

# MUA COMMENCEMENT 2011



## DATE & TIME

Friday, June 3, 2011 - 2:00p.m. (Commencement will last approximately 2 - 2 1/2 hours)

## LOCATION

Mechanics Hall, 321 Main St., Worcester, MA

Website: [www.mechanicshall.org](http://www.mechanicshall.org)

## INVITATIONS

There is a maximum of five invited guests per graduate. RSVP will be sent electronically to all participating graduates requesting the number of invited guests. Deadline for reply is **April 22, 2011**.

## REGALIA (CAP & GOWN) ORDER

**Graduates are responsible to purchase their own cap and gown from University Cap & Gown.**

Orders must be placed **by April 1, 2011** (deliveries outside US) or **April 15, 2011** (deliveries within US).

Regalia will be shipped directly to the graduate's home and are theirs to keep. The cost is approximately \$86, plus an estimated \$15 for shipping, and is **not** covered by the graduation fee.

Orders must be placed directly with University Cap & Gown either online at

[www.mygraduationstore.com](http://www.mygraduationstore.com) (use the school ID 11996, student ID can be either your MUAID or your own unique ID).

OR via the Commencement Regalia Order Form which can be found in the [FORMS](#) section of MUA's website or via the link below.

<http://www.mua.edu/mua/images/Forms/CommencementRegaliaOrderForm.pdf>

All University graduates participating in the commencement ceremony are required to wear the appropriate regalia ensemble: doctoral tam, gown and hood.

All those who fail to have the proper regalia will be excluded from participating in the ceremony.

## CLEARANCE & REGISTRATION

In order to participate in the commencement ceremony, all outstanding financial balances must be paid in full **by MAY 16, 2011**. For fiscal related questions, please contact the Office of the Bursar at 978-862-9500 ext 531 or email [j.lin@mua.edu](mailto:j.lin@mua.edu).

Graduates should plan to arrive by 11:30 a.m. and register at the desk located outside Dickens Room on the third floor. Reader cards will be distributed at registration. If you wish to purchase a video of the ceremony, forms will be available at the Registration table.

## GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Graduates may order personalized Announcements for family and friends through University Cap & Gown. Log on to <http://www.gradgowns.com/> and click [ANNOUNCEMENTS](#) in the gold menu bar. Select MEDICAL UNIVERSITY AMERICAS in the college drop-down box. Click GO to be directed to the Medical University of the Americas page. The printable order form is available by clicking where indicated. See University Cap & Gown website for exact order date deadline (~March 15, 2011).

## SEATING

Guest seating is unreserved, tickets are not required. Doors open at 1:00 for family and guests.

## BRUNCH

Refreshments will be available for graduates only in the Boyden Salon located behind stage in the Great Hall beginning at 11:00 a.m.

## DRESS REQUIREMENT

Smart business casual (applies also to footwear). Graduates must have proper regalia.

## **REHEARSAL**

Rehearsal begins at 12:30 p.m. in the Great Hall.

## **PHOTOS**

Following rehearsal, a class portrait will be taken promptly at 1:15 p.m. in Washburn Hall. This area is restricted for graduates only.

Commencement Photos will be taking 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 22, 2011**, please contact the Photographer at 978-851-5924 or email [CustomerService@CommencementPhotos.com](mailto:CustomerService@CommencementPhotos.com). Additional forms will be available at the Registration table.

## **VIDEO**

DVD's or videotapes of the ceremony will be available for \$19.95 plus shipping and handling. Forms will be available at the registration table the day of the event.

## **HOODING**

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

## **HONORS RECOGNITION**

Graduates who have maintained a 4.0 GPA during their clinical training will be acknowledged during commencement. The designees will be published in the Commencement program.

## **DIPLOMA DISTRIBUTION**

Diplomas for May graduates will be available for pick-up following the ceremony. Please proceed to Dickens Room *immediately* following the recessional. Students with tuition balances are requested to contact the Finance Department to clear their account.

## **RECEPTION**

Refreshments will be served in Washburn Hall for graduates, family and guests immediately following the commencement ceremony.

## **DIRECTIONS**

### **From Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90)**

Take Exit 10 at Auburn to I-290 East OR Exit 10A to Rte 146 North to Rte 290 East.

### **From I-95 (Rhode Island)**

Take I-95 North to Route 146. Take Route 146 North to I-290 East.

### **From I-95, I-93 or Route 3 (New Hampshire)**

Travel South to I-495. Take I-495 South to I-290 West.

### **From I-290**

Take I-290 to Exit 16 (Central St.). From 290E, turn left onto Central Street. From 290W, turn right. At Main Street, turn left. Mechanics Hall is on the left at 321 Main Street.

## **PARKING**

The nearest parking lots are located on Waldo Street, Exchange Street, Central Street, Main Street, and the Elm Street Garage. There is limited on-street parking available.

## **HANDICAP ACCESS**

Elevators are located near the rear entrance to Mechanics Hall on Waldo Street.

## **HOTELS**

Rooms have been blocked at the Hilton Garden Inn Worcester.

Hilton Garden Inn Worcester  
35 Major Taylor Blvd., Worcester, MA 01608  
1-800-560-7843 or 1-508-753-5700  
Reservation Code: Saba11/MUA University Graduation  
\$113.00 per night – taxes and parking not included  
Guaranteed rate until May 4, 2011

### **Other recommended hotels in close proximity to Mechanics Hall are as follows:**

Hampton Inn  
110 Summer St., Worcester, MA  
1-508-757-0400

Marriott Courtyard  
72 Grove Street  
Worcester, MA 01605  
1 508-363-0300

## **AIRPORTS**

Logan International Airport, Boston, MA  
TF Green, Providence, MA  
Bradley International Airport, Windsor Lock, CT

## **DINING SUGGESTIONS**

Maxwell-Silverman's Toolhouse  
Lincoln Square, Worcester, MA  
508-755-1200  
[www.mazwellmaxine.com](http://www.mazwellmaxine.com)

Sole Proprietor  
118 Highland St., Worcester, MA  
508-798-3474  
[www.thesole.com](http://www.thesole.com)

Sakura Tokyo  
640 Park St., Worcester, MA  
508-792-1078  
[www.sakura-tokyo.com](http://www.sakura-tokyo.com)

One Eleven Chophouse  
111 Shewsbury St., Worcester, MA  
508-799-4111  
[www.111chophouse.com](http://www.111chophouse.com)

Tribeca  
92 Shewsbury St., Worcester, MA  
508-754-7600  
[www.tribeca92.com](http://www.tribeca92.com)

Via – Italian Table  
89 Shewsbury St., Worcester, MA  
508-754-4842  
[www.viaitaliantable.com](http://www.viaitaliantable.com)