**2016 College & University Commencement Ceremonies in Massachusetts**

**Find below a schedule of commencement ceremonies taking place in 2016 across the Commonwealth. Congratulations to the graduates!**

April 23

Wentworth Institute of Technology

<http://www.wit.edu/commencement/>

Boston Marriott Copley Place

**Christine Keville**, President & CEO of Keville Enterprises, Inc.

May 5-6

Northeastern University

<http://www.northeastern.edu/commencement/>

TD Garden, Boston (for undergraduate)

Matthews Arena, Boston (for graduate)

**John F. Kerry,** U.S. Secretary of State(for undergraduate)

**Charles Elachi,** Director of NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory and VP, California Institute of Technology (for graduate)

**Maura Healey**, Attorney General (for school of Criminology & Criminal Justice)

May 6-7

Assumption College

<https://www.assumption.edu/commencement/commencement-information>

DCU Center, Worcester (for undergraduate)

Laska Gymnasium, Worcester (for graduate)

**Dr. Carolyn Woo,** CEO of Catholic Relief Services (for undergraduate)

May 6-7

Berklee College

<https://online.berklee.edu/degrees/about/commencement-2016>

<https://www.berklee.edu/news/rita-moreno-isley-brothers-lucian-grainge-milton-nascimento-receive-honorary-doctorates>

Boston University Agganis Arena

**Rita Moreno,** Actress and Singer

May 6

UMass Amherst

<http://www.umass.edu/commencement/>

McGuirk Alumni Stadium, Amherst (for undergraduate)

The Mullins Center, Amherst (for graduate)

**Wayne Chang,** Twitter Director of Product Strategy

May 7

Eastern Nazarene College

<http://www.enc.edu/commencement/>

Gardner Hall, Quincy

**Dr. Daniel Copps,** education Commissioner for the Church of the Nazarene

May 7

Mass College of Pharmacy University

<https://my.mcphs.edu/departments/student%20affairs/commencement>

Gillette Stadium, Foxborough

May 7

Regis College

<http://www.regiscollege.edu/academics/commencement.cfm>

Great Lawn under Tent, Weston

May 7-8

Wheaton College

<http://www.wheaton.edu/Academics/Services/Registrar/Commencement>

Edman Memorial Chapel, Norton

**Philip Ryken**, President of Wheaton College

May 8

Emerson College

<http://www.emerson.edu/commencement>

Agganis Arena, Boston

**Alice Sebold,** novelist (for undergraduate)

**Danielle Legros Georges ’86,** Boston’s Poet Laureate (for graduate)

May 8

Nichols College

<https://www.nichols.edu/news/1-29-2016-2016-commencement-speaker>

DCU Center, Worcester

**Charlie Baker,** **Governor of Massachusetts**

May 9

MGH Institute of Health Professions

<http://www.mghihp.edu/current-students/commencement/commencement-information.aspx>

Boston Convention & Exhibition Center

**Ellen Zane,** former president & CEO of Tufts Medical Center, and also the first woman to lead the hospital.

May 12 & May 14

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

<https://www.wpi.edu/news/commencement.html>

On the Quadrangle, Worcester

**Rebecca Stolarczyk** (for undergraduate)

**Shaymus William Hudson** (for graduate)

May 13

Bay State Junior College

<http://www.baystate.edu/campus-life/graduation/>

Berklee Performance Center, Boston

May 13 & May 16

University Mass/ Dartmouth

<http://www.umassd.edu/commencement/schedule/>

Vietnam Veterans Peace Memorial Amphitheater, Dartmouth

Main Auditorium, Dartmouth (for School of Law)

**Peyton “Randy” Helm,** Interim Chancellor (for Charlton College of Business)

**Roslyn Brock**, National NAACP Chair (for Colleges of Engineering, Nursing, and Visual & Performing Arts)

**Robert Pinsky**, Three-Term U.S. Poet Laureate (for College of Arts & Sciences)

**Ralph Gants**, Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice (for School of Law)

May 13-14

Worcester State University

<http://www.worcester.edu/Commencement/>

DCU Center, Worcester (for undergraduate)

Sullivan Auditorium (for graduate)

