



Emerald Media

MAY 31, 2022

Graduation Guide



LOOKING BACKWARDS AND AHEAD

Approaching graduation, students face the unknown and reflect on their time at UO.

A&C

MOVIES FOR
SENIORS PG 4

OPINION

CELEBRATE GRADUATION
YOUR OWN WAY PG 10

NEWS

FORMER DUCKS REFLECT ON THEIR
TIME IN THE FLOCK PG 13

Fly local fly **EUG**[®].com

The Eugene Airport is a proud part of what makes Western Oregon such a unique place to live and visit, with nonstop routes and connections to hundreds of destinations.



EUGENE
AIRPORT





Daily Emerald

VOL. 123, ISSUE NO. 45

GET IN TOUCH
EMERALD MEDIA GROUP
1395 UNIVERSITY ST., #302
EUGENE, OR 97403
541.346.5511

NEWSROOM

EDITOR IN CHIEF
Sarah-Mae McCullough

MANAGING EDITOR
Jaël Calloway

ENGAGEMENT EDITOR
Sarah Matlick

NEWS EDITORS
Duncan Baumgarten
Leo Baudhuin

A&C EDITORS
Grace Murray
Nika Bartoo-Smith

SPORTS EDITORS
Shane Hoffmann
Mojo Hill
Charles Gearing

OPINION EDITORS
Francis O'Leary
Parsa Aghel

PHOTO EDITOR
Ian Enger

DESIGN EDITOR
Kira Chan

COPY CHIEF
Amanda Lurey

VIDEO EDITOR
Marcus Ren

PODCAST EDITOR
Meaghan FitzPatrick

DIGITAL EDITOR
Rikiya Klasen

VISUALS EDITOR
Julia Stalnaker

BUSINESS

PUBLISHER & PRESIDENT
Bill Kunerth X317
bkunerth@dailyemerald.com

VP OPERATIONS
Kathy Carbone X302
kcarbone@dailyemerald.com

DIRECTOR OF SALES &
DIGITAL MARKETING
Shelly Rondestvedt X303
srondestvedt@dailyemerald.com

CREATIVE & TECHNICAL DIRECTOR
Sam Rudkin X327
creative@dailyemerald.com

STUDENT SALES MANAGER
Patrick McCumber

ACCOUNT EXECUTIVES
Melanie Lopez
Riley Valle
Kevin Sullivan
Amy Menendez
Keaton Roberts

THE DAILY EMERALD

The Daily Emerald is published by Emerald Media Group, Inc., the independent nonprofit media company at the University of Oregon. Formerly the Oregon Daily Emerald, the news organization was founded in 1900.

ON THE COVER

(Liam Sherry/Emerald)

everything you need to know
EVERYTHING UO

FROM YOU

VOICES OF UO

Who is your dream commencement speaker?

"I think it's cool when celebrities come, but I also feel like having someone speak who is very relatable to you, because I feel like you can't really relate to celebrities on a lot of levels, they're not really in your position. It's like yeah, it's easy for you to say; you're a millionaire. Someone who's relatable, I can't think of a specific person; like another student or alumni."

- Eliot Tom, freshman at UO

"I want somebody to make the graduates feel like we can run through a brick wall... who's a motivating speaker... Jordan Belfort."

- Chris Peri, freshman at UO

"The first person that comes to mind is my mom. I love my mom so much. I would want her. I think that she is just the most badass woman I have ever met."

- SJ Nguyen, freshman studying pre-business and Chinese at UO

"I feel like a funny one just kind of livens things up, because especially with commencement stuff, it can feel like it just drags on, so at least for me personally, I like a little more comedy with it. Especially because it's probably gonna be really hot, everyone's gonna be like 'oh when is this over' so it might just make things more bearable."

- Gaby Lara, senior studying general social sciences at UO

MOVIES FOR SENIORS

Experience your full range of graduation emotions with these films.

