Welcome to Commencement 2018 at Wake Forest!

Let me offer my deepest congratulations to the members of our graduating class! Their achievements and successes are why we will gather together and celebrate in May.

Commencement is an exciting time in the life of any college or university and a weekend I look forward to every year. Students, families, faculty members and friends gather to celebrate the culmination of a considerable academic accomplishment.

One long-standing Wake Forest tradition is held on Sunday afternoon of Commencement weekend when many academic departments host receptions. At the heart of a Wake Forest education is the faculty, and I hope all of you will make time to attend the reception sponsored by your student’s major area. Take a moment to meet some of the outstanding faculty who have worked with your student throughout his or her time on campus.

We all look forward to welcoming you and your family to campus for Commencement. Tickets are required for many of the weekend’s events, so I encourage you to register and make travel arrangements early. I look forward to celebrating with you in May.

Sincerely,

Nathan O. Hatch
President
Graduation Exercises
MONDAY, MAY 21, 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 1 and May 10. Tickets are available by pickup only. Tickets for BA and BS graduates will be distributed at the College Bookstore on Friday, May 18 and Saturday, May 19 between 9 a.m. and 5 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. Current Wake Forest students, faculty and staff do not need tickets to attend, but must show a Wake Forest ID for admission to the ceremony.

CEREMONY INFORMATION
Graduation Exercises on Monday, May 21 include the University Commencement Ceremony, the transmigration of professional and graduate schools, and the Undergraduate 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.

Following the transmigration, the Undergraduate 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 be 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 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tickets must be ordered in advance using the online ticket registration form that opens March 1.

Restrooms will be available in Benson University Center, Reynolda and Wingate Halls. The Benson Center facilities are wheelchair accessible. Executive portable 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 Undergraduate 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 $9.00 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.

An optional “family photo” shoot will be available on campus Sunday 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., in the Green Room, Reynolda Hall. For details, visit commencement.wfu.edu/graduation-exercises/photography.

The ceremony will be recorded and the two-disc DVD set can be ordered online during ticket registration.

PARKING

On-campus parking will be limited and all vehicles must have a 2018 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 the LJVM Coliseum with shuttles running continuously to and from Hearn Plaza beginning at 6 a.m. Although no pass is needed to park at the LJVM Coliseum, 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 permit (see next section) at ticket pickup. The Special Needs parking permit 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 20, reserved parking for guests with disabilities will be available in designated lots on a first-come basis. A Special Needs permit is required.

On Monday, May 21, 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 permit 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.
INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN

If severe weather is likely, University officials will announce a decision regarding the severe weather plan on the homepage of the Commencement website; on the university's homepage; on a voicemail message at 336.758.7059; and on local radio (600 AM, 88.5 FM) and television (WXII, Channel 12) stations.

In the event of rain, commencement exercises may still continue outdoors on Hearn Plaza. Ponchos will be available for graduates, but guests are encouraged to bring their own rain gear.

If severe weather is likely to end in the early morning, Commencement may be delayed until 9:30 a.m. or 10 a.m. in order to hold the program on Hearn Plaza.

If the severe weather plan is put into effect, Commencement will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

Graduates must be at the Coliseum with their degree groups by 8:30 a.m. The order of the ceremony will be the same as that of the outdoor ceremony. Undergraduates will receive diplomas onstage. Graduate and professional students will receive diplomas at other locations.
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 1. Each graduate is allowed a maximum of 2 tickets for guests. Graduates will process in cap and gown and do not need tickets. Doors open at 8:00 a.m.

Seating inside Wait Chapel is limited and on a first-come basis. A ticket does not guarantee admittance. 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 Baccalaureate Brunch will be held on the Reynolda Hall Magnolia Patio (rain location: Reynolda Hall Cafeteria) following the Baccalaureate Service. Brunch tickets must be ordered in advance through the online registration form when ceremony tickets are reserved.

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. Space is limited.

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS FOR GRADUATES

Graduates should assemble in cap and gown with their degree groups on Hearn Plaza no later than 8:00 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 “2018” tassels (available only as a package) should be ordered through the College Bookstore (336.758.5145) by BA and BS candidates only. Professional school degree candidates will be coordinated through those schools and programs. Regalia orders can be placed at the Bookstore beginning with the Grad Fair on March 14 and 15. 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 go.wfu.edu/herff.