**Karyn Polito, Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor**

May 14

Andover Newtown Theological School

<http://www.ants.edu/2016-commencement-update-0>

First Baptist Church, Newton

**Rev. Matthew Laney,** MDiv ‘05

May 14

Babson College

<http://www.babson.edu/news-events/events/commencement/Pages/home.aspx>

Staake Gymnasium in the Webster Center

**Muhammad Yunus,** Winner of Nobel Peace Prize in 2006

May 14

Bridgewater State University

<http://services.bridgew.edu/GraduationCentral/spring/main_faculty.cfm>

Boyden Quadrangle, Bridgewater

**Elizabeth Warren, U.S. Senator** (for Ricciardi College of Business, Bartlett College of Science & Mathematics, College of Education and Allied Studies)

**James Brett**, the New England Council president and CEO (for College of Humanities & Social Sciences)

May 14

Dean College

<http://www.dean.edu/commencement.aspx>

Campus Center, Franklin

May 14

Emmanuel College

<http://www.emmanuel.edu/academics/major-academic-events/commencement/2016-commencement-exercises.html>

Jean Yawkey Center Gymnasium, Boston

**Reverend Liz Walker,** Pastor of the Roxbury Presbyterian Church

May 14

Fisher College

<http://www.fisher.edu/academics/academic-calendar>

John Hancock Hall, Boston

**Alek Skarlatos**, Oregon Army National Guard Specialist

May 14

Gordon College

<http://www.gordon.edu/bachelorscommencement>

Frost Hall, Wenham

**Ravi Zacharias,** Founder and President of RZIM

May 14

Longy School of Music

<http://longy.edu/academics/academic-calendar/>

First Church, Cambridge

**Tony Brown,** Executive Director of Heart of Los Angels

May 14

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

<http://www.mcla.edu/Academics/undergraduate-experience/graduation/>

Amsler Campus Center, North Adams

**James C. Clemmer ’86,** Interim President of MCLA’s Board of Trustees

May 14

The Boston Conservatory

<https://www.bostonconservatory.edu/commencement>

John Hancock Hall, Boston

May 14

University Mass/ Lowell

<https://www.uml.edu/Commencement/>

Tsongas Center, Lowell

**Keith Lockhart**, Boston Pops Conductor (for College of Engineering, Kennedy College of Sciences, Manning School of Business, Intercampus Program)

**Judy Woodruff**, PBS NewsHour Co-Anchor

May 15

Springfield College

<http://businesswest.com/blog/springfield-college-announces-commencement-speakers/>

Mass Mutual Center, Springfield

**Timothy Shriver,** Special Olympics

May 15

Boston University

<http://www.bu.edu/commencement/commencement-weekend/all-university-commencement/>

Nickerson Field, Boston

**Nina Tassler,** former CBS Entertainment Chair and BU Trustee

May 15

Lasell College

<http://www.lasell.edu/campus-life/activities-and-involvement/commencement-.html>

Taylor Field, Newton

**Steven Grossman**, CEO of initiative for a Competitive Inner City

May 15

Newbury College

<https://www.newbury.edu/commencement>

Academic Center, Needham

**Karyn Polito, Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor**

May 15

New England College of Optometry

<http://www.neco.edu/student-life/resources/commencement-2016>

John Hancock Hall, Boston

May 15

Pine Manor College

<http://www.pmc.edu/Websites/pmc/images/academics/ACADEMIC_CALENDAR_SPRING_2017.pdf>

**Susan Orlean,** Author

May 16

Mount Ida College

<http://www.mountida.edu/about-us/commencement-2016/>

Wingate Event Center, Newton

May 19

Mass Bay Community College

<http://www.massbay.edu/commencement2016/>

Wellesley Hills Campus, Wellesley

**Karen Spilka, Senator of Massachusetts**

May 19

Massachusetts College of Art and Design

<http://inside.massart.edu/administration/presidents_office/commencement.html>

Blue Hills Bank Pavilion, Boston

**Charles Blow,** New York Times op-ed columnist

**Philip Goodwin Freelon,** Architect

May 19

Quinsigamond Community College

<http://www.qcc.edu/admissions/academic-calendar>

DCU Center, Worcester

May 19 & May 21

Salem State University

<https://www.salemstate.edu/11636.php>

Richard B. O’Keefe Complex, Salem (for School of Graduate Studies)