BY: SAMMY PIEROTTI

For a nostalgic night in, watch “Eighth Grade”

This one’s a tear-jerker. Graduation is a tender time, and “Eighth Grade” is a tender movie. Although it’s based on middle school, not college, “Eighth Grade” captures the heart-wrenching moments of anxiety and excitement that follow a life transition. Elsie Fisher (Kayla) gives an award-winning performance, and the 2018 film almost acts like a period piece that encapsulates what middle school was like in the 2010s. You’ll be laughing at Vine references and

sobbing at timeless hormonal arguments that Kayla has with her dad. I would recommend watching “Eighth Grade” with your close friends or roommates, some pizza and a box of tissues.

When you’re feeling fun and funky, watch “Booksmart”

One of my pet peeves is when people call “Booksmart” the female “Superbad” – why compare two hilarious and amazing movies! If pubescent

Jonah Hill and Michael Cera are more your style, hop on the “Pineapple Express,” but I choose Kaitlyn Dever and Beanie Feldstein every time. Olivia Wilde’s “Booksmart” is outrageously funny, complex and captures the beauty of ‘I’m only going to go to school with these people for two more weeks’ like no other film. Although it’s based in high school, the feeling of graduating is timeless. Plus, the film has a killer score and indie darling Nico Hiraga. If you’re hosting a grad dinner and looking for something fun to put on, give “Booksmart” a chance.

“The Devil Wears Prada” is for the ambitious grads

Need a hype movie for that summer internship? Feeling like a fish out of water in your new office space? “The Devil Wears Prada” is the film for you. Anne Hathaway stars as Andrea Sachs, a new assistant at Runway Magazine, where she works under her militant boss Miranda Priestly (Meryl Streep). “The Devil Wears Prada” is full of fun montages and 2000s nostalgia, not to mention Stanley Tucci. The film details the complications of balancing a demanding job and a social life in your 20s – and most importantly shows that in the end, everything will turn out fine. I’d recommend watching “The Devil Wears Prada” right after turning in your final assignments to unwind and look toward the future.

A sprinkle of “The Secret Life of Walter Mitty” for some childlike wonder

Adulthood doesn’t have to be without its mysteries. “The Secret Life of Walter Mitty” tells the story of Walter Mitty (Ben Stiller): a man who loves his job but never gets to take any risks. When the opportunity for adventure presents itself, he takes it, and a wild goose chase of events ensues. The soundtrack in “Walter Mitty” is life changing, and the movie reminds us that working isn’t the most important part of living. If you’re worried that moving into the corporate world will hinder your sense of adventure, put on “Walter Mitty.” I’m sure you’ll book the next cheap flight to Iceland for your grad trip right after.

“Animal House” because you’ll always be a Duck

Need I say more? Between “Shout” and the famous Eugene landmarks, “Animal House” is the perfect film to watch to reminisce on your time at UO. Being a college student is way different than it was in the 60s – I doubt any of us relate to the frat brothers in Delta Tau Chi now – but this goofy film is sure to instill some laughs. And it’s awesome to see the UO Campus in a movie! Turn on “Animal House” when you’re in the dumps and have a giggle; you’ll always be a Duck!



(Oscar Zurita/Emerald)

GRADUATION EVENTS CALENDAR

JUNE 5: LAVENDER GRADUATION, NOON

JUNE 10: 2022 BLACK GRADUATION CEREMONY, 6 P.M.

JUNE 11: DEPART OF PHILOSOPHY COMMENCEMENT, 2 P.M.

JUNE 12: NONTRADITIONAL GRADUATION, 3 P.M.


JUNE 12-13: MOST DEPARTMENTAL CEREMONIES, TIMES VARY

JUNE 13: UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT CELEBRATION:

- **Students enter Autzen Stadium and gather at the Moshofsky Plaza, 7:30 a.m.**
- **Gra(n)d Entrance for students and guests can start entering the stadium, 8:15 a.m.**
- **Ceremony begins, 9 a.m.**

VON KLEIN
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

GAME OF HOMES



RENTAL SEASON IS HERE!

Search. See. Live.

1301 FERRY STREET #2 541-485-7776
VONKLEINRENTALS.COM DON'T BE SHY

Family founded, owned & locally operated since 1989!

