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You're Almost There

Commencement exercises at Boston College are scheduled for Monday, May 21, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. in Alumni Stadium. The Academic Procession will begin at 9:15 a.m.

Be sure to check the Commencement website (www.bc.edu/commencement) for the most up-to-date information regarding Commencement.

Please read the following information carefully and contact the appropriate office if you have questions. **Details about the individual School/College diploma ceremonies are listed at the end of this guide.** Congratulations and good luck!

Commencement Preparations

(JANUARY THROUGH MAY 2012)

OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY SECRETARY

ELECTRONIC INVITATIONS In March, each student eligible to graduate will receive access to an electronic invitation which can be personalized and sent to family members and friends. There is no limit to the number of invitations each student may send. **Please note: These are invitations and are not used as tickets. They are not required for admission to any Commencement ceremony or activity.**

PERSONALIZED ANNOUNCEMENTS Personalized announcements of graduation are available through the Boston College Bookstore for those who are interested. To order by phone, please contact CB Graduation Announcements at 800-433-0296. To order online, visit www.cbgrad.com. For additional information, contact the BC Bookstore at 617-552-0900.

IN CASE OF RAIN The 2012 Boston College Commencement main ceremony **will be held rain or shine** in Alumni Stadium. The Academic Procession will begin at 9:15 a.m. and the main Ceremony will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.

Rain tickets **will be needed** for the diploma ceremony of the Lynch School of Education in the Flynn Recreation Complex, East Wing. Each graduate will receive four tickets. These tickets will be distributed by the Associate Dean's Office.

Rain tickets **will not be needed** for the diploma ceremonies of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences in Robsham Theater, the Woods Graduate College of Advancing Studies in St. Ignatius Church, the Graduate School of Social Work on Burns Lawn, the Carroll Graduate School of Management on Bapst Lawn, the Connell Graduate School of Nursing in Carney Dining Hall—McElroy Commons, or the School of Theology and Ministry at 2101 Commonwealth Avenue on the Brighton Campus.

PHOTOGRAPHS Graduate students should check with their respective Deans about arrangements for photographs.

CLASS OF 2012 T-SHIRTS The Commemorative Class of 2012 T-shirts, listing the names of all graduating students from Boston College will be available for purchase for \$20.00 in the BC Bookstore and at various campus locations on Commencement day. To purchase T-shirts in advance of Commencement day please contact the BC Bookstore at 800-978-0978 or order online at www.bcbookstore.com.

HOMETOWN NEWS RELEASE To send graduation news to hometown newspapers, visit the Commencement home page at www.bc.edu/commencement after May 11 for a sample template.

STUDENT SERVICES

If you have questions regarding your graduation status or if you have not resolved potential graduation clearance problems, contact your academic recorder immediately. Recorders for all schools and colleges are located in Lyons Hall. They are available Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. with the exception of Tuesday May 15, through Friday, May 18, when they will be clearing degree candidates.

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Lynch School of Education Graduate Programs, Carroll School of Management Graduate Programs, Graduate School of Social Work, and the School of Theology and Ministry
Terry Lepore, *Records Specialist* 617-552-4989
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Connell Graduate School of Nursing and Woods Graduate College of Advancing Studies

Terry Rezzuti, *Records Specialist*
theresa.rezzuti@bc.edu

617-552-4984

Grades will be available under “Current Courses” in your Agora Portal (portal.bc.edu).

FINANCIAL SERVICES All students graduating in May, August, or December who have Perkins, Presidential, Nursing, and/or Stafford/Federal Direct student loans must complete an exit interview. **Exit interviews are mandatory.** For the interview schedule, visit www.bc.edu/studentloans.

Failure to complete an exit interview or to resolve any outstanding financial obligation to the University will result in a hold being placed on your diploma and transcript.

TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS Transcript requests received via the web are faster, easier, and more secure. To request a transcript via the web, visit www.bc.edu/transcripts.

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Your name will be listed in the Commencement Program if you were expected to complete degree requirements by the end of the second semester of the 2011–2012 academic year or if your degree was awarded as of last May.

CAPS AND GOWNS

Online ordering for the rental or purchase of caps and gowns will be available beginning in April. At that time, each student eligible to graduate will receive an email that will direct him/her to the online ordering site of our vendor, University Cap & Gown. While all students will need to come to Conte Forum to pick up their caps and gowns, the online ordering will expedite the process and minimize waiting time.

Graduates must pick up academic regalia before the day of the ceremony. Academic regalia will be available for pick up in Conte Forum, Visitors’ Locker Room—Public Skating Area from 12:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, and Thursday, May 17, and from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 18. **No caps and gowns**

will be available on Saturday or Sunday. Please bring your EagleOne Card for identification. The rental price for a master's cap and gown plus a souvenir hood and tassel is \$19.00, the certificate's cap and gown is \$20.00, and a standard maroon doctor's cap and gown is \$21.00. The rental price for a Boston College doctor's cap and gown is \$45.00. Doctoral graduates may arrange for home delivery of academic regalia by completing the form provided by University Cap & Gown, which will be sent to you by the Dean's Office. Home delivery orders must be received by April 27, 2012. Checks, cash, Visa, MasterCard, AMEX, and Discover cards will be accepted.

