Dear Parents and Families of 2017 Graduates:

On behalf of our trustees, faculty, administrators, and staff, I invite you to participate in Boston College’s 141st Commencement on Monday, May 22, 2017. I am sure that you, like our graduates, have been looking forward to this day with great interest. Commencement represents a significant step toward fulfillment of hopes, and it also marks the culmination of years of sacrifice and study.

This information booklet is intended to help you benefit as fully as possible from this wonderful occasion. I look forward to being with you on Commencement Day and offering congratulations to you and our newest alumni.

Sincerely,

William P. Leahy, S.J.
President
Visitors to Boston College for Commencement 2017 will be able to get all the information they need in the palm of their hands! With the Commencement mobile website, available at www.bc.edu/2017, guests can review the schedule of events, locate on-campus dining options, read speaker bios, consult interactive campus maps, and find information quickly and easily. In addition, any late-breaking information on ceremony locations or severe weather updates will be available to our guests through this handy site. Simply visit www.bc.edu/2017 from any mobile device.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The 141st Commencement of Boston College will be held on Monday, May 22, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in Alumni Stadium. As some 20,000 guests are expected to attend this event, it is recommended that graduates and their guests read and be guided by the information in this booklet. It has been prepared in an effort to anticipate as many questions as possible. We welcome your inquiries as other questions arise.

All graduates should be in assembly areas by 8:15 a.m. The academic procession into Alumni Stadium for the University Commencement will begin at 9:05 a.m. Family and guests should be seated by that time. The University Commencement will take approximately two hours. This will be followed by individual School/College diploma ceremonies. All should be completed no later than 2:00 p.m.

During Commencement ceremonies, University Hosts will be stationed throughout the campus to provide any assistance that may be needed.

If you drive, allow ample time for reaching the campus. Travel is extremely slow because of heavy traffic.
Boston College is easily accessible by public transportation from most area hotels.

Guests should remember that there will be a lot of walking and stair climbing. Comfortable footwear is recommended. Since the University Commencement and a number of other ceremonies are held outdoors, it is suggested that guests also bring suitable protection against the heat or rain gear in case of rain.

**MEDICAL SERVICES** will be available at the First Aid Station located on the ground level under Section U at the northeast (Gate E) corner of Alumni Stadium.

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

**REST ROOMS** are located in Alumni Stadium, Ground level on all sides and the Mezzanine level on the east (Boston) side. They are also located in Conte Forum on the Concourse level.

**LOST AND FOUND** will be handled by the Boston College Police Department located in Maloney Hall. They can be reached at (617) 552-4440.

**SMOKING** is prohibited in all Boston College buildings, including Alumni Stadium.

**DINING SERVICES** (food and beverages) will be available at the following times and locations:

- **Friday, May 19**
  Corcoran Commons, 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
  Hillside Café, 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, May 20**
  Corcoran Commons, 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, May 21**
  Corcoran Commons, 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
  Hillside Café, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Monday, May 22**
  Corcoran Commons, 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
  Hillside Café, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
  Stokes Hall Café, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**WATER STATIONS** (complimentary bottled water) will be available in Alumni Stadium, Ground and Mezzanine Levels, and in the Flynn Recreation Complex, East Wing.

**CONCESSION STANDS** (food and beverages) will be open in Alumni Stadium, West Side 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and in Conte Forum 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**COFFEE AND PASTRY** stations are located at Gate A and Gate D from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

**FRESH FLORAL BOUQUETS** will be on sale at the Hillside Shop in Maloney Hall and in various tents near the gates to Alumni Stadium on the day of Commencement.

**ATMS** may be found at McElroy Commons, Bookstore Lobby, Beacon Street side; Walsh Hall, outside main entrance; Corcoran Commons, inside main entrance; Maloney Hall, by first floor elevator; Conte Forum Concourse, southeast corner.

**SENIOR WEEK** offers seniors a special opportunity to commemorate their time together and celebrate their status as rising alumni. The Office of the Dean of Students reminds seniors that the University’s Community Standards prevail throughout this period.