GROOME
transportation



ENHANCED CLEANING + Safety Procedures

PDX AIRPORT SHUTTLE
UO Campus Stop at the School of Law
Frequent Scheduled Service

📍 🚌 ✈️

Our Schedule Fits Your Schedule
(877) 693-3785 groometransportation.com

COP YOUR DEGREE IN STYLE

BY EVAN HUNTINGTON • TWITTER @EVANHUNTINGTON

Here are a few style tips for how you can make the most of your graduation outfit on the big day.



(Mia McCall/Emerald)

The time is finally here. For many of you seniors, the time has come to spread your wings and fly away from your Eugene nest. Although you may be feeling a moment of bittersweetness – excited for what’s to come but sad to say goodbye – it’s only right to end your college experience with a bang. Your outfit can set the tone as you make the most of your day of triumph and celebration – here are a few outfit tips to feel confident and poised on your special day.

Tip 1: Emphasize your shoes

One of the most overlooked aspects of a formal outfit can be the footwear, but for graduates, this can be the most important piece. You’ll be wearing a long cap and gown as you walk across the stage, and the most visible element of your outfit during this climactic moment will be your shoes. So if you have ever needed a pair of statement shoes to really pop as you walk centerstage, now is the time.

For a conventionally masculine look, go for a nice pair of wingtips or loafers in a bright, eye-catching color. Maybe even experiment and try a pair with a pattern or texture. Don’t be afraid to test out some abstract options – play around with unconventional design schemes.

For a conventionally feminine look, strut across the floor with a pair of eye-catching block heels or wedges.

Color and patterns will make your shoes pop and will add the pizzazz your outfit needs with a gown, so consider trying out some bold, saturated colors and designs.

Even if you’re not a huge fan of heels, I would still recommend a heel or wedge of some kind, even if it’s small, allowing for the best posture as you walk and stand on the stage. Block heels and wedges specifically will also provide more balance and stability while you’re walking and if you end up walking on grass for some post-ceremony family pictures.

Tip 2: Don’t be afraid to go bold

To go along with your shoes, try to add some brightness and color to your clothing pieces. It’s your big day and it’s all about you, so take the opportunity to do what you can to stand out. For conventionally feminine styles, it could be as simple as a summery solid color for a dress or skirt, or a bold monochrome color palette for a formal jumpsuit. Incorporating floral or other print designs are also a great way to create a vivid look.

For conventionally masculine styles, going bold is also as simple as choosing a saturated solid color tie on top of a white button-up, or if you’re daring, creating an interesting palette with a colored shirt with your bright colored tie to complement each

other. You can also try adding to a funky arrangement with a pair of colored slacks. The possibilities are endless with a shirt-tie-slacks combination.

When it comes to coloring your outfit, I wouldn’t worry about trying to match with the gown. Everyone is wearing the same cap and gown, and it will come off eventually, so stylize your outfit separately from the gown.

Tip 3: Accessorize

One of the most fun elements of your cap and gown style can be how you accessorize. Not just the jewelry you wear – which will likely be completely covered up by the gown – but how you decorate your cap. Make your outfit that much more memorable by adding playful and artsy designs to your cap. You can add pictures from your favorite college memories, an inspirational quote, a makeshift meme, floral patterns, glitter, you name it. Go crazy with it, and get creative – your cap is your canvas.

As graduation day gets closer, think about how you want to feel when you move your tassel from right to left. Underneath the gown, what you choose to wear can give you a sense of pride and swag. So when they call your name over the speakers and you begin to take the walk you’ve been waiting for your whole life, own that stage while feeling like a million bucks.

HONORING OUR TEAM MEMBERS



The Duck Store is proud to be a part of our team members' University of Oregon experience, championing their potential both now as students and into their futures. Join us in congratulating these and other student team members and board members at UODuckStore.com/gradspotlight



Be more.

