

To: PhD January 2021 Graduates & PhD May 2021 Candidates  
Date: April 22, 2021  
Subject: Commencement – Upcoming Deadline, Updates & Reminders

Dear Students,

### **Upcoming Deadline**

Please note the upcoming deadline for MarchingOrder:

- **April 27:** Last day for graduates to access Data Collection site and submit photos/messages, or opt-out of the virtual convocation. Instructions on how to login to MarchingOrder were sent directly from [Commencement@bu.edu](mailto:Commencement@bu.edu). If you have not received emails from them, please let us know.

### **Reminders**

As a general reminder, group photos are not allowed to be included on your individual graduate slide. A photo *only of you* will be accepted. Additionally, by submitting information to the MarchingOrder Data Collection site, students are giving permission to use their name, and photo (if applicable), on the Commencement website. Learn more about [FERPA](#) here.

Another reminder – the ***MD/PhD Convocation Ceremony*** will be posted to the Commencement website on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Updates**

As noted in President Brown's recent memo, BU will hold two ***All-University Commencement Ceremonies*** on May 16<sup>th</sup> – one ceremony at 9:30AM specifically dedicated to graduate students, and a second ceremony at 2:00PM for the undergraduate students.

[Registration](#) for the ***All-University Commencement Ceremony*** will open on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00AM and is first come, first serve. Remember that registration, regalia, and an active BU ID is required, and there are several COVID safety protocols you must adhere to. Make sure to visit the [BU Commencement website](#) to confirm you will be in compliance.

Feel free to reach out with any questions!

Best,  
The Commencement Team