



**Bloomfield College
136th Commencement**

Information for Family and Friends

When: Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 9:30 a.m., **guest seating starts at 7:30a.m**

Where: College Quadrangle (click here for [directions](#) and [campus map](#)) ~ RAIN OR SHINE

Length of Ceremony: Approximately two (2) hours

Parking: Parking is available in our main lot on Liberty Street. Please note that Liberty Street is closed to traffic at 8:45 a.m.

A limited number of handicapped parking spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis in the Liberty Street lot. A handicapped hangtag or license plate is required. Passengers with disabilities may be dropped off in front of the College Quadrangle on Liberty Street prior to 8:45a.m.

Tickets: Tickets are not required, except for guests in wheelchairs.

Guest Seating: Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis starting at **7:30a.m.** Please note that this is an outdoor event that will be held rain or shine. While the majority of seating is under a tent, the additional seating area is only slightly shaded by trees. Please check the weather and dress accordingly. You may want to bring an umbrella, sunglasses and/or a hat in the event of rain or hot, sunny weather.

Guests in Wheelchairs: Seating for guests in wheelchairs and up to three (3) family members will be available in a reserved section under the tent (tickets are required) **starting at 7:30 a.m.**

Tickets for guests in wheelchairs will be available starting Friday, May 1st, in the Office of Academic Affairs (73 Oakland Avenue) until Friday, May 15th. There is no guarantee that an accommodation can be made after this date. For information, please contact Denise Smith, Commencement Co-Coordinator at ext. 101.

Etiquette: While Commencement is a celebration of our students' accomplishments, it is also a formal academic event to be conducted with dignity and decorum. Guests are asked to remain in their seats for the duration of the ceremony and to refrain from blocking aisles and passageways by attempting to greet or take photos of the graduates. Cellular phones and pagers must be turned off for the duration of the ceremony to help ensure that all guests can hear and enjoy the Commencement activities.

Photography: A professional photographer has been hired to capture this special moment. Please refrain from taking photographs during the ceremony in order to avoid obstructing the view of others. Commencement will be videotaped and each graduate will be professionally photographed as they receive their degree on stage. Graduates will receive proofs by mail from Island Photography (800-869-0908 or www.islandphoto.com) in 4-6 weeks. DVD and VHS recordings will be available one week after graduation at a nominal cost through the Media Center (973-748-9000, ext. 370 or Media_Center@Bloomfield.edu).