



2023 Commencement Guidelines & Related Information

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

Please read the following material carefully and retain for your reference.

COMMENCEMENT

Date: Saturday, May 6, 2023

Location: Dyson Baudo Recreation Center

Time: 1:00PM to approximately 3:30PM

*Tickets are **not** required for the ceremony and doors to the facility open to the public at 11:00AM.*

CHECK-IN

All graduates **MUST** check in between 11:30 – 12:30 in the lower-level hallway of the Dyson Baudo Recreation Center, next to the racquetball courts. *The graduate procession also will form in the lower level hallway of the DBRC.*

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE CHECKED-IN, IN REGALIA, AND IN LINE BY 12:30PM

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

All enrolled May graduates, as well as enrolled August and December 2022 graduates, who will be participating in Commencement should plan to attend GradFest at a date to be announced in April. At Grad Fest, you will receive important information about the Commencement ceremony and from various offices about graduation-related procedures and post-graduation plans, and confirm pronunciation of your name. You will also pick up your regalia, which can be steamed during GradFest or during the week of finals by making an appointment at marietta.joinhandshake.com/login.

Please watch your email for additional details.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The navy blue caps and gowns required for all graduation ceremony participants have been ordered based on sizes provided on your graduation application. A limited number of additional regalia will be available for those who did not provide sizes on a first-come, first-served basis. In addition to cap, gown, and tassel, undergraduates will also wear white satin stoles embroidered with “Class of 2023” and the College seal.

Payment of \$60 plus tax will be due at the time of pick-up. The remainder of the cost is covered by the College. Currently enrolled students must attend Grad Fest in April before they will be permitted to pick up their regalia (see reverse for information about the mandatory Senior Grad Fest). Please contact the Bookstore at 740-376-4528 for additional information.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR HONORS IN THE 2023 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY?

Prospective May 2023 Graduates who are expected to complete their degree requirements by the end of the Spring 2023 term will be eligible to have anticipated academic honors noted in the Commencement program based on the cumulative GPA as of the previous term. However, formal awarding of Latin honors and Honors Program completion will be determined based upon the cumulative GPA after all requirements are completed and final grades are submitted.

Confirmed August/December 2022 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/December 2023 Graduates are ineligible to have academic honors noted in the Commencement program. If you prefer to participate in the 2024 ceremony after degree completion, please notify the Records Office. Please note that students may participate in only one Commencement ceremony for the same degree.

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WHEN WILL I KNOW IF I HAVE GRADUATED?

Spring grades will be processed on Wednesday, May 10, with degree completion confirmed over the following 3-4 business days. If there is a change in graduation status, students will be notified by the Records Office by telephone by Wednesday, May 17. As a reminder, it is the student's responsibility to ensure that any necessary approvals (e.g., approved ensembles, cognates, substitutions, etc.) have been submitted to the Records Office prior to the end of the term.

Any deficiencies, such as incomplete grades, final transfer credits, or approval referenced above must be resolved no later than May 19 to have the degree conferred for Spring 2023. Students completing requirements after this deadline will have the degree conferred on the first of the month following completion. Exceptions may be considered in cases where the work was completed but documentation was pending and is received within 21 days of Commencement. This policy ensures compliance with federal reporting regulations.

DIPLOMAS

Because Commencement takes place before spring grades are available, diplomas will not be distributed at the ceremony. After grades are processed and degrees conferred, approximately May 17, diplomas will be ordered and mailed to the address provided on the graduation application within approximately two weeks of the order. Students are responsible for ensuring their correct mailing address has been provided for mailing their diploma and for satisfying any outstanding balances with Student Accounts, the Library, or any other office by noon on Friday, May 12, 2023 to avoid delays in receipt of their diploma.

New for the Class of 2023: all students completing a degree May 2023 or later will also receive a Certified Electronic Diploma. Look for an email in your MC email from Paradigm the week of May 21 with your official CE diploma that can be shared on social media and with prospective employers.

LONG BLUE LINE BRUNCH (FORMERLY STRAWBERRIES & CRÈME):

SAVE THE DATE! The Office of Alumni Engagement and The Marietta College Alumni Association Council will be hosting The Long Blue Line Brunch honoring the Class of 2023 on Saturday, May 6th, on Fenton Court at 10:30 AM. Stay tuned.

BOOKSTORE

Barnes & Noble will open at 10AM on Commencement day and will remain open throughout the ceremony and beyond to help with missing tassels and to let you get your MC gear before you leave campus. Diploma frames are available in store and online at <https://marietta.bncollege.com/>. Class rings can be ordered at <https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1049053/Marietta-College/>; announcements can be ordered at herff.ly/marietta; gifts for graduates can be ordered in advance at <https://www.thecommentgroup.com/mariettacollege/> and picked up the day of the ceremony.

ACCESSIBLE PARKING AND SEATING

Accessible parking will be available in the Mass Media parking lot and behind the McDonough Center and Admission House. An official accessible placard or sticker must be visible. Parking is first-come, first-served. Shuttles will run from the parking areas to the DBRC. If a shuttle is not present or is needed from general parking, please call 740-376-3333.

Accessible seating will be available immediately behind the graduate seating area. Seating in this section is available also on a first-come, first-served basis and is set-up for the individual needing accommodation and one or two other individuals. This area is NOT intended for large family groups; we ask that additional chairs not be moved into this area. A wheelchair will be available at the entrance for those who may need assistance navigating to the seating area.

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, visiting our website or calling 740-376-4709. 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!

EMAIL ACCESS FOR GRADUATES

Graduates will have access to their MC email for approximately six months after graduation. Graduates will need to transition to their personal email before that time. For assistance, please reach out to mcithelp@marietta.edu.

CAMPUS MAIL/ FORWARDING MAIL

Following graduation, your campus mail will be closed and any first class mail will be forwarded to your home address. Campus and third class mail will be discarded. To ensure continued delivery of mail after graduation, please complete a change of address form online at www.usps.com. Contact the mailroom at 740-376-4617 with questions. Also, notify the Records Office at records@marietta.edu of any change to your phone number, email address, and/or mailing address.