



## IMPORTANT COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION 2014

**Date:** May 9, 2014

**To:** Faculty Members

**From:** David Schmitz, Chair of the Faculty  
Timothy Kaufman-Osborn, Provost and Dean of the Faculty

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We are pleased to invite you to participate in all of the regular Commencement weekend activities. You are encouraged to consult the commencement website: <http://www.whitman.edu/academics/academic-calendar/commencement> for the most up-to-date details on the commencement schedule, instructions and resources for seniors, and answers to frequently asked questions.

**MARCHING IN COMMENCEMENT:** All members of the faculty, including part-time and full-time temporary faculty, are strongly encouraged to march at Commencement. A check sheet will be posted in each academic building whereby you can indicate **whether or not** you will be marching in Commencement. Please be sure to check off your name by **Tuesday, May 20**. Because of the large attendance at Commencement it is important that we have an accurate count for seating.

**CAPS AND GOWNS:** Academic regalia will be worn at the Commencement ceremonies. Caps and gowns may be obtained free of charge in the robe room in **Cordiner basement** (north entrance across from BFFC) at the following times: **Friday, May 23, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; Sunday, May 25, 8:30-10:30 a.m. & 1:30-3:00 p.m.**

If you are a continuing faculty member, you may keep the cap and gown in your possession until such time as you leave the employment of the College. If you are leaving Whitman after this ceremony, please return the cap and gown to the robe room in Cordiner basement immediately following the ceremony. If it is impossible for you to return your cap and gown following the ceremony, please contact **Patti Moss** Division III Assistant, Science Hall office, #5225 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

### **SATURDAY, MAY 24**

**9 a.m.**                    **Phi Beta Kappa No-Host Brunch and Annual Meeting**  
**Young Ballroom, Reid Campus Center**  
Phi Beta Kappa members and their guests are invited.  
For reservations, contact Andrea Dobson ([dobson@whitman.edu](mailto:dobson@whitman.edu)).

**2:30 p.m.**                **2014 Whitman College Baccalaureate**  
**Cordiner Hall**  
Speakers: Adam Kirtley, Stuart Coordinator of Religious and Spiritual Life; Louise Fix '14, senior class speaker for Baccalaureate; Clare Carson, Associate Dean of Students: Academic Support Services; Keith Farrington, The Laura and Carl Peterson Endowed Chair of Social Sciences; Musicians: David Fleming' 14 tenor; Phoebe Horvath' 14 piano; Andres Crane' 14 piano; Katherine Lee' 14 violin; Minseon Song' 14

### **SUNDAY, MAY 25**

**10:20 a.m.**            **Faculty Picture, north (library) side of Memorial Building**  
Please assemble at 10:20 a.m. for the **annual faculty picture** (*picture will be taken at 10:30 a.m. sharp.*) Following the picture, faculty will line up on the north side of Memorial for the procession.

11 a.m.

**2014 Whitman College Commencement Ceremonies  
South Lawn, Memorial Building**

**Commencement Address and Honorary Degree Recipient – Sally Jewell**

Sally Jewell is the 51<sup>st</sup> Secretary of the Interior. The U.S. Department of the Interior serves as steward for approximately 20 percent of the nation's lands, including national parks, national wildlife refuges, and other public lands; oversees the responsible development of conventional and renewable energy supplies on public lands and waters; is the largest supplier and manager of water in the 17 Western states; and upholds trust responsibilities to the 566 federally recognized American Indian tribes and Alaska Natives. Prior to her confirmation, Jewell served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Recreation Equipment, Inc. (REI). Before joining REI, Jewell spent 19 years as a commercial banker, first as an energy and natural resources expert and later working with a diverse array of businesses that drive our nation's economy. An avid outdoorswoman, Jewell enjoys skiing, kayaking, hiking and other activities in the Pacific Northwest. She is a graduate of the University of Washington and resides in Seattle.

**Honorary Degree Recipient – Robert Manning '88**

A renowned aerospace engineer, Robert "Rob" Manning has been the Mars Exploration Program Chief Engineer at NASA's Jet Propulsions Laboratory in Pasadena, California, since 2004. In this role, Rob is responsible for ensuring that NASA's missions to Mars—including the Mars Rover mission in 2010—are successful. His team designed the Curiosity rover now exploring Mars. Prior to this role, Rob Manning led the "spacecraft" systems engineering team for the Mars Exploration Rover (MER) project that landed twin rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, on the surface of Mars in early 2004.

**Light Luncheon:** Immediately following Commencement, the College will host a light luncheon for graduating seniors, families, guests, staff and faculty between Memorial and Penrose Library (Sherwood Center in case of rain). Members of the faculty are encouraged to attend this event.

**EXTREME WEATHER PLAN:** **Extreme Weather** is defined as conditions which are unsafe, such as severe winds, lightning or hail, as opposed to conditions which are uncomfortable such as rain, heat or cold. In the event of Extreme Weather, the Commencement ceremony will take place at 12:00 p.m. in Cordiner Hall. Faculty seating on the Cordiner stage will be on a first-come, first-served basis; there will be no processional or recessional. Faculty must be in academic regalia for admittance to Cordiner Hall. The signal for moving the ceremony inside will be the continuous ringing of the College bell at 10:30 a.m.

**Have an enjoyable Commencement weekend!**

