

**THE AVALON SCHOOL OF ASTROLOGY
GRADUATION NEWSLETTER AND SCHEDULE
2015**

Hello Everyone,

Graduation day is only about 7 ½ months away now. I have arranged hotel accommodations with a discount at the Best Western Gateway Grand Hotel in Gainesville. The discounted rate is from January 14 (Wed) through January 19 (Mon), 2014. You probably won't need all of those dates but I have reserved these dates in case any of you would like it.

Hotel Accommodation:

BEST WESTERN PLUS Gateway Grand
4200 NW 97th Boulevard Gainesville, Florida 32606
Phone: 352-331-3336 Toll Free: 877-464-2378

Rate:

Double: \$89.00 + tax

King Deluxe: \$99 + tax

King Premier: \$109 + tax

Here is the link to the hotel: <http://www.gatewaygrand.com/gainesville-lodging-accommodations.htm>

Room Sharing: Contact Linda Berry at 502-584-2772 or Linda@astrologicaldepth.com

Hotel Booking: Students are responsible to book for their own room. Mention that you are an Avalon School of Astrology student to get the above discounted rate. The hotel has a free shuttle from and to the Gainesville, FL airport. The airfare to fly to Gainesville, FL is sometimes cheaper than flying to Orlando or Jacksonville. The next nearest airport is Jacksonville, FL which is about a 1 ½ hour drive. Orlando, FL airport is about a 2 hour drive, and Tampa airport is about a 2 ½ hour drive. For most people it will be most convenient to fly into Gainesville and arrange with the hotel to pick you up in the shuttle. Otherwise you would have to rent a car from one of the larger airports in Jacksonville, Orlando, or Tampa.

We can also post on the discussion board your arrival and leave times so you know when your classmates will be here. A few of you will be driving but most will be flying in.

Graduation Weekend Schedule: There will be no online classes on Thursday (January 15). This will be a 2-day intensive on Friday, January 16 and Saturday, January 17.

Location: Classes are at the Avalon School, which is about 2 miles from the hotel. There will cars taking you back and forth from the hotel and school in the morning and evening. Students who are driving in and can help with transporting other students can let Fei know that you can help with this. The graduation ceremony Saturday evening is at the hotel.

Hotel Pickup Schedule: Be ready by 8 AM at the hotel lobby. Punctuality is greatly appreciated.

INCAMPUS CLASS SCHEDULE, AND GRADUATION PROGRAM: JANUARY 2015

Optional: Thursday, January 15, 6: 30 PM dinner. If you arrive by Thursday evening, meet for dinner at a restaurant to meet one another! This will be fun! Some of you may need to work on Thursday or for some other reason cannot make it here by 6:30 PM but if you can, please join us. The name of the restaurant will be announced later.

Friday, January 16, 9 AM – 5 PM Ethics and Counseling Training with Gisele Terry and an assistant (1 hour break for lunch and short breaks in the morning and afternoon). We are fairly sure that we know who the assistant will be and we are working out some details to confirm this.

Friday, January 16, 5 PM – 7 PM break for dinner.

Friday, January 16, 7 PM – 9 PM: Ethics and Counseling Training continues.

Saturday, January 17, 9 – 5 PM: Ethics and Counseling Training.

Saturday, January 17, 5 PM – 6:30 PM: Dinner buffet will be served at the school. There is no fee for the dinner buffet but there will also be a donation box if you would like to help out with the costs of this.

Food Preference: Let us know what your food preferences are. There are at least a few vegetarians and I believe one or two vegans. There may be other dietary requirements that you have, let us know ahead of time so we can be ready for you.

Saturday, January 17, 7 PM – 10 PM. Graduation Ceremony! This will include short commencement speeches by David, Gisele, and 3 selected students.

Included in the graduation ceremony will be three 15-minute presentations by graduating students on your understanding of the state of astrology at this time, and your thoughts on how astrology can grow in a positive way in the future.

- ★ **You** will vote by secret ballot for who you wish the three students are. Select the three students that you believe are the most outstanding. Each student as well as Fei and David will have one vote.

Graduation Attire: Please bring some nice clothes for the graduation! We do not have enough graduation gowns so we will wear our best clothes. If you have a yellow or gold shirt or dress that is fairly fancy, please wear it. The school colors (although almost never used but there are school colors) are yellow and white. If you don't have any fancy clothes with these colors, that is OK too.

If you have something with a bright color, that can help. Men who are comfortable wearing ties can, for example, wear a bright-colored tie, a yellow or bright colored shirt if they have one. If you really like to dress up, this is your chance! ☺ You cannot overdress for the graduation.

Optional: Sunday, January 18, 9 AM – 12 Noon: Brunch and sharing ideas at the home of David and Fei.