TUFTS UNIVERSITY

COMMENCEMENT

MAY 20, 2001

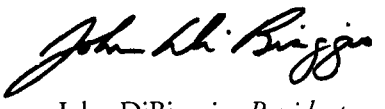
MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT JOHN DiBIAGGIO

I am looking forward to sharing Commencement at Tufts University with the Class of 2001, their families and friends, and our distinguished honorary degree recipients and guests.

There is nothing more pleasurable for a university president than to share in the celebration of this momentous occasion in the lives of our students. For it is at Commencement that a university truly shines in its role as a family. It is a time to revel in and relish the achievements that bring us all together on this very special day.

I congratulate all the graduates who have worked so hard toward this day, and hope that you will continue to treasure this time in your lives. I also want to congratulate the parents for their support of their sons' and daughters' academic endeavors and also our faculty members for their commitment to the educational process.

Soon you will join our select and respected group of more than 70,000 Tufts alumni and alumnae. Each year, our family grows larger and extends to even more remote corners of the globe. But we all share the commonality of Commencement, whether it be 2001 or 1901. I wish you well.



John DiBiaggio, *President*

JIM LEHRER "has inherited the Walter Cronkite mantle as the most trusted man in America," his long-time broadcast partner Robert MacNeil once said. For several million discerning viewers each evening, PBS's "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer" is the source for intelligent television news, and its low-key anchor and his measured approach to the issues of the day offer a thoughtful alternative to the commercial networks.

An award-winning journalist who served as the sole moderator for the presidential debates during the last two campaigns, Lehrer preaches the importance of covering serious news with an objective and analytical eye. More than forty years of journalism have earned him a well-deserved national reputation, but he's hardly a "celebrity anchor." In an interview last year with the *Cincinnati Enquirer,* in which he was described as "TV's patron saint of policy wonks and political junkies," Lehrer said, "when I sit down to interview somebody for the 'NewsHour,' that is not where I reveal myself. I'm not there to show off. If all they can remember is some 'great question,' then I've blown it."

Lehrer's chance to "reveal himself" comes through his creative writing. He is the author of 12 novels, two memoirs, and three plays. His latest book, *The Special Prisoner,* about a former POW from World War II and the Japanese soldier who held him captive, was published in May 2000, and a television movie based on his novel, "The Last Debate," aired last November on Showtime. His wife, Kate, is a novelist as well.

Born in Wichita, Kansas, in 1934, Lehrer has said he first dreamed of being a professional baseball player before turning to writing. He received an A.A. degree from Victoria College and a B.J. degree from the University of Missouri in 1956. He served in the Marine Corps before landing a job as a reporter in Dallas (he was covering Kennedy's motorcade on November 22, 1963). He became city editor of the *Dallas Times-Herald* in 1968, and eventually moved to Dallas's public television station, where he was on-air host and editor of a nightly news program.

A move to PBS in Washington, D.C., followed, and Lehrer went on to become a correspondent for the National Public Affairs Center for Television. It was then that he teamed up with MacNeil for a journalistic partnership—and personal friendship—that has lasted for more than a quarter century. In 1973, the two provided PBS's continuous live coverage of the Senate Watergate hearings, and in 1975, the half-hour "Robert MacNeil Report with Jim Lehrer" debuted. In 1976, the show was renamed "The MacNeil/Lehrer Report," and it went on to win more than thirty awards for journalistic excellence. The show expanded to become "The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour" in 1983, and, when MacNeil left the air after the 1995–96 season to pursue his writing career, it became the current "NewsHour." The two remain partners in MacNeil/Lehrer Productions.

Lehrer, who is executive editor of the "NewsHour," has been honored with numerous awards. In 1999, he received the National Humanities Medal. That same year, he and MacNeil were inducted into the Television Hall of Fame and into the Silver Circle of the Washington, D.C., chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. He has won two Emmys, the Fred Friendly First Amendment Award, the George Foster Peabody Broadcast Award, the

William Allen White Foundation Award for Journalistic Merit, and the University of Missouri School of Journalism's Medal of Honor. In 1991, he was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He has moderated nine presidential debates since 1988.

