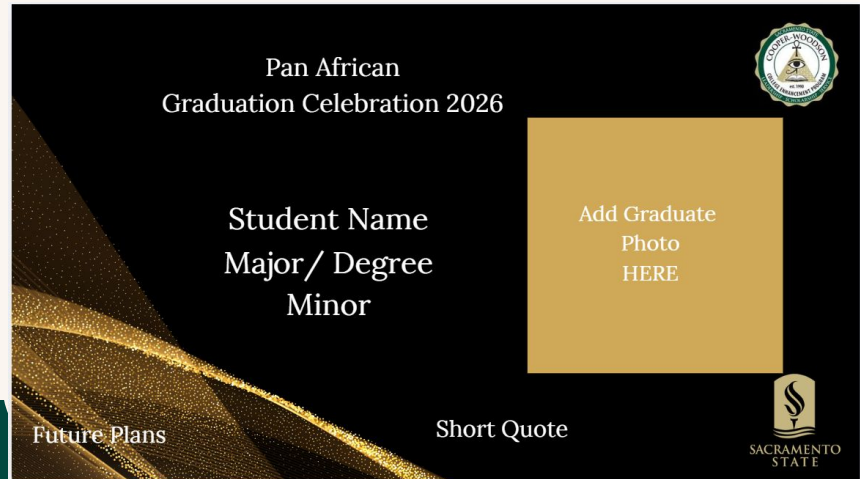
Location:

University Housing

Riverview Hall

Elderberry & Beetle Room

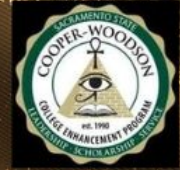
Join us for a fun evening of games and decorating your graduation cap!



Please pick a template and upload your info.

You will get a separate e-mail to upload the information for this image that will be played during the ceremony.

Pan African Graduation Celebration 2026



Student Name

Future Plans

Major/ Degree
Minor

Add Graduate
Photo
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Short Quote



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Class of 2026

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Save
the Date

LET'S
CELEBRATE
you



BLACK ALUMNI GRADUATION DINNER

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

6:00 PM

HARPER ALUMNI CENTER
6000 J STREET, SAC, CA 95819



Sign up here



Thank You!

**For all questions,
please email:
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