

# MUA COMMENCEMENT 2010



## DATE & TIME

Saturday, May 22, 2010 - 12:00 noon (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

Maximum five invited guests per graduate. RSVP will be sent electronically to all participating graduates requesting number of invited guests. Deadline for reply is **April 16, 2010**.

## REGALIA (CAP & GOWN) ORDER

**Graduates are responsible for placing their own cap and gown orders** which will be shipped directly to the graduate's home and are theirs to keep. Regalia orders must be placed **by April 16, 2010** and will be handled by University Cap & Gown. The cost of approximately \$83, plus the approximate \$15 for shipping, is **not** covered by the MUA graduation fee.

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

[www.mygraduationstore.com](http://www.mygraduationstore.com)

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 10, 2010**. 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 9:45 a.m. and register at desk located outside Dickens Room on the third floor. Assigned seating cards will be given to you for rehearsal. 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 order date deadline.

## SEATING

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

## CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

A continental breakfast will be available for graduates in the Boyden Salon located behind stage in the Great Hall beginning at 9:30 a.m.

## DRESS REQUIREMENT

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

## **REHEARSAL**

Rehearsal begins at 10:15 a.m. Graduates will line up alphabetically according to last name.

## **PHOTOS**

Following rehearsal, a class portrait will be taken promptly at 11:15 a.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 15, 2010**, 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 will be distributed to graduates during the ceremony. Diplomas will not be issued if there is an outstanding balance. 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 on Main Street, Exchange Street, Waldo Street, Commercial Street, Central Street.

## **PARKING**

Complimentary parking is available at the Bowditch and Dewey parking lot located on Exchange Street behind Mechanics Hall.

## **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: MUA University Graduation  
\$113.00 per night – taxes and parking not included  
Guaranteed rate until April 20, 2010

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

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

Crowne Plaza Hotel  
10 Lincoln Square, Worcester, MA  
1-800-628-4240

## **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)