



## BOSTON COLLEGE

### OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Parents and Families of 2018 Graduates:

On behalf of our trustees, faculty, administrators, and staff, I invite you to participate in Boston College's 142nd Commencement on Monday, May 21, 2018. I am sure that you, like our graduates, have been anticipating this day for a long time. Graduation from college represents a significant step toward fulfillment of hopes, and it also marks the culmination of years of sacrifice and study.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William P. Leahy, S.J." in a cursive script.

William P. Leahy, S.J.

*President*

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## COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION ON THE GO

Visitors to Boston College for Commencement 2018 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/2018](http://www.bc.edu/2018), 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/2018](http://www.bc.edu/2018) from any mobile device.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The 142nd Commencement of Boston College will be held on Monday, May 21, 2018, 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 ceremony 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 at information marquees 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. Various car services are also an easy way to access the campus.

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 corner of Alumni Stadium (Gate E) as well as on the concourse level behind Section O of Conte Forum. In addition, EMS crews are assigned throughout campus the entire day.

**CELL PHONE USE** during the ceremonies, including the procession across campus, is disruptive to guests, graduates, and ceremony participants. Guests and graduates are asked to silence their phones during the ceremonies.

**REST ROOMS** are located throughout Alumni Stadium and 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 18**

Corcoran Commons: 7:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m.

Hillside Café at Maloney Hall: 7:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

- **Saturday, May 19**

Corcoran Commons: 7:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m.

- **Sunday, May 20**

Corcoran Commons: 7:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m.

Hillside Café at Maloney Hall: 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

- **Monday, May 21**

Corcoran Commons: 6:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

Hillside Café at Maloney Hall: 7:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Stokes Hall Café: 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

**WATER STATIONS** (complimentary bottled water) will be available in Alumni Stadium on the ground and mezzanine levels.

**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 outside Gate A and Gate D of Alumni Stadium from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

**FRESH FLORAL BOUQUETS** will be on sale at the Hillside Shop outside of Maloney Hall.

**ATMS** may be found at McElroy Commons, Bookstore lobby, Beacon Street side; Walsh Hall, outside main entrance; Corcoran Commons, inside main entrance; Maloney Hall, opposite first floor elevators; Conte Forum concourse, southeast corner.

**SENIOR WEEK** offers seniors a special opportunity to commemorate their time together and celebrate their status as rising alumni. All events during this week are organized by the Office of Student Involvement. 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](http://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.
- Bring donation items to BC Clean locations prior to Commencement Day.
- 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](http://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 not 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](http://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 2018 T-SHIRTS** The Commemorative Class of 2018 T-shirts, listing the names of all graduating students from Boston College, will be available 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** If you would like to send an announcement of your son or daughter's graduation to your local news outlet, please go to the Commencement website at [www.bc.edu/commencement](http://www.bc.edu/commencement) in mid-May 2018 for instructions along with a Hometown News Release template that you may find helpful when submitting your graduate's information.

**ACADEMIC REGALIA** Ordering rental caps and gowns online saves time and minimizes lines at the bookstore. Students renting Bachelor, Master, or Certificate caps and gowns should visit <https://buildagrad.com/bostoncollege>. Students renting Doctoral caps and gowns should visit <https://buildagrad.com/bostoncollegedoctoral>. The deadline to rent caps and gowns online is Wednesday, May 2, 2018.

Students will need their Boston College ID, height, and approximate weight when ordering. In addition to hat size, Doctoral candidates will also need their suit coat or dress size when ordering. Bachelor and Master graduates renting academic regalia **may keep the cap, hood, and tassel**. Certificate and Doctor graduates renting academic regalia may keep the tassel only.

The rental price for caps and gowns is \$29 for Bachelor's, \$31 for Master's, \$32 for Certificates, and \$75 for the Deluxe Doctoral outfit.

Graduates may also choose to order rental caps and gowns 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. The deadline to order rental caps and gowns in person is Wednesday, May 2, 2018.