**UNIVERSITY RESIDENCE HALLS** will officially close at 8:00 p.m. on Commencement Day. To alleviate prolonged delays and heavy traffic congestion after the School diploma ceremonies, we request your cooperation with the following recommendations:

- Please review complete residence hall closing information at www.bc.edu/closing.
- In advance of Commencement, pack and bring or send home items no longer needed, e.g., winter clothing.
• Pack personal belongings and remove all non-BC furniture during Senior Week.
• Please be prepared to move immediately after the ceremonies.
• Lower Campus roadways are one way from the entrance at St. Ignatius Gate to the exit at Reservoir Gate.
• On the day of Commencement, leave your car where it is parked until everything is ready for loading.
• Honor the parking permit card given to you by the Boston College Police. This stipulates a 20-minute time limit for parking outside the residence hall during the loading of personal belongings.

To get the most up-to-date information available, visit the Commencement website located at www.bc.edu/commencement.

COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

ELECTRONIC INVITATIONS In early spring, each student eligible to graduate will receive access to an electronic invitation which may be personalized and sent to family members and friends. There is no limit to the number of invitations each student may send. Please note that these are invitations and are not used as tickets.

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 (800) 978-0978 or (617) 552-0900.

PHOTOGRAPHS A professional photographer will take pictures of each undergraduate receiving his or her diploma. In early April you will receive information about placing orders from the photographer, Commencement Photos, Inc., Tewksbury, Massachusetts. In the event you do not receive an order form, you may call the photographer at (978) 851-5924. Please note: So that all guests may have an unobstructed view at individual School diploma ceremonies, those using cameras may not approach the stage during these ceremonies.

CLASS OF 2017 T-SHIRTS The Commemorative Class of 2017 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 (617) 552-0900.

HOMETOWN NEWS RELEASE Each year, Boston College distributes a general graduation announcement to students’ hometown newspapers. The hometown news release is submitted automatically for every graduating senior shortly after Commencement, and includes the student’s name, hometown, and undergraduate degree(s)/honors, as well as information about Commencement itself. If you would like to submit a more detailed news release that includes personal information specific to the graduate (interests, awards, plans, etc.), you may find it helpful to use the press release template that will be published on the Commencement website at www.bc.edu/commencement in mid-May 2017.

ACADEMIC REGALIA Caps and gowns may be ordered online or in person but must be picked up before the day of the Ceremony. Cap and gown distribution will not be available on Saturday or Sunday prior to Commencement.

To order online, visit https://buildagrad.com/bostoncollege. The deadline to order online is Sunday, April 30, 2017. Students who order and pay for their regalia online will need to come to the Boston College bookstore
located in McElroy Commons on the days and times listed below to pick them up, as well as to obtain their rain location tickets. Students ordering doctoral robes should visit https://buildagrad.com/bostoncollegedoctoral. The deadline to order doctoral robes is Sunday, April 30, 2017.

Graduates may also choose to order in person at the bookstore located in McElroy Commons during normal business hours. If you choose to pay for your cap and gown using Eagle Bucks, you will need to order in person at the bookstore in McElroy Commons.

Cap and Gown Headquarters will be in the lobby/bookstore in McElroy Commons. The Cap and Gown Headquarters will be open on the following days:

- Wednesday, May 17, 2017, 9:00 a.m.–6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 18, 2017, 9:00 a.m.–6:30 p.m.
- Friday, May 19, 2017, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

The rental price for caps and gowns is $29 for Bachelor’s, $31 for Master’s, $32 for Certificates, and $75 for Deluxe B.C. PHD Outfit.

Students need their Boston College ID and height and approximate weight when ordering. Doctoral candidates will also need their hat size, suit coat or dress size when ordering. Bachelor and Master Graduates may keep their cap, hood and tassel. Certificate and Doctor Graduates may keep the tassel only.

If you are interested in purchasing your regalia, please contact Bob Stewart, Director of the Boston College Bookstores, at 617-552-2671 or via e-mail at bstewart@follett.com for pricing information.

The rental outfit must be returned no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 22, 2017. There will be a charge of $35 for outfits returned incomplete or without the appropriate receipt.