The Duck Store graduates, clockwise from top:

- Imani, board member since May 2021
- Olivia, team member since Sept 2021
- Annie, team member since Sept 2021
- Anna, team member since Oct 2019
- Elvia, team member since Jun 2021
- Jillian, team member since Jun 2019
- Hayden, team member since Jan 2022
- Aidan, board member since May 2019
- Gilberto, team member since Jul 2021

O THE DUCK STORE
UODuckStore.com

GRADUATING STUDENTS' OBSERVATIONS AND TRUTHS

Four graduating seniors explain how they adapted to college and what advice they would have handed down to their past selves.

BY BRANDON ROTH • TWITTER @BSTEEL_R

After a college career full of early classes, coffee binging and living through a pandemic, the University of Oregon class of 2022 is finally graduating. This class is ready to move onto greater things, impress the world with their ambitions and, according to the New York Times Magazine, find jobs that fulfill dreams without causing burnout.

Many students are looking forward to a year of employment or internships while others plan to take the next few months off to catch up with friends and sleep. These four seniors explain why it's beneficial to listen to one's intuition and not shy away from unknown outcomes.

CONNOR CANTER, GRADUATING ADVERTISING STUDENT

Connor Canter said he realized he wanted to be an advertising major after he took J201, Media and Society, his sophomore year. Canter was originally undeclared and wanted to experiment with the advertising classes because it fit with his interests in working in media. He realized he enjoyed the "art of persuasive communication" and liked to express himself through that style of storytelling.

"I wanted to be dead set on something, but I couldn't figure out what I wanted that to be," Canter said. "I just kind of kept searching for the right thing. And then I loved J201. That's kind of what I landed on."

During the pandemic, Canter said he missed the UO's student spirit on campus. Canter has no big regrets but wished he had done more research on the classes he enrolled in. He sometimes had doubts that he was not "choosing the right courses," he said.

Canter is ready to move on from college and find a career somewhere on the West Coast. He has a twin brother who also goes to UO and will start a master's degree in the fall. He hopes to find a position nearby if the opportunity comes up and to work this summer at an advertising agency or a sales and

marketing firm.

"I don't have anything set in stone yet," Canter said. "I've been looking for something in sales or marketing, or possibly project management at an advertising agency. I'd love to work at Wieden+Kennedy, or I would like to move back down to the Bay Area like at Venables Bell."

**"I WANTED
TO BE DEAD SET
ON SOMETHING, BUT I
COULDN'T FIGURE OUT
WHAT I WANTED THAT
TO BE." - CONNOR
CANTER**

Connor Canter (Brandon Roth/Emerald)



GRANT URBAN, GRADUATING BUSINESS STUDENT

Grant Urban decided on his major early on as a freshman because he wanted a career that was "flexible and that can go in different directions." He said his biggest fear as a student was letting his parents down. He wishes he was able to take more risks early on and realize it was normal to fail.

"I think the biggest risk you can take is not taking any risks," Urban said. "Find out what you like to do, not what your parents want you to do."

Having been a student for so many years, Urban believes focusing on his professional relationships in his early career will allow the doors in many industries to open up. It is all about being happy and confident, Urban said. He is hopeful to get a job this summer in a business-related field but has not decided what industry he wants to land in.

"I feel like I am a veteran here," Urban said. "I've seen enough stuff where I'm a lot more confident with everyday life."

MICHAELA CORBETT, GRADUATING BUSINESS STUDENT AND LEGAL STUDIES MINOR



Michaela Corbett (Brandon Roth/Emerald)

As a freshman, Michaela Corbett struggled to wake up early and had a difficult time managing her stress.

Now, she wishes she told herself sooner to make "learning fun." Corbett realized how important moments outside of the classroom were – she wishes she did not take herself as

seriously when she started college.

"I feel like I've learned a lot about treasuring your time, both as a student and also as a human being because you have needs outside of being just a student," Corbett said. "I think it's important to make memories outside of the classroom. You just have to figure out what's best for you and like the way that learning is the best for you."

Corbett is unsure of her plans for the summer but is hoping to move to a new state such as Washington, Texas or Massachusetts. She wants to decide her next steps as time progresses and does not want to burden herself with figuring out her life goals.