The hallmark of Lehrer's journalistic style is respect—for his viewers, his sources and for the news itself. In an interview with the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, he said about himself and MacNeil: "We believe that the people we interview are more important than we are."

And, "I'll tell you something even more shocking. We believe—now this is going to shock you—that the people who watch our program are as smart and as caring and as nice as we are! Can you believe that?"

It's a mistake to confuse news with entertainment, Lehrer says. That's where the networks and cable have gone astray. The "NewsHour" affords him the chance to present information without outside pressure, whether from sponsors or corporate executives.

"If you want to have fun, don't watch the news—go to the circus. I'm in the information business," he said. "Nobody tells me what I can do and what I can't do. You ever watch our program and you don't like it some night, blame it on me. I'm fully responsible. I can't ever say, 'well, they made me do this.'

"It's the best journalism job, not just on television, but in the country. No question about it."

Lehrer will be awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

DAVID McCULLOUGH is a biographer, historian, lecturer, and teacher whose books are known for their style and accessibility. He has won numerous awards, including two National Book Awards, the Pulitzer Prize, the Samuel Eliot Morison Award, and the National Book Foundation Distinguished Contribution to American Letters Award.

In addition to writing, he brings his grace and knowledge to television. To millions of viewers he is known as the host of "The American Experience" and as narrator of "The Civil War" and other PBS documentaries.

McCullough's six books tell vivid stories of lives and events from the American past. His biography, *Truman,* was ten years in the making and has been called a masterpiece of American biography. The book spent more than a year on *The New York Times* best-seller list and has sold more than one million copies. Truman even played a role in the 1992 presidential election, bringing the life and character of the president to the attention of both candidates and the nation.

McCullough's other books include *The Johnston Flood,* about the 1889 disaster that killed more than 2,200 people; *The Great Bridge,* an account of the building of the Brooklyn Bridge; and *Mornings on Horseback,* which chronicles the life of the young Theodore Roosevelt. His newest book, which will be published on May 22, is about John Adams.

Born in 1933, McCullough grew up and was educated in Pittsburgh before going to Yale, from which he graduated with honors in English literature. He once said that his interest in history may have been stirred by the fact that his family had been in western Pennsylvania since the time of the Revolutionary War. He recalled a childhood with plenty of books in the house and teachers who made history come alive.

McCullough has succeeded in making history live for his readers and says his goal is to write for the general reader and provide a strong and compelling narrative.

"I write for everybody," he once said. "Why labor over all the research and the thought and the reading and the writing to produce something that no one will want to read, except possibly a handful of other historians? I hope other historians will read my work and enjoy my work, maybe admire my work. But I'm not writing for them . . . if I can convey how interesting the past really was, how full of life the people really were, what they were up against, and how it turned out for them, then my feeling is others will want to read what I've written."

McCullough enjoys immersing himself in the history of his topic and in discovering something new and exciting about his subjects. "Every time I begin a book," he said, "I think how much I'm going to learn. I hope my readers will learn a lot, too, and find as much enjoyment in that as I have."

An avid reader, traveler, landscape painter, and Sunday night spaghetti chef, McCullough lives in West Tisbury, Massachusetts, with his wife, Rosalee Barnes McCullough. They have five children and fourteen grandchildren.

Tufts will award McCullough an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

GEORGE MCGOVERN has spent the last sixty years advocating for the American farmer and for the hungry across the globe. While in college, McGovern won the South Dakota state oratorical contest with his speech about one's duty to others, "My Brother's Keeper." This would become a theme throughout McGovern's long and varied career in public service.

The son of a minister, McGovern was born on July 19, 1922 in Avon, South Dakota. His college education at Dakota Wesleyan University was disrupted by World War II, where his three-year tenure as a bomber pilot earned him the Distinguished Flying Cross. Upon his graduation in 1946, McGovern went to Garrett Seminary for one year and then entered Northwestern University, where he received master's and doctoral degrees in American history and government. He then returned to Dakota Wesleyan University and taught for five years.