Students in the Woods Graduate College of Advancing Studies will pick up their caps and gowns in McGuinn 100.

The rental outfit must be returned no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 21. Master's graduates may keep the hood and tassel. Certificate's and Doctor's graduates may keep the tassel only. There will be a charge of \$35.00 for outfits returned incomplete or without the appropriate receipt.

Representatives of University Cap & Gown will be collecting rented academic regalia at the main entrances of St. Ignatius Church, between Robsham Theater and Corcoran Commons; McElroy Commons—Beacon Street Entrance; Bapst Library; Alumni Stadium at Gate E near Shea Field Entrance; Conte Forum, Gates B and C, concourse level; and 2101 Commonwealth Avenue on the Brighton Campus. Next day returns must be made at Heffernan House, 110 College Road.

BACCALAUREATE MASS

The Baccalaureate Mass will be held in Conte Forum at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 20. You and your guests should be seated by 11:45 a.m. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets are not necessary. Please wear your gown, but not the cap and hood. Graduates may sit with family and friends during the Mass. Doctoral candidates are invited to process with the faculty, and will gather in the Visitor's Locker Room—Public Skating Area at 11:30 a.m. Weather permitting, there will be a reception on the O'Neill Plaza for graduates and their families and guests after the Mass.

Commencement Day (May 21)

ARRIVAL AND ASSEMBLY

All graduates must be in their assigned assembly areas by 8:15 a.m. Assignments are as follows:

- **Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Connell Graduate School of Nursing, Graduate School of Social Work, Lynch School of Education Graduate Programs, and the School of Theology and Ministry**
Alumni Stadium, Gate A, Right
- **Carroll School of Management Graduate Programs and Woods Graduate College of Advancing Studies**
Conte Forum, North Stands (Rec Plex side)

Relatives and guests should be seated by 9:15 a.m., when the academic procession is scheduled to begin.

ALUMNI STADIUM SEATING

Graduates will be seated in Alumni Stadium according to School. These areas are listed below and are also marked on the Alumni Stadium seating plan:

- **Carroll School of Management Graduate Programs**
Between the 20 and 40 yard lines, Rec Plex end
- **Connell Graduate School of Nursing**
Between the 20 and 40 yard lines, Merkert end
- **Graduate School of Arts and Sciences**
Between the 20 and 40 yard lines, Merkert end
- **Graduate School of Social Work**
Between the 20 and 40 yard lines, Merkert end
- **Lynch School of Education Graduate Programs**
Between the 20 and 40 yard lines, Merkert end
- **Woods Graduate College of Advancing Studies**
Between the 20 and 40 yard lines, Rec Plex end
- **School of Theology and Ministry**
Between the 20 and 30 yard lines, Merkert end

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

In the academic procession from Conte Forum or the Gate A entrance into Alumni Stadium, you must wear your cap and gown and carry your hood over your left arm. Gowns must be closed in front. Decorative jewelry and flowers should never be worn on the academic gown.

The academic procession enters from both the south (Merkert) and the west (Conte Forum) sides of Alumni Stadium. *The Woods Graduate College of Advancing Studies* and the *Carroll Graduate School of Management* process in front of the West and North Stands (Rec Plex end) and into the side aisle to their assigned seats. The *Graduate School of Arts and Sciences*, the *Graduate School of Social Work*, the *Connell Graduate School of Nursing*, *The Lynch School of Education Graduate Programs*, and *The School of Theology and Ministry* process in front of the West and South Stands (Merkert end) and into the side aisle to their assigned seats.

The President and dignitaries process in front of the West Stands and down the center aisle. The ceremony begins when all members of the President's party have reached the stage. When you reach your place on the field, be seated until the President's entrance is announced. Everyone will stand and men will remove their caps. Sit only after the President sits.

HOODING OF THE GRADUATES

When the representative of a particular division goes to the stage to receive the degree, everyone from that division will stand. If the degree representative is a male, he will remove his cap as he reaches the top step. All males of that division will then remove their caps and place them on their seats. If the representative is a female, she will not remove her cap, but male students of that division will remove their caps as she reaches the top step. After receiving the degree, the representative is hooded by the President. Candidates from that division will put on their hoods, and male students will then replace their caps. Graduates receiving a master's degree will move the tassel from right to left when the representative does. Sit when the representative has returned and is seated.

For the closing Benediction and Alma Mater, all will stand and men will remove their caps. All will remain in their places until the Platform Party has processed from the stadium.

IN CASE OF RAIN

Main Ceremony:

The 2012 Boston College Commencement main ceremony will be held rain or shine in Alumni Stadium. The Academic Procession will begin at 9:15 a.m. and the main Ceremony will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.

