

## GRADUATION CEREMONY MEMO TO PARENTS & STUDENTS

**WHAT:** TUSCOLA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

**WHEN:** JUNE 4, 2012, 7:00 P.M.

**WHERE:** RAMSEY CENTER – WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY – CULLOWHEE, NC

Parents/Students:

We encourage your attendance at Tuscola's graduation ceremony on June 4, 2012, and we want to make your time and travel as safe and enjoyable as possible. Please follow the suggestions below so that everyone remains safe and comfortable throughout this process.

Though Cullowhee is about a twenty-five minute drive from the Waynesville area, you might consider leaving earlier on June 4. It is not uncommon for traffic to be backed up from the Sylva exit all the way to Cullowhee. If you leave in time to allow for slower traffic, you can avoid the last-minute rush as well as a possible accident.

The concourse doors in the Ramsey Center of Western Carolina University will not open until **6:00 P.M.** You are welcome to arrive early and line up around the concourse; however, understand that there are few seats in this area, so standing for a long period could be a problem for some people.

Please visit [www.wcu.edu/ramsey/77.htm](http://www.wcu.edu/ramsey/77.htm) On the right-hand side of the page, this web site offers links to specific directions for **Parking, Accessibility** (for Handicapped), and **Directions & Maps**.

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Western Carolina University officials and traffic officers ask that you follow these guidelines when arriving on campus for graduation:

- Instead of turning left at the first stop light in front of the WCU campus, go to the second light and turn left onto Forrest Hills Road. This keeps traffic running more smoothly.
  - On Forrest Hills Road, there is one parking lot on the right, if guests would like to use it, or ...
  - Guests may take the first left off Forrest Hills Road; there is another parking lot to the left. Once guests have parked, they will walk across a bridge, cross the street, and walk directly onto the Ramsey Center site.
  - There is a parking lot directly in front of and to the side of the Ramsey Center itself, but the parking may be limited, due to handicapped spaces and those reserved for employees, etc.
  - If you have handicapped students who are graduating or handicapped guests in your vehicle, you can have your driver drop them off at the closest point possible. Then the driver can park elsewhere. (Obviously, some handicapped individuals will need a parent or supervisor to assist them.) There should be WCU students available at these points to direct handicapped students to the designated area for graduates and handicapped spectators to the elevators; they will also direct drivers to parking areas best for them.
  - **Again, be sure to check out the web site listed above to clarify parking questions.**
  - Traffic officers will also be available if you have questions.