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 1. If phonetic clarification is needed, the person announcing your name at the ceremony will contact you by early May.

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 transmigraiton item on Monday’s schedule for diploma distribution and reception information.
Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, MAY 18

9 a.m.–5 p.m.  Ticket pickup for undergraduates (BA and BS), College Bookstore

2 p.m.–6 p.m.  Senior So Dear (a Senior cocktail social sponsored by the Alumni Engagement Office), Zick's

SATURDAY, MAY 19

9 a.m.–5 p.m.  Ticket pickup for undergraduates (BA and BS), College Bookstore

11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.  Wake Forest School of Medicine GradFest at Bailey Park (445 Patterson Ave.)

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

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

SUNDAY, MAY 20

9:00 a.m.  Baccalaureate Service, Wait Chapel, tickets required for guests

10 a.m.  Baccalaureate Brunch, Reynolda Hall, Magnolia Patio, tickets must be purchased in advance

9 a.m.–10:30 a.m.  PA Program Hooding and Awards Ceremony, Atrium, Biotech Place, followed by an outdoor buffet luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Biotech Place Patio

11:00 a.m.  School of Business Graduate Programs Hooding Ceremony, Wait Chapel, reception to follow at Farrell Hall

1:45 p.m.  School of Law Hooding Ceremony, Wait Chapel, reception to follow at 4 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.

4 p.m.  Graduation Mass

4:30 p.m.  School of Medicine, Doctor of Medicine Hooding Ceremony, Wait Chapel
MONDAY, MAY 21

6:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.  Commencement Breakfast Buffet, 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:

- PA Program  525@Vine for diploma distribution and regalia return (11 a.m.–3 p.m.)
- School of Business  Farrell Hall, Founders Living Room for a reception and distribution of diplomas
- Graduate Programs
- School of Divinity  Rotunda of Wingate Hall for distribution of diplomas and a reception
- School of Law  Worrell Professional Center for distribution of diplomas and a reception
- School of Medicine  Green Room, First Floor, Reynolda Hall, for a reception and distribution of diplomas

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

7 p.m.  Residence Halls close
Departmental Receptions

Sunday, May 20

3:30 p.m.  
Art – Scales Fine Arts Center, Hanes Gallery Lobby
Chemistry – Honors Award Ceremony Wake Downtown Room 4802.
  Graduate reception immediately following, Wake Downtown Main Lobby 1502
Classical Languages – Tribble Hall, A301
Economics – Kirby Hall, Thomas C. Taylor Atrium, Second Floor
French Studies – Greene Hall, 3rd Floor Atrium
Music – Scales Fine Arts Center, Patio
Psychology – Greene Hall, outside Room 415
Spanish and Italian – Greene Hall, 3rd Floor Atrium

4 p.m.  
Biology – Winston Hall Foyer
Health and Exercise Science – Worrell Professional Center, HES Front Lobby
Business, Undergraduate Programs, Founders Living Room, Farrell Hall
Theater & Dance – Scales Fine Arts Center, Ring Theatre
Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies – Tribble Hall, Main Lobby

4:15 p.m.  
Anthropology – Museum of Anthropology
Communication – Carswell Hall, Main Lobby
Computer Science – Manchester Hall, Room 229
East Asian Languages and Cultures – Carswell Hall, Room 027
Education – Benson Center, Isil Lounge and Rooms 409 & 410
English – Tribble Hall, Ammons Lounge, Room A107
German/Russian – Greene Hall, Room 535
History – Benson Center, Reece Gallery, 4th Floor
Mathematics – Manchester Hall, Room 336
Philosophy – Tribble Hall, Room B316
Physics – Olin Physical Laboratory, Foyer
Politics and International Affairs – Benson Center, 3rd Floor Lobby and Lounge
Religious Studies – Wingate Hall, Room 209
Sociology – Kirby Hall, Ground Floor Reception Area

4:30 p.m.  
Athletics (Student Athletes) – Haddock House

Monday, May 21

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 with your student email address. Please submit only one registration form per graduate. For more information, call 336.758.7059.

TICKET PICKUP

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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 336.716.4224
Reynolda Campus 336.758.6145
School of Business Graduate Programs 336.758.5422
School of Divinity 336.758.3748
School of Law 336.758.4011
School of Medicine, Doctor of Medicine 336.716.4271
School of Medicine, PA Program 336.716.7068