Official Graduation Date
Monday, May 23, 2011
International University Graduation Date.
For purposes of Bar applications or at any time your OFICIAL date of graduation is required, please note that May 23, 2011 is the date that will appear on your final transcript of courses. Boston College’s Board of Trustees formally confers degrees to all students graduating from BC on this date. Our commencement ceremony, on Friday, May 27, celebrates the presentation of diplomas, awards and honors.

BAR Certification
Massachusetts bar certifications will be submitted electronically. Out-of-state bar certifications must be submitted to Theresa Kachmar in Academic Services (Stuart M308) for completion.

 Pronunciation
Graduates who want to have their names pronounced correctly at graduation should see Elizabeth Bissette, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and Registrar, in Stuart M308 and give her the phonetic pronunciation of their names.

Mailed Diplomas
If you will not attend the Law School Commencement Ceremony on Friday, May 27, but want your diploma mailed to you, please inform Theresa Kachmar in Academic Services (Stuart M308).

Invitations
Commencement invitations will be distributed on April 11 & April 14 from 10am - 4pm, Stuart M308 (Dean for Students Office). You will be given a packet of five invitations. However, please note that there is no limit to the number of guests you may invite to Commencement and related events.

Garb Return
Signs will be posted instructing you where to return your academic garb after the graduation ceremony. Please be sure that your receipt is attached to the robe or included with it in the plastic garb bag. If you do not return the academic garb after the commencement ceremony, it will be your responsibility to ship it to the address on your receipt. Please be sure that the hood is included in all returns. If you wish to purchase academic regalia, please call University Gift & Green, 558/484-616.

Line Up of Students for Procession
Graduating students must arrive at the Quonset Hut adjacent to the soccer field by 3:00 pm on Friday, May 27 (note those attending a 9 a.m. Mass should arrive at the chapel and go directly to line up after Mass ends). After robing, you will line up alphabetically so that you stay in alphabetical order to receive your diploma.

Photographs and videotaping
A professional photographer will take your photo when you receive your diploma. You will receive information about placing orders from the photographer, Commonwealth Photos, Inc. If you do not return an order form, you may call the studio directly at 538/85-3534. Please note that all guests may have an unobstructed view, video cameras are not permitted when approaching the stage during the ceremony.

Special Needs
If you have guests with special needs (i.e., handicap, parking, seating) please contact Joan Mann (617/552-4464), in the Dean’s Office, Stuart M307, to make arrangements.

Parking
Law School Campus Police will direct you to the parking site. Parking in the Quonset Hut lot, Chapel lot, Barat Circle and the yellow-lined Stuart Lot is restricted to hand-dipped guests, students and guests, podium guests, faculty and staff.

Facilities
Signs posted around the campus will identify restrooms. Water stations will be set up throughout the graduation site. If any special needs arise, staff will be available to assist you and your guests. They will be wearing identification badges.

Programs
You will be measured and given your commencement garb on Wednesday, April 13 and Thursday, April 14 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. in the Stuart Snack Bar (yellow room). The cost is $38 payable at pickup. Any students not able to pick up their garb may do so between 9:00-10:00 a.m. on Commencement day, in front of the Quonset Hut. In case of rain, green raincoats will be distributed at Conte Forum. Students may also order online at http://www.mygraduationstore.com/, by entering a student ID number.

Wearing of Academic Garb
After robing, secure your hood over the graduate robe and wear your tassel to the left. When your name is announced, walk up the center stage stairs and proceed to the side to receive your diploma and return to your seat. The Dean will announce when you may transfer your tassel from left to right, signifying conferral of the degree.

