

# MUA COMMENCEMENT 2018

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## DATE & TIME

Saturday, June 9, 2018 - 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](http://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 13, 2018**.

## 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 27, 2018**. 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](mailto: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 18, 2018**. For fiscal related questions, please contact the Office of the Bursar at 978-862-9500 ext. 531 or email [finance@mua.edu](mailto: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. Staff will do their best to open doors at approximately 11:00 a.m. for family and guests.

## **PHOTOS**

Following rehearsal, a class portrait will be taken promptly at 11:15 a.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 19, 2018**, 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 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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-university-school-of-medicine>

\$184.00 per night – taxes and parking not included

Guaranteed rate expires May 7, 2018

**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](http://TheCapitalGrille.com)

### **Not Just Snacks**

833 Hope Street, Providence, RI

(401) 831-1150

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

### **Bombay Club**

145 Dean Street, Providence, RI

(401) 273-6363

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

### **Providence Oyster Bar**

283 Atwells Avenue, Providence, RI

(401) 272-8866

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

### **Andino's Italian Restaurant**

171 Atwells Avenue, Providence, RI

(401) 453-3164

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

### **Pane e Vino Ristorate**

365 Atwells Avenue, Providence, RI

(401) 223-2230

[panevino.net](http://panevino.net)

### **Apsara Palace**

783 Hope Street, Providence, RI

(401) 831-4722