

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE MD & PHD CONVOCATION 2023: INFORMATION SHEET

DATE: Thursday, May 18, 2023

LOCATION: [Track & Tennis Center](#) (TTC): 100 Ashford St., Boston, MA 02215

ARRIVAL TIMES: **Graduates:** 1:30 p.m. Assemble in the white tent on Malvern Field across the street from the TTC (see map on page 3). There will be a security bag check; no luggage or large bags permitted. Please check in when you arrive.

Faculty and all hooders: 1:30 p.m. Use the main TTC entrance and report to the faculty robing area in the cage (see map on page 3). Please check in when you arrive to the robing area.

Families and guests: 2:00 p.m. Main entrance of the TTC opens for guests and families. This is a non-ticketed event. There will be a security bag check; no luggage or large bags permitted. Strollers will not be permitted down on the floor but are allowed near the stadium seats.

EVENT TIME: Convocation ceremony will begin promptly at 3:00 p.m. A reception will follow the ceremony in the tent across the street from the TTC at 5:00 p.m.

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION: **Public transportation is recommended:** specifically, the GREEN LINE B OUTBOUND (Boston College) to Babcock St.

The BU Shuttle will travel between the Medical Campus and Charles River Campus all day. To view the shuttle's routine service, access the live map at the following [website](#), or download the [Terrier Transit App](#).

There will be two dedicated shuttles transporting guests to and from BUMC to the TTC:

Bus 1:

Leaves 710 Albany Street at 8:15 am; Departs TTC at 12:30 pm

Bus 2:

Leaves 710 Albany at 1 pm; Departs TTC at 5:30 pm

Faculty and guests who drive are encouraged to **park in the [Agganis Arena](#) garage**, located at 925 Commonwealth Avenue (access via Buick St).

Only individuals with disabilities will be allowed to park in [Langsam Garage](#), 278 Babcock St (entrance on Gardner Street).

DISABILITY SERVICES: You can request accessible seating and other accommodations for yourself and for any of your guests attending the Convocation Ceremony by visiting the following [website](#) and completing a Disability Services Accommodations Request Form.

Guests with accommodations should check in at the Disability Accommodations table in the TTC lobby upon arrival.

CART will be accessed by guests on their own mobile devices. The URL to receive the CART broadcast is go.bu.edu/ttc. This URL will be provided at the TTC when you arrive for the ceremony and also listed in the program

LACTATION ROOM & GENDER NEUTRAL RESTROOMS:

A **lactation room** will be located in the TTC's office suite to the right of the main entrance, Room 102H. A gender-neutral restroom and changing table will also be accessible to guests.

HOODING:

If you are hooding a graduate, please watch [this brief tutorial video](#) to familiarize yourself with the process. You will also receive assistance from the hooding marshal on the platform.

REGALIA (CAP/GOWN):

Everyone who participates in convocation must wear a cap and gown.

Graduates: Online ordering is no longer available. **MISS THE DEADLINE?** A limited selection of regalia will be available for rental at the Barnes & Noble on the Charles River Campus (910 Commonwealth Avenue) beginning May 8. While every attempt will be made to provide walk-ins, sufficient inventory cannot be guaranteed. Please email regalia@bu.edu with questions.

A PhD regalia rental set will include: Red gown with black chevrons on the sleeves, a dark blue PhD hood, a black tam(cap), and a gold tassel.

An MD/PhD regalia rental set will include: Red gown with black chevrons on the sleeves, a dark blue PhD hood, a kelly-green MD hood, a black tam(cap), and a gold tassel.

An MD regalia rental set will include: Red gown with green chevrons on the sleeves, a kelly-green MD hood, a black tam(cap), and a gold tassel.

Graduates will not be able to participate in the ceremony without regalia.

Please open and check your regalia package upon receiving it to ensure you have all pieces and so your gown has time to “de-wrinkle.” Please do not arrive dressed in regalia due to the security check.

REGALIA RETURN:

Graduates: If you selected the campus pick-up option when ordering your regalia, you must return your regalia directly to Barnes & Noble on the Charles River Campus (910 Commonwealth Avenue) by **May 31** to avoid late charges.

If you had your regalia rental shipped, you must use the included return label to return it directly to Herff Jones by **June 3**. Lost your return label? You can produce a new one online at the following website: <https://pipeline.flatworldgs.com/app.php?r=returnPortal>

Faculty and hooders: Regalia may be returned to the faculty robing area after the ceremony (please retain your bag with your name and return your regalia in it). You may also return it directly to Barnes & Noble on the Charles River Campus (910 Commonwealth Avenue) by **May 31**.

HEALTH, SAFETY & SECURITY

Wearing a mask at the event is optional. Handshakes and hugs are acceptable as long as parties involved are both comfortable doing so.

Graduates: Please do NOT arrive at the TTC dressed in regalia, and do NOT bring any personal items or valuables that you cannot fit in a pocket under your regalia. There will not be any place to leave purses, bags, or regalia packaging.

Faculty and Hooders: Please do NOT arrive at the TTC dressed in regalia. Security will be screening personal items. A staff member will remain in the faculty robing area to guard belongings.

Family and Guests: Larger bags are not permitted at the TTC; please keep your carry bags to purses and smaller camera bags. Security will be screening personal items. No wrapped gifts are allowed.

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