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COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS

169th

COMMENCEMENT
MAY 21-22, 2015

A GUIDE FOR GRADUATES & FAMILIES

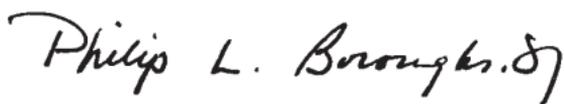
From the President

Welcome to Mount St. James and to the events celebrating the 169th Commencement Exercises at the College of the Holy Cross.

On behalf of our community of alumni, students, faculty, and staff, I extend a warm welcome to parents, family members, and friends of the Class of 2015. We are delighted you are here with us to share this major milestone in the lives of our graduating seniors — and to celebrate their remarkable achievements.

Your time on campus promises to be filled with unforgettable moments and opportunities to reminisce and reflect. I hope this guide to our Commencement events will serve as a convenient way to help you plan your day and take advantage of our campus resources and services. If you have any questions that this guide does not answer, please take advantage of the telephone numbers and website links published here.

Thank you for joining the Holy Cross Community during this time of great celebration. I look forward to seeing you at the liturgies, ceremonies, celebrations, and gatherings that will help us send the Class of 2015 into the world and that will mark these very special days in our memories.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip L. Boroughs, S.J." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative initial 'P'.

Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J.

Schedule of Events

THURSDAY, MAY 21

12:30 p.m.

AWARDS CEREMONY

Dinand Library, Main Reading Room

3:00 p.m.

BACCALAUREATE MASS

Hart Recreation Center Lawn

Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J.

Presider

Rev. Paul Harman, S.J.

Homilist

5:30 p.m.

ALANA BACCALAUREATE CELEBRATION

Hogan Center Ballroom

(Invitation only)

7:30–9:30 p.m.

DESSERT RECEPTION

Hogan Courtyard

(Open to all)

9:00 p.m.–12:30 a.m.

LAST NIGHT ON THE HILL CELEBRATION

Kimball Dining Hall

Ticketed Event (No tickets will be sold at the door.)

Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, MAY 22

8:00–9:30 a.m.

NROTC COMMISSIONING

Hogan Center Ballroom

10:30 a.m.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Fitton Stadium

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

Nicholas R. Cormier '15

ADDRESS TO GRADUATES

Bryan A. Stevenson

*Founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI)
in Montgomery, Alabama*

12:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m.

COMMENCEMENT RECEPTION

Kimball Dining Hall & Quad

*(in the event of rain, Kimball Main Dining Room,
and Seelos Theatre)*

Immediately after commencement

CAP AND GOWN RETURN

Hogan Center Lobby tables, level 1

8:00 p.m.

**SENIORS NEED TO BE MOVED OUT OF THEIR
RESIDENCE HALL**

*To ensure the safety of all guests at Commencement, all large
bags and backpacks will be subject to inspection prior to entry
to the stadium, or, in the event of inclement weather, the Hart
Recreation Center.*

Schedule of Events

INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN

If inclement weather necessitates moving the ceremony to the Hart Recreation Center, information will be posted early Friday morning on the Commencement website and will be sent via email to parents, students, faculty and staff by 6:45 a.m. Doors to the Hart Recreation Center will open at 8:30 a.m. Students will have four (4) rain tickets. Individuals without a rain ticket will not be able to enter. Parents: Please make arrangements to obtain rain tickets from your son/daughter on or before Thursday, May 21 to ensure seating for family members inside the Hart Recreation Center. Tickets will be distributed to seniors through their campus post office boxes on the Wednesday prior to graduation.

Family members and guests without a rain ticket may view a live broadcast of commencement in Seelos Theater and Kimball Hall. Both facilities are fully accessible with comfortable seating. In addition, the ceremony may be viewed via live webstream, available from any computer or mobile device.

Special Needs Arrangements

Public Safety will assist in arranging parking and access to Commencement exercises for guests who use a wheelchair, who have disabled parking placards/license plates, or who have other special needs. Please call 508-793-2224 for assistance and information.

Please allow sufficient time to navigate increased pedestrian and vehicle traffic on campus, especially when dropping off guests at entrances to the football stadium.

For additional information on the location of handicapped-accessible entrances to buildings, elevators, ramps, and restrooms, please view the handicap parking map.

Important notes: Guests using wheelchairs should enter at Gate 0 (just past the baseball field), and will be directed to a designated area on the football field. Two companions can also be accommodated in this area. Guests who do not use wheelchairs but need handicapped access to the football stadium should enter via Fitton Avenue. Vehicles with handicap placards must proceed to the parking garage.

Assistive Listening System



An assistive listening system (ALS) will be available for both Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement. You may be required to leave a form of identification as a deposit. The assistive listening device will allow you to hear the ceremony from your seat. Please return the device at the close of the ceremony to the location from which it was borrowed and your identification will be returned to you.

