

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE &
PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Commencement 2019

SATURDAY, MAY 4 | 10:00 A.M. | DCU CENTER | 50 FOSTER STREET, WORCESTER

Guide for Families

Congratulations!

On Saturday, May 4, 2019, Becker College will celebrate its 231st Commencement – a time in which we mark the achievements of the Class of 2019. At Becker, our mission is to provide transformative learning experiences in a socially responsible, inclusive community—anchored by its Core Values—which promotes academic excellence, inspires innovation and entrepreneurship, fosters an agile mindset, and prepares graduates to contribute to a global society that is increasingly focused on change.

A series of events to celebrate this occasion will take place in the time leading up to the 231st Commencement. To assist you in making plans for celebrating this important time, we have provided an overview of the events that have been planned. Please refer to the Commencement website at <https://www.becker.edu/student-affairs/commencement> for the most up-to-date information about the scheduled events.

We look forward to celebrating this memorable occasion with you, your family, and friends. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Commencement Activities

Honors Convocation

Friday, May 3, 2019
3:00-4:00 p.m.
Gymnasium
Leicester Campus

This event recognizes students who are graduating with honors, as well as those who show outstanding accomplishment in their respective programs.

For more information, contact Anita Johnson, executive assistant for academic affairs, at 508.373.9727, or Anita.Johnson@becker.edu.

Grad Finale

Friday, May 3, 2019
4:00-5:00 p.m.
Fuller Campus Center
Leicester Campus

Families, faculty, and staff are invited to socialize and enjoy hors d'oeuvres and beverages.

Open to all Becker College graduating students.

For more information, contact Sara Swillo Muckian, director of campus activities and student leadership, at 774.354.0457, or Sara.SwilloMuckian@becker.edu.

231st Commencement Ceremony

Saturday, May 4, 2019
10:00 a.m.
DCU Center
50 Foster Street
Worcester, MA

Graduates must arrive no later than 9:00 a.m. Information on directions and parking are on the next pages, or you can call 508.755.6800.

For those with physical challenges: please read section on “Accommodations for Guests with Disabilities” on the next page.

Due to the DCU arena seating capacity tickets are not necessary.

All events are by invitation only, except when indicated otherwise.

Photography

Please be aware that a professional photographer has been hired for the Commencement ceremony; each graduate will be photographed receiving his or her diploma. You will receive information directly from the photographer about purchasing these photos. While we understand that you may wish to take your own close-up pictures, please be advised that the College must keep the aisles clear during the ceremony and no one, except for College personnel and the photographers who have been officially hired for this event, will be allowed near the stage. The ceremony will be videotaped and then posted on the College's website sometime after the event, and a press release will be sent to the hometown newspaper of your graduate.

Guests with physical challenges should enter the lobby through door #13 where ushers will be available to assist them to appropriate seating.

A sign-language interpreter will be stationed on the stage during the ceremony. Those in need of this accommodation should sit in the arena's section 106.

Flowers, Keepsakes, and Balloons

Flowers will be available for purchase in the DCU arena lobby.

A variety of Becker College memorabilia will also be available for purchase.

Due to safety concerns, the DCU Center does not allow balloons inside the center.

Bags & Belongings

To ensure the safety and comfort of all guests attending Commencement, attendees may be subject to a search upon entering the facility. Any bags measuring larger than 14" x 16" will NOT be permitted into the arena. For smaller bags, searches may also be conducted.

Knapsacks, luggage, coolers, parcels, and briefcases will NOT be allowed.

Concessions

Non-alcoholic beverages and snacks will be available for purchase.

Directions

Set your GPS for:

The DCU Center | 50 Foster Street, Worcester, MA 01608.

Please enter the DCU Center at the main entrance near the corner of Foster Street and Major Taylor Blvd.

We recommend that you park in the Worcester Municipal Parking Garage – a short walk from the DCU Center. The garage is located at 30 Major Taylor Blvd. on the corner of Major Taylor Blvd. and MLK Jr. Blvd. It is off exit 16 from Rt. 290. For more information, contact 508.792.0314. There is a minimal charge for parking.

Additional parking can be found at area lots and garages:

Commercial St. Garage | 201 Commercial St. | 508.791.7689

Dwight Foster Parking | 27 Waldo St. | 508.757.2703

Exchange St. Parking | 10 Exchange St. | 508.791.8586

First American Realty Parking | 100 MLK Jr. Blvd. (formerly Central St.) | 508.798.8844

Pearl-Elm Municipal Garage | 20 Pearl St. | 508.799.1463

Parking prices vary depending upon the event and time spent in garage/lot.



