

MUA COMMENCEMENT 2017

DATE & TIME

Saturday, June 3, 2017 - 12:00 noon (Commencement will last approximately 2 - 2 1/2 hours)

LOCATION

The Vets, One Avenue of the Arts

Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Website: www.thevetsri.com

NOTE: NO BALLOONS OR STROLLERS ARE ALLOWED IN THE AUDITORIUM

INVITATIONS

There is a maximum of **five** invited guests per graduate. An RSVP form will be sent electronically to all eligible graduates, requesting their number of invited guests. Deadline for reply is **April 14, 2017**.

REGALIA (CAP & GOWN) ORDER

Graduates are responsible to purchase their own cap and gown from University Cap & Gown Inc. Orders must be placed **by April 29, 2017**. For faster delivery and to minimize shipping fee (customs duty, etc. are the responsibility of the customer), it is strongly recommended to use a US mailing address if possible.

The regalia ensemble (gown, tam, tassel and hood) will be shipped directly to the graduate's home (or destination of choice) and are theirs to keep. The graduate's cost for the ensemble is \$86, plus an estimated \$18 for shipping & handling.

Place orders online with University Cap & Gown at <https://buildagrad.com/mua>. For all order inquiries or tracking contact aaron@universitycapandgown.com.

All graduates participating in the commencement ceremony are required to wear the appropriate regalia ensemble: doctoral tam, gown and hood. Those who fail to have the proper regalia will be excluded from participating in the ceremony.

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Graduates may order personalized Announcements for family and friends through University Cap & Gown Inc.. Log on to <http://www.gradgowns.com/> and click **ANNOUNCEMENTS** in the menu bar. Select **MEDICAL UNIVERSITY AMERICAS** in the college drop-down box. Download the printable order form and send your order directly to University Cap & Gown. Contact University Cap & Gown for exact order deadlines or order inquiries.

BRUNCH

Beginning at 9:30 a.m light refreshments will be available for graduates only in The Vets Gallery located upstairs to the right of the main lobby.

REGISTRATION

In order to participate in the commencement ceremony, all outstanding financial balances must be paid in full **by MAY 19, 2017**. For fiscal related questions, please contact the Office of the Bursar at 978-862-9500 ext. 531 or email finance@mua.edu.

Graduates should plan to **arrive by 10:00 a.m. to register** at the University tables in the main lobby.

REHEARSAL

Rehearsal begins at 10:30 a.m. in the auditorium.

SEATING

Guest seating is unreserved, tickets are not required. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. for family and guests.

PHOTOS

Following rehearsal, a class portrait will be taken promptly at 11:15 p.m. onstage behind the main curtain. This area is restricted for graduates only.

Commencement Photos has been selected to take individual pictures of graduates as they receive their diploma. Information on purchasing these pictures will be sent to you by regular mail from Commencement Photos. If you have not received this information **by April 20, 2017**, please contact the Photographer at 978-851-5924 or email CustomerService@CommencementPhotos.com. Additional forms will be available at the Registration table on the day of the ceremony.

DRESS REQUIREMENT

Smart business casual (applies also to footwear, comfortable shoes are recommended). Graduates must have proper regalia.

HOODING

Hooding of graduates will be done exclusively by officials of Medical University of the Americas. Parents, spouse or other relatives will not be permitted to hood the graduate.

HONORS RECOGNITION

Graduates who achieve a level of excellence determined by the Examination Committee will be acknowledged during the Commencement. The designees will be published in the Commencement program.

DIPLOMA DISTRIBUTION

No diplomas will be distributed at this celebration ceremony. Degrees awarded to graduates are handled under separate means and will be mailed at time of conferral.

DIRECTIONS

From 95 North:

Take Mall Exit 22C. Turn right onto Promenade Street (this is one way). Follow Promenade Street to the end (the Providence Place Mall south parking garage will be directly in front of you). Continue around past the stoplight and up the hill on Promenade Street. Continue up the hill again after the 2nd light. The entrance to The Vets is located on the right, at the corner of Park Street and the Avenue of the Arts plaza.

From 95 South:

Take Exit 23 STATE OFFICES exit bearing right. Stay in the middle lane of the exit to continue straight through traffic light on to State Street. At the next light, Smith Street (Rt. 44), turn right. The Rhode Island State Capitol building will now be on your left. At the next light, turn left on to Francis Street. The Vets and the Avenue of the Arts plaza will be on your right at the Renaissance Hotel.

PARKING

Secure paid parking is available at the Providence Place Mall North Entrance, directly behind The Vets at a rate of \$2.00 for the first 5 hours. To exit the lot on foot, take the north elevators or stairs located to the rear of NORDSTROM to level B. This will bring you to street level directly behind the theater. Proceed north up the sidewalk either side to the theater front entrance.

On-street parking is available on Francis and Smith Streets.

HANDICAP ACCESS

Access is through the front lobby doors. Family members can be dropped off at the front door to enter the lobby.

HOTELS

Rooms have been blocked at the Omni Hotel & Resorts, Providence, RI.

Omni Hotel & Resorts

One West Exchange Street,

Providence, RI 02903

Phone: **(401) 598-8000**

<https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/providence/meetings/saba-mua>

\$179.00 per night – taxes and parking not included

Guaranteed rate expires May 2, 2017

Other hotels in close proximity to The Vets are as follows:

Renaissance Providence

5 Avenue of the Arts

Providence, RI

(401) 919-5000

Providence Marriott Downtown

1 Orms Street

Providence, RI

(401) 272-2400

AIRPORTS

TF Green Airport, Providence, MA (PVD)

Bradley International Airport, Windsor Lock, CT (BDL)

Logan International Airport, Boston, MA (BOS)

Worcester Regional Airport, Worcester, MA (ORH)

DINING SUGGESTIONS

The Capital Grille

10 Memorial Blvd #101,

Providence, RI

(401) 521-5600

TheCapitalGrille.com

Not Just Snacks

833 Hope Street, Providence, RI

(401) 831-1150

www.notjustsnacks.com

Bombay Club

145 Dean Street, Providence, RI

(401) 273-6363

www.bombayclubri.com

Providence Oyster Bar

283 Atwells Avenue, Providence, RI

(401) 272-8866

www.provoysterbar.com

Andino's Italian Restaurant

171 Atwells Avenue, Providence, RI

(401) 453-3164

www.andinositalianrestaurant.com

Pane e Vino Ristorate

365 Atwells Avenue, Providence, RI

(401) 223-2230

panevino.net

Apsara Palace

783 Hope Street, Providence, RI

(401) 831-4722