Cap and Gown Headquarters will be in the lobby/bookstore in McElroy Commons. If you order and pay for your rental cap and gown online, you will need to come to the Boston College Bookstore on the days and times listed below. When picking up your order, please have your BC Eagle ID and the order confirmation number you received with you. Cap and Gown Headquarters will be open on the following days:

- Wednesday, May 16, 2018, 9:00 a.m.–6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 17, 2018, 9:00 a.m.–6:30 p.m.
- Friday, May 18, 2018, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (**last day for cap and gown pickup**)

Cap and gown distribution will not be available on Saturday or Sunday prior to Commencement. Emergency pickup is available on Monday, May 21, 2018 from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the bookstore located in McElroy Commons.

After May 2, caps and gowns can only be purchased in person at the bookstore. If you are interested in purchasing

your regalia, please contact Tina Plotegher, Director of the Boston College Bookstores, at 617-552-2671 or via e-mail at [tplotegher@follett.com](mailto:tplotegher@follett.com) for pricing information. The deadline to purchase caps and gowns is Friday, May 18, 2018.

The rental outfit must be returned no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 21, 2018. 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. Any returns after 5:00 p.m. on Commencement Day must be made at the bookstore located in McElroy Commons. There will be a charge of \$35 for rental outfits returned incomplete or without the appropriate receipt.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

We strongly recommended that you make hotel reservations as soon as possible. There are several other colleges and universities in the Boston area holding commencement exercises on the same weekend as Boston College. You may prefer to make your hotel reservation using the Boston Convention and Visitors' Bureau website located at [www.bostonusa.com](http://www.bostonusa.com). Additional Boston-area hotel information is available online at [www.bc.edu/commencement](http://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*.

#### 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).

**DISABLED ACCESS**

**PARKING** On Commencement Day, reserved parking will be available in the **Beacon Street Garage** for guests with disabilities or limited mobility. **To gain access**, you must have a state-issued disabled license plate or disabled placard. If you do not have a state-issued disabled license plate or placard, you may request a special Commencement Day parking pass by completing the noted form at [www.bc.edu/commencement](http://www.bc.edu/commencement). The license plate must

be on the vehicle or, if you have a placard or a special Commencement Day parking pass, it should be displayed from the rearview mirror and easily visible to the parking attendants who will direct you to the Beacon Street Garage. Please enter the garage through the Beacon Street entrance. Once parked, Commencement hosts will be available to assist with golf cart transport to Alumni Stadium, if needed.

**SEATING** Seating for guests with disabilities or limited mobility will be available in Alumni Stadium at both end zones on the mezzanine level. To reserve accessible seating tickets, please complete the online application at [www.bc.edu/commencement](http://www.bc.edu/commencement) available in mid-April. Accessible seating tickets are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. To accommodate as many family members and guests with disabilities as possible in the reserved seating area, each individual with an accessible seating ticket may only be accompanied by one companion. The companion will also need to have an accessible seating ticket. Please note the reserved seating, like most of Alumni Stadium, are bench seats without backs. We recommend that you bring seat pads with backs for added comfort. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the University Commencement Office with any questions you may have at [commencement@bc.edu](mailto:commencement@bc.edu) or by calling 617-552-4330. As an alternative to Alumni Stadium seating, indoor seating with video telecast is available in Conte Forum.

**WHEELCHAIR RENTAL** Guests can set up wheelchair rental directly through any of the medical supply companies listed below and on the following page. The University does not provide personal use wheelchairs.

- **Belmont Medical Supply**

185 Belmont Street, Belmont, MA 02478  
(617) 484-3888  
[www.belmontmedical.com](http://www.belmontmedical.com)

- **Sullivan's Medical Supply**

One Corinth Street, Roslindale, MA 02131  
(617) 323-6544  
www.sullivanspharmacy.com

- **Byrne Home Health Center**

16 Main Street, Natick, MA 01760  
(508) 655-3656  
www.byrnemedicalsupplies.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
- Brighton Garage/129 Lake St. to Beacon Garage/Alumni Stadium Gate E
- 825 Centre Street to College Road/Commonwealth Avenue intersection
- Marriott Hotel (2345 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA) to Alumni Stadium Gate E

#### *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
- Beacon Garage/Alumni Stadium Gate E to 300 Hammond Pond Parkway
- 825 Centre Street 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 Chestnut Hill Mall
- Beacon Garage/Alumni Stadium Gate E to 300 Hammond Pond Parkway
- Beacon Garage/Alumni Stadium Gate E to Brighton Garage/129 Lake St.
- STM Ceremony to Beacon Garage/Alumni Stadium Gate E
- Commonwealth Avenue intersection to 825 Centre Street 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—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 guests with disabilities or 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 diploma 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 21. Students are urged to book airline transportation as early as possible.

