

# COMMENCEMENT 2017

MAY 22, 2017

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AUGUST 2016

## DEAR PARENTS AND FAMILIES OF GRADUATES:

Commencement 2017 is still several months away. But our planning is in process for that very special occasion, when Boston College acknowledges our students' achievements and gives you an opportunity to congratulate and celebrate with them as they move to the next stage of their lives.

Because each student and family's commencement is special, we want to share with you a schedule of events and information that we hope will help you make plans for your son or daughter's graduation.

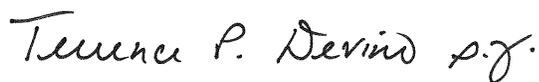
The week before graduation is filled with special events. We consider one of particular importance: the Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, May 21, at 12:00 p.m. That is when graduates, their families, and friends join the Boston College Jesuit Community, faculty, staff, campus ministers, and students for a beautiful liturgy in Conte Forum.

University Commencement Exercises take place the following day, Monday, May 22, in Alumni Stadium, and begin at 9:05 a.m. with an academic procession into the stadium for the main ceremony. It is followed at noon by Individual School and College Diploma Ceremonies at different locations on campus.

More than 50 colleges and universities in Greater Boston hold their commencement ceremonies in May, so we urge you to make hotel reservations as soon as possible. We have included a link to a list of some area hotels, guesthouses, and reservation services in this newsletter. Please note the Boston College Commencement website address and other contact information, and do not hesitate to contact us if you need any assistance in planning for this great event.

We at Boston College are very grateful to you for the blessing your child has brought to our college community. We truly look forward to welcoming you to our campus in May for Boston College's 141st Commencement.

Sincerely,



Terrence P. Devino, S.J.

Vice President and University Secretary

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#### COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION AND MAILINGS

Undergraduate students will receive the Undergraduate Student Commencement Planning Guide in January and a more detailed version in March. Both will be sent via e-mail.

Parents will receive the printed Guide for Graduates and their Families at their homes in March. Please confirm that your home mailing address is up-to-date in our system.

All Commencement information appears on the University's Commencement website:  
[www.bc.edu/commencement](http://www.bc.edu/commencement)

#### DECEMBER GRADUATES

All December graduates are invited to participate in the University Commencement in May 2017.

For undergraduates completing their degrees in December, there will be a Baccalaureate Mass followed by a reception for graduates and their families. No diplomas will be presented at this time. Diplomas will be mailed in early January to the graduate's home address as listed on Agora.

In November, additional information on the December Baccalaureate Mass will be sent to undergraduates graduating in December.

#### COMMENCEMENT INVITATIONS

During the month of March, each student will receive access to a specially designed electronic invitation. This invitation may be sent by the student to family and friends.

Personalized printed announcements or invitations are available through the Boston College Bookstore and can be ordered by calling 800-433-0296 or through [www.cbgrad.balfour.com](http://www.cbgrad.balfour.com).

#### COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

In mid April, the Commencement Speaker will be announced by *The Boston College Chronicle* and the student newspaper *The Heights*, and posted on the University and Commencement websites.

#### COMMENCEMENT FAIR

During the spring semester, the Boston College Bookstore will host the Commencement Fair. Held in McElroy Commons, the fair offers graduates the opportunity to order their caps and gowns, shop for class rings, purchase personalized graduation announcements, and more.

#### YEARBOOK OF BOSTON COLLEGE

*Sub Turri*, the University's official undergraduate yearbook, has been produced by students and distributed at Boston College since 1913. Senior portraits are taken for *Sub Turri* by LifeTouch Studios. To sign up for senior portraits and order a 2017 yearbook, visit [bc.edu/yearbook](http://bc.edu/yearbook). For questions, e-mail the senior editor-in-chief at [subturri@bc.edu](mailto:subturri@bc.edu).

