COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND

Thursday through Saturday, May 26–28, 2016
Questions about Commencement Weekend?

While you are at Bowdoin, please visit the information table at the David Saul Smith Union, open from 2:00 P.M. on Thursday to 5:00 P.M. on Friday, or stop by the Office of Events and Summer Programs in Coles Tower (first floor), open on Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Bowdoin College is committed to making its campus accessible to persons with disabilities. However, not all areas of the campus are fully accessible yet. Individuals who have special needs or have questions about the weekend should contact the Office of Events and Summer Programs at 207-725-3433 or events@bowdoin.edu or go to Bowdoin’s Commencement website at bowdoin.edu/commencement for up-to-date information and to access our mobile site.

Mobile App

Access the schedule and other information on your mobile device.

1. Download the Bowdoin App (guidebook.com/app/bowdoin)
2. Tap “download guides”
3. Tap to download the “2016 Bowdoin Commencement Guide”

Text Alert Information

Sign up for text alerts to receive important Commencement-related updates on schedule changes and weather. Text the word bowdoin2016 to 555888.
Dear families of graduating seniors,

On behalf of Bowdoin College, I am delighted to invite you and yours to join the Bowdoin community on Saturday, May 28, for the 211th Commencement Exercises. We hope that you will be able to join us for the celebration.

This booklet contains all the information we think you will need in preparation for Commencement Weekend. If you have any questions about Commencement activities, or if you or one of your family members will require special assistance during any part of the weekend, please call the Office of Events and Summer Programs at 207-725-3433 or e-mail events@bowdoin.edu.

The Class of 2016 is an outstanding class, and I hope you will join us in celebrating their success and bright futures on May 28.

Best wishes from Bowdoin.

Yours sincerely,

Timothy Foster
Dean of Student Affairs
THURSDAY, MAY 26

7:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.
A talk given by honorary degree recipient Dorothea Rockburne, abstract artist. Kresge Auditorium, Visual Arts Center.

FRIDAY, MAY 27

8:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.
Moulton Union Dining Hall open for breakfast.

8:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Hawthorne-Longfellow Library Open House. Visit the Hawthorne-Longfellow Library, where students spent considerable time in the last four years.

9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.
Senior Athlete Breakfast. Warren Dining Room, Moulton Union. Open to all senior athletes, their families, coaches, and athletic department staff. Tickets required. See Bowdoin College Dining Service on page 6.

9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
George J. Mitchell Department of Special Collections & Archives Open House. Hawthorne-Longfellow Library.

11:00 A.M.
Seniors’ Concert.
Kanbar Auditorium, Studzinski Recital Hall.

11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
Academic Department and Program Open Houses for students, parents, faculty, staff, and guests. A full listing may be found at the information table in the David Saul Smith Union or online at bowdoin.edu/commencement.

11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
Media Commons Open House. Explore the library’s new media space and record a message of congratulations to the Class of 2016. Hawthorne-Longfellow Library, Lower Level.

11:30 A.M.
Tours of the Bowdoin College Museum of Art.
Meet in the pavilion.

11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.
Moulton Union Dining Hall open for lunch.
1:00 P.M. — 4:00 P.M.

Susan Dwight Bliss Room Open House. Visit this magnificent Beaux-Arts private library donated to the College by Susan Dwight Bliss. Hubbard Hall, second floor.

2:30 P.M. — 3:30 P.M.

A talk given by honorary degree recipient Frank Shorter, Olympic gold medalist.

Kresge Auditorium, Visual Arts Center.

4:30 P.M.

The Baccalaureate ceremony marks the official close of the academic year and the coming together of graduates and their families. It includes a speech by a graduating senior, remarks by President Clayton Rose, and a keynote address by honorary degree recipient Darren Walker, president, Ford Foundation. Sidney J. Watson Arena.

5:30 P.M. — 7:00 P.M.

Lobster Bake for seniors and their families, faculty, and staff. Tent on the west side of Farley Field House. Entrance on Coffin Street. Meal tickets required. See Bowdoin College Dining Service on page 6.
8:20 A.M. Seniors meet at Baxter House to check in and form parade.

