Information for Graduating Students – Tuesday, May 16th at Barclays Center

DIRECTIONS
Barclays Center – 620 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11217

- By subway: Eleven subway lines stop near the arena: 2, 3, 4, 5, B, D, N, Q, and R to Atlantic Avenue-Barclays Center; C to Lafayette Avenue; G to Fulton Street
- By bus: Eleven bus lines stop near the arena: B25, B26, B38, B41, B45, B52, B63, B65, B67, B69, and B103
- By Long Island Rail Road: Take the LIRR to Atlantic Terminal, located across the street from Barclays.
- Area Parking: It is difficult to find parking easily at Barclays Center; however, there are several parking facilities within close proximity to the arena. MANY SUBWAYS CONVERGE IN THIS AREA.

SCHEDULE
9:00 AM Graduates arrive – All graduates will enter for the processional at the EmblemHealth Dean Street Entry (southeast corner of arena on Dean Street, between Flatbush Ave and 6th Avenue). All graduates must arrive by 9:00am SHARP in order to be lined up for the entrance processional.
9:00 AM All guests of graduates with appropriate tickets must enter directly through the GEICO Main Entry (corner of Flatbush Avenue and Atlantic Avenue). Guides will be available to assist guests.
10:00 AM Ceremony begins with the processional.
12:30 PM Ceremony concludes (approximate time)

Graduates will need the following items to enter Barclays Center:
1. Your academic attire. You will not be allowed to participate unless you are dressed in your academic attire. It is also recommended that you wear comfortable shoes.
2. The yellow name card that serves as your ticket to enter the student line-up area. You will receive it when you pick up your tickets on the distribution day. It will have your name labeled as you selected it to be read at the ceremony. The card also provides information to Island Photographers, the official photographers for the event, and will be submitted when taking the stage. Please fill out the information requested on the card, opposite of the labeled side.

There is no place for you to store personal belongings, such as a backpack, purse, or cell phone. Whatever you bring with you will have to be carried by you onto the stage during the conferral of your degree. Please note that, if you choose to leave items at your seat during the conferral process, there is a possibility that you will not return to the same seat after the degrees have been conferred. Also, all bags and personal belongings will be subject to a security search. You may consider leaving items with your guests instead. For more information about prohibited items, please refer to the Barclays Center website: http://www.barclayscenter.com/guest-services/prohibited-items

GUEST TICKET INFORMATION
Guest tickets for Barclays Center will be GENERAL ADMISSION seating sections around the lower portion of the arena. Staff and signage will direct your guests to their assigned seating area. The specific row and seats will be general admission and will be seated as your guests arrive. All guests will be subject to security screening before entering Barclays Center.

Elderly and Accessibility Accommodations
All guests including those needing assistance enter the arena via the general admission entrance. Ushers will be available to escort guests with special needs to reserved seating. Graduates with Disabilities: If you have a special accessibility need (e.g. wheelchair access) please contact engr.commencement@nyu.edu.

Webcast
Graduates, parents, family members, and friends who are unable to attend in person can watch the events at engineering.nyu.edu/commencement.
STUDENT LINE-UP
• The processional, or the entrance the candidates make to begin the ceremonies, will be ordered by department, not student name, and will be indicated by the departmental banners, and signs displayed in the student line-up area.
• The line for graduating students will be further divided by degree level: bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral.
• Identify your respective department and degree level (bachelor’s, master’s, or doctoral) and report there by 9:00am SHARP.

Processional
• Please follow the marshals' instructions and remain with your department.
• When it is time for the procession, the chief marshals will come to the front of the line-up area and lead the candidates into the arena.
• Marshals and banner bearers for each academic department will in turn lead the chief marshals.
• Department marshals will guide you to your seat. Upon reaching your row, please occupy it quickly to prevent the column from backing up. Please do not leave any empty seats.
• Remain standing until the platform party has reached the stage. You may sit down only after everyone on stage has been seated.

During the Ceremony and Walking Across the Stage
• The ceremony will last approximately 2.5 hours.
• Until your department is called on stage for the presentation of its candidates, you must remain seated.
• As you walk onto the stage, you will hand the yellow name card you received at ticket distribution to a member of the Commencement staff. This card will be used to pronounce your name and then be given to Island Photography for your photos (see below).
• No diplomas are awarded at this ceremony. Diplomas will be ready several weeks after Commencement and distributed by the Office of the Registrar.
• After you exit the stage, you will have your photo taken and then return promptly to your seat. YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO EXIT THE ARENA. Students who attempt to leave will be turned back to their seats. You must remain in your seat until all candidates have been presented.

Recessional
• After the conclusion of the Commencement exercises, there will be a recessional of the stage party. Students must remain seated until the stage party exits the hall.
• Once the stage party has exited, you may leave through the guest seating and main concourse.
• Upon exiting the hall, you may meet your family and friends in the GEICO Atrium or at the plaza in front of the arena. It is a good idea to select a meeting point before you enter the Barclays Center.
• If you are attending the All-University Ceremony at Yankee Stadium on May 17th, you must keep your attire. If you are not attending, you must return your rental attire in one of the Herff Jones return bins that you will pass when exiting the arena. Fees will be assessed to those who do not return attire.

PHOTOGRAPHY
Island Photography will be the graduating students’ photographer for the School of Engineering Commencement ceremony. Each graduate of the Class of 2017 will have two photos taken during the ceremony:
• The first is of you shaking hands with the Dean on stage.
• The second is taken immediately after you leave the stage.
• Island Photography uses the information on the name card to reach you and alert you as to when you may view and order photos online. Please fill out the information requested on the card before you arrive on May 16th.

BARCLAY’S CENTER VISITORS’ GUIDE
A compressive visitor’s guide can be found at http://www.barclayscenter.com/guest-services/a-z-guide