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WELLESLEY COLLEGE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 4, 2016

Dear Senior,

Congratulations! This is an exciting and busy time in your life. I know that you are looking forward to Commencement on May 27 and to celebrating your accomplishments and the accomplishments of your Wellesley Class of 2016.

I hope the Commencement information in this booklet will be helpful for you and your family. For Commencement-related questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Willis, Events Manager, at 781-283-2375 or commencement@wellesley.edu.

I wish you much success as the semester concludes and as you move on to your next challenge and adventure.

Sincerely,



H. Kim Bottomly
President



WELLESLEY COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT 2016

KEY EVENTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 25

- 12:00 p.m. Senior Class Luncheon (*seniors only*)
Houghton Chapel Lawn Tent, sponsored by the Alumnae Association
- 12:00 p.m. Senior Class Family Luncheon (*families and guests only*)
Houghton Chapel Multifaith Center
Sponsored by the Office of Parent & Family Programs
- 2:00 p.m. Commencement Rehearsal (*seniors only, attendance is required*)
(*No guests please*)
Academic Quad Lawn

Thursday, May 26

- 10:00-11:00 a.m. ROTC Commissioning Ceremony
Hay Outdoor Theatre
- 10:30-11:45 a.m. Sigma Xi Initiation (*seniors and guests*)
Science Center, Room 277
- Noon-1:30 p.m. Picnic Lunch (*seniors and guests; advance tickets required*)
Tower Courtyard and Dining Hall
- 2:00 p.m. Baccalaureate Celebration (one guest ticket per senior) (*Doors open 1:30 p.m.*)
Houghton Chapel and Multifaith Center and adjacent Lawn Tent
- 3:45-4:45 p.m.* President's Reception (*seniors and guests*)
Lulu Chow Wang Campus Center, * following Baccalaureate Celebration
- 5:00 p.m. Phi Beta Kappa Initiation (*seniors and guests*)
Jewett Auditorium
- 8:00 p.m. Baccalaureate Concert (*seniors and guests*)
Houghton Chapel and Multifaith Center

Friday, May 27 (Commencement Day)

- 9:15 a.m. Senior Class Picture (*seniors*)
Severance Green Hill
- 9:45 a.m. Procession Formation (*seniors and faculty*)
Seniors - Severance Green, alphabetically
Faculty - Outside of Founders Hall, on Jewett Road
- 10:30 a.m. Commencement Exercises (*Seating opens at 8:00 a.m.*)
Academic Quad Lawn
- 1:15-3:30 p.m.* Complimentary Light Lunch & Reception (*seniors and guests*)
Houghton Chapel Lawn Tent, *Following Commencement
- 1:00 - 2:15 p.m. Diploma Pick-Up (*seniors only*)
Margaret Clapp Library

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

The Commencement ceremony will be held on Friday, May 27th at 10:30 a.m. on the Academic Quad Lawn. Seating opens at 8:00 a.m. Tickets for our outdoor ceremony will not be required. There will be adequate seating for your guests, or they may view the ceremony in air-conditioned venues on the College cable television network in Jewett Auditorium, Collins Cinema, and Pendleton Hall. For family and friends who cannot travel to Wellesley, join us via live webstream to view the Commencement ceremony.

WEATHER

Please take into consideration the ever-changing nature of New England weather. The Commencement ceremony on the Academic Quad Lawn will continue rain or shine. In the event of rain, please bring umbrellas and/or raincoats and be prepared to wear appropriate shoes and clothing. We also recommend bringing your own reusable water bottle to help reduce the use of disposable plastic bottles. There will be water stations set up outdoors on the Academic Quad, the Chapel Lawn, and the Davis Museum Plaza. There are also indoor water filtration systems in our academic buildings. This is particularly helpful in the case of a very warm day. If the weather forecast calls for unsafe weather, we will implement the Extreme Weather Commencement Plan. Please see plan enclosed.

SAFETY

Commencement attendees are respectfully discouraged from bringing bags, luggage, backpacks, and other large containers to any Commencement activities. Please know that all such bags and containers are subject to search. Attendees are also asked not to leave personal property unattended while visiting campus.