#### **RIDESHARE SERVICES**

Designated taxi, livery car, and rideshare service providers are to drop off at the following locations only:

- In front of St. Ignatius Church at Fr. Herlihy Dr., Chestnut Hill, MA 02467
- Adjacent to the St. Thomas More Apartments on Commonwealth Avenue at 2150 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 02135
- At the McGuinn Gate at 140 Beacon St., Chestnut Hill, MA 02467

See pages 36–37 for a map of these locations.

Lyft is providing discounted rides to Boston College friends and family. New Lyft users can enter coupon code BCGRAD18 for \$5 off each of their first two rides.

## COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Saturday, May 19

- Commencement Ball  
9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.—The Westin Copley

### Sunday, May 20

- Army 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 2018 and their families are invited to a breakfast buffet prior to the Baccalaureate Mass. Invitations will be sent to Legacy families in late April 2018. Please call the Alumni Association at (617) 552-4700 for additional information.
- Baccalaureate Mass  
12:00 p.m.—Conte Forum  
All should be seated by 11:45 a.m. Graduates should be attired in gown but without cap and hood. Graduates 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 severe weather, this reception will be canceled.)
- Carroll School of Management Awards Ceremony  
2:00 p.m.—Fulton Hall 511
- Connell School of Nursing Senior Convocation/  
Pinning Ceremony  
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 21

- 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. Various locations (see pages 20–21).
- Navy ROTC Commissioning  
6:30 p.m.—Onboard the USS *Constitution*,  
Charlestown Navy Yard

## ARRIVAL AND ASSEMBLY

The following undergraduate schools will assemble on Middle Campus, Linden Lane by 8:15 a.m.:

- Carroll School of Management
- Connell School of Nursing
- Lynch School of Education
- Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences
- Woods College of Advancing Studies

**The following graduate schools will assemble at Alumni Stadium, Gate A, right-hand side by 8:15 a.m.:**

- 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
- School of Theology and Ministry

**The following graduate schools will assemble at Conte Forum, north stands (Flynn Recreation Complex side) by 8:15 a.m.:**

- Carroll School of Management—Graduate Programs
- Woods College of Advancing Studies—Graduate Programs

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**  
Students process in front of the west (Conte Forum) stands on the Merkert Chemistry Center end and down the center 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, and Woods College of Advancing Studies—Graduate Programs**  
Students 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**  
Students 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
- **Lynch School of Education—Graduate Programs**  
Between the 20 and 40 yard lines, Merkert Chemistry Center end
- **Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences**  
Between the two 40 yard lines
- **School of Theology and Ministry**  
Between the 20 and 40 yard lines, Merkert Chemistry Center end
- **Woods College of Advancing Studies**  
Between the 20 and 40 yard lines, Flynn Recreation Complex end
- **Woods College of Advancing Studies—Graduate Programs**  
Between the 20 and 40 yard lines, Flynn Recreation Complex end

## DIPLOMA CEREMONIES

After the President and dignitaries have recessed 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 severe weather location. **Severe weather is considered lightning, thunder, high winds, heavy, continuous rain.**

- **Boston College School of Social Work**  
Burns Library Lawn Tent
- **Carroll School of Management**  
Conte Forum (severe weather 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 (severe weather 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 (severe weather location: Conte Forum)
- **School of Theology and Ministry**  
Cadigan Alumni Center Lawn Tent
- **Woods College of Advancing Studies and Woods College of Advancing Studies—Graduate Programs**  
St. Ignatius Church
- **Boston College Law School**  
Conte Forum, May 25, 2018  
For more information, visit the Boston College Law School website.

## ACADEMIC HONORS

Academic honors printed in the Commencement program are based on averages at the end of the second semester, 2018. *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.

