

Convocation 2019: What Students Need to Know

Congratulations on being near the completion of your studies at Booth UC! We are looking forward to celebrating with you at the spring convocation. Whether you finished your degree in October, February or April this year... this event is for you!

As you look ahead in anticipation to the next few months prior to your convocation date, there are a few important pieces of information that you should be thinking about:

1. President's Lunch with Graduating Students on Wednesday, February 27th

Plan to attend this special event for you to meet with the Booth UC President, Dr. Marjory Kerr, to learn how this institution celebrates your graduation achievement. This is a sit-down lunch, served from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Hetherington Chapel and will require you to **RSVP prior to February 15th** (either by signing-up at Reception, or sending an e-mail to Student_Services@BoothUC.ca). This event is an important part of your preparation to graduate since we will be reviewing the detailed plans for the April convocation and give you the opportunity to ask any questions that come to mind such as, "When do I show up?" "Where do I get my gown?" "What will I need to do?" "What should my friends and family expect?" etc. This is also an opportunity for the President to personally congratulate you on your hard work and invite you into our growing Booth UC alumni community.

2. Grad Photos, Wednesday April 24th and Thursday April 25th

Capture your Booth UC graduation in style with Dawntreader Photography [<http://www.dawntreaderphoto.ca/blog/>]. Watch for the sign-up sheets in mid-March to book your photo time slot. Don't forget to show up for the class photo immediately following the Graduation Lunch on April 28th.



3. Convocation Rehearsal, Friday April 26th (afternoon... To Be Confirmed)

This is a **required** event for all students who plan to participate in the Convocation Ceremony on Sunday, April 28th. While many details will be communicated to you in advance, there is no substitute for actually being in the venue to know exactly what you need to do, when to do it and how to do it. **Plan your attendance now.** This may mean making arrangements with employers, family and any other potential responsibility conflicts so that you have the time to attend this event.

4. Baccalaureate Service, Sunday April 28th , 10:30 a.m.

Your special graduation day begins with the Baccalaureate Service, Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Hetherington Chapel. Invite your family and friends to join you for this event that is a celebration of our Booth UC community and the accomplishments of the past year.

5. Graduation Dinner (Lunch), Sunday April 28th (noon)

Immediately following the Baccalaureate Service, everyone is invited to attend our Graduation dinner. Our Hospitality Team goes all out to prepare a beautiful hot meal with all the trimmings. You don't want to miss this amazing event, so be sure to sign-up for it early. Visit the Student Services Information Desk to sign up in person or respond by e-mail to Student_Services@BoothUC.ca. **PLEASE only reserve as many tickets as you are absolutely certain will actually attend this event!**

6. Class Photo, Sunday April 28th (after lunch)

We will be gathering back up in the Hetherington Chapel for a class photo in your cap and gown immediately following the Graduation dinner.

7. Convocation Ceremony, Sunday April 28th, (afternoon)

The ceremony will be held at Knox United Church, located at 400 Edmonton Street, Winnipeg. You will need to be at the church by 2:15 p.m. to get ready for the procession into the ceremony.

8. Convocation Reception, Sunday April 28th (early evening)

A reception for graduates, family and friends will be held after the ceremony in the Waldron Building at Booth UC. Join your fellow graduates for an extraordinary buffet of reception treats. All are welcome.

9. Updates and Communication

In the weeks and months ahead, we will be sharing more information with you at key points in time. **Pay attention to your e-mails!** In particular, we will need you to submit a Graduation Response Form to indicate all of your preferences and information related to participating in the above events. This form will be sent to you shortly before the President's Lunch. And, as always, come and speak with us if you have any questions.

10. Your Graduating Student Representative

One final note of encouragement... contact your Graduating Student Representative, Christine Findlay at findlaychristine@yahoo.ca to share your good ideas for ways you would like to connect with others in making this graduation experience memorable for all. Watch for Christine's e-mails to you in the coming weeks as she gathers ideas and suggestions.

Direct any questions about Convocation weekend to the Student Services Information Desk, or e-mail Student_Services@BoothUC.ca, and we'll be happy to assist you. All the very best as you conclude your studies and prepare for this important time of transition. We look forward to celebrating with you.