

June 27, 2011

Dear Parents of Rising Seniors:

Congratulations on your student's upcoming college graduation on **Saturday, May 19, 2012!** I know that this final year will pass in a blur, so I want to make sure that you have as much information ahead of time as possible to ease your stress during this exciting and emotional planning period. The many people who contribute their time and talents to Commencement Weekend at Kenyon College are already meeting to review successes and challenges from this past spring and beginning to fine tune our approach for 2012.

The first round of Commencement Weekend 2012 information will be up on our website – **[www.kenyon.edu/commencement](http://www.kenyon.edu/commencement)** – by Friday, July 1, 2011. You will find information subcategories on the left-hand side of the page, divided into three main topics: the overall *Schedule of Events*, *Information for Parents & Guests*, and *Information for Seniors*.

Directly below the photo of President Nugent, you will find a link to sign up for *Commencement Announcements and Reminders*. The e-mail addresses entered here will **not** be used by any other department and your extended family members are welcome to sign up for them as well. Once Commencement is over, we will delete all of the addresses from our system.

For those of you who like to have a check-list on hand, you will find a PDF check-list for parents linked to the first page of *Information for Parents & Guests*. A similar list for Seniors can be found on the *Information for Seniors* page. Each of these web pages also contains a link in their respective left-hand columns to a page of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) which you, your graduate, and your guests may find useful as you prepare for the big day.

You will receive mailed reminders just prior to Thanksgiving Break and Spring Break, featuring web site information, highlighting special graduation topics, and notifying you of any significant updates to the Commencement Weekend plan.

On the enclosed page is a list of important dates to keep in mind as you make plans to attend graduation in May. The Commencement website will be updated with additional information as preparations are finalized over the coming months.

We look forward to welcoming you and your guests to Gambier in May 2012!

Best wishes for a wonderful senior year experience for your whole family,



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Enclosure

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND 2012 AT KENYON COLLEGE

- **Commencement Weekend Registration OPENS for Parents and Guests**  
*Thursday, March 1, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. EST – [www.kenyon.edu/commencement](http://www.kenyon.edu/commencement)*  
Online registration opens. Parents and guests begin to register for MEAL TICKETS, on-campus residence hall reservations, and special services (wheelchair rentals, etc.) *Kenyon does not use tickets for ceremonies – you may bring as many guests to Commencement as you wish, whether we are outdoors at our traditional site or indoors at our rain site.*
- **Graduation Fair 2012 at the Kenyon College Bookstore**  
*Sunday, March 25, and Monday, March 26, 2012, from Noon until 6:00 p.m. EST*  
Seniors sign up for their cap and gown, have their senior portrait taken for the yearbook, order announcements and class rings, and receive important graduation information.
- **Commencement Weekend Registration CLOSSES for Parents and Guests**  
*Friday, April 27, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. EST – [www.kenyon.edu/commencement](http://www.kenyon.edu/commencement)*  
Online registration closes. Changes to reservations (e.g. an elderly grandparent can no longer attend) can be made for one additional week.
- **Commencement Weekend REIMBURSEMENT WINDOW CLOSSES**  
*Wednesday, May 9, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. EST*  
After this date, the Commencement office cannot refund any reservations for rooms or meals.
- **Senior Week 2012**  
*Saturday, May 12, through Wednesday, May 16, 2012*  
Trips and activities planned by the Senior Class Committee in celebration of graduation
- **Commencement and Senior Sing Rehearsal for Seniors, Caps & Gowns Distributed**  
*Thursday, May 17, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. on Samuel Mather Lawn*  
*(Rain Site: Kenyon Athletic Center)*  
The rehearsal signals the end of seniors-only events, leaving the rest of the day and evening open for packing up residences, taking care of any business, and getting ready for guests.
- **Commencement Weekend 2012**  
*Friday, May 18, and Saturday, May 19, 2012 (Parents may begin arriving on the evening of Thursday, May 17, if they wish. There are NO official events that evening.)*  
BACCALAUREATE CEREMONY – Friday, May 18, at 1:30 p.m., Samuel Mather Lawn  
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY – Saturday, May 19, at 10:30 a.m., Samuel Mather Lawn  
*Phi Beta Kappa Ceremony – Friday, May 18, at 10:30 a.m., Rosse Hall (by invitation)*
- **SENIOR MOVE OUT DEADLINE**  
*SATURDAY, MAY 19, AT 7:00 P.M. EST*

*For updates and further information, please visit [www.kenyon.edu/commencement](http://www.kenyon.edu/commencement)*