



March 8, 2017

Dear Family:

I am delighted to invite you and other members of your family to the Commencement ceremony for members of the Marietta College Class of 2017, which will be held in the Dyson Baudo Recreation Center on Sunday, May 7, 2017 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 which includes graduates, faculty, staff, and platform guests attired in full academic regalia. Please plan to be in your seats for the beginning of this traditional procession to enjoy its pageantry.

We are pleased to welcome Rob Dyson, Class of 1968, back to campus to deliver this year's Commencement address. Mr. Dyson is the President of the Dyson Foundation and Chairman & CEO of the Dyson-Kissner-Moran Corporation. He is also the team owner for the Dyson Racing team, which races in the international Motor Sports Association. Mr. Dyson is a Life Associate Member of the Marietta College Board of Trustees. In 2004, he received an honorary doctorate degree from Marietta College, and in 2007 he was inducted into the Ohio Foundation of Independent College's Hall of Excellence.

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 on Saturday afternoon. I hope to greet you, your family, and your graduate on that occasion.

Enclosed for your review is a copy of the Commencement Guidelines required of each graduating student and a copy of the letter from the photographer. 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 180th 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

Enclosures (3)

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