Alternate seating and viewing sites will be available via closed-circuit TV as follows:

- 2101 Commonwealth Avenue
- Bapst Lawn Tent*
- Corcoran Commons—Heights Room, Boston Room, and Newton Room
- Cushing Hall—Room 001
- Devlin Hall—Rooms 008, 010, 026 and 101
- Flynn Recreation Complex—North and East Wings *
- Higgins—Rooms 300 and 310
- McElroy—Eagle's Nest Dining Room
- McGuinn—Room 121
- Merkert—Rooms 127 and 130
- Robsham Theater
- Vanderslice—Cabaret Room

* Alternate viewing location only available in the event of rain.

If you decide to use an alternate viewing location, please choose the site that is either your Diploma Ceremony location or the site closest to it.

The Ceremony may also be viewed on the Commencement website (www.bc.edu/commencement) or in the Residence Halls on Boston College Cable Channel 50.

Diploma Ceremonies:

Individual College/School diploma ceremonies will begin as soon as possible after the University Commencement Ceremony.

The Lynch Graduate School of Education is the only graduate school that will have a rain location for their Diploma Ceremony. The

rain site will be the Flynn Recreation Complex, East side. Each graduate will receive four rain tickets which may be picked up in Campion 135.

Please note: Four tickets to the Connell School of Nursing will be given to each student. Tickets to this ceremony will be needed rain or shine.

Diploma Ceremonies rain site announcements can be found on the Boston College Commencement website (www.bc.edu/commencement) and on the Boston College Info line (617-552-INFO).

VALUABLES

Please do not leave any valuables, personal belongings, or cap and gown bags in Conte Forum or the Recreation Complex. The University assumes no responsibility for valuables or personal belongings left behind.

RESTRICTIONS

Smoking is not permitted in any Boston College buildings. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in Alumni Stadium, Conte Forum, or the Recreation Complex. Since spiked heels will damage the Stadium turf, women are requested to wear another type of shoe at the University Commencement Ceremony. All are requested not to remove any chairs in the Stadium from the runners on which they are set.

CELL PHONES

Guests and graduates are asked not to use cell phones during the ceremonies. Use of cell phones during the ceremonies, including the procession across campus, is disruptive to guests, graduates, and ceremony participants.

DISABLED ACCESS

Any graduate whose parents or other guests are disabled may access reserved parking in the Beacon Street garage. Eligible persons include those with a state issued handicapped license plate or handicapped placard. The license plate must be on the vehicle or the placard or special parking pass displayed from the rearview mirror and easily visible to the parking attendants when approaching and parking on campus. The person to whom the plate or placard is issued must be in the vehicle and be able to provide identification. Please enter the garage through the Beacon Street entrance. Once parked, hosts and golf carts

will be available to assist with transport to the Stadium. If you do not have a state issued placard or license plate, you may apply for a special parking pass on the Handicapped Seating and Parking form available on the Commencement website (www.bc.edu/commencement).

Handicapped seating will be available in Alumni Stadium, on the Mezzanine Level, second floor, which can be accessed via the Gate E elevator for eligible persons. A handicapped seating pass must be secured through the Commencement office by providing a written request and a copy of a handicapped registration or placard or a doctor's letter. Each pass provides seating for the handicapped person and one other person only and seating is first-come, first-served. These seats are covered but not enclosed so guests should dress accordingly. These passes are available between April 2, 2012, and May 18, 2012. Please check the Commencement website at www.bc.edu/commencement to download the request form and instructions. This form should also be used to apply for a handicapped parking permit if you do not have a handicapped placard or license plate. If you have any questions, call 617-552-4330 or email michael.murtagh.2@bc.edu. As an alternative, indoor seating with Jumbotron viewing is available in Conte Forum.

Wheelchair accessible buses will be available outside of Conte Forum at Gate B after the Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday and outside of Alumni Stadium at Gate E after the University Commencement Ceremony on Monday to transport those who are disabled.

All University buildings used for Commencement are wheelchair accessible.

WHEELCHAIR RENTAL

Guests can set up wheelchair rental directly through any of the medical supply companies listed below. Payment, pickup, and drop off should be arranged well in advance of Commencement Weekend to ensure availability as there are many local college and university commencements held the same weekend. The University is not equipped to provide wheelchairs.

- **Belmont Medical Supply**

185 Belmont Street, Belmont, MA 02478

617-484-3888

Website: www.belmontmedical.com

Email: info@belmontmedical.com

- **Sullivan's Medical Supply**

1 Corinth Street, Roslindale, MA 02131

617-325-0013

Website: www.sullivanspharmacy.com

Email: jhollenbach@sullivanspharmacy.com

- **Apria Healthcare**

575 University Avenue, Norwood, MA 02062

800-649-2422

Website: www.apria.com

SHUTTLE BUSES

Following the Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, shuttle buses will be available outside of Gate B of Conte Forum to bring guests to the Reception for Parents, Graduates, and Guests on O'Neill Plaza.

