Department Commencement Event

Linguistics & Communication Disorders
Townsend High School Auditorium, Quad
Queens College
Thursday, June 2, 2016
11:30 a.m.

Following QC Commencement
Auditorium Doors Open at 11 a.m.

The Event
A special commencement event will be held for graduates of the undergraduate and graduate programs in the Linguistics & Communication Disorders Department (LCD) at the Townsend High School Auditorium near the Science Building on the quad following the College-Wide Commencement on June 2nd. Doors open at 11 a.m., with the event starting at 11:30 a.m. You are invited to attend!

The event will celebrate our new graduates and their many achievements. Each graduate will be called by name to walk across the stage and receive a faux diploma to mark the special moment.

The departmental event is for September 2015, February 2016, and June 2016 graduates. Students completing their degree at the end of summer session 2016 may march in the quad and LCD event, but are not eligible for honors and awards until the June 2017 event.

Guest Tickets Are Required – Ceremony in Townsend Harris High School Auditorium
We wish every graduate could bring as many guests as they would like to the LCD event in Townsend High School Auditorium to celebrate this milestone moment. However, the venue has limited seating. The maximum number of people that can attend is set by the NYC fire code.

Each student is entitled to two guest tickets for the departmental event. Guests must bring this ticket to the commencement event to get into the Townsend Auditorium. Those without a ticket will not be allowed to enter. Toddlers, infants and children need a ticket as well as adults as they are counted also in the number allowed by Safety Codes for the Auditorium. Lost tickets cannot be replaced.

Additional tickets to the Townsend Harris High School Auditorium Event will be available through a lottery to those graduates wanting extra seats. See further details under extra tickets section, next page.

Video Streaming Room For Extra Guests – in Armstrong Dining Hall
The LCD commencement event will be simultaneously be displayed on a large screen in the air-conditioned, Armstrong Dining Hall (next to One Stop). Extra guests (without tickets) can watch you individually walk across the stage and receive any honors and awards on screen during the ceremony. The hall can hold approximately 600 people.
When that venue reaches capacity, the doors will have to be closed to any additional guests. Those graduates responding on the QC graduation website that they are attending the LCD event will receive additional information about guests coming to the Armstrong Dining Hall.

**Do Graduates Need a Ticket?**
No. We will recognize you by your cap and gown and excitement! However, you do need to let us know you are attending so that we may save you a seat. If you have not already submitted a RSVP, go to the QC website, search commencement ceremony, and submit the RSVP for the department event (& quad, if attending).

**How Do I Get My Guest Tickets? When?**
Two guest tickets will be available to graduates who have sent an RSVP to the Queens College Commencement website saying they are coming to the LCD departmental event. We will be getting an updated RSVP list weekly.

Guest tickets must be picked up from the LCD Office Queens Hall (300A, 301A) Tuesday, May 3rd through Tuesday May 17th during the following times:

- 10:30 – 4:45 Mon through Fri, or
- 5 – 7 p.m. on Tues. 5/10, Thurs. 5/12, or Mon. 5/16
- PLEASE BRING YOUR QC ID
- Tickets not picked up will be put in the lottery (see below)

**Can I Get Extra Tickets for Townsend Harris High School Auditorium?**
Any remaining tickets as of May 18th will become part of the ‘lottery’. Students may sign up for additional tickets in the ‘lottery’ when they pick up their two guest tickets. Students who win extra guest tickets in the ‘lottery’ will be notified on Thursday May 19th by email. These extra tickets must be picked up at the LCD office between 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. no later than Wed, May 25th.

**What If I Only Need One Ticket or Have No Guests Coming?**
You can pick up just one ticket or not pick up your ticket by May 17th. Those tickets will be added to the lottery for other graduates needing an extra ticket. Regardless, please RSVP to the commencement website to let us know that you are coming so that we can save a seat for you.

**Graduates – Line Up**
Graduates should come to the Townsend High School by 11:15 a.m. You will be directed to the appropriate group of graduates with whom you will march into the auditorium and given additional information.