Representatives of University Cap & Gown will be collecting rented academic regalia at McElroy Commons—Beacon Street Entrance; The Hillside Shop in Maloney Hall; and Cadigan Alumni Center on the Brighton Campus. Next day returns must be made at the bookstore located in McElroy Commons.

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

We strongly recommended that you make reservations as soon as possible to guarantee rooms as there are other colleges and universities in the Boston area holding commencement at about the same time as Boston College.

You may prefer to make your hotel reservation through Central Reservation Service, (617) 569-3800 or (800) 332-3026. Or you may prefer to conduct your own search using the Boston Convention and Visitors’ Bureau website located at www.bostonusa.com.

Additional Boston-area hotel information is available online at www.bc.edu/commencement.

**DIRECTIONS TO BOSTON COLLEGE**

Boston College is located in the Chestnut Hill section of Newton, Massachusetts. The campus is approximately six miles west of downtown Boston.

**FROM POINTS NORTH AND SOUTH** Take Interstate 95 (Route 128) to Exit 24 (Route 30). Proceed east on Route 30, also known as Commonwealth Avenue, and follow for about five miles to Boston College.

**FROM POINTS WEST** Take the Massachusetts Turnpike (Interstate 90) to Exit 17. See Approach Map on pages 34–35.

**Option A**
At the first set of lights after the exit ramp, take a right onto Centre Street. Follow Centre Street to the fourth set of lights, and turn left onto Commonwealth Avenue. Follow Commonwealth Avenue 1.5 miles to Boston College.
Option B
At the third set of lights (all close together) after the exit ramp, take a right onto Park Street and the next left onto Tremont Street. At the second set of lights, bear right onto Washington Street. At the second set of lights on Washington Street, take a right onto Foster Street to the satellite parking site at the Boston College Brighton Campus. See Satellite Parking Maps on pages 28–33.

Travel Advisory: Option A traffic is heavier and slower than Option B traffic.

Option C
Take the Massachusetts Turnpike (Interstate 90) to Exit 14. Take Interstate 95S (Route 128 South) to Exit 21A (Route 16), bear right off Route 16 (.2 miles) onto Beacon Street (Waban-Newton Centre). Follow Beacon Street to Hammond Pond Parkway (3.9 miles), and take a right to the satellite parking site at Chestnut Hill Mall or continue on Beacon Street to Boston College (4.8 miles). See Satellite Parking Maps on pages 28–33.

FROM DOWNTOWN BOSTON  Take the Massachusetts Turnpike (Interstate 90) to Exit 17. Take a left over the bridge after passing the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Take the first right onto Centre Street. Follow Centre Street to the fourth set of lights, and turn left onto Commonwealth Avenue. Follow Commonwealth Avenue 1.5 miles to Boston College.

FROM LOGAN AIRPORT  Take the Ted Williams Tunnel to the Massachusetts Turnpike West (Interstate 90) and continue to Exit 17. Then follow the same directions as those listed under From Downtown Boston.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION  The MBTA’s “Green Line” can be used to reach Boston College from all of the hotels in downtown Boston. The Boston College branch of the MBTA’s “Green Line” (B) ends at the Boston-Newton boundary on Commonwealth Avenue. Cross the street and walk by St. Ignatius Church where shuttle buses will provide transportation to Alumni Stadium.

PARKING

PARKING ON CAMPUS  For the Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, guests of the graduates will have parking available on Lower Campus, including in both garages.

Beacon Street Garage
On the day of Commencement, the Beacon Street Garage and the parking area at the north end (Flynn Recreation Complex) of Conte Forum and Alumni Stadium are reserved parking only.

Shea Field
Recommended for guests attending the following diploma ceremonies on Main Campus: Carroll School of Management, Graduate School of the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences, and Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences.

Additional Campus Parking
All other campus parking is available for families and guests of graduates on a first-come, first-served basis.

SATellite PARKING  Due to the very large number of people attending the University Commencement Ceremony, there will be a shortage of parking spaces on campus. Once all campus lots are filled, parents and guests will be directed to the following satellite parking locations. Shuttle transportation will be provided throughout the day, from 6:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., to and from satellite parking sites. See Satellite Parking Maps on pages 28–33.
Brighton Campus (129 Lake Street, off Commonwealth Avenue)
Recommended for guests attending the following diploma ceremonies on Main Campus or Brighton Campus: School of Theology and Ministry and Woods College of Advancing Studies (graduate and undergraduate).