### **SEVERE WEATHER PLAN**

**MAIN CEREMONY** The 2018 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 Alumni Center—Atrium
- Conte Forum
- Devlin Hall—Room 008
- Robsham Theater
- Stokes Hall—Room 195S

In the event of severe weather (lightning, thunder, high winds, heavy, continuous rain), these additional sites will also be available:

- Corcoran Commons—Heights Room, Boston Room, and Newton Room
- Cushing Hall—Room 001
- Devlin Hall—Rooms 010 and 110
- Fulton Hall—Rooms 130, 150, 511
- Higgins Hall—Rooms 300 and 310
- McGuinn Hall—Room 121
- Merkert Chemistry Center—Room 127
- 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](http://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 severe weather locations for their diploma ceremonies.

- **Carroll School of Management**  
Flynn Recreation Complex, north wing, three severe weather tickets provided
- **Connell School of Nursing and Connell School of Nursing—Graduate Programs**  
McElroy Commons, four severe weather tickets provided
- **Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences**  
Conte Forum, four severe weather tickets provided

Diploma ceremonies severe weather site announcements can be found on the Boston College Commencement website ([www.bc.edu/commencement](http://www.bc.edu/commencement)) and on the Boston College Info line at (617) 552-4636.

### **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](mailto:alumni.comments@bc.edu).

**A MESSAGE TO THE CLASS OF 2018** When you graduate from Boston College, you join over 180,000 Boston College alumni worldwide! As members of the Class of

2018, 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 Entrepreneurship 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](http://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 including reunion. Our GOLD (Graduates Of the Last Decade) programming offers many social and career-related activities designed specifically for YOU our 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 including Colombia, France, Great Britain, Ireland, Panama, Spain, the Philippines, South Korea, and China keep alumni connected to Boston College in every corner of the world. Chapters organize annual activities such as service projects, 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](http://www.bc.edu/alumni/association/chapters.html).

**COMMUNICATIONS** As a graduate you will now automatically 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 activities and ways for you to become involved as a volunteer. And weekly you will receive an e-mail with events happening 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](http://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 lifetime as a proud alumnus/a. Congratulations 2018!

## WHILE YOU ARE ON CAMPUS

**SENIOR ART PROJECTS** From Wednesday, May 16, to Saturday, May 19, the Art, Art History, and Film Department will exhibit "Selections from the Senior Projects—2018" in the fourth floor Art Studios, Devlin Hall, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Sunday, May 20, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. An award ceremony and reception for parents and friends will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 20, also in the fourth floor Art Studios. Refreshments will be served.

**MCMULLEN MUSEUM OF ART** The McMullen Museum of Art is currently presenting *Cao Jun: Hymns to Nature* featuring more than 65 paintings by the celebrated contemporary Chinese artist. *Hymns to Nature* is Cao Jun's first exhibition in the United States. Curated by Boston College Professor John Sallis, the exhibition examines the deep roots of Cao Jun's art in the experience of nature and how he portrays our place within it. The exhibition

also illuminates Jun's novel responses to admired, earlier paintings by his countrymen, encouraging viewers to ponder a dynamic dialogue between Chinese art of the past and that of the present. Boston College's McMullen Museum of Art is located at 2101 Commonwealth Avenue and is free and open to the public. The hours of operation are Friday, May 18, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, May 19 and 20, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Monday, May 21, 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.–5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Monday: 7:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.
- The Hillside Shop  
Saturday: 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Monday: 7:00 a.m.–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 Office, (617) 552-4330**

For the most up-to-date information about Commencement  
[www.bc.edu/commencement](http://www.bc.edu/commencement)

##### **Office of Student Services, (617) 552-3300**

For information about students' graduation or financial status  
[www.bc.edu/studentservices](http://www.bc.edu/studentservices)

##### **Office of Student Involvement, (617) 552-3480**

For information about Senior Week activities  
[www.bc.edu/seniorweek](http://www.bc.edu/seniorweek)

##### **Office of Residential Life, (617) 552-3060**

For information about residence hall closing  
[www.bc.edu/reslife](http://www.bc.edu/reslife)

##### **Boston College Bookstore, (617) 552-0900**

For information about personalized graduation announcements, diploma frames, and the 2018 Commencement T-shirts  
[www.bcbookstore.com](http://www.bcbookstore.com)