9:05 A.M. Alumni meet in front of the Visual Arts Center to form parade. Faculty meet in front of Hubbard Hall.

9:20 A.M. Seniors begin Commencement Processional March from sidewalk area in front of Baxter House. Families and guests of graduates should plan to be seated by 9:20 A.M. to view the Processional March.

10:00 A.M. The 211th Commencement Exercises. Terrace, Walker Art Building, Bowdoin College Museum of Art.

NOON Commencement Luncheon for members of the Class of 2016 and their families, alumni, faculty, staff, and guests. Tent on the west side of Farley Field House. Entrance on Coffin Street. Meal tickets required.

Note: Shuttle buses are available to transport guests from the Commencement Exercises to the luncheon; buses pick up in front of Moulton Union. Golf carts are also available; golf carts pick up in front of the Chapel.

6:00 P.M. College housing closes for all graduating students.

In observance of Memorial Day, wreaths will be laid on Friday at the three memorials to those from Bowdoin College who served, and in many cases died, in wartime. Two are located between Hubbard and Gibson Halls, and one is in Memorial Hall.
Bowdoin will award four honorary degrees at commencement

Honorary degrees will be awarded to

Dorothea Rockburne
abstract artist

Frank C. Shorter
Olympic gold medalist

Peter M. Small ’64, P’97, P’99
trustee emeritus

Darren Walker
president, Ford Foundation
Bowdoin College Dining Service

Weekend activities include special meals catered by Bowdoin College Dining Service. Family and guest meal tickets may be purchased using the advance order form. Ordering tickets in advance will enable you to avoid waiting in lines to purchase tickets when you arrive on campus. Graduating seniors are guests of the College for Commencement Weekend meals. They are responsible for picking up their own tickets as well as two complimentary Commencement Luncheon tickets for guests. Therefore, please do not order tickets for your graduating seniors.

Tickets for all meals may be picked up between Monday, May 23, and Friday, May 27, at the Dining Service office on the second floor of Thorne Hall. Dining tickets must be reserved by Monday, May 16.

Both the Lobster Bake and Commencement Luncheon will be held in Farley Field House, rain or shine. Guest seating is available inside the field house; however, the buffets are located outside under tents, so please dress appropriately. A limited number of meal tickets will be available for those who have not purchased them in advance. A sales table will be located at Farley Field House.

For dining questions, please contact Dining Services at 207-725-3211 or 207-725-3181.
Friday, May 27, 2016

Down East Lobster Bake
5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Farley Field House

Tickets required

Choice of Entree:
Steamed Maine Lobster
Charbroiled Sirloin Steak
Charbroiled Citrus–Garlic Chicken
Portobello Napoleon with Mozzarella and Basil Vinaigrette (V) (VE)
Corn on the Cob — Tangy Cole Slaw (VE)
Oven–Roasted Potatoes — Corn and Black Pepper Muffins
Maine Blueberry Cake
Assorted Beverages — Cash Bar: Beer and Wine

Saturday, May 28, 2016

Commencement Luncheon
Noon – 2:00 P.M.
Farley Field House

Tickets required

Fresh Fruit Salad with Berries
A Choice of Finger Sandwiches:
Shaved Roast Beef with Caramelized Onion Marmalade
Shaved Turkey with Orange–Cranberry Relish
Chicken Salad
Eggplant Feta Wrap with Pesto
Hummus with Crunchy Carrot Slaw (VE)
Radiatore Pasta Salad with Baby Spinach and Roasted Red Peppers
Chilled Asparagus Vinaigrette
Assorted Tea Cookies and Mini Pastries
Assorted Beverages — Cash Bar: Sparkling Wine and Wine by the Bottle

GF items available on request.
Parking and Shuttles for Guests

Where can I park?

All campus parking lots are open and available to Commencement guests. Please see the parking map located on the back page for locations, designated with a "P".