Newton Campus (south on Centre Street from the Massachusetts Turnpike West [Interstate 90] Exit 17, right onto Colby Road)
Recommended for guests attending the following diploma ceremonies on Middle Campus: Boston College School of Social Work, Carroll School of Management (graduate), Connell School of Nursing (graduate and undergraduate), and Lynch School of Education (graduate and undergraduate).

Chestnut Hill Mall (199 Boylston Street, parking access off of Hammond Pond Parkway)
Recommended for guests attending the following diploma ceremonies on Main Campus: Carroll School of Management (graduate and undergraduate), Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences (graduate and undergraduate), and Woods College of Advancing Studies (graduate and undergraduate).

300 Hammond Pond Parkway (off of Hammond Pond Parkway)
Recommended for guests attending the following diploma ceremonies on Main Campus: Carroll School of Management (graduate and undergraduate), Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences (graduate and undergraduate), and Woods College of Advancing Studies (graduate and undergraduate).

44 Woodland Rd. (Pine Manor College, off of Hammond Street, to Pine Road)
Recommended for guests attending the following diploma ceremonies on Main Campus: Carroll School of Management (graduate and undergraduate), Morrissey College of}


Arts and Sciences (graduate and undergraduate), and Woods College of Advancing Studies (graduate and undergraduate).

DISABLED ACCESS

DISABLED PARKING AND SEATING 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 campus and while 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 a limited number of 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 at www.bc.edu/commencement.

Covered seating for persons with disabilities or limited mobility will be available in Alumni Stadium at both end zones on the Mezzanine Level. The area is covered but not enclosed, so guests should dress accordingly. The seating area offers benches without backs. The online application will be accessible at www.bc.edu/commencement between March 31, 2017, and May 12, 2017, and tickets are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Each approved application will provide for seating for the person with disability or mobility issues and one additional person to assist. All other guests must be seated in the regular sections of the stadium. If you have any questions, please call (617) 552-4330 or e-mail us at commencement@bc.edu. As an alternative, indoor seating with video board viewing is available in Conte Forum.
**Wheelchair Rental**  Guests can set up wheelchair rental directly through any of the medical supply companies listed below. The University is not equipped to provide wheelchairs.

- **Belmont Medical Supply**
  185 Belmont Street, Belmont, MA 02478  
  (617) 484-3888  
  www.belmontmedical.com

- **Sullivan’s Medical Supply**
  One Corinth Street, Roslindale, MA 02131  
  (617) 323-6544  
  www.sullivanspharmacy.com

- **Apria Healthcare**
  575 University Avenue, Norwood, MA 02062  
  (800) 649-2422  
  www.apria.com

**Complimentary Transportation**

**Shuttle Buses**  Following the Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, shuttle buses will be available outside Gate B of Conte Forum to bring parents, graduates and guests to the reception 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 pages 36–37 of this guide. Shuttle transportation will be provided from 6:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on Commencement Day.

**Shuttle Bus Routes:**

*Before and During Main Ceremony*
- Chestnut Hill Mall to Beacon Garage/Alumni Stadium Gate E
- 300 Hammond Pond Parkway to Beacon Garage/Alumni Stadium Gate E

*After Main Ceremony*
- Chestnut Hill Mall to Beacon Garage/Alumni Stadium Gate E to Beacon Garage/Alumni Stadium Gate E
- Brighton Garage/129 Lake St. to Beacon Garage/Alumni Stadium Gate E
- Newton Campus Alumni House to College Road/Commonwealth Avenue intersection
- Marriott Hotel (2345 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA) to Alumni Stadium Gate E

*After Individual Ceremonies*
- 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
- Beacon Garage/Alumni Stadium Gate E to 300 Hammond Pond Parkway
- Beacon Garage/Alumni Stadium Gate E to 44 Woodland Road (Pine Manor College)
- Newton Campus Alumni House to College Road/Commonwealth Avenue intersection
- Marriott Hotel (2345 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA) to Alumni Stadium Gate E
- STM Ceremony to Beacon Garage/Alumni Stadium Gate E
- Commonwealth Avenue intersection to Newton Campus Alumni House to College Road
• Marriott Hotel (2345 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA) to Alumni Stadium Gate E