"I honestly want to enjoy my last term here and not be too stressed about the future of my career and so I'm just taking it one step at a time," Corbett said. "I'm not trying to let it consume me. I'm trying to be proactive at the same time, you know, so it's all in moderation."

**"I FEEL LIKE
I'VE LEARNED
A LOT ABOUT
TREASURING YOUR
TIME." - MICHAELA
CORBETT**

KASSANDRA MORANDO, GRADUATING DATA SCIENCE STUDENT AND COMPUTER SCIENCE MINOR

Kassandra Morando came to the UO believing she wanted to be a computer science major. She grew up in the Silicon Valley region of California and was surrounded by tech people all her life. In her sophomore year, she realized she disliked the major and wanted to become a data scientist where she would "analyze codes but not write it."

Morando said she would have not survived college without a close-knit group of friends. After moving here, she struggled to leave her best friends back home and live in a new environment. Morando credits putting herself out there to meet new people as the way she found a solid group.

"I would say college is what you make it," Morando said. "I definitely struggled. Moving from California was very difficult. My solid friends here helped me get out of the hole."

Canter, Corbett, Urban and Morando each experienced challenges and surprises on the way to earning their degrees. Like these four seniors, many

students struggle with finding a major that feels right, making friends or handling their family's expectations. But although things didn't always go as planned, these students, like many in the class of 2022, adapted and learned from their struggles.

**"I WOULD
SAY COLLEGE IS
WHAT YOU MAKE
IT" - KASSANDRA
MORANDO**



Kassandra Morando (Brandon Roth/Emerald)

Seniors walk down 13th Avenue before the University of Oregon's 2018 commencement ceremony. (Dana Sparks/Emerald)

O'LEARY: CELEBRATE GRADUATION YOUR OWN WAY

BY C. FRANCIS O'LEARY

Commencement is expensive and impersonal. Spend your time doing something you enjoy instead.

We've just about done it. We've passed through the gauntlet of higher education and stand at the cusp of graduation. We struggled through long, difficult terms of remote education, the agony of asynchronous classes and the disappointment of canceled study abroad trips. We reveled in pressing submit on term papers and final projects. We meticulously organized our schedules to register for the same classes as our friends. Now, all that's left is to celebrate our achievement, and I can't think of any way I'd like to celebrate less than attending the university's official commencement ceremony.

What is commencement? It's an hours-long ceremony at which you don a silly hat with a tassel and one-time-use gown. You are submerged in a sea of thousands of identically dressed strangers. Elevated at the front of the crowd are the ritual's leaders. You may recognize their names, but they wouldn't recognize yours. They make speeches about all you (in the general sense – not you personally) have accomplished. You don't even get the satisfaction of having your individuality return for a fleeting moment as a disembodied voice reads your name over the speakers while some big wig shakes your hand; that honor is reserved for the department-specific commencements. You simply spend your morning in a sea of gowns and silly hats, waiting for the ceremony's end before you can go celebrate with your loved ones.

This year's keynote speaker will be two-time Olympic champion decathlete and 2010 UO graduate Ashton Eaton. While his achievements are remarkable, I didn't know his name before I read the Around the O

article about commencement, and he certainly knows nothing about me. I'm sure he has plenty of wisdom to bestow about the importance of sticktoitiveness, but that sort of general, one-size-fits-all advice pales in comparison to the council of a close friend.

In addition to being lengthy and impersonal, the commencement ritual comes at a high monetary price. The Duck Store sells various graduation packages, the cheapest of which rings in at just under \$100 and garners the buyer their very own one-time-use gown, a silly cap with a tassel, a "free" membership to the UO Alumni association and a "free" \$20 gift card to the Duck Store. Alternatively, thrifty graduates can forgo the package and buy only the cap, gown and tassel for the combined low, low price of \$84.97.

Of course, maybe you've thought long and hard about it and decided you really want to go to commencement. Maybe it's important to your family that you attend. Maybe you're a "sitting in a really big crowd" enthusiast. Maybe you want to train yourself to practice stoic detachment from boredom. Whatever your reason, if you really want to go to commencement, I'm not here to convince you to do otherwise.