McGovern's career took a turning point in 1955, when he became involved in the South Dakota Democratic Party. He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1956 and was re-elected in 1958. McGovern was known for his work on behalf of the American farmer.

In 1960, after McGovern ran an unsuccessful campaign for the United States Senate, President John F. Kennedy named McGovern his special assistant and the first director of the Food for Peace Program, where McGovern directed masses of food to developing nations. McGovern won a senate seat in 1962 and served for eighteen years. He was a member of several Senate committees on agriculture, nutrition, and foreign relations. In the mid 1970s, McGovern was co-chair, with Senator Robert Dole, of the Senate Select Committee on Nutrition's Dietary Goals, establishing the Dietary Guidelines for Americans in 1980, which is now updated every five years.

McGovern was one of the first senators to oppose the Vietnam War. He won the Democratic presidential nomination in 1972 with the goal of ending the war and cutting the defense budget, but he was defeated by Richard M. Nixon in the general election. President Gerald R. Ford named McGovern a United Nations delegate to the General Assembly in 1976,

and President Jimmy Carter named McGovern the United Nations delegate for the Special Session on Disarmament in 1978.

After leaving the Senate in 1980, McGovern taught at several universities as a visiting professor. In 1997, he and his wife Eleanor established the McGovern Family Foundation to raise money for alcohol research in memory of their daughter, Terry, who died of alcoholism. McGovern has received many honorary degrees and distinguished awards, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor, awarded in 2000.

In April 1998, McGovern was appointed the United States ambassador to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, based in Rome, Italy. He coordinates United States efforts to improve and develop emergency food aid, food quality and safety standards, agriculture, fisheries, and rural development around the world. Upon his appointment, McGovern said, "I honestly believe that the most urgent problem in the world today is to end human hunger. I don't see any reason for it. . . . We have the knowledge and the resources to end hunger. . . ."

Tufts will award McGovern an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree.

HELEN VENDLER is the A. Kingsley Porter University Professor in the Department of English and American Literature and Language at Harvard University. The first woman elevated to the rank of university professor at Harvard, Vendler is one of the most widely read critics of poetry in the United States.

Vendler's work as a critic has been in the field of lyric poetry. Even though her dissertation at the Radcliffe Graduate School, published as *Yeats's 'Vision' and the Later Plays,* was on another genre, she considered it preparatory work for a book on Yeats's poetry, which she is now writing.

She is the author of books on Wallace Stevens, George Herbert, John Keats, William Shakespeare, and Seamus Heaney. Since 1968, Vendler has written frequently on contemporary poetry for *The New York Times Book Review, The New Yorker, The New York Review of Books, The London Review of Books,* and *The New Republic.* Her reviews and essays have been collected in three volumes—*Part of Nature, Part of Us; The Music of What Happens;* and *Soul Says.* Vendler's T.S. Eliot Lectures, *The Given and the Made,* and her Richard Ellmann Lectures, *The Breaking of Style,* will soon be followed by her James Murray Brown Lectures, *Coming of Age as a Poet,* and her Clark Lectures, *Poets Thinking,* both of which were delivered in the past year.

Vendler has taught American and English poetry from the Renaissance to the present. At Harvard, she gives a core course, "Poems, Poets, Poetry," which led to a textbook by the same name. She also has edited *The Harvard Book of Contemporary Poetry.*

Born in Boston, Vendler is the daughter of two teachers. Her father taught her Spanish, French, and Italian, and her mother knew countless poems by heart. She received her B.A. in chemistry in 1950 from Emmanuel College in Boston and was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship in mathematics at the University of Louvain in Belgium during 1954–55. After a year studying literature as a special student at Boston University, Vendler was admitted to the Radcliffe Graduate School, from which she received a Ph.D. in English and American literature in 1960. She has taught at Cornell, Haverford, Swarthmore, Smith, and for nineteen years at Boston University, with a year as a Fulbright Professor at the University of Bordeaux in 1968–69. In

1980, she was appointed to a professorship at Harvard, where she also served as a senior fellow in the Society of Fellows for thirteen years and for five years as an associate dean.