**On Campus Shuttle Bus Stops:**
1. Alumni Stadium Gate E—Newton Marriott, Campus Shuttles, Satellite Parking Shuttles, Main Ceremony, CSOM
2. Campus Green/Stokes/McElroy—LSOE and LSOEGP (Campus Green)
3. College Road Stop—AHANA Reception (Stokes Amphitheater Lawn), CGSOM (Bapst Lawn), CSON and CSONGP (O’Neill Plaza)
4. Main Gate—BCSSW (Burns Lawn)
5. St. Ignatius Gate—Woods College (St. Ignatius Church)
6. Robsham—GSMCAS (Robsham Theater)
7. Alumni Stadium Gate D—MCAS (Alumni Stadium)
8. Cadigan Lawn, Brighton—STM Ceremony
9. Newton Campus to College Road/Commonwealth Avenue intersection

**GOLF CARTS**  
Boston College is a large campus. 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 the Main Gate and drop off at the 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 the Commonwealth Garage roof elevators and drop off at Main Gate
- 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 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

**After Individual Ceremonies**
- Pick up at the Commonwealth Garage roof 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 elevators
- Pick up at the Commonwealth Garage elevators on ground level and drop off at Beacon Garage/Alumni Stadium Gate E

**AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION**  
Following the School ceremonies, free bus transportation from Gate E at Alumni Stadium 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 6:00 p.m. The University residence halls officially close at 8:00 p.m. on Commencement Day, Monday, May 22. Students are urged to book airline transportation as early as possible.
COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, May 19

• Commencement Ball
  8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.—The Sheraton Boston

Sunday, May 21

• ROTC Commissioning
  9:30 a.m.—Bapst Lawn Tent

• Phi Beta Kappa Initiation Ceremony
  10:00 a.m.—Robsham Theater

• Senior Legacy Breakfast Reception
  10:00 a.m.—Flynn Recreation Complex
  Alumni parents of the Class of 2017 and their families are invited to a continental breakfast reception prior to the Baccalaureate Mass. Invitations will be sent to Legacy families in late April 2017. Please call the Alumni Association at (617) 552-4700 for additional information.

• Baccalaureate Mass
  12:00 Noon—Conte Forum
  All should be seated by 11:45 a.m. Graduates should be attired in gown but without cap and hood. They may sit with family and friends during the Mass. No tickets necessary.

• Reception for Parents, Graduates, and Guests
  1:30 p.m.—O’Neill Plaza (In the event of rain, this reception will be canceled.)

• Carroll School of Management Awards Ceremony
  2:00 p.m.—Fulton Hall 511

• Connell School of Nursing Senior Convocation
  3:00 p.m.—Burns Lawn Tent

• Lynch School of Education Awards Ceremony
  3:00 p.m.—Bapst Lawn Tent

• Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences Awards Ceremony
  3:00 p.m.—Robsham Theater

• Graduate Nurses’ Association Commencement Dinner and Awards Ceremony
  5:00 p.m.—Welch Dining Facility, Lyons Hall

Monday, May 22

• University Commencement
  9:05 a.m.—Academic Procession
  10:00 a.m.—University Commencement Exercises Alumni Stadium. There is open seating, no limit to the number of guests, and no tickets necessary. This is held outdoors in Alumni Stadium rain or shine.

  12:00 p.m.—Individual School Diploma Ceremonies. Diplomas are distributed to graduates at the diploma ceremonies.

ARRIVAL AND ASSEMBLY

All graduates should be in the assembly areas by 8:15 a.m. as follows:

• Carroll School of Management, Connell School of Nursing, Lynch School of Education, Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences, and Woods College of Advancing Studies
  Middle Campus, Linden Lane

• Boston College Law School, Boston College School of Social Work, Connell School of Nursing—Graduate Programs, Graduate School of the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences, Lynch School of Education—Graduate Programs, and School of Theology and Ministry
  Alumni Stadium, Gate A, right-hand side
• Carroll School of Management—Graduate Programs and Woods College of Advancing Studies—Graduate Programs
  Conte Forum, North Stands
  (Flynn Recreation Complex side)

Relatives and guests should be seated by 9:05 a.m. when the academic procession is scheduled to begin.