But if you fall into the camp that was going to attend commencement because "that's just what you do," I'm here to tell you there is another way.

That's right. You need no permission but your own to dispense of the silly hats and gowns. You have the freedom to reject the traditional ritual. No impersonal formality can compare to the joy of spending time with friends and loved ones. Rather than spend the length

of the ceremony anxiously awaiting the moment you'll finally be released to celebrate on your own terms, why not have a commencement of your own with only a select crew? You could organize a potluck brunch in the park for your family to meet those of your friends. You could take in Eugene's natural beauty on one last hike and recall challenges you've surmounted in your personal and academic life over the past few years. You could organize a tour around campus and revisit memories with your friends. The options are as limitless and unique as yourself.

Whatever you do, be sure to take the time to reflect on the challenges and triumphs you've experienced in college. Linger on memories that make you feel grateful, and express that gratitude to the people you shared those moments with. If you plan to leave Eugene shortly after graduation, take photos of places and people connected to memories you want to hold on to. Whatever you do, celebrate in a way that's sincerely meaningful to you, not just the way the school intended you to.



C. Francis O'Leary is the editor for the Emerald's opinion desk. They are interested in democracy, the preservation of the natural world and having a good time.

THE ORIGINAL NORTHWEST SUSHI BURRITO



**SUSHI BURRITOS
AND BOWLS**
STARTING AT
\$8.50



SuBó
Gourmet Sushi Burritos

TRY OUR
**FAMOUS
GARLIC & CAJUN
CHICKEN**

Order online at eatsubo.com for exclusive Specials



Burrito sized sushi rolls
Delicious Bowls and salads
Famous House made sauces

**3 LOCATIONS
TO SATISFY YOUR
CRAVINGS**

SPRINGFIELD
42nd and Main

EUGENE
3rd and Van Buren

NEW LOCATION
2568 Willamette

2022

**Congrats
Oregon
class of
2022!**

**START THE SUMMER
OFF ON A HIGH NOTE!
COME IN WITH A
STUDENT ID AFTER YOU
GRADUATE AND RECEIVE
30% OFF!**

**IF YOU BRING YOUR PARENTS GET A FREE
PIPE!**

**Some exlusions may
apply. See store for details**



37 w 13th Ave. Suite #201.

**21+ For Adults Only. Do not operate machinery while under
the influence of marijuana. Keep out of reach of children.**



Ask about
our move-in
specials!

SKYBOX
+ courtside Call For Current Rates

Spacious 1, 2, 3, and 4 Bedroom Homes Located Across from Matthew Knight Arena
Filled with Free Amenities such as Skydeck Lounge, Study Space, Fitness Center,
Washer/Dryer in-unit, Furnishing options, Internet included, and much more!



1425 Villard St. Eugene, OR 97403

www.LiveSkybox.com | Call/Text:(541) 735-9012

REFLECTING ON THEIR TIME IN THE FLOCK

(Savannah Zerbel/Daily Emerald)

UO alumni share advice on graduation and the college experience.

BY KAYLA NGUYEN
TWITTER @KAYLAA_NGU



As University of Oregon seniors scramble to order regalia, apply for their degree and invite loved ones to the big day, their schedules leave little room to contemplate the storm of emotions accompanying graduation.

Those who have received a diploma, however, can recount them distinctly. Removed from the chaos of commencement, UO alumni contemplate their time in college, what they have learned since then and what they wish they had done differently.

"During graduation, I felt satisfied for the most part," Jocelyn Hurd, class of 2021 general social sciences major, said. "In general, it was just exciting to be able to finish undergrad in only three years. Also, all of the friendships that have come out of my college experience have been very rewarding."

Currently, Hurd works as a temporary receptionist for an insurance brokerage. She said she wished she took advantage of UO's student resources more frequently while she was on campus.

"From my experience, the advice I would give to current undergrads would be to network more and build connections, especially with professors," she said. "For graduating seniors, I would say that Handshake can be really useful. Also, try not to rush through it all if you don't have to."

