Commencement 2016 Schedule & Timeline

**Friday, May 20, 2016**

8:00 am  **Continental Breakfast** - Mezzanine Level, Hall of Flags, Cabot Center  
(For all members of the Class of 2016-Please see note at the end of timeline regarding members of the Class of 2015)

8:45 am  **Fletcher Exit/Commencement Meeting** - ASEAN Auditorium, Cabot Center  
(For all members of the Class of 2016)

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)

4:30 pm  **“Fletcher: A Great Place to Teach”**  
Address by Alan K. Henrikson, Lee E. Dirks Professor of Diplomatic History  
(Professor Henrikson is retiring at the end of this academic year)  
ASEAN Auditorium, Cabot Center

Reception in honor of Professor Henrikson to follow the address  
Hall of Flags, Cabot Center

5:30 pm  **Alumni Reunion: Welcome Social and Check-In** - Tent on Fletcher Field  
(For alumni participating in reunion activities)  
*Stop by the tent to check in and receive reunion materials. Stay for a drink and light snacks over conversation with fellow alumni and faculty.*

6:30 pm  **New England Clambake** - Tent on Fletcher Field  
(For alumni, Class of 2016, guests, and Fletcher community members; *tickets must be purchased from the Alumni Relations Office*)

Class photos with Dean

**Saturday, May 21, 2016**

8:00 am  **Alumni Reunion: Golden Graduates Breakfast with Dean Stavridis** – Ginn Library, Mugar Hall  
(Members of the Class of 1966 are invited to attend a special breakfast with the Dean)

8:45 am  **Alumni Reunion: Registration** – Mugar Hall, 1st Floor
9:00 am  Alumni Reunion: Continental Breakfast- Meet and Greet with Dean Stavridis- Ginn Library, Mugar Hall

9:00 am  Alumni & Faculty Book Fair - Ginn Library, Mugar Hall
(Display of recent publications by alumni and faculty)

10:30 am  Dean’s Welcome and State of the School, ASEAN Auditorium, Cabot Center
(For alumni, Class of 2016, and all Fletcher Community members)

12 noon  Alumni Reunion: Lunch and Presentation of Class Giving Awards – Tent of Fletcher Field
(For alumni and guests participating in reunion activities)

1:15 pm  Concurrent Faculty Conversations
(For alumni, Class of 2016, and all Fletcher Community members)
“War, Mass Atrocities, and Famine: Is There an End in Sight?”
Bridget Conley-Zillick, Research Director, World Peace Foundation
(Cabot Room location TBD)

“The New Human Security Agenda at Fletcher”
Eileen Babbitt, Professor of Practice, International Conflict Management: Director, The Institute for Human Security
(Cabot room location TBD)

2:15 pm  Fletcher Tours
Student led tours depart from the Cabot Intercultural Center, Hall of Flags

2:45pm  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 2016)

3:00pm  Fletcher Class Day Ceremony- Tent on Fletcher Field
(For all members of the Class of 2016, guests, alumni, and all Fletcher community members)

The ceremony will include: the entrance processional, Dean’s welcome, songs by the Ambassachords, alumni greeting by a distinguished Fletcher graduate, 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 the keynote speaker Ariana Huffington.

4:30 pm  Fletcher Class Day Luncheon Reception – Tent on Fletcher Field
(For all members of the Class of 2016, guests, and all Fletcher community members)

Evening  Alumni Reunion: Individual Class Dinners —held off campus
(For alumni participating in reunion activities)
Sunday, May 22, 2016

7:30 am  Class of 2016 Champagne Breakfast and Toasts – Assemble in Blakeley Courtyard in cap and gown
(For all members of the Class of 2016)

8:30 am  Members of the Class of 2016 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 2016, guests, alumni, and all 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 ______

9:30 am  PhD Breakfast - Cabot 703, Cabot Intercultural Center
(For 2016 PhD graduates and their guests)

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 all Fletcher community members)

Ceremony includes the entrance processional, Dean’s welcome, remarks by two graduating students elected by their peers, awarding of the James L. Paddock prize for excellence in teaching to a member of faculty selected by the students, address by the Paddock award recipient, the individual awarding of Fletcher diplomas, PhD hooding, recessional.

1:00 pm (approx.)  Fletcher Commencement Reception - Tent on Fletcher Field
(For all members of the Class of 2016, guests, alumni, and all Fletcher community members)

*The Class of 2016 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 2016 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.*