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The academic procession enters from both the south (Merkert Chemistry Center) and west (Conte Forum) ends of Alumni Stadium.

• Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences
  process in front of the West (Conte Forum) stands on the Merkert Chemistry Center end and down the side aisle to their assigned seats. For the Morrissey College the procession is best viewed from Alumni Stadium sections D, DD, E, EE, F, and FF.

• Carroll School of Management, Carroll School of Management—Graduate Programs, Woods College of Advancing Studies—Graduate Programs
  process in front of the West (Conte Forum) stands on the Flynn Recreation Complex end and down the side aisle to their assigned seats. For these schools the procession is best viewed from Alumni Stadium sections B, BB, C, CC, D, and DD.

• Boston College Law School, Boston College School of Social Work, Connell School of Nursing, Connell School of Nursing—Graduate Programs, Graduate School of the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences, Lynch School of Education, Lynch School of Education—Graduate Programs, and School of Theology and Ministry
  process in front of the West and South stands (Merkert Chemistry Center end) and down the side aisle to their assigned seats. For these schools the procession is best viewed from Alumni Stadium sections G, H, and J.

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.

ALUMNI STADIUM SEATING

Graduates will be seated in Alumni Stadium according to School. These areas are as follows:

• Boston College Law School
  Between the 20 and 40 yard lines, Merkert Chemistry Center end

• Boston College School of Social Work
  Between the 20 and 40 yard lines, Merkert Chemistry Center end

• Carroll School of Management
  Between the 20 and 40 yard lines, Flynn Recreation Complex end

• Carroll School of Management—Graduate Programs
  Between the 20 and 40 yard lines, Flynn Recreation Complex end

• Connell School of Nursing
  Between the 20 and 40 yard lines, Merkert Chemistry Center end

• Connell School of Nursing—Graduate Programs
  Between the 20 and 40 yard lines, Merkert Chemistry Center end

• Graduate School of the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences
  Between the 20 and 40 yard lines, Merkert Chemistry Center end

• Lynch School of Education
  Between the 20 and 40 yard lines, Merkert Chemistry Center end
Diploma Ceremonies

After the President and dignitaries have processed from Alumni Stadium at the conclusion of the University Commencement, graduates and their guests will go to the assigned locations for the Individual School/College Diploma Ceremonies at which diplomas are awarded. No tickets are needed for the Diploma Ceremonies unless they are moved to the rain location.

- **Boston College Law School**
  Conte Forum, May 26, 2017
  For more information, visit the Boston College Law School website.

- **Boston College School of Social Work**
  Burns Library Lawn Tent

- **Carroll School of Management**
  Conte Forum (Rain location: Flynn Recreation Complex, North Wing)

- **Carroll School of Management—Graduate Programs**
  Bapst Library Lawn Tent

- **Connell School of Nursing and Connell School of Nursing—Graduate Programs**
  O’Neill Library Plaza (Rain location: McElroy Commons)

- **Graduate School of the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences**
  Robsham Theater

- **Lynch School of Education and Lynch School of Education—Graduate Programs**
  Campus Green (Stokes Lawn) Tent

- **Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences**
  Alumni Stadium (Rain location: Conte Forum)

- **School of Theology and Ministry**
  Cadigan Lawn Tent, Brighton Campus

- **Woods College of Advancing Studies and Woods College of Advancing Studies—Graduate Programs**
  St. Ignatius Church

Academic Honors

Academic honors printed in the Commencement program are based on averages at the end of the second semester, 2017. *Summa cum laude* is awarded to the top 4.5 percent of the graduating class, *magna cum laude* to the next 9.5 percent, and *cum laude* to the next 15 percent. Academic honors are not calculated for graduate students.

