DEAR PARENTS AND FAMILIES OF GRADUATING STUDENTS:

Commencement 2018 on Monday, May 21, is still several months away. However, our planning is already in process for this very special occasion, when Boston College acknowledges its students’ achievements and gives parents and families an opportunity to celebrate with their graduates as they move to the next stage of their lives.

We know that each family’s Commencement experience is special, and we want to ensure that you have all of the information you need to 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 significance: the Baccalaureate Mass, which will be celebrated on Sunday, May 20, at 12:00 p.m. For this enduring tradition, graduates, their families, and friends join the Boston College Jesuit Community, faculty, staff, campus ministers, and students for a liturgy in Conte Forum.

University Commencement Exercises take place the following day, Monday, May 21, 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.

We at Boston College are very grateful to you for the blessing your graduate has brought to our university community. We look forward to welcoming you to campus in May for Boston College’s 142nd Commencement Exercises.

Sincerely,

Joy Haywood Moore ’81, Hon. ’10
Associate Vice President, University Commencement

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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 have your student confirm that your mailing address is up-to-date in our system by logging in at www.bc.edu/myservices.

All Commencement information appears on the University’s Commencement website:
www.bc.edu/commencement

DECEMBER GRADUATES
All December graduates are invited to participate in the University Commencement in May 2018.

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.

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, free of charge. To sign up for senior portraits and order a 2018 yearbook, visit bc.edu/yearbook. For questions, e-mail the senior editor-in-chief at 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 20, or at the individual Diploma Ceremonies on Monday, May 21.

DIPLOMA NAMES
All students graduating in May must verify their diploma name by February 1, 2018, at:
www.bc.edu/myservices
(select “Diploma Name Information—View/Update”)
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 sufficient 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 January and March mailings.

STUDENTS AND GUESTS WITH DISABILITIES

There are special arrangements for students and guests with disabilities.

Students requiring special arrangements should contact their 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.

Reserved seating for those confined to wheelchairs or with limited mobility will be provided on Commencement Day.

Those who need to reserve seating or parking may do so in mid April 2018. Additional information will be included with the January and March mailings.

Important Contacts

COMMENCEMENT OFFICE
617–552–4330 | | 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/studentservices

OFFICE OF RESIDENTIAL LIFE
617–552–3060 | | www.bc.edu/reslife

STUDENT PROGRAMS OFFICE
617–552–3492 | | www.bc.edu/seniorweek

BOSTON COLLEGE BOOKSTORE
617–552–0900 or 800–978–0978
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

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