

Family and Guests of JMU Graduate:

James Madison University's Commencement will be on Saturday, May 7th, 2011. There will not be a main ceremony in Bridgeforth Stadium this year because of the construction in the Stadium. Instead the degrees will be conferred and the graduates will be recognized individually at the College of Integrated Science and Technology's ceremony at the Soccer/Lacrosse Complex. This is the grass field behind the bus stop located 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 will enter through that gate. We will place signs to direct parents and guests on where they need to enter the field and where they can be seated. Ushers will direct you to the area for seating for family and friends and they will be available to assist with any other questions.

The CISAT ceremony will begin at 9:00 a.m. We recommend that all guests plan to be on the field by 8:15 a.m. and be seated no later than 8:30 a.m. There will be over 1000 graduates and large crowds are expected for the ceremony so please allow ample time to travel to JMU. The ceremony will include a speaker, the conferring of degrees by the Dean and individual recognition of graduates. The ceremony should end around 11:00 – 11:15 a.m. At that time everyone may visit with the graduates.

The ceremony will be held outside - rain or shine. Due to space constraints and security reasons, coolers, backpacks, umbrellas and baskets are not allowed within the Soccer/Lacrosse Complex. All carry-in items are subject to be checked by security personnel. Because of the potential for prolonged exposure to the sun during the ceremony, sunscreen protection is recommended. Also, to help you plan your transportation around campus for the day please refer to the main Commencement web page for more information on the bus schedule and shuttle service to JMU.

The 9:00 a.m. CISAT College ceremony will be cancelled only in the event of extreme weather conditions. The decision about whether to implement the inclement weather plan will be made no later than 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 7th, 2011 and that alternate plan 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.

A professional photographer will be at the College ceremony to photograph each graduate receiving his or her degree. Following graduation, you will be contacted by the photographer on purchase agreements. For more information on spring Commencement please go to <http://www.jmu.edu/commencement>.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, May 7th, 2011.