

BROWN UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

Box 1868
Providence, RI 02912
401 863-2474
FAX 401 863-9595



March 15, 2008

Dear Graduating Brown University Seniors,

We are delighted to write to you with news of Brown University's 240th Commencement, an important and joyous event for you, your family, and the entire University community. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with some general information regarding Commencement Weekend, Friday, May 23, through Sunday, May 25, 2008. We also strongly encourage you to visit our Commencement Web site for more detailed and updated information: www.brown.edu/commencement. Please note that your parents will receive a mailing similar to this one.

This is the first of two mailings that you will receive via campus mail between now and the end of May. Please read both mailings carefully and save them for reference.

A **SCHEDULE OF MAJOR COMMENCEMENT EVENTS** to help you and your family plan your entire weekend is enclosed. You will also find details here about Campus Dance and other information of interest.

You and your family are invited to enjoy a number of events throughout the weekend, beginning with the traditional Brown Bear Buffet and the festive Campus Dance on Friday evening. Saturday begins with a variety of topical Commencement forums led by Brown faculty, alumni, and distinguished guests. Forums continue through the early afternoon. The University's multi-faith Baccalaureate ceremony for graduating seniors takes place at 3 P.M. on Saturday in the First Baptist Church in America. Seating in the church is limited to seniors only, but the ceremony can be viewed in its entirety by your family and guests on two large video screens on the College Green and in Salomon Center and Sayles Hall. The Commencement procession and ceremonies are held on Sunday, with the procession stepping off through Faunce Arch on the College Green promptly at 9:45 A.M.

Please note that your family members and guests **DO NOT NEED TICKETS** for the open seating available on the College Green for either the Baccalaureate or the Commencement ceremonies. The portions of these ceremonies that take place in the First Baptist Church are simulcast live on two large video screens on the College Green.

Individuals with disabilities requesting accommodations for any event during the weekend should contact the Office of University Events as far in advance as possible. Call 863-2108 during normal business hours. Please note that Brown provides real-time captioning of the Baccalaureate and Commencement ceremonies on the video simulcast on the College Green and in Salomon Center and Sayles Hall. A form for requesting a special parking permit for persons with accessibility needs is available on the Commencement Web site under Disability Support Services in Commencement A-Z.

You may purchase your academic regalia (cap and gown) at the Brown Bookstore after May 1. Academic regalia should be worn for the Baccalaureate service on Saturday, May 24, and the Commencement ceremonies on Sunday, May 25.

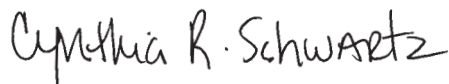
Four formal Commencement announcements for you to send to relatives and friends are enclosed. Additional free announcements may be picked up at the Office of University Events, 71 George Street. Personalized graduation announcements are available for purchase through the Brown Bookstore.

Descriptions of the Commencement procession and ceremonies and a map of the procession route will be available in early April at www.brown.edu/commencement. In addition, the dining options during Commencement Day (Sunday), include a breakfast buffet available in the Sharpe Refectory from 7:00 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. Quick "Grab and Go" breakfast and lunch options will be available around the College Green from 8:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

As noted above, your parents have received a similar mailing. That mailing is the only one they will receive prior to your graduation. You should expect another mailing with further instructions and details on the ceremonies and other important events.

We hope these materials and our Web site are helpful as you and your family plan for your Commencement Weekend at Brown. Please do not hesitate to contact the Commencement Office at 863-2474, with your questions or concerns. We look forward to celebrating Brown's 240th Commencement with you and your family on May 23-25.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia R. Schwartz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "C" and "S".

CYNTHIA R. SCHWARTZ

Director of University Events