

MD & PHD CONVOCATION 2026: INFORMATION SHEET

DATE: Thursday, May 14, 2026

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 (89 Ashford St) across the street from the TTC (see map on page 3). Please visit the check-in table when you arrive.

Faculty and all guest-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.

You will not be able to enter before 2:00 p.m., and should not plan to arrive earlier than that. Main entrance of the TTC opens for guests and families. This is a non-ticketed event. There will be a security bag check (see safety & security information below). Strollers will not be permitted down on the floor but are allowed near the stadium seats.

EVENT TIME:

Commencement 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.

LIVESTREAM:

The Ceremony will be Livestreamed on our website:

<https://www.bumc.bu.edu/camec/student-affairs/md/orientations-events-programs/milestone-student-events/medconvocation/>

SAFETY AND SECURITY

GRADUATES:

Please 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.

FAMILIES AND GUESTS:

Large 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. Exceptions will be made for needed medical bags, lactation bags/pumps and diaper bags.

LACTATION ROOM:

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

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 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). If a member of your party is unable to walk from Agganis to the TTC, they can be dropped off near the venue entrance before parking at Agganis Garage.

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

DISABILITY & ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

You can request accessible seating and other accommodations for yourself and for any of your guests attending the Commencement Ceremony by visiting the following website and completing a [Disability Services Accommodations Request Form](#). **The last day you can submit this form is May 9.**

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, and this URL will be provided at the TTC when you arrive for the ceremony.

HOODING (FACULTY & GUEST HOODERS)

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 commencement must wear regalia.

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 9. While every attempt will be made to provide walk-ins, sufficient inventory cannot be guaranteed. Please email regalia@bu.edu with questions.

PhD regalia rental will include: Red Gown with Black chevrons on the sleeves, a Dark Blue PhD hood, a black cap, and one gold tassel.

MD regalia rental will include: Red Gown with Green chevrons on the sleeves, a Kelly-Green MD hood, a black cap, and one gold tassel.

MD/PhD regalia rental will include: Red Gown with Black chevrons on the sleeves, a Dark Blue PhD hood, a Kelly-Green MD hood, a black cap, and one gold tassel.

*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.***

Faculty & Guest Hooders:

Your regalia sets will be similar to the above. If you are part of the Platform Party, your gown will be **red**. If you are not on the platform but are participating as faculty and/or hooding, your gown will be **black**.

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REGALIA RETURN

Graduates:

If you picked-up your regalia from the Campus Bookstore, 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 to your home, you must use the included return label to return it directly to Herff Jones by **June 1**. Lost your return label? You can produce a new one online at the following website: <https://pipeline.flatworldgs.com/app.php?r=returnPortal>

Faculty:

Regalia may be returned to the faculty robing area after the ceremony (regalia **MUST** be returned in the bag in which you received it). You may also return it directly to Barnes & Noble on the Charles River Campus (910 Commonwealth Avenue) by **May 31**.

Non-Faculty/Guest Hooders:

Regalia must be returned by mail to Herff Jones following the instructions you received with your rental order. Please do not leave your regalia at the graduation venue, as we are unable to return it for you.

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Other general questions about BU Commencement Weekend?

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[All-University Commencement, May 17](#)

DIAGRAM OF VENUE AREA

