Dear Cornell Commencement Guest:

The 148th Cornell University Commencement will be held Sunday, May 29, 2016, and we are pleased to provide arrangements to help make your visit as comfortable and enjoyable as possible. Enclosed is a permit to park your vehicle in TRB Lot, a designated lot for blue permits only. From there, a bus will take you to Schoellkopf Stadium, near entrances to your seating in the Crescent (bleacher seating). You may use these arrangements on Saturday for Convocation and Sunday for Commencement.

### PARKING & SEATING – Saturday and Sunday

**Permit:** Place enclosed TRB Lot blue permit on your vehicle dash for traffic personnel to see.

**Arrival:**
- **Saturday:** Convocation – Arrive at TRB Lot by 10:00am. Park & ride bus to stadium. Event is 12:00-1:00pm.
- **Sunday:** Commencement – Arrive at TRB Lot by 9:00am. Park & ride bus to stadium. Procession is 10:00-11:00am. Watch for your student! Commencement Ceremony is 11:00am-Noon.

**Directions:** Refer to the map on the enclosed permit for driving directions to TRB Lot, off Route 366. As you near campus, follow signs to TRB Lot. Central Campus roads are closed on Sunday, so you must follow signs & map routes and allow extra time to get to the lot.

**Park & Ride:** Park in TRB Lot. A bus will take you from there to the Crescent side of the stadium. It will take 15-20 minutes to load, ride to the stadium, and unload. Please plan accordingly.

**Seating:** Your reserved section of bleacher seating is in the stadium Crescent. Refer to your enclosed 6 blue seating tickets for your assigned entrance & seating section. You MUST enter through the correct entrance to get to your reserved seating section.

**Tickets:** Use enclosed 6 blue seating tickets* for the reserved seating area for you & your family. *(Show your seating tickets to seating ushers, but keep tickets to show on both days.)*

- **Saturday:** Convocation – Use your blue tickets, or choose to sit in general seating areas.
- **Sunday:** Commencement – Use your blue seating tickets for your reserved area.

*All reserved blue seating sections are at capacity, based on the number of seating tickets issued per section. PLEASE be mindful of other guests by NOT asking ushers to allow anyone without a blue ticket to sit in the reserved area, as doing so would take seats from other ticketed guests in need. If more than 6 people are in your party, those without blue seating tickets may sit in general seating rows nearby so you don't get too far apart.

### WHAT TO BRING

You MUST bring your enclosed blue TRB Lot parking permit and blue seating tickets to campus. To make your bleacher seating more comfortable, feel free to bring a small seat cushion or portable back support that attaches to bleachers. Be prepared for walking and weather conditions by bringing comfortable walking shoes, sun protection, umbrella, jacket, etc.

**NO Wheelchairs:** This accessibility plan does NOT accommodate wheelchairs, walkers, or scooters! The blue plan is ALL BLEACHER seating, has some stairs, and no place to use or store a wheelchair. If you need access to a mobility device, please call 607-255-9541 as soon as possible to exchange this blue plan for the yellow plan which is wheelchair-accessible (ground level, no stairs, no bus rides).

### FOOD and BEVERAGES

Food & beverages are available at stadium concessions, but feel free to bring your own (no glass bottles).

### WEBCAST

Family not traveling to Ithaca may enjoy watching the webcast of the procession and ceremony at [www.cornell.edu](http://www.cornell.edu) at 10:00am. The webcast will remain online to view at a later time as well.
**BUSES (Saturday & Sunday)**

**Saturday:** Free buses will be available 8am–5pm Saturday to take you from TRB Lot to the stadium for Convocation, then around campus for college events or return you to TRB Lot. After 5pm, buses will not be servicing the stadium but will still be servicing other bus stops & parking lots.

**Sunday:** Free buses will be available 7:30am–5pm Sunday to take you from TRB Lot to the stadium for Commencement, then around campus for college events or return you to TRB Lot.

**AFTER COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY (Sunday)**

The Commencement Ceremony will end by noon, then graduates and families will walk or bus to college events. You’ll receive a Commencement Program at the stadium on Sunday morning that includes a list of Sunday afternoon college events, a campus map, and bus stops nearest those events.

**Walk:** If the college event location is close to the stadium, you may walk there. After the college event, go to a nearby bus stop for bus transportation back to TRB Lot.

**Bus:** If the college event location is farther away than you’d like to walk, you may board a campus bus at the Crescent Lot to take you closer to the college event location. After the college event, go to a nearby bus stop for bus transportation back to TRB Lot.

**LARGE-SCREEN INDOOR VIEWING ON SUNDAY**

We have arranged for a large video screen at Newman Arena in Bartels Hall to view the Commencement procession and ceremony indoors, beginning at 10:00am. You may want to consider this option in the case of extreme heat, cooler temperatures, or to avoid hours in direct sun. Any guests are welcome to watch the indoor broadcast on Sunday (not available on Saturday for Convocation). There are no reservations required and no tickets needed.* To get to Bartels Hall, you may use your blue permit to park in the TRB Lot, ride the shuttle bus to the stadium, exit the bus, and walk across the street to Bartels Hall.