##### **Boston College Police Department:**

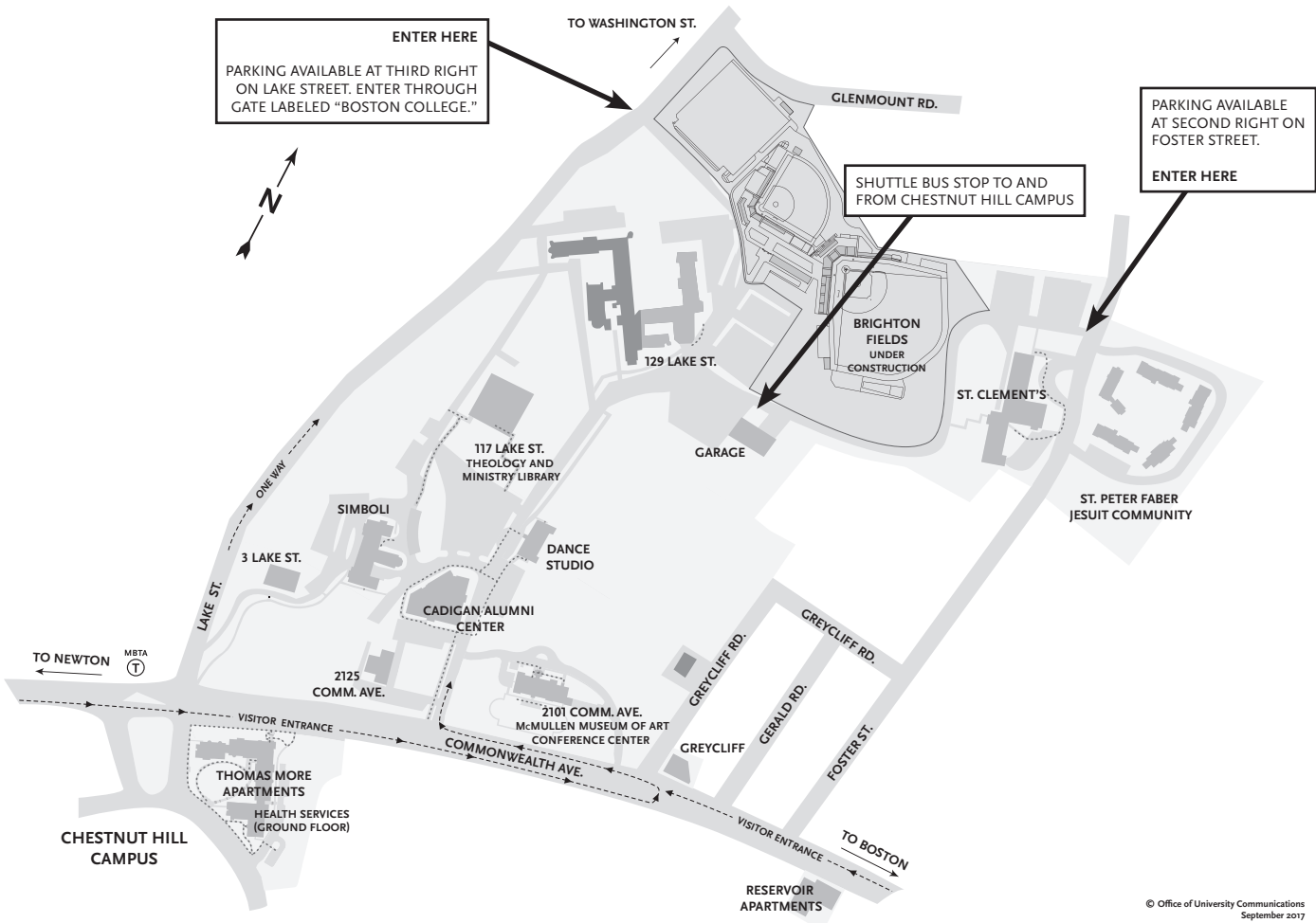
Emergencies: (617) 552-4444

Non-emergencies: (617) 552-4440

