Commencement 2018 Schedule & Timeline

**Friday, May 18, 2018**

8:00 am  **Continental Breakfast** - Mezzanine Level, Hall of Flags, Cabot Intercultural Center
*(For all members of the Class of 2018—Please see note at the end of timeline about members of the Class of 2018)*

8:45 am  **Fletcher Exit/Commencement Meeting** - ASEAN Auditorium, Cabot Intercultural Center
*(For all members of the Class of 2018)*

Representatives from the Offices of (a) Alumni Relations, (b) Career Services, (c) the Registrar’s Office, and (d) the Dean’s Office will speak.

9:30 am  **Fletcher Commencement Rehearsal** - Main Tent on Fletcher Field
*(For all graduating students who will receive degrees and/or are approved to march on Sunday)*

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm  **Photo Opportunity with Dean Stavridis for Graduating Students** - Reading Room, Ginn Library
*(For all graduating students who will receive degrees and/or are approved to march on Sunday; please arrive earlier rather than later; family members welcome.)*

4:30 pm  **General John R. Galvin Memorial Lecture featuring Admiral Dennis Blair**
ASEAN Auditorium, Cabot Intercultural Center
*(For alumni participating in reunion activities, members of the Class of 2018, guests, and Fletcher community members)*

**Topic:** “America’s East Asia Security Future: Navigating Rocks and Shoals, Rivalries and Relationships”

5:30 pm  **Alumni of Distinction Reception** – 4th Floor Terrace, Cabot Intercultural Center
*(For alumni participating in reunion activities).*

Dean Stavridis and Alumni from the Class of 1968 and earlier will gather to toast their alma mater.

5:30 pm  **Alumni Reunion: Welcome Reception and Check-In** – Tent on Fletcher Field
*(For alumni participating in reunion activities)*

6:30 pm  **Fletcher Clambake** - Tent on Fletcher Field
*(For alumni, Class of 2018, guests, and Fletcher community members)*

Tickets must be purchased from the Alumni Relations Office, 28 Professors Row
To order tickets online, please go to the Alumni website at [https://rsvp.tufts.edu/FletcherClambake2018](https://rsvp.tufts.edu/FletcherClambake2018) or contact Kirstin Olson at Kirstin.Olson@tufts.edu or 617-627-3693.

**Ticket sales close May 7, 2018.**

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**Saturday, May 19, 2018**
8:30 am  **Alumni Milestone Breakfast** – Reading Room, Ginn Library  
A breakfast buffet for the Class of 1968 and the Class of 1993 in honor of their 50th and 25th Reunions.

Laurie Hurley, Associate Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid  
Kate Ryan, F87, Senior Director of Development and Alumni Relations  
Remarks from Dean Stavridis.

9:00 am  **Alumni Reunion: Check In** - Hall of Flags, Cabot Intercultural Center  
(*Light breakfast available*)

9:30 am  **Alumni Reunion: Dean’s Welcome and State of the School Address**- ASEAN Auditorium,  
Cabot Intercultural Center  
(*For alumni, Class of 2018, guests, and Fletcher community members*)

10:00 am  **Hospitality Lounge**- Cabot 7th floor, Cabot Intercultural Center  
(*For alumni participating in reunion activities*)

10:30 am  **#HowtoEnd#MeToo with Bhaskar Chakravorti**- Cabot Intercultural Center, ASEAN Auditorium  
(*For alumni, Class of 2018, guests, and Fletcher community members*)

11:15 am  **Fletcher Class Day Ceremony** – Students Assemble in Blakeley Hall courtyard in business attire, military uniform, or national dress  
(*For all members of the Class of 2018*)

11:30 am  **Fletcher Class Day Ceremony**-Tent on Fletcher Field  
(*For all members of the Class of 2018, guests, alumni, and Fletcher community members*)

The ceremony will include: the entrance processional led by Fletcher Class of 1968, Dean’s welcome, songs by the Ambassachords, alumni greeting by Masha Gordon, F98, presentation of the Robert B. Stewart Prize to an outstanding first year student, presentation of the Edmund A. Gullion Prize to an outstanding second year student, presentation of the Leo Gross Law Prize, presentation of the Peter Ackerman award for the outstanding doctoral dissertation, presentation of class gifts; award of the Dean’s medal to Ashton Carter, Former US Secretary of Defense; and an address by Dr. Carter.

