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# NEWS

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### Media Advisory

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BOSTON UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CAMPUS  
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### Boston University School of Medicine

One-hundred-and-forty-five students will graduate at commencement exercises for Boston University School of Medicine (BUSM) on Sunday, May 12, at 2:30 p.m., in the Case Gymnasium at 285 Babcock Street in Boston.

The commencement speaker this year will be Pulitzer Prize winner, Robert Coles, M.D., a professor of psychiatry and medical humanities at Harvard Medical School and the author of many books on children. In 1973 he won a Pulitzer Prize for volumes two and three of "Children in Crisis."

Aram V. Chobanian, M.D., the dean of BUSM, will offer greetings on behalf of the School. Robert H. Pass will be the student speaker.

Included in this year's graduating class are two students who were accepted as part of an innovative BUSM program--called the Early Medical School Selection Program (EMSSP). EMSSP is the first and only program in the country designed to increase the minority physician population by recruiting talented students through an early admissions program. Under the program, students are provided admission during their sophomore year of college and allowed to begin working on medical-school credits while they are undergraduates. Eight historic black colleges and universities participate in this BUSM program.

Other students graduating this year include 37 who were enrolled in the Combined Six-Year Liberal Arts and Medical Education Program. This is a

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highly competitive program that allows students to be accepted to BUSM directly from high school and to earn both B.A. and M.D. degrees in six years.

Fourteen students enrolled in the Modular Medical Integrated Curriculum will also be graduating. Students in this program are accepted to medical school at the conclusion of their sophomore year of college and are able to take courses during their junior and senior years that are also applied to their medical degrees.

Two students graduating this year will be awarded both M.D. and Ph.D. degrees. BUSM is one of only a few medical schools that offers such a combined degree program.

Academic honors will be awarded to 20 members of the class of 1991. Seven students will graduate magna cum laude; and 13 students will graduate cum laude.

The class of 1991 includes 53 women and 36 minority students. Graduating students represent 19 states, a U.S. territory and eight foreign countries; 64 students are from Massachusetts.

#### Boston University School of Public Health

Boston University School of Public Health (BUSPH) will award 135 Master of Public Health (MPH) degrees and two doctoral degrees at ceremonies to be held at Boston University's School for the Arts at 855 Commonwealth Avenue in Boston at 2 p.m.

David Mulligan, state commissioner for public health will be commencement speaker. Michael Ladouceur will be the student speaker.

BUSPH, which is part of BUSM, offers evening and daytime classes to health-care professionals and other persons pursuing an advanced degree in public health.

Since BUSPH was established, nearly 2,000 students have been awarded M.P.H. and doctoral degrees.