121st Annual Commencement

CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
Pasadena, California

Information and activities for
Thursday, June 11, and Friday, June 12, 2015

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Congratulations 2015 Caltech Graduates,

Commencement marks a beginning, the beginning of a new stage in your lives. Your ability to apply quantitative techniques to important problems, to structure solutions, and, most importantly, to persist in asking questions, positions you to make fundamental contributions to the pursuit of knowledge and service to society. We are proud of your accomplishments and eagerly anticipate your continued successes.

On June 12th the Caltech community will formally celebrate your achievements. We also appreciate that many others have contributed to your success: parents and siblings, family and friends, faculty and classmates. They too take pride in your upcoming commencement ceremony and deserve our recognition.

We are grateful for your contributions to the Institute and look forward to your engagement with Caltech as our newest alumni. May you have a lifetime of fulfilling adventures.

Thomas F. Rosenbaum
President
Activities Schedule

Thursday, June 11

Cap and Gown Portraits/Family Portraits (optional)
10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., marshaling area by Millikan Pond
4:00–6:00 p.m., President’s Garden, 415 South Hill Avenue

Graduate Studies Celebration Luncheon*
MS and PhD candidates and their families
11:30 a.m., the Athenaeum

Reception at the President’s Garden*
All graduates and their families
4:00–6:00 p.m., 415 South Hill Avenue

Senior Graduation Banquet*
BS candidates and their families and friends
6:00 p.m., the Athenaeum

Student Concert
All graduates and their families and friends
8:30 p.m., Ramo Auditorium

Friday, June 12

Group Photograph of 2015 BS Candidates
8:45 a.m., Parsons-Gates

Commencement Exercises
10:00 a.m., Beckman Mall
Speaker: Genevieve Bell, Vice President and Fellow, Intel Corporation

Post-Commencement Luncheon*
All graduates and their families
12:30 p.m.–2:00 p.m., the Athenaeum

*Reservations are required for the asterisked events and must be made and paid for by May 15, 2015. Please make your reservations online at commencement.caltech.edu. There is no charge for the President’s Reception.
Getting to Caltech
1200 East California Boulevard, Pasadena, California 91125

From Los Angeles International Airport (LAX):
> Travel south on Sepulveda Boulevard to the Century Freeway (105).
> Proceed east on the 105 to the Harbor/Pasadena Freeway (110).
> Drive north on the 110 until it ends at Arroyo Parkway in Pasadena.
> Continue north on Arroyo Parkway to California Boulevard.
> Turn right on California Boulevard.

Several van shuttles also offer door-to-door service from the airport.

From Downtown Los Angeles:
> Proceed north on the Harbor/Pasadena Freeway (110) until it ends at Arroyo Parkway in Pasadena.
> Continue north on Arroyo Parkway to California Boulevard.
> Turn right on California Boulevard.

From Burbank Airport (BUR) and Glendale:
> Follow the signs leaving the airport to the Golden State Freeway (5).
> Proceed south on the 5 to the Ventura Freeway (134).
> Go east on the 134 to the Foothill Freeway (210).
> Continue east on the 210 to Hill Avenue.
> Turn right on Hill Avenue and travel south until you reach campus.

From West Los Angeles:
> Travel east on the Santa Monica Freeway (10) to the Harbor/Pasadena Freeway (110).
> Go north on the 110 until it ends at Arroyo Parkway in Pasadena.
> Continue north on Arroyo Parkway to California Boulevard.
> Turn right onto California Boulevard.

From Orange County or the San Gabriel Valley:
> Drive north on the San Gabriel River Freeway (605) to the Foothill Freeway (210).
> Go west on the 210, taking the Hill Avenue exit.
> Turn left on Hill Avenue and travel south until you reach campus.
Caps and Gowns and Other Mementos

Questions regarding caps and gowns, commencement invitations and announcements, graduation photos, DVD orders, class rings, and diploma frames should be directed to the Caltech Bookstore.

