Immediately

Event Planning Worksheet complete
LU, local school and community calendars checked and date selected
Budget approved
Setup needs determined
Venue secured
Event posted on university calendar
Entertainment/speaker confirmed
Guest list complete using guest list template
Four Weeks Prior
Invitation created
Invitation submitted for approval to Office of Event Management
Marketing and PR notified of publication needs—flyers, menu cards, posters, programs, press releases, etc
Gifts for speaker ordered (as needed)
Favors, giveaways, awards, certificates, pins, medallions, plaques, etc. ordered
Photographer scheduled
Interpreters scheduled as needed
Three Weeks Prior
Invitations sent
Parking requested through LUPD
Security requested through LUPD
Preliminary catering order placed
Request to Purchase Alcohol with University funds doc completed
RSVP list set up and someone assigned to maintain
Décor and linens ordered
Any work orders to move items or for special cleaning placed
Media Services requested

## **One Week Prior**

- \_\_\_\_\_Follow up calls/emails made to unresponsive guests
- \_\_\_\_\_Programming details finalized
- \_\_\_\_\_Program participants contacted and notified of order and timing
- \_\_\_\_\_Registration materials assembled
- \_\_\_\_\_Registration attendant assigned
- \_\_\_\_\_Coat check attendant assigned as needed
- \_\_\_\_\_Follow up call made to Facilities re: any special requests
- \_\_\_\_\_Final number submitted to catering and venue
- \_\_\_\_\_Submit any special dietary needs to catering

## **Three Days Prior**

- \_\_\_\_\_Seating assignments made
- \_\_\_\_\_Name tags printed
- \_\_\_\_\_Reserved signs printed
- \_\_\_\_\_Agendas printed
- \_\_\_\_\_Placards/place cards printed
- \_\_\_\_\_Vendors contacted to determine delivery times
- \_\_\_\_\_Delivery times communicated to venue manager

The Day Before the Event

- \_\_\_\_\_Program rehearsed
- \_\_\_\_\_Media tested on equipment at venue
- \_\_\_\_\_Reminder calls made to LUPD
- \_\_\_\_\_Décor complete

Day of

- \_\_\_\_\_Greet vendors for load in
- \_\_\_\_\_Registration set up
- \_\_\_\_\_A/V Tested again including mic check