



Baltimore City Community College

Notice to Commencement Participants
COMMENCEMENT DAY INSTRUCTIONS
May 9, 2026, 10:00 AM

Venue: [Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, 1212 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.](#)

Graduates

- All graduates must arrive at the Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall by **8:30 a.m.** and enter using the Main Entrance. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. for graduates. **Late Arrivals may not participate in procession.**
- The Commencement Ceremony is from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Bring the cap & gown provided to you by BCCC. You may not participate in the Commencement Ceremony without a cap & gown, and **NO** additional gowns will be available on the day of the event.
- The volunteers will give you an index card bearing your name, program, and line number for seating purposes. **The index card is important and do not lose your card or change your seat.** You will pass the card to a reader as you approach the stage.
- You will receive a wristband during check-in to retrieve your gift at the conclusion of commencement. Do not lose your wristband. **You will not be able to collect your gift without the wristband or if you leave commencement early.**
- Personal items may not be left with staff or in your seat. Please plan with family or friends to secure personal items.
- Limited snacks and drinks will be available in the graduate waiting area.
- Graduates are to stay for the entire ceremony and will be dismissed at the conclusion.
- Graduates who took cap and gown photos with Grad Images will be notified directly when their images are ready for view. If you do not receive a link or your link is incorrect, they can be directed to the Grad Images Customer Service Department at (800) 261-2576 or email ecc.giservice@gradimages.net.

Graduate Attire

- Wear comfortable shoes. Graduates will be standing for long periods of time, so graduates are encouraged to wear appropriate footwear.
- Wear appropriate clothing under your gown as some clothing items may be visible.
- No gum chewing.
- Wear your tassel on the right side of the cap until all degrees are conferred. Graduates will be told when to move the tassels to the other side. You may view the [Class of 2026 - How to Wear Regalia](#) video to ensure your cap and gown are on properly.
- Phi Theta Kappa students may wear their tassel and stole.

The Ceremony

- The Faculty Marshal will lead you into the ceremony by program. You will line up in numerical order.
- Follow the marshals' instructions, moving into the row of chairs as directed, and remaining standing until someone on stage instructs everyone to be seated.
- Trust the marshals when they show you where to sit, and when to stand to move toward the stage.
- Keep your name card with you to hand to your school dean on the stage!
- After you walk up the steps on stage and hand your name card to the dean, proceed to the center of the stage to receive your diploma cover, and then continue walking and exit the stage.
- No selfies on stage. There will be professional photographers taking pictures as you go across stage and after you exit the stage; keep moving as instructed.

Guests

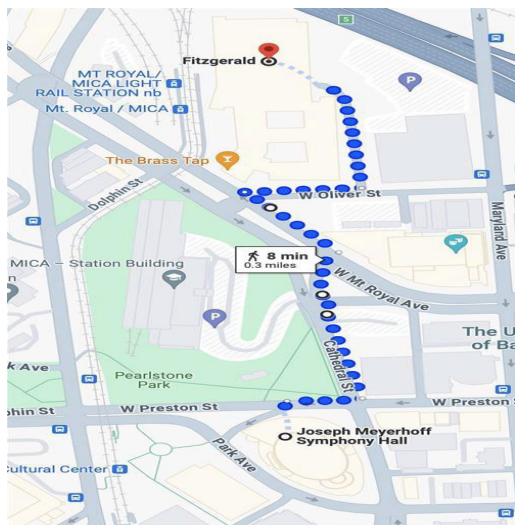
- All guests, regardless of age, must have a 2026 Commencement Ticket to enter.
- Guests will enter the entrance on Cathedral Street and will not be admitted into the Meyerhoff auditorium until 8:30 a.m.
- Guests are **not** permitted in any waiting area.
- Guests are not to bring whistles and other loud noise makers.
- Balloons are not permitted in the Auditorium.
- During the procession and ceremony, all guests should remain in their seats to keep aisles clear.
- Once the procession has started, **NO ONE** will be admitted into the auditorium on the **first floor**. Guests will be directed to seating on the second and third floor.
- For safety reasons, guests will not be allowed into the aisle for pictures.
- Student and guest parking information is available on the [Commencement 2026](#).

Parking

We encourage everyone to park at:

- **Symphony Center Garage**, conveniently located across the street from the Meyerhoff at **1030 Park Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21201**.
- The University of Baltimore also offers \$15 pre-paid parking available at the **Maryland Avenue Garage, 1120 Maryland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21201**, which is located across the street from the Meyerhoff. If you would like to purchase parking to guarantee your parking space, [click here](#).
- [The Fitzgerald, 80 W. Oliver Street, Baltimore, MD](#) (7 minutes from the Meyerhoff)
- MICA Mt. Royal Station, 1400 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, MD (4 minutes from the Meyerhoff).
- Metered street parking at your discretion

Directions from the Fitzgerald Garage



Directions from the Maryland Avenue Garage

