

July 2019

Dear Families of the Class of 2020,

The Class of 2020 will soon begin their senior year at Randolph College. This is an exciting and busy time, and we hope the information provided in this letter will help keep you up-to-date on requirements and events throughout the year.

Commencement Weekend 2020

The Commencement ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 17 in The Dell. We urge you to make your hotel reservations as early as possible. Several colleges in the area hold their commencement ceremonies the same weekend as ours, and rooms fill quickly. Please visit <https://www.lynchburgvirginia.org/listings-category/lodging/> to find a list of area hotels and accommodation options.

While every effort is made to hold the ceremony outdoors where we have unlimited and open seating, in the case of rain, the ceremony will be held inside in Smith Hall Theatre. In this case, graduates will be issued 3 rain tickets for guests. Guests not receiving a rain ticket will be able to view the ceremony via live streaming in the Student Center. Enclosed, please find a schedule of events for Commencement weekend, Saturday, May 16-Sunday, May 17.

While this schedule is subject to change, changes would be minor.

Assistance for Guests with Special Needs

If your party will include someone who has special needs, please contact Jill Mazzone in the Office of the Dean of Students. Requests for a sign language interpreter and/or handicap-accessible seating and van ride into and out of The Dell must be made in advance by emailing jmazzone@randolphcollege.edu or calling (434) 947-8895. One companion may accompany the guest in the handicap-accessible seating area. Accessible seating will also be available in Hampson Commons, located in the Student Center, where guests will view the ceremony via live streaming. Arrangements are not required in advance for Hampson Commons.

Commencement Website

Throughout the year, seniors will receive emails informing them about specific events and action steps they are required to take. It is essential that they read these emails carefully (and respond promptly when appropriate). We also have a Commencement website, <http://www.randolphcollege.edu/commencement/>, which contains valuable information for both seniors and their families. We encourage you to check this website often, as Commencement details will be updated throughout the academic year.

Regalia, Rings, and Announcements

Regalia orders have been placed, and gowns will arrive in time for Convocation on September 4, if seniors completed the height survey that was emailed to them in April and July. Seniors will receive an email with more information about when to pick up their gowns. Caps, tassels, and hoods will be available for pick up in the Office of the Dean of Students during the last week of class. Seniors may purchase button stoles (optional) for \$30 when they pick up their gowns. Class rings are typically ordered during junior year; however, it is not too late to place an order. If you would like to place a new order, or need a ring resized, please visit the Jostens website at <http://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1119794/Randolph-College/>, or call them directly at (800) 854-7464. You can also talk to the sales representative during the ring sale on campus in September. Lastly, information on ordering graduation announcements will be available after January.

WildCat Weekend

Mark your calendars to attend WildCat Weekend, September 27–28, 2019 on the beautiful Randolph College campus. WildCat Weekend, our combined Family and Homecoming Weekend, will be a fun-filled weekend for our students, alumnae and alumni, families, and friends. For detailed information on WildCat Weekend, please visit www.randolphcollege.edu/WildCatWeekend.

If you have questions about any information contained in this letter, please contact Jill Mazzone in the Office of the Dean of Students at (434) 947-8895 or jmazzone@randolphcollege.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wesley R. Fugate". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wesley R. Fugate, Ph.D.
Vice President for Student Affairs & Dean of Students

Enclosures