April 27, 2015

To: Parents and Families of the Class of 2015:

Preparations for Elon’s Commencement in May are well underway. We hope you will be able to attend the events described in the enclosed brochure (commonly referred to as the “pocket guide”). It lists the Commencement weekend hours for the Campus Shop, available on-campus dining facilities and a schedule of events. Full service dining is available at many area restaurants (reservations are recommended). Elon’s commencement website, www.elon.edu/e-net/commencement, has this and other useful information for you and your guests.

Please refer to the brochure map that shows the locations for public parking on Saturday, May 23. The small parking areas south of the Commencement site and along Lebanon Avenue (PSN) are used for vehicles with special needs or elderly guests on a first-come, first-served basis. Campus security will direct drivers to nearby parking as special needs lots are filled. General parking is available at locations marked (P).

On Saturday morning between 7:30 and 8:45 a.m., graduates, families and guests are invited to a continental breakfast around Fonville Fountain. Graduates must report to Jordan Gym at 8 a.m. and the breakfast will close at 8:45 a.m. to ensure guest seating and the ceremony start at 9:15 a.m.

Closed circuit viewing of the ceremony will be available in McEwen Communications Building for elderly family members as an alternative to the special needs section Under the Oaks. An interpreter will sign the ceremony and handheld assisted hearing systems are available upon request. Please call the Office of Cultural Programs (336-278-5605) at your first opportunity for information on special needs services.

Following the ceremony, Elon faculty and the Office of Alumni Engagement will host a lemonade reception for graduates and their families on Scott Plaza. Signs for each of the academic departments are placed above the refreshment stations. The locations on the brochure provide a good plan to meet your graduate near the reception for their academic major.

Graduates were sent an important letter regarding their preparation for the ceremony and a copy is enclosed. If you learn that they did not receive this letter, it will be available online at www.elon.edu/e-net/commencement.

Elon will partner with Grad Images to capture the highlights including each graduate receiving his or her diploma. Your proofs will be ready to view online as early as 48 hours after the ceremony. In order to notify you when your images are available, GradImages sends emails and mails paper proofs, along with optional text message notifications. Your information is never shared and privacy is guaranteed. Pre-registering is simply a way to make sure your contact information is up-to-date with GradImages, so they can provide your complimentary proofs as quickly as possible. To pre-register for your commencement proofs, please visit http://GradImages.com/Preregistration.

Beginning on Monday, May 4, each graduate may pick up two rain location tickets for Alumni Gym from the office of the Vice President and Dean of Student Life in Alamance 109. Guests with these tickets and graduates will fill Alumni Gym. In the rain plan, commencement will be split into two ceremonies. The first ceremony will take place at 9:15 a.m. for graduates receiving Bachelor of Arts degrees. The second ceremony will begin at 1:15 p.m. for graduates receiving Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degrees. Faculty and guests not seated in Alumni Gym will be able to view the Commencement exercises on closed-circuit television at the rain locations listed in the brochure. When Commencement exercises are held Under the Oaks, there is no limit to the number of guests who may attend and tickets are not required.

Elon’s faculty and staff share your joy and pride in the accomplishments of the Class of 2015. We look forward to a memorable weekend.

Sincerely yours,

Jeffrey Clark
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Graduate Letter
Rain Plan Notice