Following the University Commencement Ceremony on Monday, shuttle buses will be available outside of Gate E of Alumni Stadium to bring guests to the individual School diploma ceremonies. Shuttle bus stops are shown on the campus map in the back of the Commencement Program. Shuttle transportation will be provided from 6:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Shuttle Bus Routes:

Before and During Main Ceremony

- Chestnut Hill Mall to Beacon Garage/Alumni Stadium Gate E
- Brighton Garage/129 Lake St. to Beacon Garage/Alumni Stadium Gate E
- Newton Campus to College Road/Commonwealth Avenue intersection

After Main Ceremony

- Beacon Garage/Alumni Stadium Gate E to Stops 1-7 (around campus) ending at 3:30 p.m.
- Beacon Garage/Alumni Stadium Gate E to Brighton Garage/129 Lake St.
- Beacon Garage/Alumni Stadium Gate E to Chestnut Hill Mall

After Individual Ceremonies

- Beacon Garage/Alumni Stadium Gate E to Chestnut Hill Mall
- Beacon Garage/Alumni Stadium Gate E to Brighton Garage/
129 Lake St.
- STM Ceremony to Beacon Garage/Alumni Stadium Gate E

Shuttle Bus Stops:

1. Alumni Stadium Gate E—Campus Shuttles, Brighton and Chestnut Hill Satellite parking shuttles, Main Ceremony, CSOM (Shea Field)
2. McElroy/Beacon Street—CSON and CGSON (McElroy Commons) There is no Chestnut Hill Mall service from this stop.
3. College Road Stop—AHANA Reception (72 College Road), CGSOM (Bapst Lawn), LSOE and LGSOE (O'Neill Plaza)
4. Main Gate—GSSW (Burns Lawn)
5. St. Ignatius Gate—Woods School (St. Ignatius Church)
6. Robsham—GA&S (Robsham Theater)
7. Alumni Stadium Gate D—A&S (Alumni Stadium)
8. 2101 Comm Ave Lawn, Brighton—STM Ceremony
9. Newton Campus to College Road/Commonwealth Avenue intersection

GOLF CARTS

Boston College is a large campus, and walking from place to place on Commencement Day can be challenging for some of our guests. To assist those who are **handicapped or those who have limited mobility**, a **small number** of golf carts are available. Service will be first-come, first-served, and we encourage you to walk as much as possible.

Golf Cart Routes:

Before Main Ceremony

- Pick up at Main Gate and drop off at Commonwealth Garage elevators
- Pick up at the Beacon Garage/Alumni Stadium Gate A and drop off at Gate E through Garage

- Pick up at the Beacon Garage/Alumni Stadium Gate E and drop off at Gate A through Garage
- Pick up at the Commonwealth Garage (ground level elevators) and drop off at Alumni Stadium Gate D

After Main Ceremony

- Pick up at Commonwealth Garage elevators and drop off at Main Gate
- Pick up at the Beacon Garage/Alumni Stadium Gate E and drop off at Commonwealth Garage bottom level elevators
- Pick up at the Alumni Stadium Gate D and drop off at Commonwealth Garage bottom level elevators
- Pick up at the Beacon Garage/Alumni Stadium Gate A and drop off at Beacon Garage/Alumni Stadium Gate E through Beacon Garage
- Pick up at the Commonwealth Garage Roof and drop off at O'Neill Plaza
- Pick up at the Beacon Garage/Alumni Stadium Gate E and drop off at Shea Field

After Individual Ceremonies

- Pick up at Commonwealth Garage elevators and drop off at Main Gate
- Pick up at the O'Neill Plaza (at the rear of St. Mary's Hall) and drop off at Commonwealth Garage Roof
- Pick up at the Commonwealth Garage Elevators on ground level and drop off at Beacon Garage/Alumni Stadium Gate E
- Pick up at Shea Field and drop off at Beacon Garage/Alumni Stadium Gate E

SATELLITE PARKING

Due to the very large number of people attending the University Commencement Ceremony, there will be a shortage of parking space on campus. Shuttle transportation will be provided throughout the day, from 6:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., to and from satellite parking sites located at the Brighton Campus at Boston College, the Chestnut Hill Mall (off of Hammond Pond Parkway), and the Newton Campus (proceed south

on Centre Street from the Mass Pike Exit 17 and turn right onto Colby Road to access parking). See Satellite Parking maps on pages 14 and 15.

