

COMMENCEMENT GUIDE

Class of 2019

Congratulations, Graduates!

Important Dates:

TICKETS AND INVITATIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2019

Student Development

Commencement invitations and tickets will be available for pick-up beginning Monday, April 29, in **Student Development** in **Wellesley Hills (Room 130)** and in **Framingham (Room 316)**. Each graduate will receive up to four Commencement tickets. Each guest, including children requiring their own seat, must present a ticket to be admitted to the Commencement exercises. **Please note: Tickets are non-replaceable should they be lost or stolen.**

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CAPS AND GOWNS

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2019

The MassBay Bookstore

All Graduates: Caps and gowns will be available for pick-up beginning **Monday, April 29**, at the **MassBay Bookstore** on both the Wellesley Hills and Framingham campuses. Students must first pickup their Cap and Gown Voucher from Student Development. For detailed Bookstore hours, you can contact the Bookstore for each campus by phone or by visiting their website. For the Wellesley Hills campus, visit www.massbayshop.com or call (781) 239-2650. For the Framingham campus, visit www.massbayframinghamshop.com or call (508) 270-4150.

Veterans: MassBay recognizes our student veterans and military at the Commencement ceremony. If you are a veteran, reservist, or active member of the military and plan to attend Commencement, please contact Marie Hahs at mhahs@massbay.edu to obtain a red, white, and blue regalia cord.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019

Wellesley Hills Campus

Be sure to arrive on time! All graduates should arrive by 4:30 p.m. in the Wellesley Hills auditorium for line up. The Commencement Procession begins promptly at 6:00 p.m.



Important Information:

STUDENT ACCOUNTS

Students with outstanding financial obligations to the College should address such issues as soon as possible as they may impact their eligibility to participate in Commencement. Students should contact the Office of Student Accounts for additional information at (781) 239-2540. Students with additional obligations, such as overdue library books or athletic equipment, are encouraged to contact the appropriate offices.

DRESS CODE/ACADEMIC REGALIA

Commencement is a formal academic ceremony and should be viewed as such in terms of dress and demeanor. The recommended dress for graduates is comfortable business attire. Please consider that shoes and visible items of clothing worn under academic robes should be dark, and consistent with the academic regalia. Please do not wear sneakers, beach sandals, or shorts.

DISABILITY-RELATED ACCOMMODATIONS:

Graduates and Guests: Graduates and guests in need of accessibility-related accommodations should contact Disability Resources beginning Monday, April 22nd. (This includes requests for accessible parking, seating, hearing, and other accommodations.) Requests should be made no later than Monday, May 20.

Please contact: Joe O'Neill at joneill@massbay.edu (781) 239-2626

DIPLOMAS

Actual diplomas will not be given out at Commencement. They will be mailed to the graduates' addresses.

TRANSPORTATION

Parking: Commencement parking is allowed only in the Student Parking Lot on Oakland Street. For driving directions, please visit www.massbay.edu.

PLEASE NOTE: Parking spaces are limited as we accommodate families and guests. We strongly recommend that graduates and guests carpool when possible or use public transportation.

Public Transportation and Shuttle Services: To accommodate graduates and their families, a shuttle service will run from the Riverside MBTA station to MassBay. The 7-minute shuttle ride will drop off and pick up near the College's main entrance, a short distance from the event.

Departures from Riverside MBTA Station to MassBay will begin at **4:00 p.m.**

Please refer to the MassBay Commencement website at www.massbay.edu/commencement for additional times.

Departures from MassBay to Riverside MBTA Station will be at 7:45 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

**We anticipate an increase in traffic. Please make sure to plan accordingly and allow for extra time.*

GUEST SEATING

Guests are welcome to begin arriving at 4:30 p.m. Each guest, including children requiring their own seat, must present a ticket to be admitted to the Commencement exercises. Seating will be under a tent and is on a first-come, first-served basis. The Commencement Exercises will begin at 6:00 p.m.

**Please be advised that strollers will not be permitted under the tent during the ceremony. There will be an area provided to park strollers outside of the tent.*



PHOTOGRAPHY

A professional photographer will be on hand to take each graduate's photo; these photos will be available for purchase after the event. Check the MassBay website for more information. In addition, a dedicated setting will be provided for the graduates and their families to take personal photos after the ceremony.

Please be advised that MassBay Community College will be photographing our graduates before, during, and after the Commencement exercises. We reserve the right to use these images in our marketing campaigns.

For complete information and the latest updates on Commencement activities, please visit www.massbay.edu/commencement or call (781) 239-3142.