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

SATELLITE PARKING MAPS

Site One: Boston College—Brighton Campus



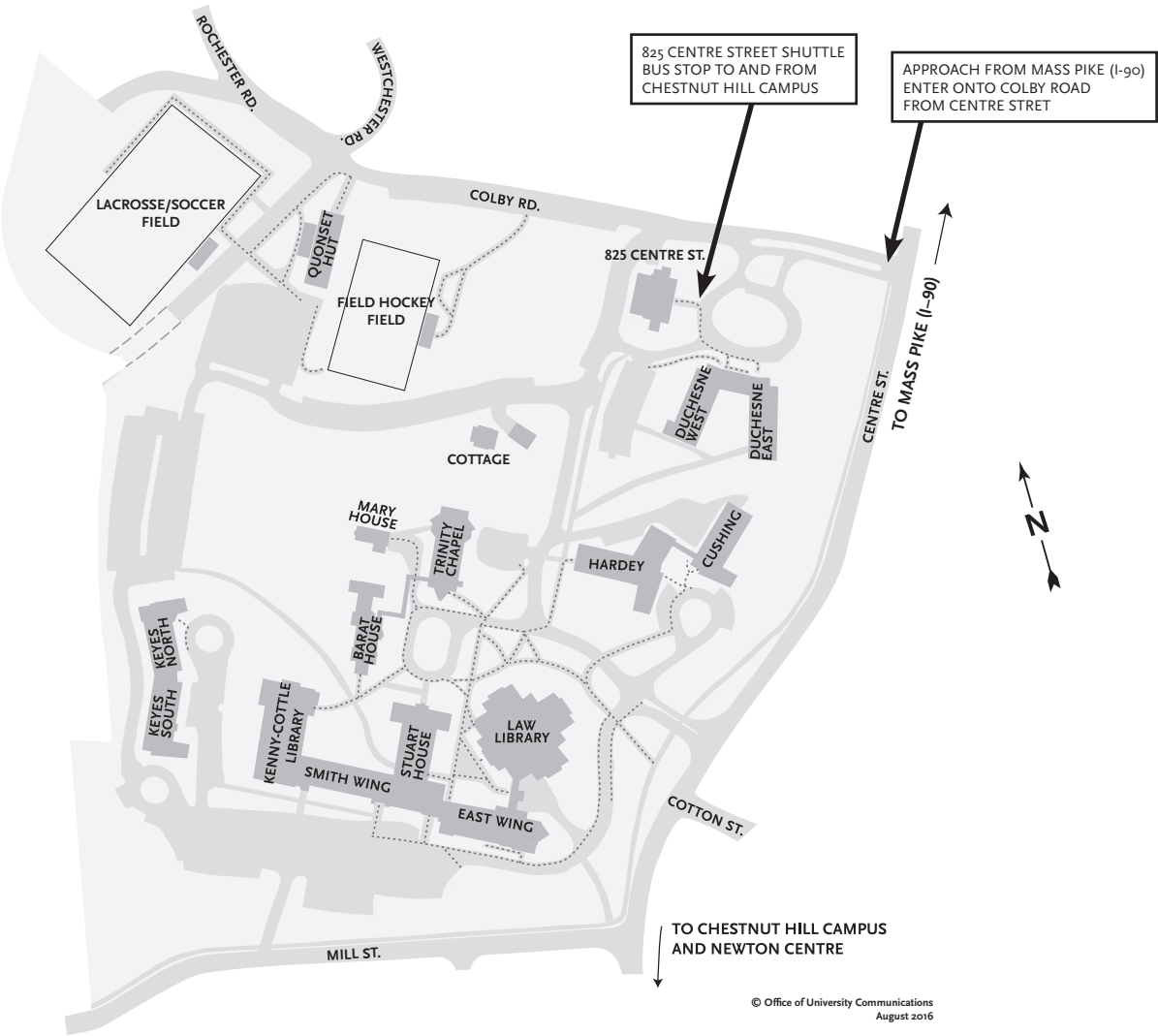
