Commencement is an exciting time in the life of every college and university, and I am eager to celebrate this special weekend with you. I hope that your student’s years at Wake Forest will culminate with a memorable Commencement weekend as family, friends and faculty members share in their considerable academic accomplishments.

In keeping with Wake Forest tradition, many academic departments will host receptions on the Sunday afternoon of Commencement weekend. The faculty is the heart of the University, and I hope you will attend the reception in your son’s or daughter’s major area to meet some of these outstanding teacher-scholars.

Tickets are required for many of the weekend’s events. I encourage you to register and make travel arrangements early. I look forward to celebrating this milestone with you in May.

Sincerely,

Nathan O. Hatch
President
MONDAY, MAY 18, HEARN PLAZA, 9 A.M.

TICKET INFORMATION
Each of our graduates’ guests will need a ticket to attend Commencement. These tickets are complimentary with a limit of 8 guest tickets per graduate and need to be ordered in advance at commencement.wfu.edu/tickets between March 2 and May 12. Tickets are available by pickup only. Tickets for BA and BS graduates will be distributed at the College Bookstore on Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. each day. An ID is required to claim tickets. Graduate and professional school students will receive ticket and regalia distribution schedules from their respective schools. Wake Forest students, faculty and staff do not need tickets to attend, but must show a current Wake Forest ID for admission to the ceremony.

CEREMONY INFORMATION
Graduation Exercises on Monday, May 18 include the University Commencement Ceremony, the transmigration of professional and graduate schools, and the Bachelor Degree Diploma Ceremony. The University Commencement Ceremony begins at 9 a.m. on Hearn Plaza and includes remarks from the University President, the keynote speaker address, the awarding of the honorary degrees and the conferring of degrees for all graduate and professional schools.

Following the University Commencement Ceremony, the transmigration of all graduate and professional schools will take place at approximately 10:30 a.m. Those graduates will leave Hearn Plaza in a recessional led by faculty marshals and all except Graduate School of Arts & Sciences degree recipients will convene with their guests at various locations for diploma ceremonies and receptions. BA and BS graduates and guests will remain on Hearn Plaza during the transmigration and be invited to enjoy a special video presentation on the video screens during this transition between ceremonies.

Following the transmigration, the Bachelor Degree Diploma Ceremony will take place on Hearn Plaza and includes remarks from a representative of the class and the deans, followed by the awarding of bachelor degrees. Graduates who have earned BA and BS degrees from the College and the School of Business will be asked to cross the stage as their names are called.

FAMILY/GUEST INFORMATION
Please arrive early. Due to security measures, there may lines to enter Hearn Plaza. Please limit the number of items you bring; all bags are subject to search. Coolers are prohibited; water and other beverages will be available. Chairs on Hearn Plaza are not numbered and guests may seat themselves as they arrive.

The Commencement Breakfast Buffet will be held in Reynolda Hall Cafeteria from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. Tickets are $13 per person and must be ordered in advance using the online ticket registration form that opens March 2.

Restrooms will be available in Benson University Center, Reynolda and Wingate Halls, and Efird and Huffman Residence Halls. The Benson Center facilities are wheelchair accessible. Executive air-conditioned bathrooms will be available in the parking lots on either side of Wait Chapel. A first-aid station will be located in Poteat Residence Hall. A map of Reynolda Campus can be viewed or downloaded at commencement.wfu.edu/parkingmap
PHOTOGRAPHY
During the Bachelor Degree Diploma Ceremony, each graduate will be photographed as he or she crosses and exits the stage. Free color proofs and ordering instructions will be sent to the graduate's permanent e-mail or mailing address. Packages are available through Photo Specialties (info@photospecialties.com or 800.722.7033) beginning at $7.00 for a 5” x 7” photograph. For their own safety and the courtesy of others, guests may not take photographs from the platform. The platform is strictly for graduates and faculty.

The ceremony also will be recorded and the two-disc DVD set can be ordered online during ticket registration. The use of a handheld personal video camera will be allowed only if it does not obstruct the view of other guests in the audience. Tripods are not permitted.

PARKING
On-campus parking will be limited and all vehicles must have a 2015 Commencement parking pass to enter campus on Monday morning. During peak traffic times, vehicles will enter campus in two lanes from University Parkway. University Police will direct guests to available parking. A parking map can be viewed or downloaded at commencement.wfu.edu/parkingmap. Free parking will also be available at BB&T Field with shuttles running continuously to and from Hearn Plaza beginning at 6 a.m. Although no pass is needed to park at the football field, a WFU ID or Commencement ticket is required to ride the shuttle.

Each graduate will receive two parking passes with his or her ticket order. Please hang this pass from the vehicle’s rearview mirror to serve as a gate pass throughout Commencement Weekend. One parking pass may be exchanged for one Special Needs parking pass (see next section) at ticket pickup. The Special Needs parking pass does not need to be requested or reserved in advance and special credentials or documentation are not required when the request is made at ticket pickup.

