

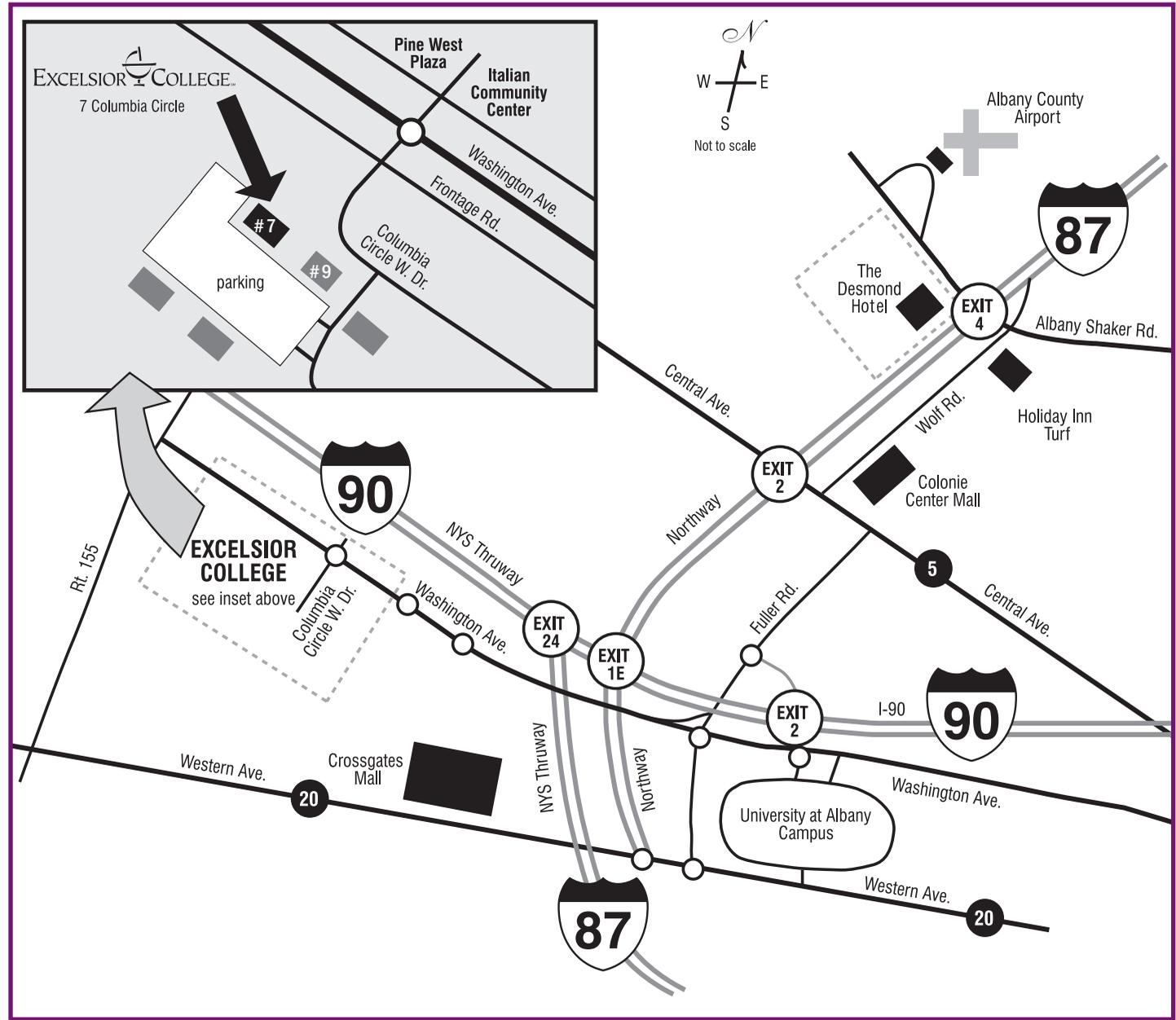
EXCELSIOR COLLEGE  
**COMMENCEMENT**  
**2012**

**Directions to Excelsior College**

**From the North:** Take the Northway (I-87) south to Exit 1E (I-90 east).  
**From the South or West:** Take the New York State Thruway to Exit 24. Exit to I-90.

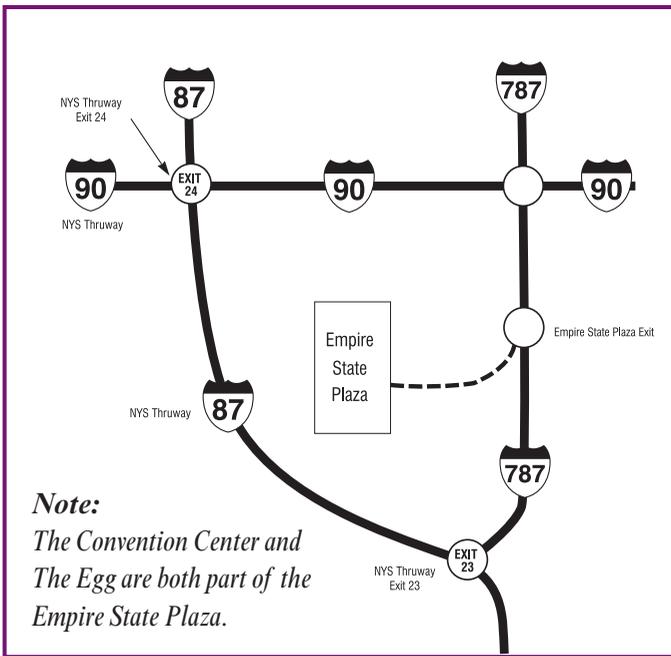
Exit I-90 at Exit 2 for Washington Avenue, Fuller Road, State University. At Washington Avenue, turn right. At the fourth traffic light, turn left onto Columbia Circle West Drive. Turn right onto Columbia Circle and take first right after speed bump. Excelsior College's main entrance is the second building (#7) on the right. Building has designated accessible parking in front and is ramp accessible with power doors.