Vendler has received grants and fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Fulbright Foundation, and the American Council of Learned Societies, among others. She is the recipient of the Radcliffe Graduate Medal and the Jefferson Medal from the American Philosophical Society. She has been awarded honorary degrees by ten universities in the United States and seven universities overseas.

She has served as president of the Modern Language Association and as vice president of the Academy of Arts and Letters, and she has been a member of the board for the Pulitzer Prizes.

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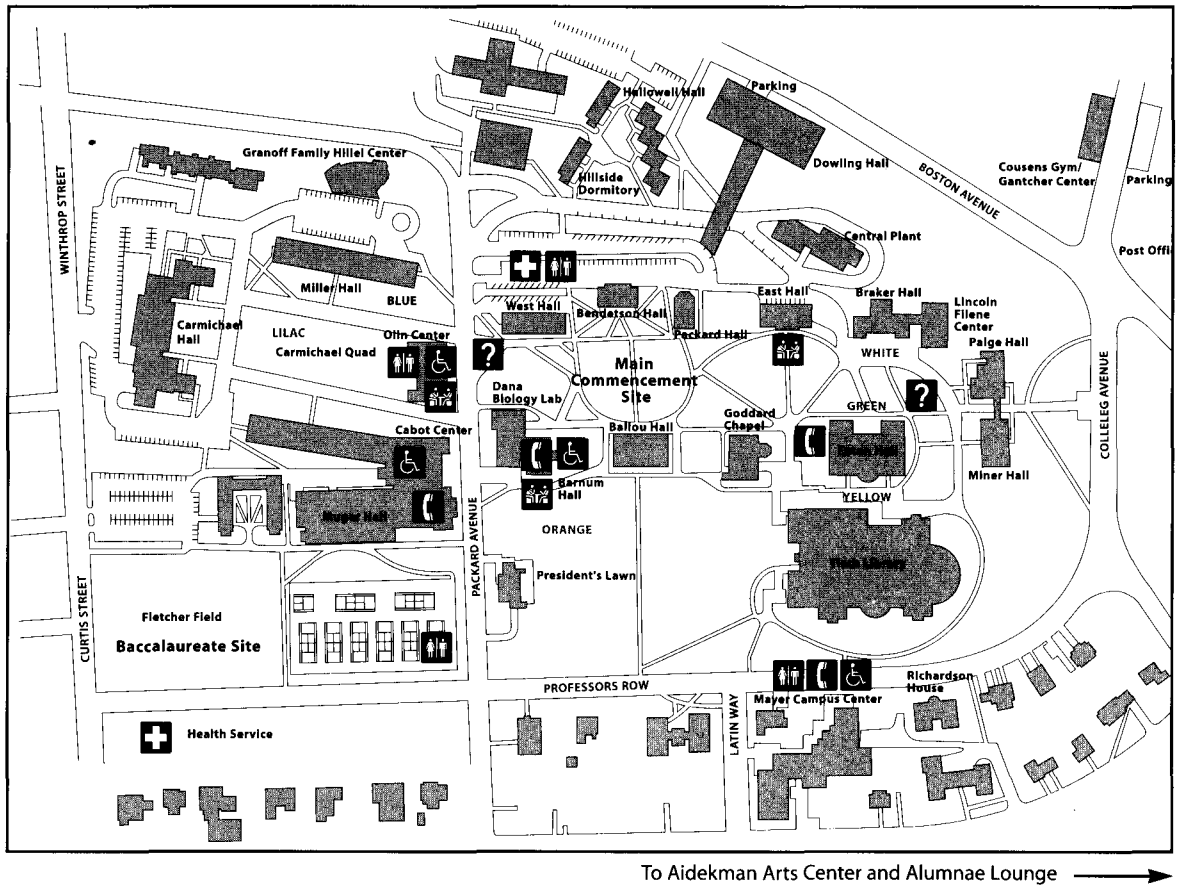
MEDFORD/SOMERVILLE CAMPUS MAP



