

TWO THOUSAND THREE  
COMMENCEMENT  
*The Johns Hopkins University*

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### General Information

*We hope that you will join us for the conferring of degrees at the close of the 127th academic year on Thursday, May 22, 2003, and that the following information is helpful as you make your plans.*

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### 2003 Parent/Senior Day

*On Wednesday, May 21, families and graduating seniors are invited to a day of pre-Commencement festivities, including a picnic hosted by the deans, tours of The Baltimore Museum of Art and Homewood House Museum, guest lectures by noted Johns Hopkins professors, live musical entertainment, and recreational sports contests between parents and seniors. Parent/Senior Day is sponsored by Dean of Student Life Susan K. Boswell and the Class of 2003. For an update, refer to <http://class03.jhu.stuco.org>.*

#### Arrival

*Please plan to arrive early to allow sufficient time to park your car and get to Homewood Field since the Processional for each ceremony will begin twenty minutes prior to the ceremony.*

### Ceremonies

*On Thursday, May 22, both the University-wide Commencement Ceremony at 9:15 a.m. and the Zanvyl Krieger School of Arts and Sciences and the G.W.C. Whiting School of Engineering Undergraduate Diploma Ceremony at 1:45 p.m. take place on Homewood Field on The Johns Hopkins University Homewood Campus. You are cordially invited to attend both ceremonies. Please note that while degrees are conferred on all candidates at the Commencement Ceremony, only doctoral candidates are called to the stage to receive diplomas. The Commencement Ceremony lasts approximately 2–2 1/2 hours. The Undergraduate Diploma Ceremony lasts approximately 2 1/2 hours.*

### Diploma Pick-up

*At the Undergraduate Diploma Ceremony, graduates are called to the stage to shake hands with President Brody and the deans of their respective School. Diplomas will be distributed to graduates in the Goldfarb Gymnasium in the Newton White Athletic Center immediately following the ceremony. Guests should plan to meet their graduates on the Freshman Quadrangle adjacent to the Alumni Memorial Residences (AMR II-see*

map). Diplomas not picked up then may be picked up in the Registrar's Office from May 23 to May 30. Diplomas left after May 30 will be mailed to graduates addresses on record.

#### President's Garden Reception

President and Mrs. Brody cordially invite all 2003 graduates and their families to a garden reception at their home, Nichols House, on the Homewood Campus, immediately following the afternoon Undergraduate Diploma Ceremony.

#### INCLEMENT WEATHER PLANS

Unless there is severe weather (torrential rain and/or lightning), the ceremonies will be held outdoors on Homewood Field. Guests should be prepared for the weather—rain or extreme heat. As a courtesy, the University is providing complimentary rain ponchos (should it rain) and bottled water. In case of severe weather conditions that make it unsafe to hold a ceremony outside, there may be an abbreviated ceremony.

If it becomes necessary to cancel the morning or afternoon ceremony, announcements will be made no later than 6:30 a.m. for the morning ceremony and no later than noon for the afternoon ceremony on the University website ([www.jhu.edu/news\\_info/news/commence03/](http://www.jhu.edu/news_info/news/commence03/)) and the Johns Hopkins Weather Emergency Line at 410-516-7781. If the morning ceremony is

canceled, please plan on attending the afternoon Undergraduate Diploma Ceremony.

If it becomes necessary to cancel the afternoon ceremony, graduates may pick-up their diplomas in the Goldfarb Gymnasium in the Newton White Athletic Center from 2–4 p.m. After picking-up diplomas, graduates should meet their parents in the lobby of the Ralph S. O'Connor Recreation Center where the President, Deans, Faculty, and staff will be on-hand to greet them.

#### DIRECTIONS AND PARKING

Enclosed are driving directions and parking instructions for both the morning Commencement Ceremony and the afternoon Undergraduate Diploma Ceremony, map(s), and a parking permit if required.

Because of continuing Homewood Campus renovations, morning Commencement Ceremony parking is limited to doctoral candidates, who receive their degrees on-stage. Undergraduates and their guests attending the morning University-wide Commencement Ceremony **are required** to park at Johns Hopkins at Eastern and may board a shuttle to Homewood Field beginning at 7 a.m. No parking permit is required at Johns Hopkins at Eastern.

For the afternoon Undergraduate Diploma Ceremony, limited parking is available at the Homewood Campus; therefore, parking at Homewood has been assigned by lottery. Whether you are to park at Homewood or at Johns

*Hopkins at Eastern is indicated by the map and/or parking permit, if required, in this envelope.*

*The University appreciates your parking on the lot(s) designated on the enclosed map(s) and **not** on nearby neighborhood streets.*

#### PHOTOS, DVDs, AND VIDEOTAPES

##### Photos

*While taking photos from your seats during the ceremonies is not prohibited, we request that guests respect each other's comfort and enjoyment by not standing and blocking other people's views.*

*Photos of graduates shaking hands with President Brody and the deans at the afternoon Undergraduate Diploma Ceremony can be purchased from Commencement Photos, the official Commencement 2003 photographer, who will send parents information packets by late April. For information after that date, you may contact Commencement Photos at 1348 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01870, 978-851-5924.*

##### DVDs and Videotapes

*Information about DVDs and videotapes is enclosed (see flyer and order form).*

#### HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS

*Lists of suggested hotels and restaurants are enclosed.*

#### ASSISTANCE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

*A limited number of handicapped parking spaces are available on a first-come first-served basis on the Lacrosse Hall of Fame parking lot entered from W. University Parkway; a **Commencement 2003 Homewood Parking Permit** and a **handicapped hangtag or license plate** are required.*

*Additional parking is available at Johns Hopkins at Eastern with wheelchair-accessible transportation to Homewood Field. Persons with disabilities who are passengers in cars without handicapped hangtags or license plates may be dropped-off in front of the Schelle Pavilion on W. University Parkway. A **Commencement 2003 Drop-Off Only Permit** is required and may be requested by calling 410-516-7157 no later than May 1. A limited number of wheelchairs and assistive listening devices are available and may be reserved on a first-come first-served basis for both ceremonies by calling 410-516-7157 no later than May 1. Sign language interpreters will be present at both ceremonies. For other interpreter needs (for example, Oral Interpreter), call 410-516-7157.*

COMMENCEMENT 2003 WEBSITE

*[http://www.jhu.edu/news\\_info/news/commence03/](http://www.jhu.edu/news_info/news/commence03/)*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

*For your information and to follow-up with your graduate, also enclosed is the **Class of 2003 Pre-Graduation Checklist** already distributed to prospective graduates. Class of 2003 Spring events may be viewed at <http://class03.jhu.stuco.org>.*

*If you have questions, please call Jeff Groden-Thomas, Director of the Office of Student Involvement, 410-516-2224.*