



COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2011, 7:00 PM
P.E. MONROE AUDITORIUM

ASSEMBLE AT 6:00 PM. All August and December graduates who have met all degree requirements and approval by the above date will assemble for robing and instructions in the lobby of Mauney Music Building on Friday evening. **THE EXERCISES WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 7:00 PM IN THE P.E. MONROE AUDITORIUM.** All graduates are expected to attend the graduation exercises unless they have received permission from the Provost to graduate in absentia – call (828) 328-7112. (See instructions on reverse side. There will be no rehearsal.)

NUMBER OF GUESTS. Attendance is open. Your family members will not need tickets.

GRADUATION FAIR. Caps, gowns, tassels, stoles and hoods will be in stock and available for purchase beginning at the Graduation Fair scheduled on November 8 and 9 in the Cromer Center Lobby. Undergraduates (bachelor's degrees) will wear a stole instead of a hood with their cap and gown. Graduate school (master's degree) candidates will carry their hood over one arm and will be hooded as part of the ceremony. After these dates, please go to the Lenoir-Rhyne Book Store to purchase regalia kept in stock. Note the Book Store's hours are Mon-Thu 9am-5pm, Fri 9am-4pm, and Sat 10am-2pm. Their phone number is (828) 328-7142.

INVITATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENT CARDS. The L-R Book Store will carry and sell a limited number of general announcements. You may order personalized invitations/announcement cards online at www.herffjones.com/college/lru or see one of the Book Store staff for assistance.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER. Joshua Ring, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Chemistry and the 2011 Raymond M. Bost Professor-of-the-Year.

RECEPTION FOLLOWING CEREMONY. Immediately following the ceremony, which will last approximately one hour, all in attendance are invited to a reception in honor of the graduates and the speaker to be held in the Cromer Center Lobby.

PHOTOGRAPHS & DVD's. Carolina Photography will photograph each graduate receiving his/her diploma, and proofs will be posted on www.carolina-portraits.com. (Follow *View/Order Portraits Here, Public & Prepay Galleries, Commencements.*) A DVD or Blue-ray Disc containing the Commencement Ceremony may be ordered online either before or after the date through the Marketing & Communications Office at www.lr.edu/academics/commencement. Closed-captioning is available upon request. Please allow six weeks for delivery.

INTERPRETERS will be provided for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS. Graduates who for any reason cannot physically manage the steps to be on the stage or are unable to march in the processional, please contact Sherry Proctor at (828) 328-7296 or sherry.proctor@lr.edu.

FINAL GRADES AND HONOR CORDS. The grades for Fall semester will be available online prior to Commencement. Gold, silver and white honor cords will be given for *summa*, *magna* and *cum laude* graduates, respectively, as they line up for the processional. Other cords/pins/medallions will be allowed if they are symbolic of campus-wide and programmatic academic achievements.

ACCOMMODATIONS. The following is a list of hotels/motels which have informed us that they give discounts for L-R related events. Call the hotel/motel directly to confirm discounts and rates:

On or Near L-R Boulevard & I-40 Exit 125:

Best Western (828) 323-1150	Hampton Inn (828) 624-2000
Comfort Suites (828) 323-1211	Jameson Inn (828) 304-0410
Courtyard by Marriott (828) 267-2100	Holiday Inn Express (828) 328-2081
Crowne Plaza (828) 323-1000	Sleep Inn (828) 323-1140
Fairfield Inn (828) 431-3000	

At the intersection of Hwys 70 & 321 & I-40 Exit 123: Park Inn Hotel & Gateway Conference Center (828) 328-5101