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Dear Parents and Families of the Class of 2022

After a long winter, students, faculty, and staff alike have been welcoming in the change of seasons as cherry trees and daffodils come into bloom across campus. The next few weeks will be an emotion-filled time for students as they wrap up their coursework and squeeze time out of their busy schedules to say goodbye to friends and professors. Classes will end on Wednesday, May 4, followed by the reading period and final exams from Thursday May 5 through Friday, May 9.

The Commencement ceremony will take place rain or shine on Sunday, May 22, beginning at 11am. There are no expected limitations to the number of guests attending the outdoor ceremony on Andrus Field. However, we will provide updates if any modifications are required. Wesleyan is following COVID-19 guidelines and guests must be fully vaccinated. Registration for events is required by May 5. For further information regarding commencement-related activities and COVID-19 guidelines, please consult the Reunion/Commencement website and the Frequently Asked Questions page.

For most seniors, graduating college is a bittersweet experience. Graduation can instill tremendous feelings of accomplishment for all the work done and knowledge gained. At the same time, however, this elation can be tempered by a feeling that one is losing one's community when saying farewell to a dear friend or classmate, uncertain if paths will ever cross again. There will, of course, be countless opportunities for your students to connect with one another through various alumni events scattered across the globe. For all the goodbyes that must be said over the next few weeks, there are new friendships to be made, and new communities to build when your students transition to life beyond Wesleyan.

In the meantime, the semester is not quite over, and students still have papers to write, projects to complete, and exams to take. I have provided each senior with information on how to confirm the name that will be printed on the diploma and where to purchase a cap and gown. I will also be sending instructions on how to record one's name to ensure it will be pronounced correctly at the Commencement ceremony. If your student has any questions about any of these things, please encourage them to get in touch with me as soon as possible.

See you at Commencement!

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