Public parking is allowed on Park Row in designated spots on the east side of the roadway. Parking is not allowed on either side of College Street, nor is it allowed on the south side of South Street. A large number of parking spaces can be found at Watson Arena located next to Farley Field House, convenient to the Baccalaureate ceremony and meal functions held at Farley Field House.
Where do those with physical disabilities park?

Handicap parking spaces are designated in all parking areas. A large number of handicap spaces can be found on North Campus Drive and at Watson Arena. Please contact the Office of Events and Summer Programs at 207-725-3433 or events@bowdoin.edu if you have accessibility questions.

Are buses and shuttles available for guests needing assistance?

Golf carts, driven by volunteers, will begin running on Friday evening and will be available to shuttle guests needing assistance from the main campus to the Baccalaureate ceremony and from the Lobster Bake to parking. On Saturday after the Commencement ceremony, larger shuttle buses, as well as golf carts, are available to transport guests from the Commencement Exercises to the luncheon. Buses pick up in front of Moulton Union. Golf carts pick up in front of the Chapel.

The Commencement Exercises

Where is Commencement held? Are tickets required?

The ceremony will be held outside in front of the Bowdoin College Museum of Art, except in the case of severe weather. If it’s raining, bring an umbrella and other rain gear. No tickets are necessary for the outdoor ceremony, and you may bring as many guests as you want. In the event of severe weather, the ceremony will be held in the Sidney J. Watson Arena. Information regarding notification and details for an indoor ceremony will be shared with families later in the spring.

Where can I buy Commencement invitations, diploma frames, and other graduation gifts?

The Bowdoin Store, located in the David Saul Smith Union, sells Commencement-related gifts. Additionally, Bowdoin College diploma frames can be purchased in advance online at store.bowdoin.edu or by calling the store at 800-524-2225.
What time do students line up? What time does the procession begin?

Students line up in the sidewalk area in front of Baxter House at 8:20 A.M. The procession begins promptly at 9:20 A.M. and proceeds around the Quad, arriving at the seating area at approximately 10:00 A.M.

Where do students sit during the exercises?

Students march to their seats in alphabetical order. They are seated just in front of the stage. Seniors whose last names begin with A-K will sit on the right side (facing the stage); students whose last names begin with L-Z will sit on the left.

Where do families and guests sit and what time should we arrive?

Parents and guests of students may sit in any areas not marked as reserved. Please ask an usher if you are unsure. We ask all guests to plan to arrive and take their seats by 9:20 A.M. to view the Processional March.

How long do the exercises last?

The exercises last approximately an hour and a half.
Where do the participants and graduates march during the recessional? Where can we meet them?

The students follow the stage party back down the center aisle, marching toward the Chapel. Parents and guests may meet graduates in the area between the Chapel and Massachusetts Hall.

What will the weather be like and how should I dress?

May weather in Maine is extremely variable! Commencement guests who bring a raincoat, umbrella, and a sweater in addition to clothing for warmer weather will be well prepared. For all activities on Friday and Saturday, please dress comfortably. Remember that Commencement is planned for the outdoors, so wear shoes suitable for walking on grass.

Where can I get some water or buy something to eat or drink?

Water and coffee stands are located around the perimeter of the Commencement seating area. Snacks are available in the David Saul Smith Union Bowdoin Express store and in the Café.
Where can I find restrooms?

Men’s and women’s restrooms are located in Moulton Union, Hawthorne-Longfellow Library, Gibson Hall, Hubbard Hall, David Saul Smith Union, the Chapel, Bowdoin College Museum of Art, and downstairs in the Visual Arts Center. There are handicap-accessible restrooms in Moulton Union, David Saul Smith Union, Hawthorne-Longfellow Library, the Chapel, and Bowdoin College Museum of Art.

What kind of efforts are in place to help make Bowdoin’s Commencement “green?”