#### SPECIAL AWARDS AND CEREMONIES

Students will be notified in advance if they are receiving a special award from their school or college or if they have been nominated as a Phi Beta Kappa inductee. The presentation of these awards will take place either at a special Awards Ceremony or at the Phi Beta Kappa Initiation Ceremony on Sunday, May 21, or at the individual Diploma Ceremonies on Monday, May 22.

#### DIPLOMA CEREMONY PHOTOGRAPHS

Each school and college arranges to have a photographer take a photo of each graduate receiving his or her diploma. Information on placing an order will be sent in advance.

## PARKING

For the Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, families and guests of graduates may use the entire parking area on Lower Campus, including the two garages.

Heavy traffic can be expected traveling to campus on Monday since close to 20,000 people will attend Commencement. Please allow ample time to reach campus. Lower Campus parking, including one of the two garages, is available for graduates and their guests. However, given the significant number of attendees, there is not adequate campus parking. Two satellite sites, the Brighton Campus and the Newton Campus, are available for BC parking and shuttle bus service is provided to the stadium.

Additional parking information will be included in the March mailing.

## STUDENTS AND GUESTS WITH DISABILITIES

There are special arrangements for students and guests with disabilities.

Any student requiring special arrangements should contact his or her dean as soon as possible.

Guests with handicapped license plates or placards will be provided with reserved parking in the Beacon Street Garage on Commencement Day.

Special seating for those confined to wheelchairs will be provided on Commencement Day.

Those who need to reserve seating or parking may do so after April 15, 2017. Additional information will be included with the March mailing.

## Important Contacts

### COMMENCEMENT OFFICE

617-552-4330 ||| [www.bc.edu/commencement](http://www.bc.edu/commencement)

### OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

*Academic, Financial, and Auxiliary Services*

Information about the student's status in fulfilling degree requirements, student financial accounts, and transcripts/records

617-552-3300 or 800-294-0294

[www.bc.edu/studentsservices](http://www.bc.edu/studentsservices)

### OFFICE OF RESIDENTIAL LIFE

617-552-3060 ||| [www.bc.edu/reslife](http://www.bc.edu/reslife)

### STUDENT PROGRAMS OFFICE

617-552-3492 ||| [www.bc.edu/seniorweek](http://www.bc.edu/seniorweek)

### BOSTON COLLEGE BOOKSTORE

617-552-0900 or 800-978-0978

[www.bc.edu/bookstore](http://www.bc.edu/bookstore)

### BOSTON COLLEGE POLICE

617-552-4444 for emergencies

617-552-4440 for general inquiries

### HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

There are many hotels close to Boston College.

It is important that you **make your hotel reservations as soon as possible** as there are many area colleges and universities whose commencements are held at the same time.

The link below will take you to a comprehensive list of area hotels. The distance from each hotel to Boston College is noted and some will provide a discounted rate to BC parents and visitors. To access this list, please go to:

[www.bc.edu/hotels](http://www.bc.edu/hotels)



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### COMMENCEMENT 2017 CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017

**9:30 a.m.**

ROTC Commissioning

**10:00 a.m.**

Phi Beta Kappa Initiation  
Ceremony

**10:00 a.m.**

Alumni Legacy Reception

**12:00 noon**

Baccalaureate Mass

**1:30 p.m.**

Parent/Graduate Reception

**2:00 p.m.**

Carroll School of  
Management Awards  
Ceremony

**3:00 p.m.**

Connell School of Nursing  
Senior Convocation

**3:00 p.m.**

Morrissey College of Arts and  
Sciences Awards Ceremony

**3:00 p.m.**

Lynch School of Education  
Awards Ceremony

**5:00 p.m.**

Graduate Nurses' Association  
Commencement Dinner and  
Awards Ceremony

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017

**9:05 a.m.**

Academic Procession and  
University Commencement

**12:00 noon**

Individual School/College  
Diploma Ceremonies

VISIT US ONLINE AT

[www.bc.edu/commencement](http://www.bc.edu/commencement)

[www.bc.edu/2017](http://www.bc.edu/2017) (mobile)