SPECIAL NEEDS
On Sunday, May 17, reserved parking for guests with disabilities will be available in designated lots on a first-come basis. A Special Needs pass is required.

On Monday, May 18, reserved parking in our Special Needs shuttle lot on Long Drive (off campus) is available on a first-come basis. Space is limited and a Special Needs pass is required as the Special Needs lot is intended only for guests with physical disabilities and those who have extreme difficulty walking. Please note that University Police will not permit guests to drop off individuals at Hearn Plaza because of heavy congestion and traffic flow concerns.

Wheelchair seating will be available. While the University cannot provide wheelchairs, accessible seating is located in the Special Needs section near the shuttle drop-off point at the Hearn Plaza crosswalk in front of Poteat Residence Hall. Due to limited space, each person seated in this area may be accompanied by one guest and should plan to arrive early.

A sign language interpreter will stand on the Zick's side of the platform.

For Special Needs guests who have difficulty tolerating outdoor conditions, a live feed of the Commencement Ceremony will be available in Pugh Auditorium, located on the second floor of Benson University Center. Commencement Ceremony tickets are required for admission to Pugh. Space is limited.
**RAIN PLAN**

In the event weather conditions prohibit the Graduation Exercises from being held outdoors on Hearn Plaza, the ceremony will be moved indoors to Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum. Weather conditions in May vary widely, so please be sure to check local weather forecasts.

University officials will announce a decision regarding the rain plan by 7 a.m. on Commencement Day via the following:

- [wfu.edu](http://wfu.edu)
- 336.758.7059 (outgoing voicemail message)
- local radio (600 AM, 88.5 FM) and television (WXII, Channel 12)

If the rain plan is put into effect, Commencement will begin at 9:30 a.m. in LJVM Coliseum. Shuttles will take families who have parked on campus to and from the Coliseum.

If rain is likely to end in the early morning, Commencement may be delayed until 9:30 or 10 a.m. in order to hold graduation on Hearn Plaza.
Baccalaureate
SUNDAY, MAY 17, WAIT CHAPEL, 11 A.M.

CEREMONY INFORMATION
Baccalaureate is a one-hour religious service honoring the graduating class. During the service, an address in the form of a sermon is delivered by a respected leader in the religious community.

FAMILY/GUEST INFORMATION
There is no charge for Baccalaureate tickets, but tickets are required and must be ordered in advance through the online registration form that opens March 2. Each graduate is allowed a maximum of 3 tickets for guests. Graduates will process in cap and gown and do not need tickets. Doors open at 9:30 a.m.

Seating inside Wait Chapel is limited and on a first-come basis. A ticket does not guarantee admittance. Guests should expect to wait in line. In the event of rain, the service will be held as planned. Weather permitting, overflow seating and simulcast viewing will be available on Hearn Plaza.

A Picnic Buffet will be held on Hearn Plaza (rain location: Reynolda Hall Cafeteria) following the Baccalaureate Service. Picnic Buffet tickets are $16 per person and must be ordered in advance through the online registration form.

SPECIAL NEEDS
A sign-language interpreter will be present.

Wheelchair seating will be available in designated areas. To access these areas, please enter Wait Chapel through the doors to the right of the main entrance.

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS FOR GRADUATES
Graduates should assemble in cap and gown with their degree groups on Hearn Plaza no later than 10:30 a.m. in the following locations:
• BA students—in front of the Deacon Shop
• All others—in front of Subway

If it is raining, graduates and faculty will assemble in sheltered areas in the residence halls adjacent to Hearn Plaza. Specific instructions will be available at ticket pickup.
INFORMATION FOR GRADUATES

Caps, gowns and “2015” tassels (available only as a package) should be ordered through the College Bookstore (336.758.5145) by MDiv, BA and BS candidates only. Professional school degree candidates other than MDiv will be coordinated through those schools and programs. Regalia orders can be placed at the Bookstore beginning with the Grad Fair on March 18 and 19. Payment for cap and gown is not due until regalia is picked up at the Bookstore beginning May 1. Commencement announcements and class rings can be ordered online at balfour.com.

Students receiving a BA or a BS concerned about the correct pronunciation of their names should complete a name pronunciation form at wfu.edu/commencement/name/ beginning March 2.

Undergraduates who plan to graduate in absentia must notify the Office of the University Registrar (336.758.5207). All others must obtain permission from the dean of their school.

