

COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

DECEMBER 2008

LINFIELD COLLEGE

Portland Campus

Registration and Records Office

TO: Graduating Class of December 2008
FROM: Todd McCollum, Director of Registration and Records
DATE: September 3, 2008

Congratulations to all candidates for graduation! The information below will help you and your families plan for graduation events and the commencement ceremony.

Josten's On Campus: Monday, October 6, Photo Gallery

All Candidates

Josten's, supplier of graduation regalia and related items, will be on campus to take your orders and answer questions. Lisa Burch, Director of Student Services, will also be available to place your pin order.

Financial Aid Exit Information: Due December 8

Exit Interviews

Graduating students with Federal Stafford Student Loans must complete our Online Exit Counseling Session (www.staffordloanguide.nela.net/login.aspx?schoold=00319801). You are required to complete the online Exit counseling before Monday, December 8.

Perkins and Nursing Student Loans Students who have Perkins or Nursing Loans will have to complete an additional online exit counseling session. The Financial Aid office will provide more details in early November.

All online Exit Counseling Sessions are to be completed before December 8th. If you have an outstanding loan and do not complete the Online Exit Counseling, you will not receive official transcripts or your diploma.

Short-Term Loans

Students with short-term loans must repay loans no later than December 1 or have made satisfactory arrangements for such payment. If you have any questions about your short-term loan, such as amount, due date, etc., contact Freddie Chew, Director of Finance and Business. Students who do not repay these loans before graduation will not receive official transcripts or diplomas.

Graduating Class Party: Time and Place TBA

All Candidates

Information regarding the class party will be forthcoming. Graham Seaton is your class representative and Marcia Green is the party chair person.

"Almost Alumni" Luncheon: Friday, December 19, 2008, 12:00 p.m., Peterson Third Floor Foyer

All Candidates

Join us to honor student achievements and learn about the Linfield Alumni Association. Please RSVP to Louise Gillette by December 7. lgillet@linfield.edu.

Senior Group Photo and Convocation Instructions: Friday, December 19, 2007, 1:00 p.m., Peterson Third Floor Foyer

All Candidates

Immediately following the "Almost Alumni" Luncheon, all candidates will gather for the class photo.

Nursing Candidates

Following the group photo, nursing graduates will attend a brief "talk through" in preparation for the nursing closing convocation.

Commencement: Sunday, December 21, 2008, 2:00 p.m. in the Ted Wilson Gymnasium, McMinnville Campus

Lining Up

We will need one hour to line up and prepare for Commencement. Please be in the multipurpose room in the basement of the **Ted Wilson Gymnasium by 1:15 p.m.** It is very important to be lined up correctly so each candidate will receive the correct diploma. College staff will be available to assist. Please do not plan to leave any personal items in the gymnasium.

Guests

Please invite your family and friends. No tickets are required.

Caps and Gowns

Caps and gowns are worn at Commencement. You can purchase these from the Linfield College Bookstore online at www.linfieldbookstore.com.

Pictures

A professional photographer will take a picture of you receiving your diploma. You may purchase your graduation picture if you wish. The photographer will contact you by mail.

Academic Honors

All graded courses that count towards your degree are used to determine whether you qualify for honors at graduation. This includes both Linfield and transfer hours. Since final grades are not due in the Registration and Records Office until the last day of the semester, we will not be able to identify honors recipients until the day of graduation. This year's honors are: *summa cum laude*, 3.97 - 4.00; *magna cum laude*, 3.87 - 3.96; *cum laude*, 3.73 - 3.86.

Academic Clearance

Your academic record is being evaluated to determine if all academic requirements have been met. Students who have not completed all requirements by the end of the fall semester will receive a blank diploma. The Registrar's Office (McMinnville) will issue diplomas once requirements are completed.

Clearing of Accounts

Students with outstanding financial obligations to Linfield College will not receive diplomas or official Linfield College transcripts until their accounts are cleared.

Nursing Closing Convocation: Sunday, December 21, 2008, 4:00 p.m., Ice Auditorium, Melrose Hall, McMinnville Campus

Nursing Candidates

Nursing candidates will be honored on the completion of their nursing degree at the Closing Convocation (also known as the Pinning Ceremony) to be held at Ice Auditorium, Melrose Hall, McMinnville Campus. Tickets for guests will be distributed to your docket. (All nursing candidates are asked to attend the instructional session Friday, December 19, immediately following the group photo.) Line up for the closing convocation (in cap and gown) will be Sunday, December 21, 3:40 p.m. If driving from Portland, please allow an hour and a half to get to the McMinnville campus. A reception with light refreshments will be held immediately following closing convocation.

Your E-Mail Account

Your email address will be discontinued on May 30, 2009. If you have material you would like to keep, please download or otherwise save this information before that date.

Once again, congratulations on the completion of your Linfield degree!