**From the East:** Take I-90 to Exit 2. At the end of the exit ramp, turn left at the light (onto Fuller Road) and then bear to the right onto Washington Avenue. At the third traffic light, turn left onto Columbia Circle West Drive. Turn right onto Columbia Circle and take first right after speed bump. Excelsior College's main entrance is the second building (#7) on the right. Building has designated accessible parking in front and is ramp accessible with power doors.



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### Directions to the Empire State Plaza Convention Center

**From the North:** Take I-87 (Northway) to Exit 1E (I-90 East). Proceed east to I-787 and take Empire State Plaza Exit. Follow signs to Visitors parking area—V-Lot.

**From the South:** Take New York State Thruway (I-87) to Exit 23 (Albany)—straight through toll booth to I-787; then take Empire State Plaza Exit. Follow signs to Visitors parking area—V-Lot.

**From the East:** Take I-90 and cross Hudson River. Take Exit to I-787 south, along river. Take Empire State Plaza Exit and follow signs to Visitors parking area—V-Lot.

**From the West:** Take New York State Thruway to Exit 24 (Albany). Proceed east on I-90 to I-787 South, along river. Take Empire State Plaza Exit and follow signs to Visitors parking area—V-Lot.

### Parking at the Empire State Plaza

The Empire State Plaza exit ramp from I-787 leads directly into the underground parking facilities of the complex. Cars may park for a fee in the V-Lot.

Parking is on a first-come basis. Also, due to increased security, all adults in cars parking at the Empire State Plaza must show a picture ID.

When parking, please note the location of your space. Numbers help identify the sections of the parking facility.

Any elevator in the parking area will bring you to the concourse level of the Plaza. Note the location of the elevator at the concourse level to assist you in finding your vehicle later.

#### Please note:

Handicapped parking is available in the V-Lot but is not accessible to oversized vehicles due to the 6½-foot height limitation of this underground facility.

#### GPS Information

Enter 279 Madison Avenue, Albany, NY, as the address for the Empire State Plaza. This will bring you to the Madison Avenue entrance near the Cathedral Lot for parking. If you have parking questions, contact the NYS Office of General Services at 518-474-8118.

### Additional Visitor Parking at the Cathedral Lot on Madison Avenue

The Cathedral Lot is located just south of the Empire State Plaza on Madison Avenue and is within easy walking distance of the Plaza’s main concourse level, which leads to the Convention Center. If the V-Lot is full, proceed around the bend and turn right into P-1 South. Go to the left following the sign for additional visitor parking. Proceed through a small tunnel (known in Albany as the mouse hole), continue to the end, and turn right onto Madison Avenue. Then make a quick left into the lot. (It’s right in between the Cathedral and the NYS Museum.) A fee is charged at this lot.

Once you have parked, you will enter the Empire State Plaza directly across from the entrance to the NYS Museum. The entrance is under cover. Once inside, proceed straight, following signs for the Convention Center and Excelsior College Commencement.

#### Please note:

Handicapped parking and parking for oversized vehicles is available in the Cathedral Lot. After parking, visitors using wheel chairs should enter the Empire State Plaza through the NYS Museum building. Take the elevator to the concourse level hallway and proceed straight, following signs for the Convention Center and Excelsior College Commencement.

### Directions to The Desmond Hotel

Address: 660 Albany-Shaker Road, Albany, NY  
Phone: 800-448-3500

**From the South or West:** Take the New York State Thruway to Exit 24. After toll booths, take the Northway (I-87) North; the exit also reads “Montreal and Saratoga.” Go to Exit 4, “Albany Airport.” At the bottom of the ramp, turn left. At the next traffic light, turn left onto Albany-Shaker Road. You will pass under the highway. Proceed straight through the next intersection. The Desmond Hotel is the next building on your left.

**From the East:** Take the Massachusetts Turnpike West to Exit B1, “I-90 Albany West.” Remain on I-90 West for 15–20 miles, viewing downtown Albany to your left. Stay on I-90 until you see signs for “Montreal North.” Go north on the Northway (I-87) to Exit 4, “Albany Airport.” At bottom of ramp, turn left. At next traffic light, turn left onto Albany-Shaker Road. You will pass under the highway. Proceed straight through the exit intersection. The Desmond Hotel is the next building on your left.

**From the North:** Take the Northway (I-87) to Exit 4, “Albany Airport/Wolf Road.” On ramp, stay in right lane. At the end of the ramp, there is a traffic light. Turn left at the light onto Old Wolf Road. At the next traffic light, turn right onto Albany-Shaker Road and take an immediate left into the hotel parking lot.

*Note: Hotel is indicated on reverse side map.*