



Graduation Day

Congrats, you've weathered another year—you deserve to look fantastic!

Most teachers agree that graduation is the one time they splurge on a trip to the parlor to “get the works.” So we decided to GIVE kindergarten teacher Dolores Lacambra (Dol to her friends) A REAL GRADUATION DAY TREAT... to have ready to meet proud parents and grandparents and see her young wards march up the stage to get their diplomas. Read on for tips on how to look your best at your own school's commencement exercises.



Dol, a scholar who graduated with a Bachelor of Elementary Education in 2002, currently teaches at Kidstar Learning Center in Quezon City. She herself hopes to soon “graduate” to teaching elementary school kids, although she currently enjoys being with her hyperactive pre-schoolers. Here she is on graduation day with former student Sofia and the young graduate's proud grandparents.



BEFORE

Here's Dol all ready for graduation day! Although most teachers are required to wear their formal uniform, stylist Cherry Pacheco-Uy took a chance that some of you would be allowed to come in semi-formal outfits and picked out this professional yet friendly get-up to give you some ideas.

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Dol starts off with a cellophane treatment to make hair shinier. Some treatments can even slightly alter the shade of your hair, a good alternative to color treatment, which is harsher on your locks.

Barbi then works on Dol's makeup. Here's what she used:

FACE

Avon Beyond Color Perfecting Powder in Natural Beige finished with Avon Oil Control Pressed Powder in Oriental.

LIPS

Avon Split Decisions Mini Lipstick in Buff and Blaze.

CHEEKS

Avon True Color Powder Blush in Coral Myth.

EYES

Avon True Color Eyeshadow in Beiges and Browns, Mauves and Berries; Avon Eyewriter in Evening Black.

Finally, Cherry helps Dol into her getup. A tailored blouse makes her look professional, and the white bias trim adds a modern touch. A funky printed belt offsets the traditional pinstripe skirt, and the look is complete. All clothes from Ensembles.

TIPS FROM THE PROS

Cherry says:

Go for a classic look using neutral or pastel colors and tailored styles. Even if you're wearing a uniform, you should still opt for classic accessories like pearl earrings, a simple brooch, and a neutral bag. After all, you'll be immortalized in countless pictures and a trendy look today will probably look very outmoded a few years from now.

Strive to look credible and authoritative yet accommodating. But above all, *be comfortable*. Think of the weather as well as the length of time you'll be sitting and standing, so be kind to yourself and skip the stilettos!

Barbi says:

Most people go to the parlor and expect the hairstylist and makeup artist to read their minds and work wonders. But this isn't the case. As you know, the more you do your homework and prepare yourself, the bet-

ter you'll do. So before even going to the parlor, take a good look at yourself in the mirror and figure out what you need. Do your eyebrows need to be plucked? Is your skin too oily or too dry? What's your best feature that should be highlighted?

You should also take a look at some current beauty magazines to see what you think will fit you. Cut out some looks you like and show these to the people at the parlor. My Number One tip: Communicate, but be open to suggestions as well. Don't be ashamed or embarrassed. These experienced people may know what's right for you, but ultimately, you should call the shots.

Some classic hairstyles that are easy-to-manage during long occasions: half-ponytail, low ponytail, or a simple bun with a classic accessory.

Happy graduation!



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