Students in the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences will be notified by the end of April and students in the Carroll School of Management and the Lynch School of Education will be notified in early May if they will be receiving a special award at the Sunday ceremonies. Phi Beta Kappa inductees will also be notified at this time. The other Schools present special awards at the diploma ceremonies on Commencement Day.
**IN CASE OF RAIN**

**MAIN CEREMONY**  The 2017 Boston College Commencement main ceremony will be held rain or shine in Alumni Stadium. The Academic Procession will begin at 9:05 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:
- Cadigan Atrium
- Conte Forum
- Devlin Hall—Room 008
- Robsham Theater
- Stokes Hall—Room 195S

In the event of severe weather, these additional sites will also be available:
- 2125 Commonwealth Avenue
- Corcoran Commons—Heights Room, Boston Room, and Newton Room
- Cushing Hall—Room 001
- Devlin Hall—Rooms 010, 026, and 101
- Fulton Hall—Rooms 130, 150, 511
- Higgins Hall—Rooms 300 and 310
- McGuinn Hall—Room 121
- Merkert Chemistry Center—Rooms 127 and 130
- McElroy Commons—Eagle’s Nest Dining Room
- Stokes Hall—Room 295S
- Walsh Function Room

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 71.2.

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

The following Schools will have rain locations for their Diploma Ceremonies:
- **Carroll School of Management**
  Flynn Recreation Complex, North Wing, three rain tickets provided
- **Connell School of Nursing and Connell School of Nursing—Graduate Programs**
  McElroy Commons, five rain tickets provided
- **Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences**
  Conte Forum, four rain tickets provided

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 at (617) 552-INFO.

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INFORMATION**

The Boston College Alumni Association is located in the Cadigan Alumni Center on the Brighton Campus, 2121 Commonwealth Avenue, Brighton, MA 02135. You may reach the Alumni Association by phone at (800) 669-8430 or (617) 552-4700 or at alumni.comments@bc.edu.

**A MESSAGE TO THE CLASS OF 2017**  When you graduate from Boston College, you join over 175,000 Boston College alumni worldwide! As members of the Class of 2017, you now have available a variety of opportunities and benefits designed to keep you connected to Boston College for a lifetime. Here are just a few:

**AFFINITY PROGRAMS**  Provide a pathway for alumni to engage with BC in a meaningful way via affinity with a specific area of interest, be it academic, cultural, professional, social or spiritual. A few of our most active Affinity Councils include: the AHANA Alumni Advisory Council,
the Council for Women of Boston College, the Real Estate
Council, the East and West Coast Tech and Entrepreneur-
ship Councils, the Wall Street Council, and the Woods
College of Advancing Studies Alumni Council.

CAREER SERVICES Join the online community for access
to the online career network and other valuable services. Register today at www.bc.edu/alumni.

CLASS-BASED PROGRAMMING Don’t wait until your fifth
reunion to see your classmates again. Every class has a
committee of volunteers who plan and organize events and
programs throughout every year leading up to and includ-
ing reunion. Our GOLD (Graduates Of the Last Decade)
programming offers many social and career-related activi-
ties designed specifically for YOU or newest alumni!

CHAPTERS A growing network of more than 50 chapters
across the United States and Puerto Rico and nearly
20 international chapters around the world includ-
ing Colombia, France, Great Britain, Ireland, Panama,
Spain, Philippines, South Korea, and China keep alumni
connected to Boston College in every corner of the world.
Chapters organize annual activities such as service proj-
ects, spiritual retreats, social and networking gatherings,
as well as athletic and arts events and play a vital role
in keeping alumni informed about and engaged with
their alma mater. To find a chapter near you, visit www.
bc.edu/alumni/association/chapters.html.

COMMUNICATIONS As a graduate you will now auto-
matically receive the Boston College Magazine, which
features interesting stories, BC news and class notes.
You will also receive our monthly e-newsletter, Alumni
Connections, filled with upcoming programs and activi-
ties and ways for you to become involved as a volunteer.
And, weekly you will receive an email with events hap-
pening in your geographic area. Please be sure to stay in
touch by becoming a member of the online community. Here you can update your address, look up friends, and participate in chats and bulletin board features. Visit the Alumni Association website at www.bc.edu/alumni. We are also all over social media, so check us out on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and more!