Devices may be picked up from the following locations:

Baccalaureate Mass

- Hart Recreation Center Lawn: Table near the road to the Hart Recreation Center
- Hart Recreation Center (in the event of rain): Near the concession stands in the lobby

Commencement

- Fitton Stadium: Table near the locker room used by health services.
- Seelos Theater (indoor simulcast viewing): Table in the lobby
- Kimball 3 (indoor simulcast viewing): Table near the projector
- Hart Recreation Center (in the event of rain): Near the concession stands in the lobby

Pets at Commencement Events

For the safety and comfort of our guests, it is important that pets be left at home. With the exception of service animals, pets of any kind are not allowed on campus or at Commencement events. Please do not leave your pet in your vehicle.

Updated Information

The College website will be regularly updated as news and information about Commencement events become available, including weather and traffic reports on the day of Commencement.

Visit www.holycross.edu/commencement or contact us by email at commence@holycross.edu. The day of Commencement, radio station WCHC 88.1 FM will broadcast live updates.

Webcast

A live broadcast of Commencement will be available in Kimball Dining Hall and Seelos Theater. Tickets are not required for admission. Both facilities are handicapped accessible and fully air conditioned. The Commencement Exercises will also be available via live web stream at <http://offices.holyross.edu/commencement/stream>.

WCHC 88.1-FM

Beginning two hours prior to Commencement, Holy Cross' student-run radio station, WCHC 88.1-FM, will provide live traffic and weather information and live audio coverage of Commencement.

Campus Dining

On Thursday and Friday, campus dining locations will be open during the following hours:

Cool Beans (1st floor of Hogan Campus Center)

Thursday 7:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Friday 7:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

- Peet's Coffee™
- Breakfast Sandwiches & The Bistro Local Bagels
- Freshëns® All Natural Fruit Smoothies
- Kimball Sweet Shoppe Bakery Pastries
- Wireless Internet Access

Lobby Shop (1st floor of Hogan Campus Center)

Thursday 7:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Friday 7:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

- Convenience Products & Personal Care Items
- Frozen Microwave Entrees
- Sandwiches, Snacks & Ice Cream
- Beverages, Newspapers & Magazines

Campus Dining

Crossroads (ground level of Hogan Campus Center)

Thursday & Friday 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- Salads & Artisan Deli Sandwiches
- Weight Watchers® Pizza & Soups
- Made to Order Pasta & Tortellini
- Daily Lunch Specials & Hand Carved Sandwiches
- Original® Pizza, Calzones, & Grilled Items
- Flatbread Pizza & Chicken Wings
- Otis Spunkmeyer Cookies & Desserts

Parking, Shuttles and Accessibility

Traffic

The main access to campus via I-290 can become very congested on the morning of Commencement. Additionally, there has been bridge construction on Southbridge Street, adjacent to campus, which can affect local traffic. Please allow sufficient time to arrive and park.

If Commencement is held *outside*

If Commencement is held *outside* on Fitton Field, general parking will be available at:

- Freshman Field (accessible by McKeon Road)
- Hogan Campus Center
- Student parking lots (accessible through Upper Campus Gate 7 at the top of College Street)

The parking garage (accessible through Gate 2 off College Street, to Linden Lane, to Kimball Road), will be reserved for those with special parking passes or disabled placards/license plates.

Parking, Shuttles and Accessibility (cont.)

Faculty and staff are asked to park in the Loyola, O'Neil, Hogan and student lots.

If Commencement is held *inside*

If Commencement is held *inside* at the Hart Recreation Center, general parking will be available in the Hogan Campus Center and student parking lots (accessible through the Upper Campus Gate 7 at the top of College Street). Handicap parking, for those with disabled placards/license plates, will be available in the spaces in front of the Hart Recreation Center. Please note that in the event of rain, parking will be extremely limited and early arrival is highly recommended. Shuttles will be available throughout campus.

Shuttle Bus To/From Fitton Field

In consideration of the College's hilly terrain and the need to climb stairs when walking from one part of campus to another, visitors may want to take advantage of the shuttle bus service available before and after Commencement.

Shuttle bus service will be available for Last Night on the Hill. Shuttles will run from 8:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Shuttles depart from Hogan Campus Center (Level 3).

Shuttle bus service will be available prior to Commencement from Hogan Campus Center (Level 3), with a drop-off outside Fitton Field.

Return shuttle bus service will begin running 10-15 minutes following Commencement and continue as needed.

Bookstore

The Holy Cross Bookstore is located on the 1st floor of the Hogan Campus Center. The bookstore offers a full range of merchandise, including school supplies, greeting cards, Holy Cross memorabilia, giftware, clothing, and souvenirs. It is also the campus source for class ring and gift card purchases.

Hours

Thursday - 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Friday - 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Additional Information

Office of Student Affairs

Hogan Campus Center

Room 109

508-793-2414

508-793-2669

Commencement DVDs/Photography

You can purchase a lasting memory of your daughter's/son's graduation ceremony at Holy Cross:

Individual photos of each graduate will be taken by Commencement Photos, Inc. To purchase photos, 978-851-5924.

The ceremony will be professionally recorded by Hub Productions. To purchase a DVD, call 781-444-8482.

In Case of Emergency

In the event of an on-campus emergency, call Public Safety at 508-793-2222.