Throughout the year, Bowdoin concentrates on issues such as waste reduction, recycling, environmentally preferable purchasing, and energy conservation. During Commencement Weekend, Dining Service uses biodegradable cups, bowls, plates, and utensils for all outdoor meals, and 100 percent of Commencement luncheon waste will be composted. Recycling bins are placed in outdoor areas, and energy-saving compact fluorescent light bulbs are used in all outdoor tents. Electricity use during Commencement Weekend is being provided in part by Bowdoin’s 1.2 megawatt solar power complex, which includes approximately 4,420 solar panels at four major installations.
Photographs

Where may I take photographs?

There are photography areas clearly marked near the stage to the side of graduate seating. We understand that parents and other guests very much want to take photos of this special event, but we ask that you please show consideration for others when taking photographs or video and that you respect any requests to move or sit down.

How do I get a copy of the photographs taken by the professional photographer?

A professional photographer from GradImages will photograph each graduate receiving his or her diploma. You do not have to arrange for this in advance; proofs will be sent automatically (in approximately two weeks) to each student’s home address. If you prefer to receive digital proofs, please visit gradimages.com and click on Pre-Event Registration to sign up.
After the Ceremony

What time do seniors need to be out of College housing?
Please note that seniors must be out of College housing by 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 28, at which time their OneCard access will be deactivated. Permission to stay beyond 6:00 P.M. must be requested via an online request form on the Residential Life website. Approved requests will permit students to stay in their housing until 10:00 A.M., Sunday, May 29.

For Your Information

What is the College’s policy on alcohol?
The Bowdoin community is reminded that no one under the age of twenty-one may purchase, procure, transport, or consume alcoholic beverages. State law and College policy prohibit the public consumption of alcohol. Our liquor license prohibits us from allowing you to bring your own liquor into any College reception or dining function. At functions where alcohol is served, you must have proper identification. The College asks for your understanding and compliance.
Are pets allowed?
Pets, except for animals serving as aids for the disabled, are prohibited inside all College buildings.

Is there a lost-and-found on campus?
Lost items will be turned in at the Security Communications Center. Inquiries about lost articles can be made in person or by calling 207-725-3314.

Is medical assistance available?
In the event of a medical emergency, please contact a Bowdoin Security officer immediately. Call ext. 3500 if you are inside a building or 207-725-3500 from your mobile phone, or use an outdoor emergency phone (marked with a blue lamp). For minor medical problems, you may wish to visit Mid Coast Walk-In Clinic, which is located at Brunswick Station. There is also a hospital within a short distance of campus. Mid Coast Hospital is at 123 Medical Center Drive (207-729-0181) and has an emergency room.

Local Lodging and Restaurants
We strongly recommend that overnight accommodations be reserved well in advance, as rooms book quickly for Commencement Weekend. For information on local accommodations and area restaurants, please go to the Accommodations section of the Commencement website (bowdoin.edu/commencement), where you will find helpful links to lodging and dining information.
Campus Dining

David Saul Smith Union

Building  
**Friday 7:00 A.M. – 2:00 A.M.**  
**Saturday 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

The Café  
**Friday 7:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.**  
**Saturday 7:30 A.M. – NOON**

Bowdoin Express  
**Friday 9:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.**  
**Saturday 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.**

Jack Magee’s Grill  
**Friday 11:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.**  
**Saturday Closed**

Jack Magee’s Pub  
**Friday Closed**  
**Saturday Closed**

Dining Halls

Moulton Union  
**Friday 8:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.**  
**Saturday Closed**  
**Friday 11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.**

Thorne Hall  
**Friday Closed**  
**Saturday Closed**
Museums and Libraries

Bowdoin College Museum of Art
Commencement Weekend Sale — 10 percent off purchases in the Museum Shop

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Peary–MacMillan Arctic Museum and Arctic Studies Center
Commencement Weekend Sale — 10 percent off purchases in the Museum Shop
(excluding ivories and Rosenbaum bears)

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Hawthorne–Longfellow Library

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Sports and Fitness Facilities

Sidney J. Watson Arena

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Peter Buck Center for Health and Fitness
(for adults age eighteen and over only)

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A. LeRoy Greason Swimming Pool

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Stores

Bowdoin Store
David Saul Smith Union, 2nd Floor

Friday 8:30 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.
Saturday 8:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Congratulations, Class of 2016! Come by and enter to win a Gallery Diploma Frame from Church Hill Classics, valued at $159.99. Drawing will be held at 4:30 p.m., Saturday, May 28. Need not be present to win.

