



## Commencement Exercises May 7, 2011

### Graduate Information Sheet for College Ceremony

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#### **COLLEGE OF INTEGRATED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CEREMONY**

The ceremony will begin at 9:00 a.m. The location is the Soccer/Lacrosse practice complex. This is the grass field behind the bus stop across from the Festival Conference and Student Center. The field has a fence around it with one main entrance which is accessible from the D3 parking lot. All graduates and guests must enter at that gate.

The College ceremony will last about two hours and will include remarks by the presiding Dean and the guest speaker; Ms. Liz Lerman, choreographer, performer, writer and educator. Ms. Lerman has been a Visiting Scholar at JMU this past year with her most recent project at JMU being the "Ferocious Beauty: Genome" performance at the Forbes Center in January 2011.

**Graduates must bring their name cards issued by Registration Services with them to this ceremony to be presented to the reader before crossing the stage.** If you choose to handwrite pronunciation information on your card, please write it the way your name will be read (first then last name).

#### **SEATING**

**Graduates must be on the field by 8:15 a.m. and be seated by 8:40 a.m. to allow for preparation for the ceremony.** Upon arrival at the field an usher will assist all graduates with finding their seat within the section of white chairs for their department. Students will sit by department, not major. Chairs will be marked by department. The seating arrangement may be modified if the inclement weather sites are used. Due to the large number of graduates (over 1000) and to allow for additional time for the presentation of the degrees there will not be a processional.

#### **GRADUATION ORDER**

A faculty marshal will lead each group/department to the stage when recognized. You will be asked to stand as your department is called and will be led to the stage area by a marshal. You will present your name card to the reader as you approach the stage.

#### **PHOTOGRAPHER**

A professional photographer will be at the College of Integrated Science and Technology ceremony to photograph each graduate as they receive their letter of congratulations (actual diplomas will be mailed). Following Graduation day, you will be contacted by the photographer about purchase arrangements.

#### **WEATHER**

The College of Integrated Science and Technology commencement exercises will be held outside—rain or shine. Sunscreen protection is recommended.

#### **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

*(Note—this means severe weather conditions, i.e. thunder and lightning, not just rain).* The decision about whether to implement the inclement weather plan will be made no later than 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and will be posted on the commencement web site. If the inclement weather plan is activated then the following departments will meet in Godwin Hall at 12:30 p.m.: Communication Sciences and Disorders, Computer Science, Integrated Science and Technology, Kinesiology and Nursing. The remaining departments for CISAT will meet at Godwin Hall at 4:00 p.m.: Health Sciences, Psychology and Social Work.

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**We ask that you be respectful of the other graduates and remain in your seat until the completion of the ceremony.**

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Please check the website, [www.jmu.edu/commencement](http://www.jmu.edu/commencement) for updates and complete commencement information.