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

Following the School ceremonies, free bus transportation from outside More Hall, on More Drive on the Lower Campus, to Logan Airport will be available for graduates, their families, and guests. Starting at 2:00 p.m., buses will depart every hour on the hour. The last bus leaves at 9:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND WEBSITES

Commencement Coordinator **617-552-4330**

University Secretary's Office

For the most up-to-date information regarding Commencement.

www.bc.edu/commencement

Office of Student Services **617-552-3300**

For information about student's graduation or financial status.

www.bc.edu/studentservices

Office of Residential Life **617-552-3060**

For Residence Hall closing information.

www.bc.edu/reslife

Boston College Bookstore **617-552-0900**

For information about personalized graduation announcements, diploma frames, and the 2012 Commencement T-Shirts.

www.bc.edu/bookstore

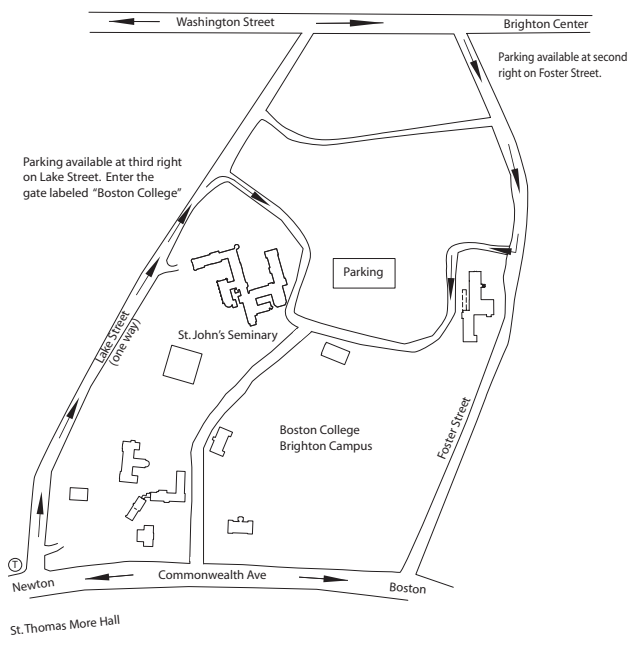
Boston College Police Department

Emergencies **617-552-4444**

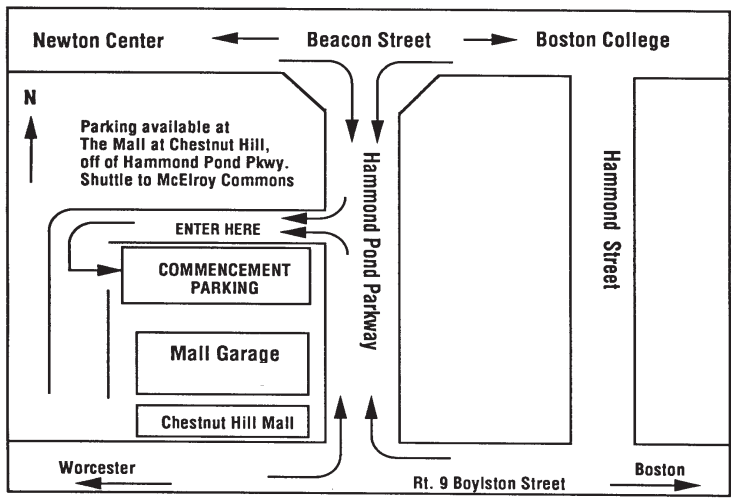
General Information and Lost and Found **617-552-4440**

SATELLITE PARKING MAPS

Site One: Boston College—Brighton Campus

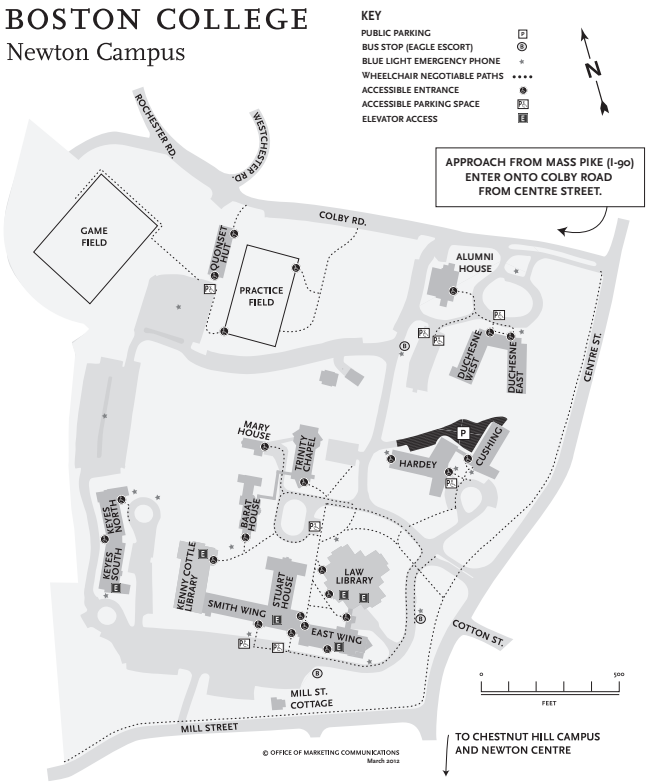


Site Two: The Mall at Chestnut Hill



Site Three: Boston College—Newton Campus

BOSTON COLLEGE
Newton Campus



Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

COMMENCEMENT 2012

These pages will give you the necessary information for participation in Boston College's Commencement activities, scheduled for Monday, May 21, 2012. If you have any questions, please contact the Dean's Office, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Gasson 108 (617-552-3268), or visit www.bc.edu/schools/gsas/academics/graduation.html. You should also visit the Commencement website (www.bc.edu/commencement) for the most up-to-date information regarding Commencement.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

