

BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT COMMENCEMENT 2018 FACT SHEET

Date, Location, and Time

This year's ceremony will be held on Friday, May 25, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. in the Bonne Sante' Wellness Center located on the Mid-City Campus. The doors will be closed at 9:45 A.M. to begin the academic processional. Please encourage your family and friends to arrive early enough to be seated by 9:45 A.M., as the doors will remain closed until the academic processional has ended. The doors will reopen at the conclusion of the academic processional to allow guests to enter the arena to be seated.

Rehearsal

Rehearsal will be held on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. in the Bonne Sante' Wellness Center and should last an hour. All graduates must attend rehearsal. Honor cords, photography information, and other pertinent information will be distributed on this day. Regalia are not required for rehearsal.

Attire

All graduates will wear regalia. Female graduates will also wear the detachable white collar provided with the gown. If your gown is wrinkled, it is suggested that you steam your gown the day before the ceremony. We suggest that you wear an appropriate seasonal outfit, keeping in mind the weather on the day and that the gowns can be quite warm. Suggested attire includes:

Gentlemen

Dress shirt (preferably with a white collar)
Dark Pants

Ladies*

Dress
Dark shoes (please be mindful of heel height as you will stand for periods of time and navigate steps)

**It is suggested that ladies bring safety pins to secure the detachable collar and bobby pins to secure the cap.*

Attire that is **not** suitable: jeans, tennis shoes, work boots, flip flops, shorts.

The appropriate cap for graduates is the familiar black "mortarboard." The mortarboard is worn straight on the head with the point of the cap in the center of the forehead. The tassel should hang to the left of the face.

Arrival/Assembly for Academic Procession

Graduates must arrive in cap and gown promptly at 8:30 A.M. on Friday, May 25, 2018. Family and friends will not be permitted to enter the assembly area. Staff members will be available to help direct graduates to the appropriate line-up areas as well as to direct family and friends to seating areas. **BALLOONS, POSTERS, AIR HORNS OR OTHER PARTY MATERIAL WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE ARENA. You will not be permitted to bring cell phones or purses into the arena. It is suggested that you leave these items in your locked vehicle or with someone in the audience.**

Distribution of Caps and Gowns

Orders to purchase caps and gowns will begin March 15, 2018 in the Bookstore (Mid-City Campus). The cost is \$34.87. Please note that this fee is **NON-REFUNDABLE and regalia is NON-RETURNABLE.**

Diplomas/Degrees

Diplomas are inscribed with the College name, degree title, graduate's name, and date of award. **Your name will appear on your degree/diploma as it appears in LoLA. Name corrections must be done by March 1, 2018.** During the ceremony, diploma covers will be presented. **Immediately following the ceremony diplomas will be issued.**

Academic Honors

Honor designations are determined by the **Overall grade point average (including transfer credits)** of all work completed as of the term requirements were completed. Honor cords will be distributed at Commencement Rehearsal. Honors are recognized as follows:

<u>Designation</u>	<u>GPA Range**</u>	<u>Cord Color</u>
Chancellor's Honors Scholar	3.85 – 4.00	Gold
Dean's Honors List	3.50 – 3.84	Red
Honor's	3.00 – 3.49	White

****Reminder:** *Developmental and English as a Second Language courses are not included in the calculation of grade point averages.*

Photographs

Lifetouch Photography has been engaged to take your picture with the Chancellor as you cross the stage. You may order pictures directly from the photographer. Specific details will be provided directly from Candid Campus Photography.

Arrangements for Hearing Impaired Graduates and/or Guests with Disabilities

BRCC will provide interpreter service for the ceremony. To assist us in providing arrangements for graduates or guests of graduates with special needs, please contact the Director of Disability Services, Wendy Devall at 225.216.8503 by Friday, May 4, 2018.

NOTE

Students must successfully complete **ALL** classes toward their respective degree for academic requirements including the payment of **ALL** money owed to the College by the end of the spring 2018 semester to participate in the Commencement ceremony, receive an official transcript, or to be issued a diploma.

Any questions regarding graduation should be directed to Mrs. Carlesia Bibbins at brccgraduation@mybrcc.edu or (225) 216-8677.