

The background of the entire page is a photograph of a commencement ceremony. In the foreground, the backs of several graduates wearing red gowns and black mortarboards are visible as they sit in rows of chairs. In the background, a speaker in a green academic regalia stands at a podium. The overall scene is dimly lit, with a focus on the graduates and the speaker.

Boston University School of Social Work Class of 2026 Commencement

EVENT PROGRAM

May 14, 2026 • 4:00 p.m. • BU Walter Brown Arena

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PRE-CEREMONY MUSIC

Pre-ceremony music is performed by Tunefoolery, a supportive community of musicians in mental health recovery sharing their gift of music and stories of recovery.

To learn more and support Tunefoolery, visit tunefoolery.org.

Program

Thursday, May 14, 2026 – 4:00 p.m.
BU Walter Brown Arena

Processional

Call to Order & Welcome

Dean Barbara Jones, PhD, FAOSW

Student Speakers

Marcus Shaw, MSW

Yibin Yang, PhD

Awarding of Prizes & Gifts

Professor Ashley Davis, PhD

Professor Jorge Delva, PhD

Assistant Dean & Professor, Kanako Okuda

Convocation Address

Danielle Ferrier, (SSW'99)

President and CEO, Heading Home

Excellence in Teaching Award

Awarded to Taylor Hall, PhD

Gratitude for the Class Gift to the Judith Perlstein Field Education Fund

Dean Barbara Jones, PhD, FAOSW

Awarding of Diplomas & Hooding

MSW Reader: Assoc. Professor Mark Gianino

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN SOCIAL WORK

Professor Astraea Augsberger, PhD,
Associate Dean of Doctoral Education

PHD FACULTY HOODERS

Professor Margaret Lombe, PhD

Professor Ruth Paris, PhD

Professor Renee Spencer, PhD

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Dean Barbara Jones, PhD, FAOSW

MSW FACULTY HOODERS

Sr. Lecturer Rick Cresta

Lecturer Kim Hokanson

Alumni Association Remarks

Angela Yarde, BUSSW Alumni Association President

Farewell

Dean Barbara Jones, PhD, FAOSW

Post-Ceremony Reception

RECESSIONAL

“Feeling Good” by Lauryn Hill

FACULTY MARSHALS

Professor Luz Lopez, PhD

Professor Dawn Belkin Martinez, PhD

STAFF MARSHALS

Susan Brostup-Jensen

Carmen DeCristofaro

Elizabeth "Beth" Klein, PhD

Meg Matthews

Junior Pena

Katherine Sparks

Diane Zipoli

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