

GRADUATION REHEARSAL AND CEREMONY INFORMATION

Friday, May 27, 2016

THE FINAL REHEARSAL: Report to the CHS gymnasium on Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 9:30 am. This rehearsal is NOT at UMBC. Rehearsal should be over by 12 noon. Be careful where you park. You can park in the Junior Lot.

THE GRADUATION CEREMONY: Report to the UMBC Field House outside along the sidewalk near the pool and tennis courts, weather permitting. (We will line up inside the tunnel if we have inclement weather) Report to the teacher or National Honor Society student who is checking in your row. Check in as soon as you arrive at UMBC at 6:00 p.m. There will be only one entrance into the Field House for your guests. This entrance is on the track level. No one will be allowed to enter on the lower level. The handicapped seating area is indicated on the attached diagram. UMBC has strict rules: You **cannot** bring balloons, strollers, drinks, and or food into the UMBC Field House.

No graduates may process with bags, purses, backpacks, etc. Leave them with your family.

BE SURE YOU ALLOW TIME TO FIND PARKING. OUR GRADUATION IS THE LAST OF 3 THAT DAY SO TRAFFIC COULD BE AN ISSUE.

APPROPRIATE DRESS:

***MALES** –White shirt, tie, dress slacks, dress shoes and socks. **No Jeans!**

No Sneakers! No shorts! No Sandals or Flip Flops!

***FEMALES** – Dress or skirt/pants with a blouse, shoes with low heels. **No Jeans!**

No Sneakers! No shorts! No Flip Flops! Do not wear the collar.

***You will NOT process if you are inappropriately dressed or if there is any concern about your behavior or demeanor.**

Tickets: You will receive your four tickets and any additional tickets you purchased at the final rehearsal on June 2nd. You **will not** receive your tickets if you have not paid all obligations by this time. See Ms. Stephens in room 241 if you have any questions about handicap seating or extra tickets you purchased. See Ms. Shivers about obligations to teachers and Ms. Goode for library obligations.

Gowns: Steam per directions in gown bag.

Caps: Square/flat on head, parallel to the floor, tassel to the right. **Do not lose your tassel!**

Personal Photographs: Since you purchased your cap and gown, pictures can be taken prior to or after the ceremony.

Professional Photos by LifeTouch: If you would like to preregister to see the graduation images from LifeTouch, go to www.events.lifetouch.com. Enter the school name and an email address to receive the images.

Celebrate safely! Best wishes for a successful and happy future!

Mr. Vargo Class Advisor

Ms. Landen, Ms. Richter and Ms. Stephens, Graduation Coordinators,

Ms. Moore-German, CHS Assistant Principal

& Mr. Ames, CHS Principal.

Pomp, Circumstance...and Video!

BCPS to live-stream high school graduation ceremonies

This year friends and family members-those who aren't able to travel, are ill, or otherwise unable to attend the ceremonies-will be able to share in the once-in-a-lifetime experience along with each graduating senior.

"Graduation is a meaningful, special time not only for seniors but for family members and friends far and wide," says BCPS Superintendent Dr. S. Dallas Dance, who anticipates shaking hands with every graduate at this year's commencements. "I'm delighted to be able to offer this opportunity for everyone who would like to attend these milestone ceremonies."

BCPS-TV will broadcast the proceedings live via the BCPS Web site at <http://www.bcps.org/video/liveStream.html>.

Please share this information with your family and friends who cannot be there!

Driving and Parking

Please allow time to drive to campus, park your vehicle, and walk to the RAC arena.

Signs will be posted on campus to assist you in locating appropriate parking lots.

General parking for graduates and their guests will be available along Hilltop Circle and in any non-gated parking lots including The Commons Garage. You **will not need to pay** any metered parking on campus if you elect to park at a metered parking space during the Commencement ceremony. Parking is not permitted at fire hydrants or in fire lanes.

The top deck of the Administration Drive Garage will be reserved for handicapped parking only. **All guests must display either handicapped hang tags or license plates.** Permits are required for other handicapped parking spaces on campus as well.

There will be a designated drop-off area in front of the RAC on Administration Drive for those family members and guests who may not be able to walk long distances.

Commencement participants and guests are strongly encouraged to share rides to alleviate parking difficulties.

