

IMPORTANT**Baccalaureate and Commencement Information and Instructions for ALL PROSPECTIVE GRADUATES**

EVENT	DATE, TIME & LOCATION	INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS
Commencement Rehearsal	5/10 10:00a.m. Schoolfield Hall Steps Hart Plaza	Graduation candidates will be arranged by School and then in alphabetical order at Schoolfield Hall, followed by a procession to Hart Plaza for rehearsal of the Commencement Ceremony.
Baccalaureate Dinner	5/10 5:00 p.m. Franklin Hall	Invitations will be mailed to parents by the Senior Class. \$18.50 per adult, \$8.50 per child (ages 6-12) and free to children 5 and under. THERE IS NO CHARGE TO GRADUATES. Please RSVP to Mike Ferguson no later than 4/26/19 at mferguson@ferrum.edu or 540-365-6927.
Baccalaureate Line-up	5/10 7:10 p.m. Vaughn Chapel	Gather on sidewalk between Chapel bell tower and patio for procession. COME IN CAP AND GOWN Dress: Men should wear shirt, tie and dark shoes. Women should wear skirt/slacks or dress and dark shoes. Caps: Decorated caps that adhere to the Ferrum College policy may be worn. Stoles: Only approved sorority, fraternity, and club stoles should be worn. Honor Societies: Graduation Candidates may choose to purchase and wear cordons, medals, etc. by contacting the following sponsors of your Honor Society: Alpha Chi - David Howell Alpha Phi Sigma – David Nicholson Alpha Psi Omega – Giuseppe Ritorto Delta Tau Alpha – Timothy Durham Kappa Delta Pi – Nancy Bradley Kappa Pi – Jake Smith Lambda Sigma – Kevin Reilly National Residence Hall Honorary – Nicole Lenez National Society of Leadership and Success – Lynise Anderson Phi Alpha – Martha Haley-Bowling Phi Alpha Theta – Nicole Greer Golda Pi Sigma Alpha – Ed Hally and Sandra Via Psi Chi – Sharon Stein Sigma Tau Delta – Allison Harl
Baccalaureate Ceremony	5/10 7:30 p.m. Vaughn Chapel	Following the assigned marshal, process to reserved seats on each side of the main floor of the chapel. No particular order is required for this processional; walk two abreast. Male students should please remove their caps just prior to being seated. Students are to stand as the faculty process into and from the Chapel and then follow.
Senior Candlelight Ceremony	5/10 Hart Plaza Lawn	A special candlelight ceremony will follow the Baccalaureate Service. Graduation Candidates will be directed to the Hart Plaza Lawn for this ceremony. In the event of inclement weather, graduates should remain in the chapel for the ceremony.
Breakfast	5/11 7:30 a.m. Franklin Hall	Breakfast available to families and guests of graduates for a cost of \$7.65 per adult, \$4.37 per child (ages 6-12), and free for children 5 and under. No charge for graduate. THERE IS NO CHARGE TO GRADUATES.
Dress for Commencement	5/11	Dress: COME IN CAP AND GOWN Men: shirt, tie, dark slacks (no jeans) and dark shoes Remove cap for invocation and replace afterwards. Also, remove cap for benediction and replace for recessional. Women: blouse, dark skirt/slacks (no jeans) or dress and dark shoes (Flats recommended for walking on the lawn.) Adornments: Only approved sorority, fraternity, and club stoles and/or honor society cords should be worn.

		<p>Tassels: Tassels should be worn on the right side of the cap.</p> <p>Caps: Decorated caps that adhere to the Ferrum College policy may be worn.</p>
Class Photo	5/11 9:00 a.m. Schoolfield Hall Steps	<p>Class Photo Gather on the steps of Sale Theater for the Class Photo. RAIN PLAN **GYMNASIUM**</p> <p>Procession Line-Up Following the class photo, graduation candidates will be arranged by School, in alphabetical order, for the procession and provided with a Name Card to be presented to the Commencement Reader.</p>
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Commencement Ceremony	5/11 10:00 a.m. Hart Plaza	<p>Commencement is Open Seating No tickets required</p> <p>HANDICAPPED SEATING Graduates with family members who will need special accommodations should contact Mrs. Brenda Martin at (540) 365-4211 or bmartin@ferrum.edu.</p> <p>RAIN PLAN **GYMNASIUM** Reserved Seating Only Up to three tickets per graduate. Seat Held Only Until 10:00 a.m. Graduates must get tickets to your family/guests in advance of graduation. Ushers will not be able to hold tickets for your family members.</p> <p>LIVE STREAMING The Commencement Ceremony will be live streamed and viewable in Garber 106 and the Panther's Den. Family and guests may watch from either location.</p>
Granting of Diplomas		<p>Graduation candidates will be directed by marshals to the left side of the graduation platform. As candidates approach the platform, their name cards will be presented to the respective reader stationed at the podium. As his/her name is read, the candidate will walk across the platform, shaking hands with the School Dean, the Dean of Academic Affairs, the Provost, and the President. The President will also present the diploma cover. Be prepared to shake hands with your right hand and to receive your diploma cover with your left hand. Photos will be taken, so pause slightly for the photographer. Proceed to exit the platform on the right. As soon as you return to your chair, please be seated.</p> <p>Commencement is a celebration of your hard work and academic achievement. Cheers and applause are welcomed. However, air horns or loud noisemakers should not be used.</p>
Diplomas		<p>Each graduation candidate will be presented with a diploma cover by the President during Commencement. Diplomas will be mailed to each graduate's current mailing address approximately two weeks following Commencement. Address changes may be reported by using the following portal link: https://portal.ferrum.edu/stusvc/registrar/Pages/Change-of-Address-Form.aspx.</p>
Commencement Photo		<p>Photo Specialties is the official graduation photographer for Ferrum College's Commencement. Each graduate will have a photo taken as he/she receives the diploma cover. A free color proof will be sent to the graduate's current mailing address, which includes a password for online viewing. ***Emailed proofs will be sent about a week after graduation. Paper proofs are usually mailed within two weeks of graduation. ***</p> <p>You are under no obligation to purchase prints. To receive an email notification when photos are online, please visit www.photospecialties.com to pre-register. If you do not receive a proof within a week of the ceremony, please contact info@photospecialties or call 1-800-722-7033.</p> <p>A special photo area will be designated to the right of the stage, close to the entrance of the Library, so that parents and/or guests may take photos of his/her graduate on the platform. Please ask those taking photos to move toward the photo area right before you are called forth, and to please move away from the area afterwards so that all parents/guests may have the opportunity to take photos.</p>
Commencement Picnic	5/11 The Quad	<p>Immediately following graduation, graduates and their guests are invited to join the administration, faculty and staff for a celebratory commencement picnic. There is no charge for the picnic.</p> <p>RAIN PLAN **FRANKLIN HALL**</p>

More detailed information concerning the Baccalaureate and Commencement Ceremonies is forthcoming at Ferrum's website:
<http://www.ferrum.edu/academics/registrars-office/commencement-baccalaureate-ceremonies/#1488894748794-5b2bd173-93cf>