COUNTDOWN TO SPRING COMMENCEMENT 2013

*Baccalaureate Service …..Saturday, May 11

This year the Baccalaureate Service will be held on Saturday morning, May 11, at 8:30 a.m. in the Susie C. Holley Religious Center. It is mandatory that all candidates for graduation attend. Your Cap & Gown is required for this service. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend!

*Commencement …..Saturday, May 11

More than 150 candidates for graduation will receive diplomas during Commencement, which will be held on Saturday morning, May 11, at 10:30 a.m. in the A. Chester Robinson Athletic Center. Doors open at 9:30 a.m.

Baccalaureate Line-up…

Graduates are to report to the Lou Rawls Center for the Performing Arts at 7:30 a.m., through the Rehearsal doors. At 8 a.m., students will proceed to Coleman Drive (where banners hang) to line up on both sides of Coleman drive for the Processional. At 8:15 a.m., campus bells will toll, signifying the start of the processional to the Chapel. Graduates are to remain in formation on Coleman Drive, as both the Administration and Faculty pass through. You will be instructed by staff to fall in directly behind the last faculty member. This completes the procession into the Chapel. Please note… If you are late for Baccalaureate, you will not be permitted to participate in the Commencement Ceremony.

Baccalaureate Recessional from the Chapel…

At 10 a.m., bells will toll signifying the close of Baccalaureate. The Recessional from the Chapel begins. ALL Graduates are to return promptly to the Lou Rawls Center for the Performing Arts in preparation for the Commencement line up. You will be directed to enter the theater through doors adjacent to the Sarah A. Blocker Hall building.

Commencement Line-up…
Students depart the Lou Rawls Center for the Performing Arts at 10:15 a.m. to prepare for the processional. Bells will toll at 10:20 a.m., signifying the start of the Processional to the A. Chester Robinson Athletic Center. If you are late, you will not be permitted to participate in the Commencement ceremony.

Commencement Cap and Gown

Have you ordered your cap and gown? If not, contact the University’s Bookstore at (305) 626-3726, stop by, or visit www.fmuniv.edu. Caps and gowns will be available for pickup on Thursday, April 4, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Bookstore during the “Grads Fair”.

Commencement Announcements and Tickets...

**Announcements:** All candidates for graduation will receive ten (10) announcements. The purpose of the announcements is to assist you in notifying relatives and friends of your ceremony.

**Tickets:** All candidates for graduation will receive eight (8) graduation tickets. Each ticket admits one guest. Your 8 (eight) tickets will be distributed at the Commencement Rehearsal on Wednesday, May 8. (Information below)

Commencement Rehearsal...May 8

**Mandatory Rehearsal** is scheduled Wednesday, May 8, at 6 p.m. in the A. Chester Robinson Athletic Center (Gym). It is mandatory that you be present in order to participate in the Commencement ceremony and receive your 8 (eight) tickets. Please be prompt and on time.

Graduate’s Banquet...May 9

The Graduate’s Banquet will take place at Florida Memorial University in the Smith Conference Center. The banquet is scheduled to take place on Thursday, May 9, at 7 p.m. This event consists of a formal dinner, a recognition ceremony and entertainment. Each graduate is allowed two (2) guests.

Graduation Attire...

Candidates for Graduation are instructed to adhere to the following.....

**Both Men and Women** – No visible jewelry (i.e. chains, large earrings, or brooches) will be permitted.

Hair styles should not interfere with the proper wearing of your graduation cap.
For Women – White dresses or skirt sets are recommended as well as neutral hosiery. Purses are not to be carried during the academic procession. If you bring a purse, ask a relative or friend to secure it until the ceremonies have concluded. PLEASE WEAR COMFORTABLE SHOES!

For Men – White shirt, black tie, black pants and socks.

Black, closed-toe shoes are required for both men and women. Sandals are not permitted.

For information, please contact the Registrar’s office @ 305-626-3180 or visit the FMU website.