



CLASS OF 2018

Marietta College 2018 Commencement Guidelines and Information

<http://www.marietta.edu/commencement>

Please read the following material carefully and retain for your reference

COMMENCEMENT

Date: Sunday, May 6, 2018
Location: Dyson Baudo Recreation Center
Time: 1:00 p.m.

Tickets are not required for the ceremony and doors to the facility open at 11:00 a.m.

CHECK-IN AND GRADUATE PROCESSION

Check-in time: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **ALL GRADUATES MUST BE CHECKED IN AND IN LINE BY 12:30 p.m. Check-in is REQUIRED for participation in Commencement.**

CHECK-IN LOCATION

The graduate procession will form in the lower level hallway of the Dyson Baudo Recreation Center (near the racquetball courts). **ALL STUDENTS MUST BE CHECKED-IN AND IN LINE BY 12:30 p.m.**

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR HONORS IN THE 2018 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY?

Prospective May 2018 Graduates who are expected to complete their degree requirements by the end of the Spring 2018 term will be eligible to have anticipated academic honors noted in the Commencement program based on the cumulative GPA as of the previous fall semester. However, formal awarding of Latin honors will be determined based upon the cumulative GPA after all requirements are completed and final grades are submitted.

Confirmed August and December 2017 Graduates who did not previously participate in a Commencement Ceremony for the same degree will have all academic honors noted in the Commencement program.

Prospective August and December 2018 Graduates will NOT be eligible to have academic honors noted in the Commencement program. If you prefer to participate in the 2019 ceremony after degree completion, please notify the Records Office as your name will appear in only one Commencement program for a given degree. Note: Graduates may participate in only one Commencement ceremony for the same degree.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The new navy caps and gowns required for all graduation ceremony participants are available for purchase, along with formal invitations and class rings, through the Campus Bookstore. Please visit <http://www.herffjones.com/college/marietta> to order your regalia. **Online orders must be placed before March 6. After March 6, please visit the Bookstore to place your order.**

Payment of \$30 will be due when regalia is picked up at the Bookstore beginning April 16, during Grad Fest. The remainder of the cost is covered by the College. Graduates must participate in Grad Fest or check in with the Records Office before they will be permitted to pick up their regalia.

In addition to cap, gown, and tassel, 2018 graduates will also wear white satin stoles embroidered with "Class of 2018" and the College seal. The cost of the stole is included in the amounts noted above. Students have the option of purchasing additional embellishment(s) to reflect participation in College-recognized campus activities. If you do not wish to add any embellishments you do not have to do anything further. **To customize your stole, please visit <https://pridesash.com/marietta> before March 16.** Payment for any customization will be due at the time of placing your online order. All participants who do not order customizations by March 16 will receive the standard stole. All stoles will be available for pick up with your academic regalia beginning April 16.

Please contact the Bookstore at 740-376-4528 for additional information.

I PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMENCEMENT—WHAT’S NEXT?

ALL enrolled May and August 2018 graduates and enrolled December 2018 graduates who will be participating in Commencement **must attend Pioneer Grad Fest on Monday, April 16, 2018 anytime between 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., in the campus bookstore.** GradFest serves as a “one-stop shop” where students will verify degree and post-graduation information; provide proper name pronunciation; receive information on the Commencement Ceremony as well as College and Alumni services and Financial Aid exit counseling; share memories; and celebrate with refreshments. All participants will be entered for exciting raffle prizes, including a shadow box to display your stole. Watch your email and campus mailbox for additional information.

WHEN WILL I KNOW IF I WILL GRADUATE?

Grades will be processed on Thursday, May 10, with degrees conferred over the following week. If there is a change in graduation status, students will be notified by the Records Office by telephone on Friday, May 18 and may review the degree audit for accuracy if questions should arise. Any deficiencies, such as incomplete grades, final transfer credits, or approved program exceptions must be resolved within 30 days of the Commencement ceremony to have the degree conferred for Spring 2018.

DIPLOMAS

Because Commencement takes place prior to posting of spring grades, diplomas are not distributed at the ceremony. After grades are processed and degrees conferred, approximately May 18, spring graduates will be notified by email that diplomas are available for pick up. Diplomas not picked up within two weeks of the email notification will be mailed to the address provided on the graduation application. Students are responsible for satisfying any outstanding balances with the Business Office, Library, or any other office by noon on Friday, April 27, 2018 to avoid delays in receipt of their diploma.

STRAWBERRIES AND CRÈME LUNCHEON

The Marietta College Alumni Association cordially invites you and your family to attend the traditional Strawberries and Crème Luncheon honoring the Class of 2018 on Saturday, May 5th at noon in the Dyson Baudo Recreation Center. Graduating seniors will receive complimentary lunch, courtesy of the Marietta College Alumni Association. Additional tickets for family or friends may be purchased for \$25 per person. Graduating students and their guests are asked to register by April 27 at <https://development.marietta.edu/strawberries18> . If you have questions, please contact the Office of Alumni Engagement at 740-376-4709, alumni@marietta.edu, or by texting us at 740-205-8289 .

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

The Baccalaureate Service will be held from 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. in the McDonough Auditorium on Saturday, May 5. Members of the graduating class will constitute a major part of the program. No tickets or reservations are required for this event. *Academic regalia and procession are NOT part of the Baccalaureate Service.* Both bachelor and master degree candidates are invited to attend.

BACCALAUREATE RECEPTION

There will be a reception for graduates and their families immediately following the Baccalaureate Service on Saturday, May 5. Reservations and tickets are NOT required. The reception will be held on Christy Mall, weather permitting.

THE LONG BLUE LINE

You’re joining a group of Trail Blazers 25,000 strong. Stay connected with each other and us by updating your contact information via email: alumni@marietta.edu, call 740-376-4709, or text 740-205-8289. We love knowing about jobs, new homes, marriages, etc. and CELEBRATING with you! Keeping your information updated also makes sure you are aware of campus happenings, Homecoming, regional events and more!

MYMARIETTA ACCESS FOR GRADUATES

Graduates will have e-mail and WebAdvisor access for six months after graduation. However, you may now request Email for Life by responding to the email “call to action” that will be sent to you in approximately five months or by contacting Information Technology at technology@marietta.edu.

CAMPUS MAILBOX/ FORWARDING MAIL

Following graduation, your campus mailbox will be closed and any first class mail will be forwarded to your home address. Campus mail and third class mail will be discarded. In order to ensure prompt delivery of your mail after graduation, please complete a change of address form online at www.usps.com. Also notify the Records Office of any change to your preferred mailing address. If you have a mailbox key, please return the key to the mailroom before leaving campus. Contact the mailroom at 740-376-4617 with questions.