



February 16, 2018

Dear Parents of Graduating Seniors:

On the weekend of May 4-6 we will celebrate the graduation of your senior from Wheaton College. Your faithful support and prayers have been significant factors in this achievement. We praise God for the extraordinary privilege of helping to prepare your son or daughter for kingdom service and welcome you to join us for Commencement 2018.

The commencement ceremony will take place on Sunday, May 6, at 3:00 p.m. in Edman Chapel. As you make your plans, the following information will be of use:

- We anticipate a large number of participants and will make every effort to provide for all who come to honor their graduates. Only guests with tickets will be admitted to Edman Chapel. Guests in Edman are asked not to save seats. Tickets for Commencement will be mailed to each senior in late April. Due to space limitations, we are able to guarantee only 3 tickets per graduate. For guests without tickets, some of our faculty will host the ceremony via closed circuit high definition television in Coray Alumni Gymnasium (Beamer Center).
- No tickets are needed for Baccalaureate. This worship service with our graduates will be held in Edman Chapel from 9:00-10:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 6. Following our tradition, I will deliver the baccalaureate address.
- Special events scheduled throughout the weekend are included on the enclosed COMMENCEMENT EVENTS cards. Especially note the reception on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. for seniors, parents, and faculty. On Sunday, Bon Appetit will host a lavish buffet between Baccalaureate and Commencement (\$19.10 per person).
- Since final grades for the Spring semester are not due until after Commencement, there will be no diploma in the cover given during the ceremony. Diplomas will be mailed to the address provided by the student on their Application for Degree. They will be sent by August 1st after verification that all graduation requirements have been met.
- A professional photographer will take a picture of each graduate as he or she receives a diploma. After Commencement, you will receive information about ordering prints. Also, a DVD of Commencement may be ordered from the Wheaton College Bookstore for \$18.00.
- We are enclosing information on hotels and motels in the area. Some will offer special prices for that weekend to Wheaton College parents, and we encourage you to make early reservations.
- If you have any additional questions please contact the Registrar's Office (630.752.5045).

We look forward to sharing this joyous occasion as we worship God and celebrate his grace in the life of your graduate.

Warmly,

PHILIP G. RYKEN
President
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