BCCC Announces 2016 Commencement Keynote Speaker

Maryland State Delegate Barbara A. Robinson (D-40, Baltimore City) to address BCCC graduates during June 4 Commencement Ceremony.

BALTIMORE (Thursday, May 26, 2016)—Baltimore City Community College (BCCC) today announced that Maryland State Delegate Barbara A. Robinson (D-40, Baltimore City) will be the keynote speaker for the College’s June 4, 2016 Commencement Ceremony.

“Delegate Robinson is a longtime supporter and friend to the College—frequently attending on-campus special events and workshops. We are honored to have Delegate Robinson address BCCC’s 2016 graduates,” said BCCC President/CEO Dr. Gordon F. May. “As our students prepare to launch careers or transfer to four-year institutions, it is our hope they will benefit greatly from her inspiring words.

Under the auspices of the College, Delegate Robinson developed and implemented a Court Reporters Training Program at the District Court and the Supreme Bench. In September 2015, Delegate Robinson delivered a powerful speech that resulted in a standing ovation during the BCCC Annual Convocation Ceremony. Delegate Robinson also was a featured author for the College’s Bard Library Author Series where she shared her grieving process after the death of her husband of 47 years, Jerry Robinson.

The BCCC 2016 Commencement Ceremony will be held at the Modell Performing Arts Center at the Lyric Saturday, June 4, at 10 a.m. For the ceremony, Delegate Robinson will incorporate other inspirational speakers’ quotes into her speech such as the French mathematician, theologian, philosopher, physicist, and scientist, Blaise Pascal (1623–1662), “Our achievements of today are but the sum total of our thoughts of yesterday. You are today where the thoughts of yesterday have brought you and you will be tomorrow where the thoughts of today take you.”

Students, family, faculty, alumni, and friends can follow BCCC’s 2016 Commencement activities or share memories, pictures and words of wisdom on Facebook or Twitter @bmoreccc using hashtag #BCCC2016Grads.

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About Baltimore City Community College

Founded in 1947, Baltimore City Community College (BCCC) is a comprehensive, urban institution accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. The College’s campus is located in West Baltimore; the institution also has several satellite locations throughout the city. With its broad
range of degree and certificate programs, affordable tuition, and extensive outreach, BCCC offers educational opportunities to the citizens of Baltimore City and throughout the state of Maryland. BCCC serves more than 16,000* students annually, providing credits that transfer to four-year colleges and universities as well as workforce training leading directly to job placement. The College is proud of the fact that 100** nations are represented within the student body.* Based on annual unduplicated credit and non-credit headcount for FY 2015. **Based on fall 2014 credit enrollment.