For many recent alumni, COVID-19 disrupted plans for in-person graduation. Rio Solano, class of 2021 general music major, said he felt disappointed about learning remotely before graduation because of the interconnectivity that his major required.

"With the pandemic, I feel like the quality of my education dropped significantly from the shift to online classes," he said. "Music is a very hands-on field that requires lots of experience working with professional equipment and other musicians. But due to the last year of my college experience being largely online-based, I missed out on a large section of my professional development and didn't feel as prepared as I wanted to be for entering into post-college life."

Today, Solano works as a choir teacher for junior high and high school students. He said there is value in fortifying lasting relationships with mentors as an undergraduate because they can offer assistance with post-graduation plans.

"I wish I would have pursued more professional

friendships within the music school and had taken advantage of the workshops and guest speaker events hosted by the school," he said. "While I cannot change this now, I feel that if I took those things more seriously, finding my career path after college would have been more clear."

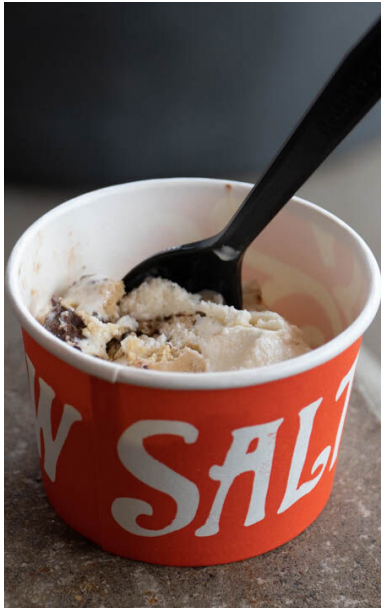
Hurd and Solano see the benefit in investing fully into the college experience by building campus connections. Other alumni believe the learning does not stop at graduation. Sam Lukins, class of 2020 business administration major, said "experience is absolutely irreplaceable" when looking for work as a new graduate.

"Just because you have graduated college does not mean you are done being a student," he said. "You are just becoming a student of your next trade, whether that be in the corporate world, your own small business or anything else. Learn everything

about what you do, no matter what it is, and it will only make you better at it and more valuable down the road."

UO's Commencement Ceremony will take place on Monday, June 13 at 9 a.m. at Autzen Stadium. This year's celebration will also invite back the classes of 2020 and 2021. As the university's newly fledged ducklings prepare to leave the nest, they join a vast community of former ducks ready to support them on the course they chart for themselves.

"My best advice for graduating seniors or undergraduates, in general, is to become confident in yourself," Robert Bohall, class of 2021 jazz studies major, said. "Do not underestimate the influence that you have on your immediate environment. Be brave and take opportunities. College can certainly be difficult, but it is always better to focus on the path rather than the obstacles."



The new Salt and Straw has been the talk of the town as of late. It has been known for its long lines and unique ice cream flavors. (Ali Watson/Emerald)



DUCK DINNER & DESSERT GUIDE FOR GRADUATION

With so many amazing restaurants, it can be hard to decide where to place your reservation.

BY: LAUREN LEONE

With graduation only a few weeks away, it's time to start thinking about where you want to celebrate your big day with your friends and family. With so many great restaurants in Eugene, it can be hard to decide where to put your reservation. I've spent the last year exploring different restaurants and dessert shops, and I'm going to tell you about some of my favorites.

Starting off with a Eugene classic, we have Beppe and Gianni's Trattoria, a super popular and local Italian restaurant. Located on East 19th Avenue, Beppe and Gianni's has a delicious menu filled with authentic Italian cuisine. Some of my favorite dishes to order are the bruschetta mista, the caprese salad and the salmon dish which comes with spaghetti pomodoro and seared green beans. While this is definitely a restaurant on the fancier and more expensive side, they more than make up for it with their flavorsome menu.

