

MEMORANDUM

To: Traditional Day Candidates for Graduation
From: Adrienne Gaines, Registrar
Re: 2019 Baccalaureate & Commencement
Date: March 13, 2019

Congratulations on your completion or near completion of your college degree. We are excited about the upcoming ceremonies.

All Traditional Day Program degree candidates, except those who have been excused from the Commencement exercises, are required to attend **Commencement practice in Ligon Friday, May 10, at 9:00 a.m.**

The Baccalaureate Service is on Friday, May 10, at 5:00 p.m. in Ligon Chapel. All degree candidates are expected to be present wearing gown and hood (cap and tassel not required for this service). **The academic procession will form at 4:30 p.m. in the Smith Recital Hall.**

The Commencement exercise for the Traditional Day Program is Saturday, May 11, at 9:00 a.m. on the Green. Degree candidates are expected to arrive in Flowers Hall by 8:00 a.m. A senior group picture will be taken prior to the commencement exercise. The procession will form at 8:15 a.m. in Ligon Chapel.

** In case of rain, the exercises will be held in the Catherine Dixon Roland Arena.

If your plans change and you are unable to attend any of the events above, please notify the Office of the Registrar immediately (334) 833-4522 or registrar@hawks.huntingdon.edu.

Caps, gowns, tassels and hoods are required regalia. Information regarding ordering this regalia, as well as invitations and class rings, is available from the Huntingdon College bookstore at (334) 833-4482.

- If you do not order them online through the Herff Jones website prior to the **Friday, March 15, 2019 deadline**, you may order them through the Huntingdon College bookstore beginning **Monday, April 1**. We encourage you to complete this step *as soon as possible*. Although other accessories and appreciation items are offered for purchase, **your cap, gown, hood, and tassel are the only items officially endorsed and accepted by the College as appropriate for the Commencement ceremony**. After ordering, you will pick up graduation regalia in the Huntingdon College Bookstore, Catherine Dixon Roland Student Center.
- Graduation announcements/invitations may be ordered online at www.herffjones.com/college/hc/. Orders will be accepted via the Herff Jones website until the week prior to Commencement. Shipping charges are adjusted as the date of commencement nears.

The Financial Aid Office has requested this announcement. If you have received a Federal TEACH Grant or borrowed under the Federal Stafford Loan Program or Federal Perkins Loan Program, you must complete an exit interview before being cleared for graduation. These can be done online at <https://studentloans.gov> (for Federal Stafford/Direct Loans), <https://heartland.ecsi.net> (for Federal Perkins Loans) and <https://studentloans.gov/> (for Federal TEACH grant). Please contact the Financial Aid Office at (334) 833-4428 if you need assistance. If you have taken out student loans during the course of your undergraduate studies and plan to attend graduate school, be sure to contact your lender(s) to request an in-school deferment to postpone repayment until after graduate school.

Please visit the online National Student Loan Database System (NSLDS) (<https://nslds.ed.gov>). This website contains all of your loan information including your Lender, Servicer, Guarantee agency, interest rates, accumulated interest and balances. Please note that Huntingdon College does not retain the information provided by NSLDS. Therefore, please refer to the website to gather data about your loans.

In order for a student to graduate or have a transcript released, all financial obligations must be settled with the Office of Student Financial Services, and you cannot be defaulted on your student loans. To make inquiries or payments call the Student Account Manager at (334) 833-4404, email studentaccounts@hawks.huntingdon.edu, or visit the office in Wilson 108A.

Please review our Q & A site for other frequently asked questions:
<http://hawk.huntingdon.edu/registrar/gradQandA.html>

Feel free to contact us (334) 833-4522 or registrar@hawks.huntingdon.edu with any additional questions.