



## TASSELS & TAPAS TIME

Appetizers, hors d'oeuvres or tapas are a great way to spice up your grad's celebration. Set up stations or have servers pass small bites of favorite tastes that guests and grads are sure to love.

Design a "signature" drink that suits your student. It's fun, it's personal and it helps keep costs under control.

## CLASS COLORS CELEBRATION

Whether subtle or bold, incorporating a grad's class colors into their party is a perfect way to personalize the celebration. Think table linens, flowers, balloons, paper lanterns, striped straws, etc.

The options are endless but the design principle of "less is more" might be a good choice. Compliment the colors with delicious food, mocktails or cocktails, catered by the best of course!

## BRUNCH BASH

Baccalaureate Brunch or Fun With A Bunch?

Since graduation and wedding season are in full swing, planning an event during this time of day can solve a lot of scheduling issues. It also allows you to serve up some food & fun that's different from every other party out there.

Buffet, Food Stations, Sit-Down Service, Juice Bar, etc. Whatever you wish is easily accomplished. I'm thinking Waffle Station, but that's just me!

## LUAU LOUNGE

What could be better than a party in paradise to honor your grad?! Luau food and tropical design elements set the scene beautifully.

Local hula dancers and polynesian performers are great entertainment, but a nice play-list will do too. Don't forget the leis, the ukeleles and the drink umbrellas!

## HAPPY DANCE TIME

Parents and students love a good Happy Dance when graduation rolls around. So, why not throw a full-fledged dance party?! You'll need great connections for DJ's & dance floors, lighting & venues. Or, take advantage of your own perfect play-list and space to trip the light fantastic. It's almost time to spin the records. Or iTunes. Whatever.

Add a few soft places to sit for a bit along with some delicious food & hydration to keep the energy level up. With the seats, the eats, and plenty of treats, all you have to do is Just Dance.

## GRADUATION GRILL

Barbecues, picnics, pool parties and other grilling get-togethers are great for graduation. Serve fantastic food and they will come! The size of the gathering is up to you. Just get the grill going to commemorate your grad's accomplishments. Add little personal touches here and there – perhaps a friendly roast with cute & funny memories from your grad's experiences thus far. Create a “signature” drink (virgin or alcohol as appropriate) and celebrate!

## COLLEGE UNCORKED

If your grad is grown, then wining & dining might be the perfect way to celebrate their accomplishments. Come up with a clever theme or simply combine good food, good drinks, and your student's good sense. Maybe a wine or beer tasting, a cocktail party with tray-passed hors d'oeuvres, a sit-down dinner and champagne toast. However you choose to honor your scholar, be thoughtful about their taste & style while spreading good cheer!

## DIPLOMA DINNER

Hosting a dinner in honor of your graduate is a nice acknowledgement of his or her achievement. Choose a location and service style that suits their personality and your pocketbook. Buffets and food-stations can be creative and fun. Sit-down dinners with personal service is a sophisticated way to make your grad feel particularly special. Add your student's favorite flowers, colors and style to the decor and your dinner party will receive an A+.

## JUST DESSERTS

With all that hard-work and study behind them (at least for now), why not treat your grad to their Just Desserts? Celebrate their special accomplishment with delicious displays of decadent desserts. Invite friends and family to indulge too, while honoring your scholar with sweet wishes for a fabulous future!