If you're looking for something a little less expensive, all you have to do is cross the street, and you'll find my all time favorite pizza place in Eugene. Hey, Neighbor! Pizza House easily beats the rest of the competition in my book. I have been eating there every Wednesday with my roommates this term and can tell you firsthand that they are amazing. I am obsessed with their margherita pizza, caprese sandwich and bianco pizza which consists of: mozzarella, ricotta, pecorino romano, pepper and fresh arugula.

If you're not really feeling Italian food for your dinner celebration, I've got you covered. Sabai Cafe &

Bar, located in the Oakway Center, is a one of a kind Thai restaurant. Sabai has such a delicious menu, and I always recommend the Vietnamese wings, chicken satay and tempura green bean appetizers to anyone who goes. While they have a delicious menu, Sabai is an incredibly popular restaurant, and if this is where you're wanting to celebrate your big day, you're going to have to make reservations as soon as possible.

My last dinner recommendation is an authentic French-based restaurant called Marché. Located in the 5th Street Public Market, Marché is a cute little corner restaurant with a wide selection of drinks and a menu to match. Some of my favorite items from Marché include their roasted radishes & smoked potatoes appetizers, as well as their little gem romaine salad, steak frites and grilled beef tenderloin. Marché leans on the pricey side, but I promise the food is well worth it.

After you've enjoyed your delicious dinner, next on the list is to find a tasty place to grab some dessert. While all the places I just listed have an impressive dessert menu, here are a few dessert places to consider!

First on my dessert list is one of my favorite places to go to for a sweet treat. The Vintage, on Lincoln Street, serves up crepes, fondues and other delicious bites. Some of my favorite sweet crepes are their lemony lemons, classic creme and the chevre berry. If you can't find a crepe for your tastebuds, you can always go with the create your own option. On



Hey, Neighbor! Pizza House is a food joint located on 19th Street. An Emerald favorite is the Delicata, a pizza with tangy gorgonzola, sweet squash and salty ham. (Sarah Northrop/Emerald)

top of delicious crepes, The Vintage also serves up cheese and chocolate fondues, which each come with different bites for dipping. I don't know about you, but dipping fresh fruit into some spiked chocolate fondue is exactly how I plan to celebrate my graduation.

Another excellent dessert option is Prince Puckler's, a gourmet ice cream shop located on the corner of East 19th and Agate. If you're dining at Beppe and Gianni's or Hey, Neighbor! Pizza, I highly recommend stopping here after your delicious meal. Prince Puckler's ice cream is incredibly rich and creamy and all of their ice cream is handmade. Some of my favorite flavors are chocolate oreo, french vanilla, peppermint stick and their caramel swirl.

My last recommendation, and Eugene's newest addition, is Salt & Straw, located in the Oakway Center. This is hands down some of the best ice cream I've had in a while. I've stopped coming for single scoops and started taking home pints. Some of my favorite ice cream flavors are honey lavender, sea salt with caramel ribbons, cinnamon snickerdoodle and double fold vanilla. Their ice cream flavors are so unique and delicious, and trust me when I say the rest of Oregon knows as well. Be prepared to wait in a long line for this ice cream, but believe me it's worth it. (Or just do what I do: Skip the line and buy a pint!)

To all the graduating seniors out there, celebrate your accomplishments lavishly with Eugene's plethora of dinner and dessert options fit for a Duck.

We want to hear from you:

Email editor@dailyemerald.com to submit a tip or a letter to the editor. The ideal length for a letter is 200-500 words, but we publish letters of various lengths online.



Go Ducks!

Eugene's Flower Home
The University Florist
www.eugenesflowerhome.com
1193 Harlow, Springfield 541-485-3655

Owned by proud University of Oregon Alums!



2022 | 10th ANNUAL


25 DUCKS



NATASHA REYES


PASSION, LEADERSHIP, INTEGRITY

WARSAW / SPORTS BUSINESS CLUB



STAY CONNECTED BEYOND GRADUATION

Create & Update Your Alumni Record at uoalumni.com/gradupdate



**Get your masters.
Between walks.
graduate.wou.edu**



Western Oregon
UNIVERSITY

Graduate Programs