Rockett Arena (for College of Arts & Sciences, School of Education, College of Health & Human Services and Bertolon School of Business )

**Marian Wright Edelman,** Founder and President of Children’s Defense Fund (for School of Graduate Studies)

**Micho Spring**, New England region president of Weber Sandwick (for College of Arts & Sciences and School of Education)

**Neil Chayet,** host of radio feature “Looking at the Law” (for College of Health & Human Services and Bertolon School of Business)

May 20

Boston Architectural College

<http://the-bac.edu/experience-the-bac/commencement-activities>

Old South church

**Moshe Safdie**, Architect and Urban Planner

**May 20 & May 22**

Merrimack College

<http://www.merrimack.edu/commencement/>

Lawler Arena, Merrimack Athletics Complex, North Andover

**Charles Baker, Governor of Massachusetts (for undergraduate)**

**Barbara Bush**, CEO and co-founder of Global Health Corps (for graduate)

May 20

Simmons College

<http://www.simmons.edu/academics/registrar/commencement>

Blue Hills Bank Pavilion, Boston

**Michelle Alexander,** Civil Rights Advocate and Writer (for undergraduate)

**Judy Norsigian**, author of “our Bodies, Ourselves” (for graduate)

May 20

Wheelock College

<http://www.wheelock.edu/student-life/commencement-2016>

Temple Israel, Boston

**Reverend Liz Walker,** award-winning Journalist

May 21

Anna Maria College

<http://www.annamaria.edu/graduation>

The Hanover Theatre, Worcester

**James Brett**, The New England Council President and CEO

May 21

Bentley University

<http://www.bentley.edu/campus-life/traditions/commencement-week/schedule-events>

South Campus, Waltham

**Karen Kaplan**, Hill Holiday CEO (for undergraduate)

**Corey Thomas**, Rapid7 President and CEO (for graduate)

May 21

Bunker Hill Community College

<http://www.bhcc.mass.edu/commencement/>

Bunker Hill Community College, Boston

**Martin J. Walsh,** lifelong Advocate for working people

May 21

Endicott College

<http://www.endicott.edu/About/College-Events/Commencement/Connection-2016.aspx#06>

Stadium, Beverly

**Bill and Joyce Cummings,** Founder of Cummings Foundation Inc.

May 21

Fitchburg State University

<http://www.fitchburgstate.edu/about-us/commencement/>

Athletics and Recreation Center, Fitchburg (for undergraduate)

Quadrangle, Fitchburg (for graduate)

**Barbara Wilson ‘80,** co-founder and President of Wilson Language Training

**Richard S. Lapidus,** President of Fitchburg State University

May 21

Hellenic College Holy Cross

<http://www.hchc.edu/commencement>

Campus Lawn, Brookline

May 21

Lesley University

<http://www.lesley.edu/EventDetail.aspx?id=23343>

Blue Gills Bank Pavilion, Boston

**Dr. Charles M. Payne,** Frank P. Hixon Distinguished Service Professor of University of Chicago (for graduate)

**Richard Blanco**, Poet and Civil Engineer (for undergraduate)

May 21

Westfield State University

<http://www.westfield.ma.edu/commencement>

MassMutual Center, Springfield

**Charlie Baker, Governor of Massachusetts**

May 22

Amherst College

<https://www.amherst.edu/news/specialevents/commencement/>

Main Quadrangle, Amherst

**Biddy Marshall,** President of Amherst College

May 22

Brandeis University

<http://www.brandeis.edu/commencement/>

Gosman Sports and Convocation Center, Waltham

May 22

Clark University

<http://www2.clarku.edu/commencement/>

Jefferson Academic Center Green, Worcester

**Catalina Escobar '93,** founder and director of the Juan Felipe Gomez Escobar Foundation (Juanfe Foundation)

May 22

Curry College

<https://www.curry.edu/commencement/schedule-of-events.html>

D. Forbes Will Athletic Complex, Milton

**Dannel Malloy, Governor of Connecticut**

May 22

Framingham State University

<https://www.framingham.edu/academics/registrar/general-information/graduation-and-commencement#ceremony>