Key to service locations

First Aid	Behind West Hall, Health Service	**Rest Rooms for the Handicapped**	Cabot Center, Barnum Hall, Olin Center, Mayer Campus Center, Aidekman Arts Center
Rest Rooms	Behind West Hall, in front of the tennis courts on Packard Avenue, and at the Mayer Campus Center	**General Rest Area**	East Hall, Olin Center, Barnum Hall
Telephones	See map	**Information Booths**	Packard Avenue in front of West Hall and near Eaton Hall

FRIDAY, MAY 11

Senior Week begins.
Note: The schedule of Senior Week activities is tentative. For more information and updates, call the Student Activities Office at 617-627-3212.

President's Reception — 5:30-7 p.m., Gifford House, the residence of Tufts University President John DiBiaggio
This reception is for all seniors. Semi-formal attire and two forms of Tufts ID required.

SATURDAY, MAY 12

Senior Week: Carnival — Fletcher Field
Senior Week: Pub Night — 9 p.m., Dewick/MacPhie Pub

SUNDAY, MAY 13

Senior Week: Red Sox game — Fenway Park, Boston
Senior Week: Pub Crawl — 9 p.m., Faneuil Hall, Boston

MONDAY, MAY 14

Senior Week Gala — 9 p.m. -1 a.m., Boston Park Plaza Hotel
This elegant, black-tie affair is a celebration of the Class of 2001's four years at Tufts.

TUESDAY, MAY 15

Senior Week: Trip to Waterworks — Quincy, Mass.
Senior Week: A night at Jake Ivory's — 9p.m., Boston

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

Senior Week: Trip to Six Flags amusement park — Agawam, Mass.
Senior Week: Hypnotist Frank Santos — TBA

THURSDAY, MAY 17

Tufts Night at the Pops — Boston Pops Concert, 8 p.m., Symphony Hall, Boston
Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 617-627-3526 to purchase tickets or for information about this event and other Alumni Weekend activities, or visit the Alumni Relations web site at **www.tufts.edu/alumni.**

FRIDAY, MAY 18

Super Seminars — 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m., Pearson 104
Now in its fifth year, the Super Seminar series offers a new tradition for Tufts families, graduating seniors, returning alumni, and community

members in intellectually stimulating and exciting seminars by Tufts' talented faculty. Come learn about the latest advances in health, nutrition and media. Participate in an intellectual exchange about the Middle East, the election process, American theater, music, and the economy. Enjoy the thought-provoking scholarship and creativity for which Tufts is so renowned. Our interactive lectures offer the opportunity to understand new research and ask questions in an informal setting. The series is free and does not require registration.

Muslim Service — 1 p.m., Islamic Center, 176 Curtis St.
For more information, call the University Chaplain's Office at 617-627-3427.

Shabbat Evening Services (Reform and Conservative) — 6 p.m., Granoff Family Hillel Center
Dinner ($18) at 7:30 p.m. Reserve by May 4 by calling 617-627-3242.

SATURDAY, MAY 19

Shabbat Morning Service (Conservative) followed by Kiddush — 10 a.m., Granoff Family Hillel Center

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Graduation Recital — noon, 20 Professors Row
Presented by the Department of Music. For information, call 617-627-3564.

Protestant Worship Service — noon, Goddard Chapel
For more information, call the Protestant Ministry at 617-627-3427.

Baccalaureate Service —3 p.m., Fletcher Field
The traditional baccalaureate service, which honors graduating seniors at Tufts, began in 1865. "Baccalaureate" technically means a sermon to a graduating class, and for most of Tufts' history, the inspirational message has been delivered by the university president. The address is the president's final opportunity to exhort and enlighten members of the senior class before they receive their bachelor's degrees and leave the campus as alumni/ae. In recent years, the baccalaureate has been an interfaith service, with all four

university chaplains organizing and participating in the service. Seniors participate in a processional in caps and gowns. Family and friends are invited to attend. Members of the senior Baccalaureate Committee and the chaplains present readings and prayers. There are also hymns and musical offerings by soloists and instrumentalists.