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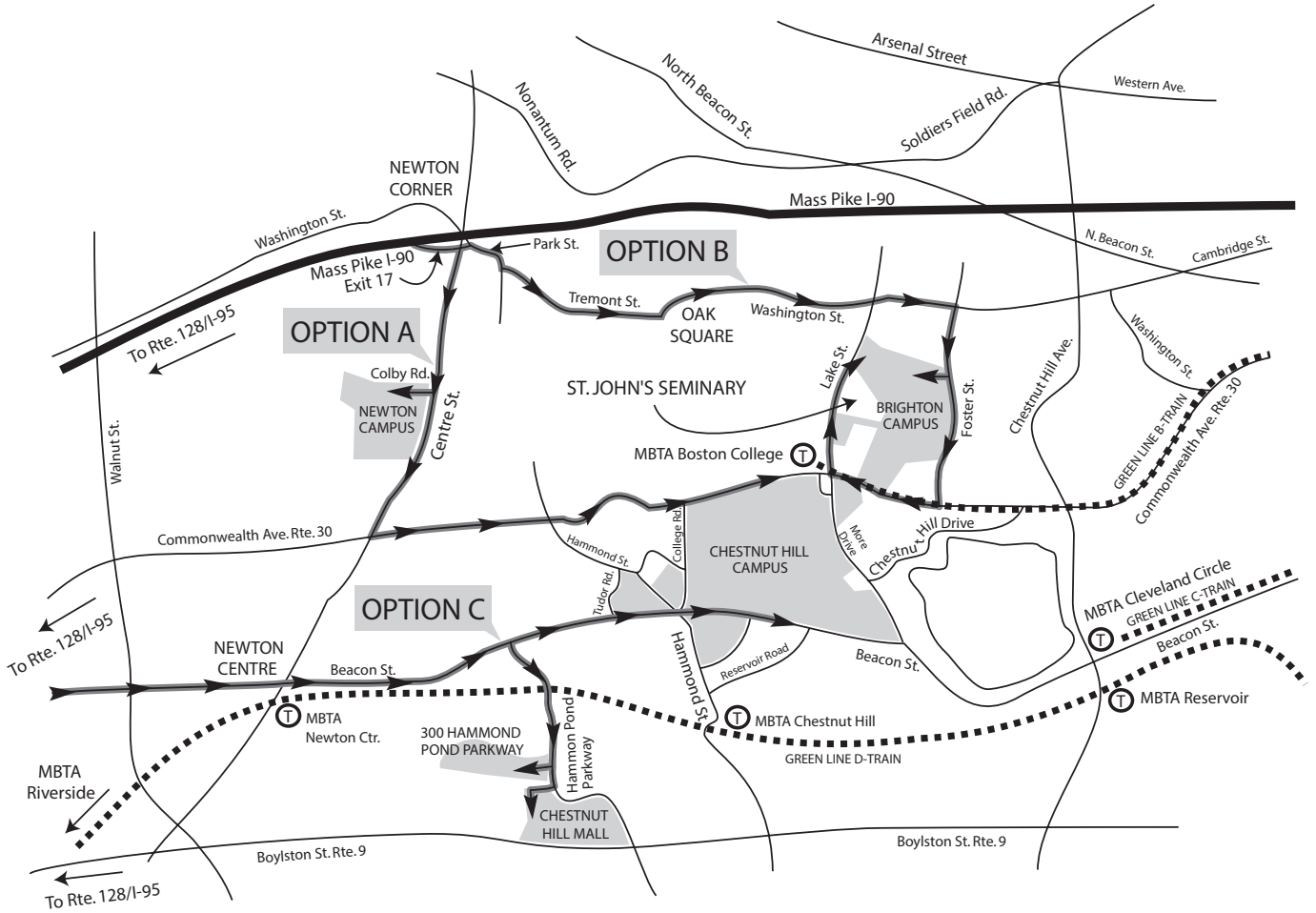
Site Two and Three: Chestnut Hill Mall and 300 Hammond Pond Parkway