Now that you have graduated you can be assured that your Boston College journey will continue for a life-
time as a proud alumnus/a. Congratulations 2017!

WHILE YOU ARE ON CAMPUS

SENIOR ART PROJECTS From Tuesday, May 16, until
Monday, May 22, the Fine Arts Department will exhibit
“Selections from Senior Projects—2017” in the Fourth
Floor Art Studios, Devlin Hall, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
and on Sunday, May 21, there will be a reception for
parents and friends from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.
Refreshments will be served.

MCMULLEN MUSEUM OF ART The McMullen Museum
is currently presenting Rafael Soriano: The Artist as Mystic
featuring more than 90 paintings spanning the revered
Cuban-born artist’s career, from his early abstract geo-
metric paintings to the striking works of his experimental
and mature periods. Curated by BC professor Elizabeth
Goizueta, the largest retrospective of this artist’s work will
travel after it ends at the McMullen on June 4 to muse-
ums in Long Beach, CA and Miami, FL. Boston College’s
McMullen Museum of Art is located at 2101 Common-
wealth Avenue and is free and open to the public. The
hours of operation are Friday, May 19, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00
p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21, 12:00 p.m. to
5:00 p.m.; and Monday, May 22, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Boston College Bookstore and Gift Shops

Boston College bookstores will be open the following hours during Commencement weekend:

- Main Bookstore, McElroy Commons
  Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
  Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
  Monday 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

- The Hillside Shop
  Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
  Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
  Monday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

On Monday, Commencement Day, Gift Shops will be open in Alumni Stadium, End Zone Shop 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Tent across from Gate D, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and at Conte Forum 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Be sure to stop by to purchase Boston College memorabilia to celebrate this very special occasion.

**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 students’ graduation or financial status
www.bc.edu/studentservices

**Office of Student Involvement, (617) 552-3480**
For information about Senior Week activities
www.bc.edu/seniorweek

**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 2017 Commencement T-shirts
www.bcbookstore.com

**Boston College Police Department:**
Emergencies: (617) 552-4444
Non-emergencies: (617) 552-4440
www.bc.edu/bcpd
Site One: Boston College—Brighton Campus

- Parking available at third right on Lake Street. Enter through gate labeled “Boston College.”

- Shuttle bus stop to and from Chestnut Hill Campus

- Parking available at second right on Foster Street.

- Enter here

- Visitor entrance

- Thomas More Apartments/Health Services (Ground Floor)

- 2125 Comm. Ave.

- Cadigan Alumni Center

- 129 Lake St.

- Simboli

- 3 Lake St.

-/to Newton MTA

- Commonweal Ave.

- Commonwealth Ave.

- Reservoir Apartments

- Chestnut Hill Campus

- St. Peter Faber Jesuit Community

- St. Clement’s

- Theology and Ministry Library

- Gerald Rd.

- Greycliff Rd.

- Foster St.

- TO Newton

- TO Boston

- 2101 Comm. Ave.

- McMullen Museum of Art Conference Center

- Visitor Entrance

- Visitor Entrance

- GREYCLIFF RD.

- TO WASHINGTON ST.

- GLENMOUNT RD.

- TO NEWTON
Site Two, Three, and Four: Chestnut Hill Mall, 300 Hammond Pond Parkway, and Pine Manor College
Site Five: Boston College—Newton Campus

NEWTON CAMPUS
ALUMNI HOUSE
SHUTTLE BUS STOP TO AND
FROM CHESTNUT HILL CAMPUS

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ENTER ONTO COLBY ROAD
FROM CENTRE STRET

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BCLAW  Boston College Law School
BCSSW  Boston College School of Social Work
CSOM  Carroll School of Management
CGSOM  Carroll School of Management—Graduate Programs
CSON  Connell School of Nursing
CSONGP  Connell School of Nursing—Graduate Programs
FAC  Faculty

GSMCAS  Graduate School of the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences
LSOE  Lynch School of Education
LSOEGP  Lynch School of Education—Graduate Programs
MCAS  Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences
STM  School of Theology and Ministry
WCAS  Woods College of Advancing Studies
WCASGP  Woods College of Advancing Studies—Graduate Programs

SHEA FIELD—East End

CONTE FORUM—West End