Deans' Reception — Immediately following the Baccalaureate Service under the tent adjacent to Tisch Library. Rain site: Tisch Library
All Arts & Sciences graduates and their families are invited to the Deans' Reception, a pleasant and relaxed opportunity to visit with the undergraduate deans.

Graduate School of Arts & Sciences and School of Engineering Hooding Ceremony — 5 p.m., Fletcher Field
The university is pleased to present a hood to doctor of philosophy candidates who attend either the Ph.D. Hooding Ceremony or Commencement. The hood should be carried on the left arm to the stage, where the hooding ceremony will be performed. At Commencement, the hood should be worn. Further information concerning these arrangements will be provided in a letter from Robert M. Hollister, dean of the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences.

Roman Catholic Mass — 5 p.m., Goddard Chapel
For more information call the Catholic Center at 781-391-7272.

Candlelight Procession Up the Hill — 11:30 p.m., starting at the Mayer Campus Center patio

Illumination Ceremony — 11:45 p.m., Goddard Chapel terrace
Ceremonial welcome to Tufts' newest alumni, the Class of 2001. Call the Office of Alumni Relations for more information.

SUNDAY, MAY 20 — COMMENCEMENT DAY

8:45 a.m. — Degree candidates should assemble in the appropriate locations according to their color alignment areas. Marshals will be available to assist you.

9:00 a.m. — The Goddard Chapel bells will begin ringing. This will be your last warning that the Academic Procession will begin promptly at 9:15 a.m. when the bells stop ringing.

9:15 a.m. — Phase I, all-university Academic Procession begins.

10:00 a.m. — Commencement program begins.

11:30 a.m. — Recessional. (End of Phase I of Commencement ceremony.)

11:45 a.m. — Phase II, degree presentation ceremonies for individual schools and colleges. Immediately following the degree presentations, the Arts & Sciences Commencement luncheon will be served on the lawn adjacent to Tisch Library. Individual ceremonies, including luncheons, end at approximately 2 p.m.

Commencement Message Center
Have a question about Commencement? Call Tufts' 24-hour Commencement Message Center at 617-627-3636. Leave your message, and someone will respond. The message center will be in service until 3 p.m. on Friday, May 18. Or visit the Commencement web site at **www.tufts.edu/publications/commencement** or e-mail: commencement@tufts.edu

Information Booth
Information booths will be set up on Packard Avenue in front of West Hall and next to Eaton Hall the day of Commencement (May 20), beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Telephone Numbers You May Need
General University Number–617-628-5000

Alumni Relations Office–617-627-3532, 1-800-THE-ALUM

Bursar's Office–617-627-3258 or 617-627-3259

Campus Police–617-627-3030 (24-hour line)

Commencement Marshal–617 627-3636

Conference Bureau on-campus Commencement housing)–617-627-3568, Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. **This will become a 24-hour line from Thursday, May 17, through Sunday, May 20.**

Dining Services (additional luncheon tickets)–617-627-3750

Student Activities Office (Senior Week Activities)–617-627-3212

Health Service–617-627-3350

Student Services Center–617-627-2000

Deans' Offices
Arts, Sciences & Engineering–617-627-3156
Graduate School–617-627-3395 or 617-627-3106
All student services–617-627-2000

Arts & Sciences Registrar–617-627-3267

Nutrition–617-627-3223

Fletcher–617-627-3085

Medical–617-636-6565 or 617-636-6534

Medical School Office of Graduate Degree Programs–617-636-0935

Dental–617-636-6641 or 636-6539

Sackler–617-636-6767

School of the Museum of Fine Arts–617-369-3612

Veterinary–508-839-5302, ext. 84700

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