MEMORANDUM

To: Traditional Day Candidates for Graduation
From: Adrienne Gaines, Registrar
Re: 2017 Baccalaureate & Commencement
Date: February 8th, 2017

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

All degree candidates, except those who have been excused from the Commencement exercises, are required to attend Commencement practice in Ligon Chapel - Traditional Day Program: Friday, May 5, at 9:00 a.m.

The Baccalaureate Service is on Friday, May 5, at 5:00 p.m. in Ligon Chapel. All degree candidates are expected to be present. 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 6, 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 (833-4431 or registrar@hawks.huntingdon.edu).

Caps, gowns, tassels and hoods are required for both events. 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 17, 2017 deadline, you may order them through the Huntingdon College bookstore beginning Monday, April 3. 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 graduation 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 graduation. Shipping charges are adjusted as the date of commencement nears.

The Financial Aid Office has requested this announcement. As required by the Federal Stafford Loan Program and the Federal Perkins Loan Program Guidelines, students who have borrowed under these programs must complete an Exit Interview before being cleared for graduation. These can be done online at https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/index.action (for Federal Stafford/Direct Loans) and http://mappingyourfuture.org/oslc/counseling/index.cfm?act=Intro&OslcTypeID=4 (for Federal Perkins Loans). Please contact the Financial Aid Office at ext. 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, please be sure to contact your lender(s) to request an in school deferment. This will allow you to defer your student loan repayment while you are enrolled in graduate school. Deferment forms should be obtained from your lender.

Please visit the online National Student Loan Database System (NSLDS) (www.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@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 (334/833-4431 or registrar@hawks.huntingdon.edu) with any additional questions.