The Commencement Exercises at Boston College, to be held on Monday, May 21, are a two-part ceremony. The University Commencement Ceremony for undergraduate and graduate students takes place in Alumni Stadium with the academic procession beginning at 9:15 a.m. About 20 minutes after the completion of the University Commencement Ceremony (around 11:30 a.m.), all students in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences assemble in Robsham Theater for the actual distribution of diplomas. The ceremonies are generally completed by 1:00 p.m. and are followed by a reception with light refreshments in the lobby of the Theater.

In order to participate in the distribution of diplomas ceremony, please submit a completed Commencement Reply Form to the Graduate School Office no later than Tuesday, May 1. The Commencement Reply Form may be accessed from www.bc.edu/schools/gsas/academics/graduation.html. Only individuals who have completed all of their degree requirements will be allowed to participate in Commencement Exercises.

If you do not wish to participate in the formal ceremonies, your diploma will automatically be mailed to you in late May by the Office of Student Services.

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (cont.)

GRADUATION CLEARANCE

If you plan to graduate in May, you should check with your department to make sure that you have completed all requirements and that you have been cleared by the department for graduation.

ELECTRONIC INVITATIONS

In March, each student eligible to graduate will receive access to an electronic invitation that can be personalized and sent to family members and friends. Each student may send as many invitations as he/she wishes. **Please note: These are invitations and are not used as tickets. They are not required for admission to any Commencement ceremony or activity.**

DIPLOMA DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY

Approximately 20 minutes after the end of the official Commencement Ceremony in Alumni Stadium, we will distribute the diplomas to individual candidates in Robsham Theater. All guests who intend to witness the distribution of diplomas should be informed by the candidate of Robsham Theater's location.

Doctoral candidates and their faculty advisors will assemble in Bonn Studio adjacent to Robsham Theater in order to form a procession.

Master's candidates may go directly to the section of the Theater reserved for them and take their seats. If you have any difficulty finding a seat or have any questions, please come to the information table in the Theater lobby.

The general plan for the ceremony requires that degree candidates negotiate stairways to reach the stage and receive their diplomas. If this will present difficulties for you, please contact the Graduate Dean's Office by May 1 so that we can arrange more direct access to the stage for you.

Graduate School of Social Work

DIPLOMA DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY

Immediately following the University Commencement Ceremony, the Graduate School of Social Work Diploma Ceremony will be held on Burns Library Lawn, located between the Bapst/Burns Library building and Commonwealth Avenue. Traditionally, the ceremony has run from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. The handicapped parking described on page 8 is for access to the Stadium. If you have elderly or physically challenged guests coming only to the GSSW ceremony, they can be dropped off in the semicircle at the main gate, but the driver will have to park at one of the satellite sites.

All GSSW diploma recipients must line up no later than 11:45 a.m. on the sidewalk next to St. Mary's Hall.

When you arrive at the site, go immediately to the table located in front of St. Mary's Hall to receive a card with your name and a number printed on it, which indicates your position in the procession line. Keep this card with you and bring it to the stage at the time of the presentation of diplomas so that your name will be read.

The ceremony begins with the academic procession. After a welcome from Dean Alberto Godenzi, brief speeches and greetings will be given by an honored guest, a representative of the Class of 2012, and the President of the GSSW Alumni Board.

Degree recipients will be called to the podium to receive the diploma. The ceremony concludes with the presentation of the Crowley, Walsh, Halley/Essien, and Pisapia Awards.

Please note the following:

- No tickets are required for the Burns Lawn Ceremony.
- A professional photographer will take individual still shots of each degree recipient that will be available for purchase by mail order.
- Remind your guests that in order for all to have a clear view, those using cameras may not approach the stage during the ceremony.
- Light refreshments will be available after the ceremony.

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Graduate School of Social Work (cont.)

ELECTRONIC INVITATIONS

In March, each student eligible to graduate will receive access to an electronic invitation which can be personalized and sent to family members and friends. Each student may send as many invitations as he/she wishes. **Please note that these are invitations and are not used as tickets. They are not required for admission to any Commencement ceremony or activity.**

Carroll School of Management— Graduate Programs

DIPLOMA DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY

After the University Commencement Ceremony, the presentation of CGSOM diplomas will take place on the Bapst Library Lawn, rain or shine.

The CGSOM diploma ceremony is scheduled to begin at 12:00 p.m. All CGSOM diploma recipients must line up promptly at 11:45 a.m. on the sidewalk beside Bapst Library. Commencement Marshals will be strategically located in order to assist you and your guests.