Caps, gowns, house tassles and stoles can be purchased and picked up from the Caltech Bookstore between April 6 and the morning of commencement. The cost is $32 for the bachelor’s cap, gown, and tassel; $36 for the master’s cap, gown, and tassel; $105 for the PhD cap, gown, tassel, and hood. Rentals are not available.

This year’s commencement gowns are made from recycled material and bins will be available at the Bookstore after the event, should you wish to recycle them.

Hotels and Restaurants

Reduced room rates have been negotiated for graduates’ families at a number of local hotels. Accommodations are limited, and guests will need to contact the hotel directly and mention that they will be attending the California Institute of Technology commencement when making a reservation.

Participating hotels and their rates, as well as nearby restaurants, are listed online at commencement.caltech.edu.

Photographs and DVDs

GradImages will photograph each graduate as he or she crosses the stage to receive a diploma. Proofs will be made available within five business days of graduation, and there will be an opportunity to select from a variety of photo packages, with no obligation to purchase.

To streamline the photograph ordering process, please sign up online at commencement.caltech.edu. By doing so in advance of graduation, GradImages will provide $5 off a $25 purchase.

Additional candid photos will be taken during the festivities. These images will be available for viewing on the commencement website within a few hours of the event.

DVDs and Blu-ray discs of the entire ceremony will be available for purchase. Order forms will be available at Grad Fair and commencement.caltech.edu. You can also contact the Caltech Bookstore at citbook@caltech.edu or 626-395-6161 for further information.

Marshaling Areas

Candidates for degrees must reach their specified line-formation site, in cap and gown, no later than 8:45 a.m. on June 12. Commencement exercises will start promptly at 10:00 a.m., and latecomers may not be included in the processional.

Detailed instructions will be distributed in the marshaling areas when the candidates sign in.

Staff will be present to coordinate the assembling of the academic procession. Candidates will form a line along the covered walk at each of these locations:

A Bachelor’s candidates: south of Parsons-Gates

B Master’s and engineer’s candidates: south end of the bridge across Millikan Pond

C PhD candidates: north of East Bridge, behind the master’s and engineer’s candidates
The marching order will be candidates for bachelor’s degrees, master’s degrees, engineer’s degrees, and PhD degrees, followed by the faculty, trustees, and speaker. Candidates will follow the marshal of their respective group to their seats on Beckman Mall, where they will remain standing until David Lee, chairman of the Board of Trustees, asks the audience to be seated.

At the end of the ceremony, graduates should remain standing after the Alma Mater and during the recessional march of the faculty, trustees, and speaker, until the recessional music stops. There is no formal recession for graduates.

**Commencement Parking**
Parking is available in lots and structures around campus, and will be free for guest parking on Thursday, June 11, and Friday, June 12. Please see the map for locations. *The two-hour parking limit on surrounding streets will also be lifted on Friday, June 12.*

**Special Needs**

- **Handicapped Drop-Off:** South end of Lot 11. The area is accessible from Michigan Avenue, south of Del Mar Boulevard.

- **Handicapped Parking:** Lot 12, near the southeast corner of Del Mar Boulevard and Michigan Avenue. The lot may be entered from Wilson Avenue as well as from Michigan Avenue.

**Transportation on campus:**
Campus security will be available with an electric cart to transport disabled persons to the commencement site. An officer stationed at the handicapped drop-off area can arrange for service.

**Handicapped seating:** The northeast corner of the Beckman Mall, facing the stage, is reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Only one person may accompany the handicapped individual.

**American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters** will be signing during the exercises.

**Large-type programs and assistive listening devices (ALDs)** are available at the information booth, located at the far south end of Beckman Mall.

**Wheelchairs** are available for on-site use only to transport disabled guests to/from their seats. These wheelchairs are kept at the first-aid tent, located at the far south end of Beckman Mall. If you require a wheelchair for use beyond the commencement site, they are available from several local rental companies, including Home Medical Supplies, 626-796-5979, and Cal Oaks Pharmacy, 626-795-5956.

**Lost and Found** items may be reported and claimed at the information booth.

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