

July 2019

Dear M.A.T. Candidate and Family,

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 2019

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 and Announcements

Dr. Schimmoeller will distribute regalia to all Masters candidates in late April or early May. Information regarding 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 style with a large initial 'W' and a distinct 'F'.

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

Enclosures