Site Four: Boston College—Newton Campus

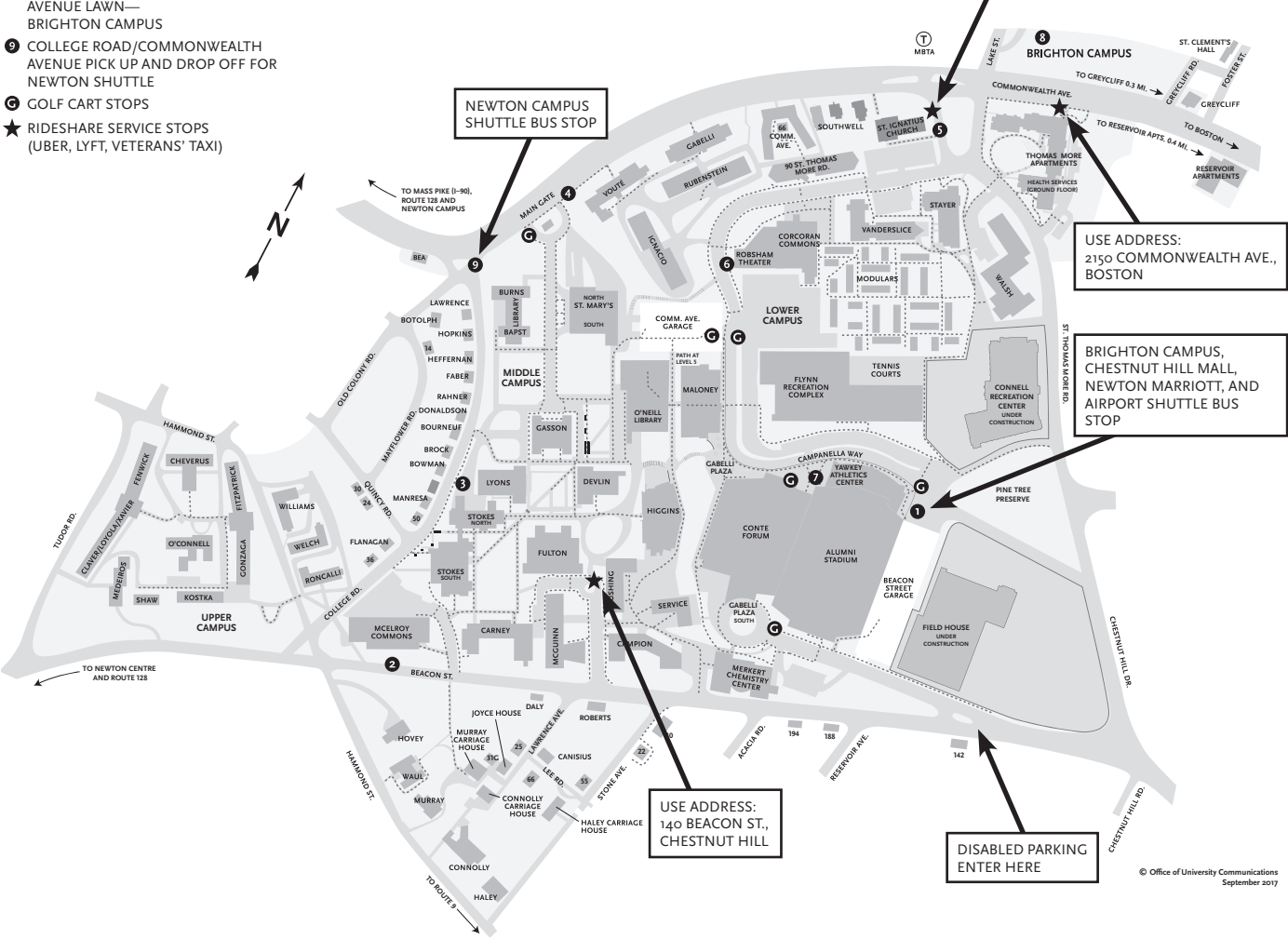


APPROACH MAP TO BOSTON COLLEGE



# SHUTTLE STOPS AND INDIVIDUAL CEREMONIES

- 1 ALUMNI STADIUM GATE E Campus Shuttles, Satellite Parking Shuttles, Main Ceremony, Carroll School of Management
- 2 McELROY COMMONS Lynch School of Education
- 3 COLLEGE ROAD Carroll School of Management—Graduate Programs and Connell School of Nursing and Connell School of Nursing—Graduate Programs
- 4 MAIN GATE Boston College School of Social Work
- 5 ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH Woods College of Advancing Studies and Woods College of Advancing Studies—Graduate Programs
- 6 ROBESHAM THEATER Graduate School of the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences
- 7 ALUMNI STADIUM GATE D Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences
- 8 2121 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE LAWN—BRIGHTON CAMPUS School of Theology and Ministry
- 9 COLLEGE ROAD/COMMONWEALTH AVENUE PICK UP AND DROP OFF FOR NEWTON SHUTTLE
- G GOLF CART STOPS
- ★ RIDESHARE SERVICE STOPS (UBER, LYFT, VETERANS' TAXI)



ALUMNI STADIUM SEATING PLAN

BCLAW Boston College Law School  
BCSSW Boston College School of Social Work  
CSOM Carroll School of Management  
CGSOM Carroll School of Management—Graduate Programs  
CSN 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  
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