Tufts School of Dental Medicine Commencement Guide
May 17, 2020
Pre-Ceremony Arrival

Where:
Carmichael Quadrangle
Tufts Medford Campus
200 Packard Avenue

When:
Arrive by 10:15am
Carmichael Dining Hall
(basement of Carmichael Hall)

- Please tell your guests not to arrive to the tent before 8:30am
- If you have a family member hooding you, they should report to the Carmichael Lounge (1st floor of Carmichael Hall)
Student Lineup

- In the basement, look for your name! There will be index cards on the floor indicating your processional order.
- When all the students and faculty are lined up and the Dean returns from the All-University ceremony, the processional will begin. This will be around 11am.
What to Wear

- You must wear your cap and gown in order to participate. DMD students will have purple tassels and Master students will have gold tassels. Wear your tassel on the right side. Business casual attire is suggested to wear underneath your gown. You should base your attire on the temperature of the day. The tent will be heated if it is cold.

- Please note that you will be walking up and down stairs, as well as through grass and dirt. Please plan your footwear accordingly!

- You cannot leave anything in Carmichael Hall. Leave anything that you do not want to carry with family.
The Dental Ceremony

The Processional

You will be led up the stairs and out the front of Carmichael to process into the tent. Dr. Kasberg will lead the group down the center aisle to your designated row. There will be a name card on the seat designating it as yours. If a class member does not appear for the processional, their seat should be left empty in the event that they arrive late.

The Ceremony

The faculty will follow the students and sit on the stage. The ceremony includes greetings from Dean Karimbux and Class Presidents Yannis Koroneos and Nadine Bedair, recognition of the Master of Science recipients, presentation of diplomas, and the awarding of the doctoral hoods. The ceremony lasts approximately 2.5 hours.
When the time comes for the awarding of the doctoral hoods, each row will be directed to the stage. As you reach the top of the stage, either Yannis Koroneos or Nadine Bedair will announce your name and you will walk across the stage, about 6 paces to the large “X.”

Face the audience and the doctoral hood will be lowered on your shoulders. After this has taken place, you should proceed across the stage to receive your diploma from Dean Karimbux.

Please accept your diploma with your left hand and shake hands with the Dean and other stage dignitaries. You should then continue across the stage, down the steps and sit back down in your assigned seat.
Conclusion of Ceremony

At the end of the ceremony, the stage assembly will exit first, followed by the graduates, down the center aisle for the recessional from the end.

At the conclusion of the recessional there will be a full-class photo outside of the tent. After the photo there will be an informal reception for the students, faculty and guests. The gathering will take place in front of Carmichael Hall (where you lined up before the ceremony).
Helpful Reminders

Photography
Commencement Photos, Inc. is the contracted photographer for the University and will take the official photo of you standing with your diploma, center stage with Dean Karimbux and the Dental School Trustee. These photos can be ordered later this summer.

Additionally, the Dental School has hired 2 additional photographers – one to take a picture of students being hooded by alumni family members and a second to take a picture of you as you exit the stage on the far side. These photos will be added to the Commencement page on the Dental website for downloading at no charge.

What NOT to Bring
Please refrain from bringing loud noise makers and air horns. Balloons are also discouraged, as they block views. While service animals are always welcome, please leave pets at home.

Campus Shuttle
To learn more about the campus shuttle pickup locations and the schedule, please visit https://commencement.tufts.edu/commencement-day/shuttle-service/

Wheelchair Accommodations
If a member of your party will be attending in a wheelchair, please speak with Maggie ASAP (Room 1511P) in order to discuss seating accommodations.

Tufts Emergency Alerts
To receive emergency alerts via text message during commencement, please text keyword Tufts2020 to 67283. You will receive a welcome text to confirm joining TuftsAlert for Commencement 2020. This will be valid May 11-25.

Please communicate these details to your family! Questions? Ask Maggie McMorrow, Room 1511P, Maggie.McMorrow@tufts.edu
Tufts All-University Ceremony

Are you attending the 9am All-University ceremony? Here is what you need to know:

Lineup time: 8:30am  
Lineup location: Carmichael Hall  
Ceremony Location: The Green (main Quad area)  
9am Procession begins
Congratulations, Class of 2020!