To the Main Campus:

From the north, take Interstate 95 to Route 166 (Exit 47B, Catonsville) or take Interstate 83 to the Baltimore Beltway (I-695, west) and then take Exit 12C (Wilkens Avenue, west); follow the signs to UMBC.

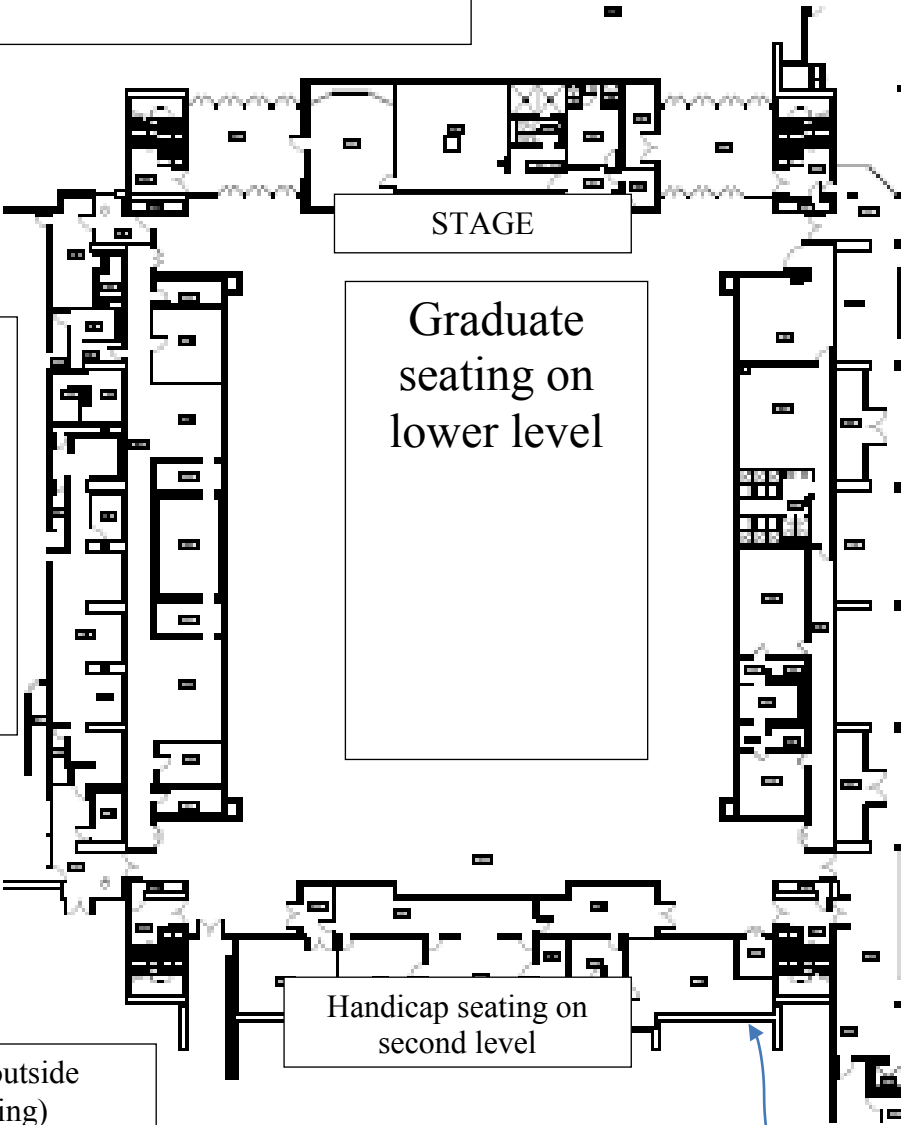
From the south, take Interstate 95 to Route 166 (Exit 47B, Catonsville); follow signs to UMBC.

Baltimore-Washington International Airport is only five minutes away. Bus service is available from downtown Baltimore. AMTRAK and MARC commuter trains serve the nearby BWI Rail Station.

For a map of the campus go to **about.umbc.edu** and look under visitor's guide maps

UMBC RAC Arena

UMBC
POOLS
Indoor &
Outdoor



Graduates line up outside
(weather permitting)

Handicap seating on
second level

Audience
entrance on
second level

UMBC high-rise Admin
building