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Hello Graduates,

Next week is graduation!

I have included a long and informative email regarding graduation: Please, read carefully!

Schedule Reminder:

Saturday May 11th

- 8:30 am Graduates report to Spainhour or Choir room, located on the bottom floor of Moore Auditorium (Follow the signs for your major). You must be checked-in no later than 9:00am in order to participate in graduation.
- Auditorium doors will open to your guests at 8:45am. Please, do not have your guests arrive earlier than 8:45am.
- The ceremony will start at 9:30 am.

Dress:

- You should have either picked-up or had your cap/gown mailed to you. I would encourage you to hang up your gown and let the wrinkles fall out.
- You should arrive dressed in your academic regalia – Undergraduates (cap, gown, and tassel) Graduate students (cap, gown, tassel, and carry your hood).
- You have purchased your cap and gown, it is not a rental and you do not need to return it.
- Students should dress in business professional: dress pants, dress shirt, tie, dress shoes, skirt, nice blouse, dress, and dress shoes. Students interested in wearing heels please note that there are a lot of stairs (our stage steps are fairly steep) and lots of walking involved in the ceremony.
- Please, do not bring a purse or other valuables with you as the University is not responsible for the security of those items.

Lineup:

- We will start graduation lineup at 8:30am in Spainhour/Choir rooms, downstairs in Moore. Please be on time so we can begin lining up all the graduates in order.
- Graduates speaking or performing will check-in at 8:30am in the Spainhour/Choir Rooms, you will join the platform party at 9:15am. (Judah Barak, Daja Benton, Jared Dunn, Marcus Orta, Lauren Sermersheim, Jonas Randolph – Ms. Mugrage, University Registrar, will help you line up with the platform party. You will be seated on stage).
- Latin Honor Tassels, Heritage Cords, Class Gift Cords, Alpha Sigma Lambda cords, and Honor Program stoles will all be given to graduates during check in. Graduates may wear other cords or stoles with prior approval but the University will not recognize other organizations in the program- (ex. Sororities, Fraternities, National Society of Leadership and Success, Student Athlete, etc.).
- Receive a blue and gold cord at graduation for making a \$20.24 donation to the class gift: <https://www.mhu.edu/alumni/senior-class-gift/>
- Latin Honor Policy: Overall Cumulative GPA – We do not round this number up!
 - Cum Laude = 3.5-3.69
 - Magna Cum Laude= 3.7-3.89
 - Summa Cum Laude= 3.9-4.0

Program:

- Prelude
- Processional – Platform Party, Faculty, and Graduates
- Welcome- Kyle Garrett
- Invocation – Daja Benton
- Congratulations from Trustee Board Chair
- Student Speakers – Lauren Sermersheim and Jonas Randolph
- Music – Judah Barak and Jared Dunn
- Honorary Doctorate Degree
- Confer Masters Degrees
- Confer Undergraduate Degrees
- Charge to Graduates – moving tassel from right side of cap to left side.
- Alma Mater – Marcus Orta
- Benediction- Rev. Stephanie McLeskey
- Recessional – Platform Party, Faculty, and Graduates walk from Moore Auditorium to Day Hall

You will not receive your diploma on stage, just the empty diploma cover. We will have diplomas available for pickup after the ceremony on the first floor of Day Hall. In order to receive your diploma after graduation, you must have a clear University balance by Wednesday, May 8th @4pm. Official transcripts will be mailed in June.

*The above order of the program is subject to changes.

Photography:

- Grad Images, a photography company, will take your photo as you receive your diploma cover from President Floyd on stage. You will then have a second photo taken once you exit the stage.
- Grad Images will contact graduates directly regarding purchasing photos taken at graduation.
- At check in you will have a Grad Images card sitting in your chair – please fill it out legibly and accurately so the photographer can contact you with the proofs after graduation.
- Generally, Grad Images provides graduates proofs within at least two weeks (possibly longer given this is graduation season).

Name List:

- Your names are currently on a read list the way your name is listed in Self-Service. If you would like your name read differently, or if you need to clarify a pronunciation, please email me ASAP.

Parking:

- ALL graduates need to park in the tiered lot behind Nash or in the Chapel parking lot.
- Guests can park anywhere on campus but the lots closest to Moore are Lunsford and Pittman
- Do not have your guests stop in the middle of the road to drop folks off at Moore. We will have a separate drop off area on Auditorium Drive (look for the signs/security officers).

Things to Note:

- Air horns, balloons, confetti canons, and loud clappers/poppers are prohibited in the Auditorium. Please, inform your guests!
- Official Transcripts will be mailed in June.
- The Alumni Office invites you and your guests to a reception immediately after the ceremony outside of Day Hall.

- Graduates that have clear University balances can pick up their diploma on the first floor of Day Hall.
- The University Bookstore will be open before and after the Commencement ceremony.
- All graduates and guests will be subject to a security screening before admittance into the auditorium.
- **ONLY** guests with a ticket will enter the Auditorium, all others will be turned away
- No large bags permitted at graduation. All smaller bags are subject to search by event staff.
- Weapons, Alcohol, Drugs, and Smoking are not permitted on our University campus.

Live Stream Link:

https://www.youtube.com/live/32LoS-DbUzs?si=xEyZ2gcy_fC_zfl1

Also available on the Mars Hill University website : mhu.edu

Please, let me know if you have additional questions!

See you on Saturday, May 11st @ 8:30am in Spainhour/Choir Room – Follow the Signs (bottom floor of Moore Fine Arts Building). Staff will help direct you.

Thank you

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