

March 31, 2009

Dear Family of Prospective Graduates:

Plans are being finalized for Baccalaureate and Commencement exercises scheduled for Friday, May 1, and Saturday, May 2, 2009. The schedule for the weekend is:

Friday, May 1

5:00 p.m. Baccalaureate (Senior/Family) Dinner by Reservation Only
(This event is coordinated by the Senior Class. Invitations have been mailed. Written reservations are required and must be received by Ms. Cheryl Elkins no later than 4/24 with accompanying check. Questions should be directed to Ms. Kim Allen, 540-365-4453.)

7:30 p.m. Baccalaureate Service, Vaughn Chapel
Speaker: The Reverend C. Wesley Astin, Jr. '74, Dean of the Chapel

Saturday, May 2

7:15 B 9:00 a.m. Breakfast, Franklin Dining Hall
(\$5.00 per guest, pay at the door. No Charge to graduates)

10:30 a.m. Commencement, Lawn between Stanley Library and Garber Hall
(Rain Plan B Swartz Gymnasium: Six Rain tickets will be distributed to each graduate. We regret that ushers may not hold tickets for family members at the door; please make sure you have received the rain tickets from your graduate in advance.)

Speaker: Dr. Belle S. Wheelan
President
Commission on Colleges

Immediately Following Commencement Lunch on the Stratton House lawn in honor of Graduates and their families. Three meal tickets will be distributed to each graduate. (Additional meal tickets may be purchased through Ferrum College Dining Services @ \$8.00; Children ages 6-12 @ \$4.00; Children under age 6 @ no charge). Questions and requests to purchase additional meal tickets should be directed to 540-365-4453. (Rain Plan, Franklin Hall).

Ample parking will be available. If handicapped parking and/or special seating are needed, arrangements should be scheduled in advance (and no later than Wednesday, April 22) by calling Ms. Joyce Scott at 540-365-4211. In the event of rain, each ticket for handicap section must be accompanied by one of the six rain tickets distributed to graduates.

A list of area lodging facilities is enclosed for your convenience in scheduling overnight accommodations. Graduation photographs and DVDs may be purchased separately. DVDs of Commencement may be purchased through A+ Audio and Video Productions and an order form for these services is enclosed. Photo Specialties of Chapel Hill, North Carolina will take individual photos of each senior receiving a degree; information about the services offered by Photo Specialties as well as contact information is also included.

We are looking forward to this wonderful celebration of achievement and we know you are as well. Please contact my office at 540-365-4207 if you have questions pertaining to these scheduled events, or log onto Ferrum's Homepage at www.Ferrum.edu, (select) Administration (select) Academic Dean's Office, and click on the Commencement link.. I look forward to seeing you on our campus during graduation weekend 2009.

Sincerely,



Leslie T. Lambert
Provost and Vice President
for Academic Affairs