PARKING

Parking for the general public is available at several locations around campus and will be marked. Once you have arrived on campus, Parking Attendants will be available along College Road. There will be a designated parking area provided for guests who have mobility impairments and have requested special parking in advance. Please see information enclosed on Disability Services during Commencement.

COMMENCEMENT PHOTOGRAPHS

Professional vendors will photograph each student as she receives her degree and take a panoramic photo of the senior class. Links to the company website for more information are on the Commencement webpages. You are not under any obligation to purchase the photographs.

FLOWERS

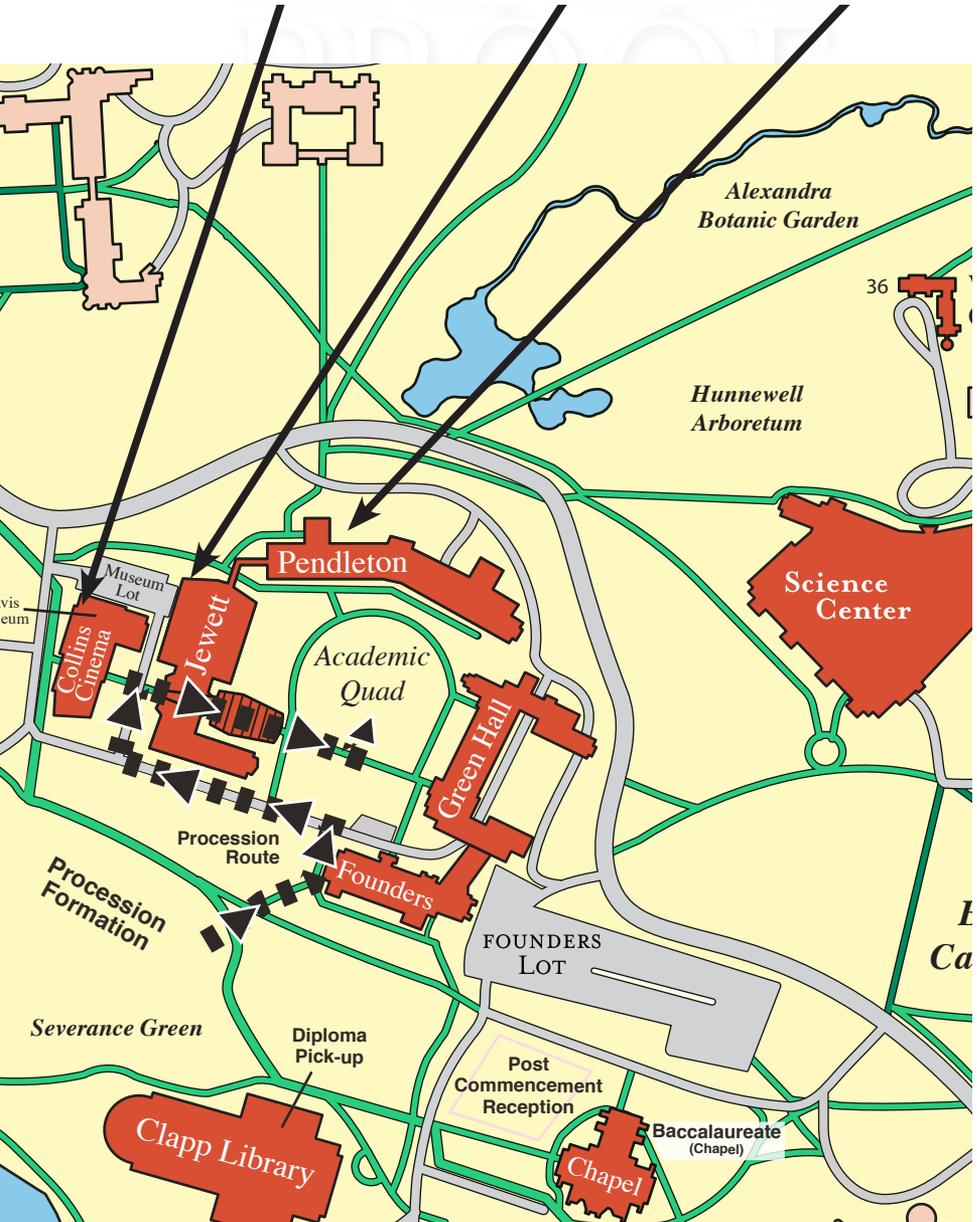
Flowers are for sale the morning of Commencement at the entrances to the venue.