1:00 pm  **Alumni Reunion: Lunch & Class Giving Awards** – Reading Room, Ginn Library  
(*For alumni participating in reunion activities*)

A chance to celebrate with the Reunion Class Giving winners

1:00 pm  **Fletcher Class Day Luncheon Reception** – Tent on Fletcher Field  
(*For all members of the Class of 2018, guests, and Fletcher community members*)

3:15 pm  **Fletcher Tours guided by current Fletcher Students** – Depart from the Ginn Library  
(*For alumni participating in reunion activities*)

Student led or self-guided tours
3:45 pm  **Alumni Reunion: Concurrent Conversations**- Cabot Intercultural Center  
(For alumni participating in reunion activities, members of the Class of 2018, guests, and Fletcher community members)  
- Then and Now, Fletcher Ambassadors, Internationalists and Agents of Change  
  with Professor Monica Toft  
  Cabot 206  

- The Arts of Communication, Insights from Fletcher Authors, Writers, and Global Communicators  
  with Mihir Mankad and John Curtis Perry  
  Cabot 205  

- EconoFact: An Alternative to Alternative Facts with Professor Michael Klein  
  Mugar 200

4:15 pm  **Affinity Group Receptions**  
(For alumni participating in reunion activities)  
  Fletcher Women’s Network Tea, Murrow Room, Goddard 210  
  Fletcher Lawyers Network, Crowe Room, Goddard 310

5:00 pm  **Alumni Reunion: Closing Reception** – Blakeley Hall Courtyard, weather permitting  
(For alumni participating in reunion activities)  
Rain location: Hall of Flags, Cabot Intercultural Center

6:00 pm  **Alumni Reunion: Individual Class Dinners**  
(For alumni participating in reunion activities)

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**Sunday, May 20, 2018**

7:30 am  **Class of 2018 Champagne Breakfast and Toasts** – Assemble in Blakeley Courtyard in cap and gown. (For all members of the Class of 2018)

8:30 am  Members of the Class of 2018 assemble on walkway by Mugar Hall. (Note: Cap and Gown required to participate in the All-University Commencement Ceremony)

8:45 am  The Goddard Chapel bells ring to signal the Phase I Academic Procession will begin.

9:00 am  **Phase I, All-University Commencement** – Ceremony – Lawn outside Ballou Hall  
(For all members of the Class of 2018, guests, alumni, and Fletcher community members)  
Ceremony includes the academic processional, the awarding of degrees by Schools including the official award of the Fletcher degree by Dean Stavridis, the awarding of honorary degrees, and the All-University Commencement address by Tufts alumna Ellen J. Kullman, Former DuPont CEO. Farah Pandith (F95) is among the honorary degree recipients.

9:30 am  **162nd Tufts University Commencement**. Academic Quad, Law between Ballou and Bendetson Halls

11:00 am (approx.) **Phase I Recessional**
11:15 am (approx.) **Phase II, Fletcher Commencement** ceremony – Tent on Fletcher field

(For graduating students who will receive degrees or are approved to march, guests, alumni, and Fletcher community members)

Ceremony will include the entrance processional, Dean’s welcome, presentation of the Administrator of the Year Award to Kristen Zecchi, Senior Associate Director, MIB, remarks by graduating students Laurance Cosper and Pulkit Aggrwal, awarding of the James L. Paddock prize for excellence in teaching to Professor of Management Alnoor Ebrahim, address by Professor Ebrahim, the individual awarding of Fletcher diplomas and PhD hooding, recessional.

1:00 pm (approx.) **Fletcher Commencement Reception** - Tent on Fletcher Field

(For all members of the Class of 2018, guests, alumni, and Fletcher community members)

*The Class of 2018 includes both graduating students who will march and receive degrees and those who are members of the class but who have not yet completed all degree requirements. Members of the Class of 2018 who will not receive degrees are still encouraged to march in the Saturday Class Day ceremony as well as the All University Commencement (Phase I) on Sunday morning. During Phase II, Fletcher Commencement (11:15 on Sunday), only those who will be receiving their degree or have permission are able to march. Permission to march without completing all degree requirements is as follows: For those in the MA or LLM degree program, no more than one degree requirement can be outstanding.*