AC Hotel by Marriott Worcester | 125 Front St. | 774.420.7555
<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/boswn-ac-hotel-worcester>

Beechwood Hotel | 363 Plantation St. | 508.754.5789 | <http://www.beechwoodhotel.com>

Courtyard by Marriott Worcester | 72 Grove St. | 508.363.0300
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/boswr-courtyard-worcester>

Hilton Garden Inn | 35 Major Taylor Blvd. | 508.753.5700
<http://www3.hilton.com/en/index.html?WT.srch=1> Type in “Downtown Worcester, MA.”

Holiday Inn Express Worcester Downtown | 110 Summer St. | 508.757.0400
<http://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/worcester/orhwr/hoteldetail>

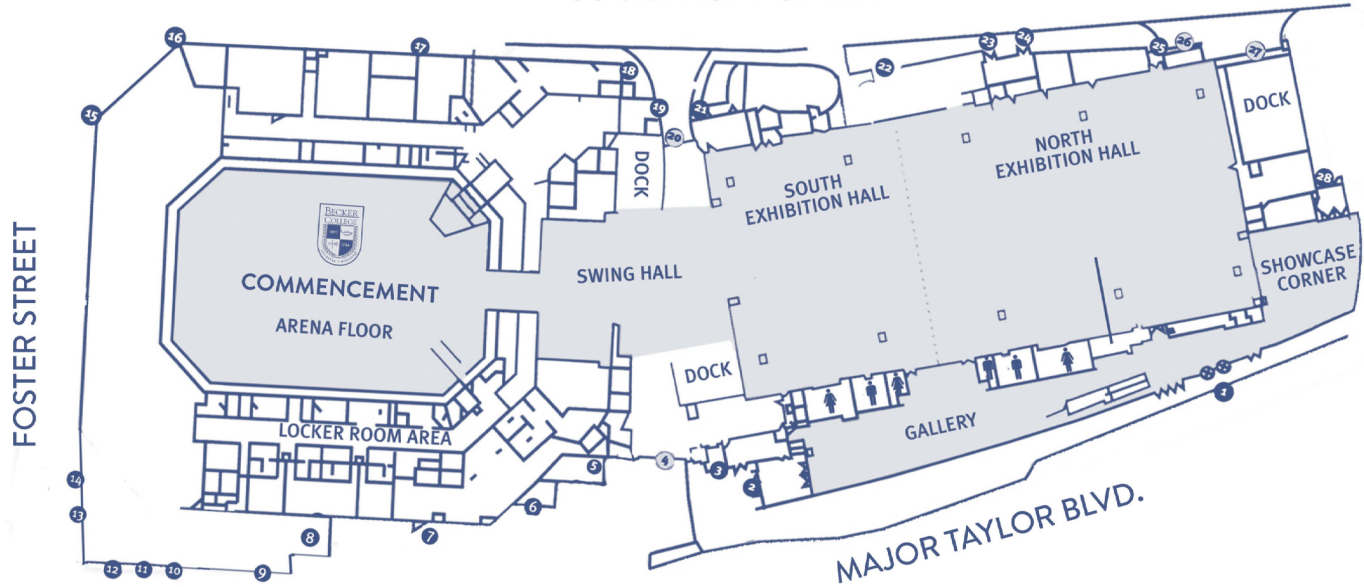
Homewood Suites at Hilton Worcester | 1 Washington Sq. | 508.755.1234
<https://www.guestreservations.com/homewood-suites-by-hilton-worcester/booking?msclkid=c0031907b6601b9f581445868e820af5>

Quality Inn & Suites | 50 Oriol Dr. | 508.852.2800 | <http://www.qualityinnworcester.com/default.asp>

Residence Inn by Marriott | 503 Plantation St. | 508.753.6300
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/bosri-residence-inn-worcester>

DCU CENTER

COMMERCIAL STREET



MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR. BLVD.

GUESTS: ENTER INTO THE MAIN LOBBY THROUGH DOORS # 10, 11, OR 12 NEAR FOSTER STREET. GUESTS WITH DISABILITIES: PLEASE ENTER THROUGH DOOR #13.