COMMENCEMENT SITE 2016

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Overflow Seating with Live Video Feed
Collins Cinema, Jewett Auditorium, Pendleton Hall



COMMENCEMENT 2016 EVENTS IN MORE DETAIL

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2016

SENIOR CLASS LUNCHEON

12:00 p.m.

Houghton Chapel Lawn Tent

Join us for your first event as alumnae! At this luncheon you will be inducted into the Alumnae Association and hear from your class-selected faculty speaker. This event is sponsored by the Alumnae Association and all seniors are invited free of charge.

SENIOR CLASS FAMILY LUNCHEON

12:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Office of Parent & Family Programs

Houghton Chapel Multifaith Center

While your student is attending a private lunch with her classmates, families are invited for a casual lunch. Enjoy conversation with other families and College administrators! Sponsored by the Office of Parent & Family Programs. Register using the on line form: www.wellesley.edu/events/commencement

COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL

2:00 p.m.

Immediately following the Senior Class Luncheon

Academic Quad

Commencement rehearsal will begin at 2:00 p.m. Please meet on Severance Lawn in order to walk the procession route prior to taking your seat on the Academic Quad. Seniors must sit in their designated seats. Seat assignments will be emailed from the Registrar's Office to each graduate by the end of the day on **Tuesday, May 24th**. Please view your seat assignment before rehearsal. Attendance is required for the entire rehearsal. Requests for permission to be absent, for serious reasons only, should be submitted to the Senior Class Dean by **Friday, May 20th**. Caps and gowns are NOT worn at rehearsal. Please do not invite guests.

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2016

PICNIC LUNCH FOR SENIORS AND GUESTS

12:00 p.m.

(Tickets required by all)

Tower Courtyard and Dining Hall

Reservations are required for the picnic lunch. You may purchase your tickets by e-mailing wellesleyfresh@wellesley.edu or calling 781-283-2897. Reservations will not be accepted after Friday, May 20th. You may pick up your tickets at the Wellesley Fresh Dining Office. If requested, we will send your tickets to your Wellesley College unit mail box. Please note, this is an outdoor lunch and you are welcome to bring a blanket as there is limited seating. If you prefer, you and your guests may eat the regular lunch in designated residence dining halls.

BACCALAUREATE CELEBRATION (One guest ticket per senior)

2:00 p.m.

Houghton Chapel and Multifaith Center

Baccalaureate is a gathering of graduating seniors and their families/friends to celebrate the journey of each class through Wellesley College, and is held the day before Commencement each year. It is a time to be together in a more personal way: an original celebration planned by seniors for seniors which includes dancing, drumming, singing, and sharing memories.

Gowns, no caps, are worn for the Baccalaureate Service. The Baccalaureate Procession will flow through the seating under the tent and then into the Chapel. As seating is limited in the Chapel, only seniors and those guests with a ticket will be seated inside the Chapel. Additional seating is available in the tent adjacent to the Chapel with large projection screens in place for viewing the ceremony. One ticket is included in your Commencement packet.

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2016

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION FOR SENIORS AND GUESTS (No tickets required)
(Following Baccalaureate Celebration) 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Lulu Chow Wang Campus Center

All students, parents, and guests are invited to meet informally with President H. Kim Bottomly at the Lulu Chow Wang Campus Center, Tishman Commons for light refreshments.

BACCALAUREATE CONCERT (No tickets required) 8:00 p.m.
Houghton Chapel and Multifaith Center

Join us as the Music Department celebrates the senior class musicians in their final concert performance at Wellesley. All are welcome to attend this festive and memorable occasion.

FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2016

SENIOR CLASS PICTURE 9:15 a.m.
Severance Green Hill

Gather on Severance Green Hill for the Senior Class panoramic photo. Gowns and caps must be worn.

COMMENCEMENT FORMATION AND PROCESSION 9:45 a.m.
Severance Green

The Registrar's Office will line up all seniors and be present to assist with any questions. Families may find their seats on the Academic Quad at this time in preparation for the Commencement Exercises.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES 10:30 a.m.
Academic Quad

The Commencement ceremony will be held on the Academic Quad. Seating opens at 8:00 a.m. Tickets will not be required for the Academic Quad. There will be adequate seating to accommodate your guests. A live broadcast of the event may be viewed indoors in Jewett Auditorium, Collins Cinema, and Pendleton Hall. The Commencement ceremony will also be live streamed.

COMMENCEMENT RECEPTION (No tickets required) 1:15 p.m.
Houghton Chapel Lawn Tent

Following the Commencement ceremony, a complimentary reception/light lunch will be held on the Houghton Chapel Lawn for the Class of 2016, family, and guests.

DIPLOMA PICK-UP (seniors only) 1:00-2:15 p.m.
Margaret Clapp Library

For questions, please email commencement@wellesley.edu, call 781-283-2375.
Most current information: www.wellesley.edu/events/commencement or download the Guidebook App on your smartphone or tablet and search Wellesley College.

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DISABILITY SERVICES

Wellesley College Disability Services during Graduation Activities and Commencement 2016

Students or guests needing disability accommodations during Commencement should make accommodation requests using the Disability Accommodation Requests online form by May 13, 2016. Late requests will be responded to depending on availability: www.wellesley.edu/events/commencement/commencementdisabilityservices

For **questions** about accommodations during graduation activities and Commencement, please email DisabilityServices@wellesley.edu or call 781-283-2434.

Commonly Requested Accommodations

- **Manual Wheelchair for use during Commencement**
Requested wheelchairs will be available on the morning of Commencement. Your family member will need to sign for the chair at pickup and return it by 3:00 pm. To rent a wheelchair privately, you may contact Byrne Home Health Center in Natick by calling 508-655-3656.
- **Accessible Seating because of a mobility, hearing, seeing, or health-related disability or impairment**
A maximum of three seats will be available per graduate.
- **Accessible Seating with Aisle Space for a guest using a wheelchair**
Please make a request to ensure enough maneuvering and aisle space.
- **Accessible Drop-off Area**
There will be a drop-off area at Commencement for guests with disabilities who request this and are being driven to the ceremony.
- **Accessible Parking Area**
A designated parking area will be provided for guests who have mobility impairments and are driving themselves and make this request.
- **Transportation between Parking Area, Ceremony, and Reception with lift-equipped Van**
Transportation will be available upon request to bring guests with disabilities to and from parking, the ceremony, and the reception.
- **Interpreters, Transliterators, and Captioning for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing**
Requests may be made for a sign language interpreter for American Sign Language (ASL), Signed English, Cued Speech, and Video Captioning Seating.
- **Alternative-Format Programs for individuals who are blind or have low vision.**
Requests may be made for audio, large print, or Braille Commencement programs. Please make your request for a large print or Braille Commencement program early to allow for production time.
- **A Wellesley College Accessible Routes Campus Map**
Please visit web.wellesley.edu/map/pdfaccessmap.pdf

INCLUDED IN YOUR COMMENCEMENT PACKET

- Three formal keepsake Commencement invitations
- Commencement 2016 Key Events Schedule
- Dining information and how to purchase your tickets for the Baccalaureate picnic lunch
- One guest **ticket** for the Baccalaureate Celebration. (A live broadcast of the event will be available for viewing in the tent adjacent to the Chapel. Tickets will not be required for tent seating on the Chapel Lawn.)
- Wellesley College Extreme Weather Commencement Plan and four Extreme Weather Guest **Tickets**
- General information regarding Commencement activities