*If the Severe Weather Plan is enacted, then SWP tickets (see below) will be required for admission to this location.

**MEDICAL and RESTROOM FACILITIES**

Medical staff and ushers are available to assist guests in case of an emergency. A first aid station is located in Schoellkopf Hall at the north end of the stadium and in the parking lot behind the Crescent.

**SEVERE WEATHER PLAN (SWP) - Sunday**

If the Severe Weather Plan (SWP) is enacted on Sunday morning, the university ceremony will be held in Barton Hall (not at outdoor Schoellkopf Stadium, as planned) and a broadcast of the ceremony will be shown in 2 other locations noted on SWP tickets. Only guests with a SWP ticket** will be admitted into Barton Hall or a SWP broadcast location, so plan your carpooling to campus accordingly in the event of severe weather. You may still use the blue permit to park in the TRB Lot then ride a bus to Barton Hall or to a SWP broadcast location. Accessible seating in SWP locations is available and does not need to be reserved in advance, but remember a SWP ticket is required for admission in severe weather.

**Each student’s family received 4 SWP tickets in January (2 for Barton Hall; 2 for SWP broadcast locations). The enclosed blue tickets are for accessible stadium seating, NOT admission tickets into any SWP location.**

The ceremony is webcast at www.cornell.edu, rain or shine, and no tickets are needed to watch online.

Note: SWP tickets are for the University Ceremony on Sunday, not for college or department events.

For information about Commencement weekend, please visit www.commencement.cornell.edu or call our office at (607) 255-9541. We’ll be happy to answer your questions. We hope your visit to Cornell will be a wonderful celebration and enjoyed by your entire family!

Sincerely,

*Connie Mabry*

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Director, University Commencement Events

Enclosures: 1 blue vehicle parking permit for TRB Lot (use for parking at TRB Lot on Saturday and Sunday)
6 blue mobility-impaired seating tickets in Crescent bleachers at Schoellkopf Stadium (use Sunday; optional Saturday)
Campus Map for Sunday. Follow black arrow routes to TRB Parking Lot for Saturday and Sunday.

- TRB Lot Option 2 parking, Shuttle bus to stadium
- Entrance to TRB Lot for Option 2 parking
- Shuttle bus unloading area at stadium
- Entrance for blue ticket seating & general seating
- Option 2 seating for BLUE Tickets
- Procession begins at 9:45 am on Arts Quad
- Commencement procession route to Schoellkopf Stadium
- Sunday ONLY road closed 8:00am - 4:00pm, Only buses allowed
- SWP
- Barton Hall
- Severe Weather Plan location
Directions for Mobility-Impaired Guests Going to College Events Following University Commencement on Sunday, May 29, 2016

Accessibility plans provide special parking & seating arrangements for events at Schoellkopf Stadium, such as University Commencement on Sunday morning. If you have a college/department event to attend after Commencement, you should consider how to get from the stadium to your next event. This document will help you determine if bringing a wheelchair for transportation is necessary (must switch to Option 1 Yellow Plan, if so).

MOBILITY IMPAIRED – Option 2 Blue Plan
When Commencement ends at noon, you may ride a bus from the stadium (bus stop CL) to a bus stop closer to your next event. **Bus Stop CL is the closest bus stop servicing events listed below, so walking directly from the stadium is required.** If walking will be too strenuous, you will need to bring walking assistance such as a wheelchair** or cane.

➔ If bringing a wheelchair, walker, or scooter... you MUST switch to Option 1 Yellow Plan!!!!!

The Blue Plan cannot accommodate wheelchairs, walkers or scooters, nor does it provide a place to set them aside. The ONLY way to use or access a mobility device at the stadium is by having the Yellow Plan. Even if you don’t need your wheelchair until after Commencement, you will need the Yellow Plan in order to retrieve it from your vehicle.

**WALKING FROM THE STADIUM is required** for getting to these specific Sunday afternoon events.

➔ WALK/WHEEL: From your Crescent seating area, exit out of the stadium, walk along the Crescent Lot and down to the Campus Road sidewalk, then walk along Campus Road to get to the college event location listed below. (Buses can transport guests to other areas/events not listed below.)

➔ If walking will be too strenuous, you MUST bring a wheelchair, and MUST switch to Option 1 Yellow Plan in order to use or access it.

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➔ Also, if going to Snee Hall, Myron Taylor Hall, Performing Arts Center, consider switching to Option 1 and using wheelchair for the long walk.

*If your college event is not listed above, you will ride a bus from stadium crescent (CL) to a bus stop near your event, then walk.

On Commencement morning, guests receive a Commencement Program at the stadium that lists Sunday afternoon college events and a campus map with locations and bus stops noted. To get to events listed above, walking from stadium is required.