When you arrive, be sure to pick up the index card with your name printed on it. Keep this card with you and bring it to the stage at the time of the presentation of diplomas so that your name will be read.

If you have any questions, please call the Graduate Dean's Office at 617-552-9100.

Please note: Formal Commencement invitations are not necessary for admission to either the University Commencement Ceremony in Alumni Stadium or the CGSOM diploma ceremony on Bapst Lawn.

ELECTRONIC INVITATIONS

In March, each student eligible to graduate will receive access to an electronic invitation which can be personalized and sent to family members and friends. There is no limit to the number of invitations

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Carroll School of Management—Graduate Programs (cont.)

each student may send. **Please note: These are invitations and are not used as tickets. They are not required for admission to any Commencement ceremony or activity.**

COMMENCEMENT REPLY FORM

All graduating students are asked to complete a Commencement Reply Form, which can be found at www.bc.edu/schools/csom/graduate/currentstudents/academic/cgsomcommencement.html.

Please complete the Reply Form by April 20, 2012, whether or not you plan to participate in the Commencement ceremonies.

Connell Graduate School of Nursing

GRADUATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION COMMENCEMENT DINNER AND AWARDS CEREMONY

This special event will be held on Sunday, May 20, at 5:30 p.m. in the Welch Dining Facility of Lyons Hall. It is a celebration dinner for all Connell School of Nursing M.S. and Ph.D. graduates and their guests at which various awards are presented to deserving students. More information will be forthcoming about this event (cost, etc.) from your GNA representatives. Please check your mailboxes in the Cushing Student Lounge. Hope to see you there!

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Formal distribution of all CSON diplomas and Additional Specialty certificates will take place in McElroy Commons immediately after the University Commencement. Graduates and their guests should go directly to McElroy from Alumni Stadium. The CGSON ceremony will be in Carney Dining Room—the large dining room on the top floor of McElroy (main entrance is on College Road).

Graduates should line up quickly and alphabetically, in the

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Connell Graduate School of Nursing (cont.)

hallway outside of the Chocolate Bar in McElroy Commons (separate B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. lines). Ph.D. students are to line up with their dissertation chairpersons (if possible) and carry their hoods, as their chairpersons will officially “hood” them when they go up on the stage to receive their diploma. See the Line Up Instructions handout in your information packet for more detailed information.

Given the large graduating class and space constraints at McElroy, a seating plan is in place. In order to ensure that each family gets to participate equally, we will be issuing four (4) admission tickets to each graduate. Students who do not need all of their tickets are free to transfer tickets to other graduates with larger families who need more than four (4) tickets. Additionally, we will provide overflow seating in the Eagle’s Nest (one floor below the main event) with refreshments and a live webcast of our Commencement Ceremony. This is an attractive option for family members with young children or others who may wish to move around and enjoy refreshments during the ceremony.

All M.S. and Ph.D. students will line up for a group picture on the stairs outside the main entrance of McElroy Commons on College Road immediately following the ceremony. Individual photos of graduates receiving their diplomas and a group photo of M.S. and Ph.D. graduates will be available for purchase from Commencement Photos, Inc. Call 978-851-5924 if you did not receive an order form.

The CSON ceremony will be over by 2:00 p.m. After the ceremony and the group photos, graduates and their families are encouraged to meet in the Eagle’s Nest for additional photos and congratulations.

Congratulations, graduates! We wish you much happiness and success in the future.

If you have additional questions, please contact Maureen Eldredge (617-552-4541) in the Student Services Office or Mary Beth Crowley or Stefania Strohofer in the Graduate Programs Office (Cushing 202, 617-552-4928).

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COMMENCEMENT REPLY FORM

All graduate students are asked to complete the Commencement Reply Form found at www.bc.edu/lsoecommencement. Please complete the reply form by May 11, 2012. After completing the reply form, students should come to Campion 135 to pick up rain tickets for the Lynch School diploma ceremony.

ELECTRONIC INVITATIONS

In March, each student eligible to graduate will receive access to an electronic invitation which can be personalized and sent to family members and friends. There is no limit to the number of invitations each student may send. **Please note: These are invitations and are not used as tickets. They are not required for admission to any Commencement ceremony or activity.**

AWARDS CEREMONY

The Lynch School of Education will hold its Awards Ceremony on Sunday, May 20, at 3:00 p.m. on Bapst Lawn. This ceremony includes the distribution of both undergraduate and graduate awards as well as a robing ceremony for the graduating doctoral students. A reception for all recipients and their guests will be held immediately following the ceremony in the same Bapst Lawn area. Award recipients will be notified in early May.

DIPLOMA DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY

Formal distribution of Lynch School diplomas for both undergraduates and graduates will take place on Monday, May 21, in a joint ceremony on O'Neill Library Plaza, immediately after the University Commencement Ceremony. Shuttle buses will be available outside Gate E of the Stadium to bring guests to the Diploma Ceremony. The rain location will be the East Wing of the Recreation Complex. For the Diploma Ceremony, students will wear academic regalia. Undergraduates will be seated on the right-hand side facing the stage and graduate students will be seated on the left-hand side. Diplomas will be distrib-

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uted by degree program beginning with the undergraduate programs and followed by the master's programs, certificate programs, and then the doctoral programs.

