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### MEMORANDUM

TO: All Faculty

FROM: Strom Thacker

DATE: May 1, 2018

Commencement exercises will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 17 in front of Schaffer Library. The academic procession will begin at 9:30 a.m. The faculty will assemble in full regalia in the Yulman Theatre no later than 9:00 a.m. A light breakfast will be served in the lobby area. In the event of heavy rain, commencement exercises will take place in the Memorial Field House and there will be no faculty march or breakfast served. Faculty should find their seats in the faculty section and be seated with their robes on. You can check the rain site information that morning at 8:00 a.m. by calling (518) 388-8373 for a voice message or go to the Union's commencement web site at [www.union.edu/commencement](http://www.union.edu/commencement).

The Baccalaureate Commemoration will take place in Memorial Chapel on Saturday, June 16, at 4:00 p.m. This year's faculty speaker will be Professor Melinda Goldner of the Sociology Department. I encourage you to attend.

Your participation in the commencement festivities means a great deal to the students – they are acutely aware when favorite faculty members are not present for the ceremony. For many students, this is a last chance to say goodbye to faculty members who have been an important part of their lives and an opportunity to introduce faculty members to their families. I join them in appreciation for your participation.

Caps and gowns will be available from the Campus Bookstore. For junior faculty, there will be no charge for cap and gown rental but there is a \$38 charge for hood rental. For senior faculty, there is a charge of \$38 for cap and gown rental, and another \$38 for hood rental. Please contact Roubina Morgan (518-388-6704) to order caps, gowns, and hoods. **She needs to place the order by Friday, May 18.** Please note that there is no requirement that one wear a hood in an academic procession.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Commencement Committee for their hard work in making preparations for this important event.

Best wishes for the remainder of the spring term.

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**Commencement Weekend 2018**

- Friday, May 18** Orders Due for Caps, Gowns and Hoods  
(Roubina Morgan – Bookstore, 518-388-6704)
- Saturday, June 16** Baccalaureate Commemoration  
4:00 p.m. Memorial Chapel
- Sunday, June 17** Assemble for Breakfast and the Academic Procession  
8:45 a.m. Yulman Theatre – breakfast served  
(Heavy rain site – the Memorial Field House. Breakfast will not be served. Robing can be at your office or at the basement of the Field House. Please use the side entrance at the right-hand side of the House. Look for the signage for directions.)
- If it is raining, call 518-388-8373 for a voice message or go to the website at [www.union.edu/commencement](http://www.union.edu/commencement) on Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. to confirm site.
- 9:30 a.m. Academic Procession  
In good weather – start at Yulman Theatre  
(In heavy rain – no marching. Go straight to the Memorial Field House and be seated in the faculty section.)
- 10:00 a.m. Commencement Exercises  
Roger Hull Plaza in front of Shaffer Library  
(Heavy rain site – the Memorial Field House)
- 12:00 noon Distribution of Diploma immediately following the ceremony  
Rugby Field – West of the Nott Memorial  
(Rain site – the Viniar Athletic Center behind the Memorial Field House.)