Call us toll-free: 800-524-2225, e-mail bookstore@bowdoin.edu, or go to store.bowdoin.edu.

Commencement Tent on the Quad
Saturday 8:30 A.M. – noon

Please visit the Bowdoin Store Commencement Tent, where flowers, mugs, Class of 2016 banners, and many more gifts will be available.
Bowdoin College Museum of Art

To Count Art an Intimate Friend: Highlights from Bowdoin Collections, 1794 to the Present


Beautiful Monstrosities, Elegant Distortions: The Artifice of Sixteenth-Century Mannerism

Renaissance Rivalries: Painting and Its Sister Arts

Barbara Cooney: Drawing Biography

For the full exhibition schedule and descriptions go to bowdoin.edu/art-museum.
Peary-MacMillan Arctic Museum and Arctic Studies Center

Through the Lens: Arctic Biodiversity
Foyer, Hubbard Hall

Power of Flight: Visions of Birds in Inuit Art
Main Galleries, Hubbard Hall

Robert E. Peary and His Northern World
Main Galleries, Hubbard Hall

A Glimmer on the Polar Sea: The Crocker Land Expedition, 1913–1917
Main Galleries, Hubbard Hall
Hawthorne-Longfellow Library

What to Eat and How to Cook It:
   *A Celebration of the Esta Kramer Collection of American Cookery*
**Second Floor**

*A Chamberlain Sampler: From the Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain Collection*
**Third Floor**

“A Peaceful Pursuit”: An Exhibition Honoring the Career of Senator George J. Mitchell
**Third Floor**

*Kate Furbish’s “Maine Flora”*
**Third Floor**
Historic Celebrations

1806: The first Commencement was held in the second meetinghouse of First Parish Church across the street from the College.

1824: In Portland, an honorary degree was awarded to the Marquis de Lafayette.

1852: Commencement during Bowdoin’s semicentennial celebration took place in a large tent on the Quad. Franklin Pierce (1824) and Nathaniel Hawthorne (1825) were in attendance.

1875: On the day before Commencement at the fiftieth reunion of the Class of 1825, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow recited his poem “Morituri Salutamus,” an elegiac reflection on youth and age.

1909: Admiral Robert E. Peary (1877) received an LL.D. in honor of his reaching the North Pole.

2005: Bowdoin celebrated its 200th Commencement.
**Graduating Classes**

**The first:**
seven graduates in 1806

**The smallest:**
three graduates in 1807

**Best-known:**
Class of 1825,  
with Hawthorne and Longfellow

**First black graduate:**
John Brown Russwurm, 1826

**First woman graduate:**
Susan D. Jacobson, 1971

**Graduation Speeches**

Until 1877, every graduate had a speaking part. Addresses were given in Latin, German, and occasionally Greek or Hebrew. The custom of selecting student Commencement speakers through competition began in the 1880s.

**Honorary Degrees**

In the early years, students who had received degrees from one institution could also receive reciprocal degrees from another. In 1806, thirteen Harvard graduates also took Bowdoin degrees. Faculty also frequently added Bowdoin master’s degrees to their list of credentials.

Bowdoin currently awards about five honorary degrees each year. There are approximately 122 living Bowdoin honorary degree holders.
Degrees Awarded

Bowdoin now confers only the Bachelor of Arts degree. To date, 30,671 degrees in academic programs have been awarded.

From 1821 to 1921, Bowdoin’s Medical School of Maine awarded degrees to more than 2,000 doctors.

Bachelor of Science degrees were awarded from 1875 through 1883 (including to Robert E. Peary in 1877) through a Scientific Department inaugurated by President Joshua Chamberlain; and again from 1914 through 1949 to those whose programs emphasized mathematics over the classics.

Bowdoin also granted a total of 274 master’s degrees in mathematics between 1962 and 1974.