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MEDIA ALERT: 2011 BOSTON UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

WHO: Katie Couric, anchor and managing editor of *The CBS Evening News*

WHAT: Boston University's 138th Commencement

WHEN: 1 p.m., Sunday, May 22

WHERE: BU's Nickerson Field
Media check-in at Rich Hall via stairs on Babcock St.; free parking at Babcock Street lot B, please identify yourself as a member of the media.

(Boston) – Katie Couric, anchor and managing editor of *The CBS Evening News,* will deliver the commencement address at BU's 138th graduation ceremonies before more than 5,000 graduates and 20,000 guests at New England's largest graduation ceremony. Couric will receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. Ahmed Zewail, Ph.D., who teaches at the California Institute of Technology and won a Nobel Prize in 1999 for his research into super-fast molecular transformations, will deliver the Commencement Day baccalaureate address at 11:00 a.m. at Marsh Chapel. Dr. Zewail will also receive an honorary Doctor of Science degree.

Also receiving honorary degrees at Commencement are: Activist Victoria Reggie Kennedy (Doctor of Laws), who will also speak at the School of Social Work's convocation; TV chef, author and BU instructor Jacques Pepin (Doctor of Humane Letters); painter Frank Stella (Doctor of Fine arts); and journalist Nina Totenberg (Doctor of Humane Letters).

High-resolution digital photography:

- 2011 BU Commencement participant photos can be downloaded at: http://buphotos.photoshelter.com/gallery/Commencement-2011/G0000E4DeGMmZaaw - password: Boston U

- 2011 BU Commencement ceremony photos can be downloaded at the following gallery: http://buphotos.photoshelter.com/gallery/Boston-University-Commencement-2011/G0000PvXMlr0y54w - password: BU2011 (*Note: this link will lead to a blank page until BU Photography populates it, beginning Sunday afternoon.)*

Info on BU's 138th commencement weekend, including individual convocation ceremonies, can be found at: http://www.bu.edu/commencement/2011/index.shtml. You can also follow us on Twitter or find us on Facebook for continuous updates.

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