Professional school graduates should refer to the transmigration item on Monday’s schedule for diploma ceremony and reception information.
Schedule of Events

**Friday, May 15**

9 a.m.–4 p.m. Ticket pickup for undergraduates (BA and BS), College Bookstore

**Saturday, May 16**

9 a.m.–4 p.m. Ticket pickup for undergraduates (BA and BS), College Bookstore

3 p.m. Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Hooding and Awards Ceremony, Wait Chapel, followed by a reception in Reynolda Hall, Green Room

3–4:30 p.m. School of Business Undergraduate Programs Reception in Farrell Hall, Founders Living Room

3–7 p.m. GradFest (Doctor of Medicine School-Wide Picnic) Miller Park; Rain location: Miller Park shelters and gym

7 p.m. School of Divinity Hooding Ceremony, Wait Chapel, followed by a reception in Reynolda Hall, Green Room

8 p.m. School of Business Graduate Programs Graduation Party, Farrell Hall, Founders Living Room

**Sunday, May 17**

8:30 a.m. Graduation Mass, Benson University Center, Pugh Auditorium

11 a.m. **Baccalaureate Service**, Wait Chapel, tickets required for guests

Noon Picnic Buffet, Hearn Plaza, tickets must be purchased in advance

1:45 p.m. School of Law Hooding Ceremony, Wait Chapel, reception to follow at 3 p.m., Millennium Center in downtown Winston-Salem

2 p.m. College Honors and Awards Ceremony, Scales Fine Arts Center, Brendle Recital Hall (Graduates being recognized will receive advance notice from their academic departments)

3 p.m. First in the Forest Pinning Ceremony, Porter Byrum Welcome Center

Beginning at 3:30 p.m. Departmental receptions. See the full list of start times and locations following the Schedule of Events.

3:45–5 p.m. Reception for Alumni Families, Reynolda Hall, Magnolia Patio

4 p.m. R.O.T.C. Commissioning, Worrell Center Auditorium, followed by a reception, Worrell Courtyard

4:15 p.m. School of Medicine, Doctor of Medicine Hooding Ceremony, Wait Chapel

7:30 p.m. School of Business Graduate Programs Hooding Ceremony, Wait Chapel
MONDAY, MAY 18

6:30–8:30 a.m. Commencement Breakfast, Reynolda Hall Cafeteria, tickets must be purchased in advance

9 a.m. University Commencement Ceremony, Hearn Plaza, tickets required for guests

10:30 a.m., approx. Transmigration of graduate and professional schools

Transmigration: Graduates of the professional schools and Graduate School of Arts & Sciences will recess from the University Commencement Ceremony. Professional school graduates will be guided by marshals to the following locations:

Physician Assistant Studies Brendle Recital Hall at 11 a.m. for a diploma and awards ceremony. Luncheon at Forsyth Country Club at 12:30 p.m. Diploma distribution and regalia return 2:30 – 5 p.m. at 525@Vine.

School of Business Farrell Hall, Founders Living Room for a reception and distribution of diplomas

School of Divinity Porter Byrum Welcome Center for a diploma ceremony

School of Law Wait Chapel for a diploma ceremony followed immediately by a reception in the Worrell Professional Center Courtyard

School of Medicine 401 Benson Center for a reception and distribution of diplomas

10:45 a.m., approx. Bachelor Degree Diploma Ceremony, Hearn Plaza

7 p.m. Residence Halls close
Departmental Receptions

Sunday, May 17

3:30 p.m.
Chemistry—Salem Hall, Room 210
Dance—Scales Fine Arts Center, Ring Theatre
Theatre—Scales Fine Arts Center, Ring Theatre

4 p.m.
Art—Scales Fine Arts Center, Hanes Gallery Lobby
Health and Exercise Science—Reynolds Gym, Room 210
Information Systems—ZSR Library, The Bridge
Music—Scales Fine Arts Center, Patio
Psychology—Greene Hall, outside Room 415
Romance Languages—Greene Hall, 3rd Floor Atrium
Women’s and Gender Studies—Tribble Hall, Main Lobby

4:15 p.m.
Anthropology—Museum of Anthropology

Monday, May 18

Noon
Counseling—Carswell Hall, 2nd Floor Atrium
REGISTRATION

Tickets are required and must be ordered in advance for Baccalaureate, the Graduation Exercises and optional meals. Order online at commencement.wfu.edu/tickets beginning March 2, 2015. Please submit only one registration form per graduate. For more information, call 336.758.7059.

TICKET PICKUP

Undergraduates (BA and BS) should pick up their tickets at the College Bookstore on Friday, May 15, or Saturday, May 16, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Graduates from professional and graduate schools will receive ticket and regalia distributions schedules from their respective school offices.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Commencement Office 336.758.7059
Commencement Office email commencement@wfu.edu

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Office of Alumni Engagement 336.758.5264
College Bookstore 336.758.5145
Dean of the College 336.758.5311
Department of Military Science (R.O.T.C.) 336.758.5542
Name pronunciation form (College BA & BS only) wfu.edu/commencement/name/
Office of the Provost 336.758.4900
Office of the University Registrar 336.758.5207
Residence Life and Housing 336.758.5185
School of Business Undergraduate Programs 336.758.5422
Student Financial Aid 336.758.5154
Student Financial Services (student billing) 336.758.5234
University Police 336.758.6066

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Bowman Gray Campus 336.716.4303
Reynolda Campus 336.758.6145
School of Business Graduate Programs 336.758.5422
School of Divinity 336.758.3518
School of Law 336.758.4011
School of Medicine, Doctor of Medicine 336.716.4271
School of Medicine, Physician Assistant Studies 336.716.7068