

February 23, 2018

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Dear Parent:

I am delighted to invite you and other members of your family to the Commencement ceremony for members of the Marietta College Class of 2018, which will be held in the **Dyson Baudo Recreation Center on Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.** We truly hope that this Commencement will be the memorable event you have anticipated for many years.

The ceremony will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. with an academic procession that includes graduates, faculty, staff, and platform guests attired in full academic regalia. Please plan to be in your seats by 12:50 p.m. for the beginning of this traditional procession to enjoy its pageantry.

We are pleased to welcome Donald G. Ritter, Class of 1981, back to campus to deliver this year's Commencement address. Mr. Ritter has a long and distinguished career in oil and gas and is the CEO of Endurance Resources. He is also a director with Blue Star Connection — a charity that provides musical instruments for medically challenged children and young adults. Mr. Ritter is an Emeritus member of the Marietta College Board of Trustees, and he will be receiving an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, along with his wife, Leslie Straub Ritter, Class of 1985, during the Commencement ceremony.

We hope that you will take part in the activities planned for Commencement weekend listed on the enclosed schedule of events. I particularly call to your attention the family graduation reception which will be held in the tent on the Christy Mall on Saturday afternoon immediately following Baccalaureate. I hope to greet you, your family, and your graduate on that occasion.

Enclosed is the letter from the photographer who will take cap and gown photos as well as photos during the ceremony.

For more information on Commencement, visit our web page at <http://www.marietta.edu/commencement>. Information on lodging and attractions in the City of Marietta can be found on the Washington County Visitors Bureau web page at <http://www.mariettaohio.org/> or by contacting them at 1-800-288-2577.

I join the entire College community in looking forward to your presence during Commencement weekend as we celebrate Marietta College's 181st graduating class. We are proud of the accomplishments of these students and thank you for your support during their college years.

Sincerely,

William N. Ruud
President and Professor of Management

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