

Dear Graduate:

Upon successful completion of your courses this semester, you will have fulfilled the requirements for graduation from Marietta College. Congratulations on that accomplishment-- the culmination of years of work. The Marietta College faculty and staff are proud of you.

Marietta College holds its official Commencement ceremony once a year, in May. I hope you will plan to return to campus on May 13, 2012 to march with your classmates in the academic procession and personally receive your diploma in our Commencement ceremonies. That occasion marks a very special passage in your life, and I look forward to welcoming you back to campus then.

In order to celebrate your achievement now, I am inviting you, any family members and friends you wish to include, and the 50 other students who are completing their degree requirements to a December Graduation Celebration. The event will be held in the Fenton Court Arena on Sunday, December 11 at 2:00 p.m. Since this event is a celebration rather than a Commencement, business attire rather than cap and gown will be appropriate dress. The program will include music, celebratory remarks by Provost Gama Perruci and me, and introduction and congratulation of each of the graduates. A reception will be held immediately following the Celebration.

You will be given an opportunity to introduce any family or friends who are present, and to acknowledge any faculty or staff members who have been a special part of your experience here. We do not expect you to make a formal speech, but encourage you to recognize those people who have challenged and supported you through your time at Marietta College. All faculty and staff will be invited to the Celebration, but individual faculty and staff would very much appreciate a personal invitation from you.

Please respond by November 18 to Bruce Peterson at extension 4531 (740-376-4531) or petersob@marietta.edu. and let him know whether or not you and your family/friends will be able to attend the Celebration. A table will be set up in the lobby of Ban Johnson for all graduates to check in on the day of the Celebration. Check –in is required of all graduates attending the ceremony.

I am writing a separate letter of invitation to the family members you designated on your graduation application. I very much hope that you, your family, friends and classmates will be able to join us in celebration of your degree completion on December 11, 2011.

With warm congratulations and best wishes for a very bright and promising future.

Sincerely,

Jean A. Scott
President