March 2, 2018

Dear Graduating Senior,

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation! We look forward to celebrating with you at Commencement on Saturday, May 12th, 2018. Commencement begins at 10:00 a.m. on the Griswold Library Lawn and the Commencement Lunch follows immediately after in the Withey Dining Hall. You must be at the United Methodist Church on Main Street by 9:00 a.m. to line up for the procession. If by some outside chance the weather report calls for rain, the ceremony will take place in the Waldron Athletic Complex.

The included documents are intended to help guide you through the commencement process. This is a busy and exciting time, and we want to make sure you make the most out of your senior spring. You will find a checklist highlighting important deadlines and tasks that are an essential part of your senior spring. The next few months can become hectic and we encourage you to revisit the checklist periodically to be sure you do not miss any important deadlines. With only several weeks to go, we hope you make the most of your remaining time at Green Mountain and celebrate your achievements.

If you have further questions, please contact the Office of Student Life at 802-287-8377 or stop by in the basement of Withey Hall. This checklist and other information regarding commencement at Green Mountain College can also be found on-line at www.greenmtn.edu/commencement

We look forward to working with you through this exciting process and congratulate you on your accomplishments.

Sincerely,

Patrick E. Connelly
Vice President of Student Life
Checklist for Graduating Seniors
The next few months are going to fly by. This checklist will help to make sure you do not miss any important deadlines or events!

- If you haven’t done so already order your cap and gown by clicking this link: THE DEADLINE IS TODAY!
  https://greenmtn.formstack.com/forms/gmc_cap_and_gown

- If you would like to attend brunch after commencement on May 12th you must RSVP no later than April 20th!
  RSVP [here](#) Due to space limitations each graduate is limited to four guests for a total of 5 tickets. This meal is free for the graduate and 2 guests; two additional tickets may be purchased (see link for more details). These tickets can be picked up at the CAT center front desk during Senior Week, May 9th –May 12th.

- Visit Gerry Fitzgerald on the 2nd floor of Pollock to give the correct pronunciation of your name for the ceremony!

- Make an appointment with Serena Eddy in Career Services to polish your resume.

- Prepare to move out of your residence hall! Seniors must move out by 5pm on Saturday, May 12th

- Participate in Senior Week activities May 8th – May 12th. Look for e-mails from your Senior Class representative Lily Bergstein about details for RSVP’ing for events including the Senior Banquet, Senior BBQ, and more.… If you have any questions regarding Senior Week reach out to Lily Bergstein @ lily.bergstein@greenmtn.edu

- Attend Senior Brunch on May 11th – THIS IS MANDATORY *****
  THIS IS A TICKETED EVENT – PICK UP YOUR TICKETS from the CAT Center front desk between May 9th and May 11th. After lunch you will take an exit Senior Survey. Then you will receive a ticket for your Cap and Gown. You will then go directly to the gym to rehearse for the ceremony and receive you cap and gown!

More Information…
Senior Speeches-
Each year, a graduating senior is elected to represent the class by presenting some words of wisdom at Commencement. If you would like to be considered for this honor, turn in your speech to the Student Life Office no later than Wednesday, April 4th by 5:00 pm and make yourself available Tuesday, April 10th at 5:00 pm to audition. Speeches should be 3 to 5 minutes in length (3 pages double spaced).

Alumni Office-
Remember you were students for a few years but you are Alumni for life! Make sure to “like” the Green Mountain College Alumni Community on Facebook and join the Green Mountain College Alumni group on LinkedIn to stay connected! Update you contact info here to receive Alumni news and reunion information.

Lodging Accommodations-
Check out this link to local lodging options for your family and friends who will be traveling from out of town. There will be a limited amount of rooms available for rent in Bogue Hall. The rates for these rooms are $42.00 per person for a shared room and $72.00 per person for a single room. Please contact luke.krueger@greenmtn.edu to reserve these rooms.

Assistance Request
People with physical challenges who anticipate needing assistance while visiting Green Mountain College and attending commencement should contact Lisa Perry at 802-287-8376 or at perryl@greenmtn.edu
Dates to Remember:

- Thursday, March 1 – Deadline to order Cap and Gown – ORDER HERE
- Sunday, April 29 - Honors Tea  By invitation only
- Thursday, May 3- Last Day of Classes @ Midnight Breakfast!
- Friday, May 4 – Reading Day
- Saturday May 5-May 8 – Final Exams
- Sunday May 9 – May 12 – Senior Week Events RSVP Required
- Friday, May 11 –Senior Brunch – MANDATORY in order to participate in commencement!
- Saturday, May 12 ‘Commencement
  9:00 am SHARP! Graduation Parade Line up, Poultney Methodist Church on Main Street
  10:00 am Commencement Ceremony on the library lawn.
  5:00 pm On Campus seniors, it’s time to be out of your residence halls!

Commencement is not a ticketed event; please have family members that need a seat arrive early. In the case of inclement weather the ceremony will take place in the gym and we ask that each graduate limit the amount of guests in the gym to 2 and ask that other family members view the ceremony remotely from the Gorge in Withey Hall.