Students will be seated alphabetically within their degree program and will approach the stage by row, single file, once their degree program has been announced. After your name is announced, proceed to the center of the platform where the Dean will hand you your diploma. Exit to the left of the stage. All rolled diplomas given will be blank, and you will receive your official flat diploma at the table to the left of the stage. Out of respect for your classmates and their families, we ask that you return to your seat after picking up your official diploma and remain seated until the close of the ceremony. You will not have a seat at the diploma ceremony if you do not complete the reply form.

If you have not fulfilled all of the academic requirements for your degree or have not satisfied your financial obligations to the University, your diploma will be withheld.

James A. Woods, S.J., Graduate College of Advancing Studies

COMMENCEMENT PACKETS

Commencement robes ordered through the Woods Graduate College of Advancing Studies can be picked up from May 10 through May 17.

ELECTRONIC INVITATIONS

In March, each student eligible to graduate will receive access to an electronic invitation which can be personalized and sent to family members and friends. There is no limit to the number of invitations each student may send. **Please note: These are invitations and are not used as tickets. They are not required for admission to any Commencement ceremony or activity.**

DIPLOMA DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY

Formal distribution of Woods Graduate College of Advancing Studies diplomas will take place in St. Ignatius Church immediately after the University Commencement Ceremony.

For the Diploma Ceremony, students will take their assigned seats in the designated area in St. Ignatius Church. Students will wear academic regalia. Undergraduates will be seated on the left-hand side facing the podium, and graduate students will be seated on the right-hand side.

Students will be seated alphabetically within their degree program and will approach the podium by row, single file, once their name has been announced. Graduates will then proceed to the center where the Dean will hand them their diploma and the Commencement photographer will take their picture. Out of respect for classmates and families, all graduates must return to their seat after picking up their diploma. They must remain seated until the close of the ceremony.

If students have not fulfilled all of the academic requirements for their degree or have not satisfied their financial obligations to the University, their diploma will be withheld.

School of Theology and Ministry

COMMENCEMENT 2012

These pages will give you the necessary information for participation in Boston College's Commencement activities, scheduled for Monday, May 21, 2012. If you have any questions, please contact the Dean's Office, School of Theology and Ministry, 9 Lake Street, room 230, 617-552-6509. You should also check the Commencement website (www.bc.edu/commencement) for the most up-to-date information regarding Commencement.

The information contained in this section applies to STM students receiving the following degrees: S.T.D., S.T.L., Th.M., M.A., M.Div., and M.T.S. Students receiving the M.Ed. or C.A.E.S. should refer to the Lynch School of Education section. Ph.D. candidates should refer to the section under Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

The Boston College Commencement Exercises are a two-part ceremony. The University Commencement Ceremony, which includes the conferral of degrees by the President, is held in Alumni Stadium. The academic procession begins at 9:15 a.m.

At 1:00 p.m., a School ceremony is held for the individual distribution of the diplomas. The School of Theology and Ministry holds its diploma ceremony on the lawn of 2101 Commonwealth Avenue on the Brighton campus. This is located on the Commonwealth Avenue side, just inside the main entrance. The diploma ceremony lasts approximately one hour.

In order to participate in the diploma ceremony, you must submit a completed Commencement Reply Form to the STM Service Center no later than Wednesday, May 2. Forms are available at the Service Center.

Only individuals who have completed all degree requirements will be allowed to participate in the Commencement Exercises.

Graduates must wear academic regalia in order to participate in both the main ceremony and the diploma ceremony. Members of religious orders should also wear academic regalia for the main

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ceremony. However, they may wear their habits in place of academic regalia for the diploma ceremony.

ELECTRONIC INVITATIONS

In March, each student eligible to graduate will receive access to an electronic invitation which can be personalized and sent to family members and friends. There is no limit to the number of invitations each student may send. **Please note: These are invitations and are not used as tickets. They are not required for admission to any Commencement ceremony or activity.**

GRADUATE SURVEY

All graduates are required to complete an online survey from the Association of Theological Schools. A link to the survey will be emailed to you.

DIPLOMA DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY

Individual STM diplomas will be distributed at a ceremony held on the lawn of 2101 Commonwealth Avenue on the Brighton campus. This is located on the Commonwealth Avenue side, just inside the main entrance. The diploma ceremony begins at 1:00 p.m. Graduates must check-in at the STM information desk in the lobby of 2101 Commonwealth Avenue immediately following the main University Commencement ceremony. STM Faculty and graduates will begin assembling for the diploma ceremony procession at 12:30 p.m.

Your guests may sit in any unreserved seats. A professional photographer will take individual shots of each graduate, which will be available for purchase. Light refreshments will be available after the ceremony.