Speaker
Roderick L. Iranlad, Chief Justice
Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court

A native of Springfield, Massachusetts, Chief Justice Iranlad received his Bachelor of Arts from Lincon University, Juris Doctor from Columbus Law School, Master of Laws from Harvard Law School, and Doctor of Philosophy in Law, Policy, and Society from Northeastern University. Chief Justice Iranlad began his legal career in 1965 as a Neighborhood Legal Services attorney, then worked as a public defender with the Roxbury Defender’s Committee, as chief attorney, deputy director, and executive director. He was Assistant Secretary and Chief Legal Counsel for the Massachusetts Executive Office of Administration and Finance, and Chair of the Massachusetts Board of Appeals on Motor Vehicle Liability Policies and Bond.

Chief Justice Iranlad has been a jurist for more than thirty-three years, serving as a judge of the Juvenile Court from 1977 to 1990, after which he was appointed an Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Appeals Court (1990-1997). He was first appointed as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court in 1997, by Governor William F. Weld. He became the Senior Associate Justice in 2008. In 2010 he was appointed as the third-fifth Chief Justice by Governor Deval Patrick and was sworn in on December 20.

Chief Justice Iranlad has been an adjunct faculty member at Northeastern University since 1978, and on the faculty of the Appellate Judges Seminar at New York University Law School since 2001. He is the author of the Juvenile Law volume of Thomson-West Publishing’s Massachusetts Practice Series, the second edition of which was published in 2006, as well as law review articles. When he was appointed to the Supreme Judicial Court in 1997, he was the first African-American Justice in its then 333-year history, and now serves as its first African-American Chief Justice.

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Official Commencement Events
Tuesday, May 24
PICNIC
10:00-11:00 a.m., Alumni House Lawn, Newton Campus
Barbecue, yearbook distribution, faculty and staff Rain location: Snack Bar

Tuesday, May 26
COMMENCEMENT EYE CELEBRATION FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS
5:30 p.m., Barat House and Adjacent Tent. Includes a short awards presentation.

Friday, May 27
COMMENCEMENT MASS
9:00 a.m., Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity

Wednesday, May 25
Black and White Graduation Ball
New England Aquarium
8:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 26
Commencement Eve Celebration for Family & Friends

Friday, May 27
Commencement Mass
Commencement Reception following Commencement
Boston College Law School is located at 885 Centre Street in Newton Centre approximately halfway between Newton Corner and Commonwealth Avenue.

**Travel by Car**

- **From the south and southeast:** Routes 95 or 24 north to Route 128/95 north to Exit 24 (Newton, Route 30/Commonwealth Avenue). Follow Route 30 (Commonwealth Avenue) east for approximately 4 miles and turn left onto Centre Street at the traffic light at the intersection of Commonwealth Avenue and Centre Street. Continue on Centre Street for 1/2 mile, and the Law School campus entrance is on the left.

- **From the north and northeast:** Routes 3, 93, or 95 south to Route 128/95 south to Exit 24 (Newton, Route 30/Commonwealth Avenue). To continue, see directions from the south and southeast.

- **From the west:** Massachusetts Turnpike (Route 90) east to Exit 17. At the end of the ramp, turn right onto Centre Street at the first traffic light. The Law School campus entrance is approximately 1 mile ahead on the right.

- **From the Chestnut Hill Campus of Boston College:** Continue west on Route 30 (Commonwealth Avenue) for approximately 2 miles, and turn right onto Centre Street at the traffic light at the intersection of Commonwealth Avenue and Centre Street. Continue on Centre Street for 1/2 mile, and the Law School campus entrance is on the left.

- **From Logan Airport:** Take the Sumner Tunnel into Boston, and follow the Expressway (Route 93) south to the Massachusetts Turnpike (Route 90) west. Continue to Exit 17 (Newton). Continue straight at the end of the exit ramp; the Sheraton Newton hotel will be on your left. Immediately after the Sheraton Newton, turn left; this will bring you around the hotel and over the Massachusetts Turnpike. Take the first right onto Centre Street, and continue approximately 1 mile. The Law School campus entrance will be on the right.

**Maps:**

- Top Right: Boston College Law School Newton Campus
- Lower Right: Boston College Chestnut Hill Campus

**BC Law Commencement Rain Site:** Conte Forum