Village Green in Framingham Centre, Framingham

**Ernest J. Moniz,** State Secretary of Energy

May 22

New England Conservatory of Music

<http://necmusic.edu/commencement>

Jordan Hall, Boston

May 22

Stonehill College

<http://www.stonehill.edu/events/commencement-2016/>

Quadrangle Lawn, Easton

May 22

School of the Museum of Fine Arts

<http://www.smfa.edu/commencement>

Shapiro Family Courtyard, Boston

**Gonzalo Fuenmayor**, Artist

May 22

Suffolk University

<http://www.suffolk.edu/campuslife/65232.php>

Blue Hills Bank Pavilion, Boston

**Kevin Washington,** YMCA of the USA President and CEO (for Sawyer Business School)

**Elizabeth Warren, U.S. Senator (for College of Arts & Sciences)**

**Elaine Jones,** NAACP Legal Defense and Educational fund President Emerita (for Law School)

May 22

Tuft University

<http://commencement.tufts.edu/>

The Green between Ballou Hall and Bendetson Hall, Boston

**Hank Azaria,** Actor, Producer, Comedian

May 23 & May 27

Boston College

<http://www.bc.edu/offices/commencement.html>

Alumni Stadium, Newton

Conte Forum, Newton (for Law School)

**Ernest J. Moniz,** US Energy Secretary

**Jeanne Shaheen, U.S. Senator (for Law School)**

May 26

Cape Cod Community College

<http://www.capecod.edu/web/academics/calendar>

TBA

May 25-26

Harvard University

<http://alumni.harvard.edu/college/undergraduates/graduation-information>

Tercentenary Theatre, Cambridge

**Rashida Jones,** Actress (Class Day address, May 15)

**Steven Spielberg**, Filmmaker

May 26

North Shore Community College

<http://www.northshore.edu/commencement/>

O’Keefe Sports Center, Salem

**Lauren Baker**, First Lady of the Commonwealth

May 26-27

UMass Boston

<https://www.umb.edu/commencement/day>

TD Garden, Boston (for undergraduate)

Clark Athletic Center at UMass Boston, Boston (for graduate)

**Seth Moulton, US Congressman (MA)**

**Jerry White,** Human Rights activist

May 27

College of Holy Cross

<http://www.holycross.edu/commencement>

DCU Center, Worcester

**Harry K. Thomas, Jr. ’78,** Ambassador and Alumnus

May 27

Wellesley College

<http://www.wellesley.edu/events/commencement>

Academic Quad Lawn, Wellesley

**Lulu Chow Wang,** pioneer on Wall Street, and leader in Women’s philanthropy

June 3

Berkshire Community College

<http://www.berkshirecc.edu/about-bcc/commencement.php/>

Tanglewood, Lenox

**Benjamin Downing, Senator of Massachusetts**

June 3

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

<https://commencement.mit.edu/>

Killian Court, Cambridge

**Matt Damon,** Actor and Filmmaker, and a native of Cambridge

June 4

Bristol Community College

<http://bristolcc.smartcatalogiq.com/en/2015-2016/Catalog/Academic-Calendar>

TBA

June 4 & June 5

Williams College

<http://commencement.williams.edu/>

Chapin Hall, Williamstown

**Elizabeth Kolbert**, staff writer at The New Yorker

**Bryan Stevenson**, founder of the Equal Justice Initiative

June 5

Hebrew College

<http://www.hebrewcollege.edu/commencement-2016>

In Campus, Newton

**Jane Eisner,** editor-in-Chief of The Forward

June 5

UMass Medical School

<http://www.umassmed.edu/news/news-archives/2015/12/gov.-charlie-baker-to-deliver-2016-commencement-address-at-umass-medical-school/>

Campus Green, Worcester campus

**Charlie Baker, Governor of Massachusetts**

June 18

Massachusetts Maritime Academy

<https://www.maritime.edu/calendars>

Parade Field, Buzzards Bay

**Charlie Baker, Governor of Massachusetts**