

**GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
HOODING AND AWARDS CEREMONY**

INFORMATION FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

- DATE:** Saturday, May 16, 2009
- TIME:** 3:00 - 4:30 pm (*Reception will follow from 4:30 – 5:30 pm*)
- PLACE:** Wait Chapel, Reynolda Campus (*Reception, Green Room, Reynolda Hall*)
- PARKING:** Maps and directions for the campus may be found at:
<http://www.wfu.edu/visitors/directions.html>.
Parking on Saturday afternoon should not be crowded.
- TICKETS:** Not required for this event.

GUEST SPEAKER:

LTG Eric B. Schoomaker was sworn in as the 42nd Army Surgeon General on Dec. 11, 2007 and assumed command of the U.S. Army Medical Command on Dec. 13, 2007. Before this selection, LTG Schoomaker served as the Commanding General, Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the North Atlantic Regional Medical Command. In 1970 he graduated from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, was commissioned a Second Lieutenant as a Distinguished Military Graduate, and was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree. He received his medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1975 and completed his Ph.D. in Human Genetics in 1979. LTG Schoomaker completed his internship and residency in Internal Medicine at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, N.C., from 1976 to 1978, followed by a fellowship in Hematology at Duke University Medical Center in 1979. His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal (with oak leaf cluster), the Legion of Merit (with four oak leaf clusters), the Meritorious Service Medal (with two oak leaf clusters), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal and the Humanitarian Service Medal. He has been honored with the Order of Military Medical Merit and the "A" Proficiency Designator and holds the Expert Field Medical Badge.

ARRIVAL OF HOODING CANDIDATES:

Hooding candidates should arrive by 2:15 pm and assemble in degree groups. There will be signs on the **LEFT** side of the Plaza as you face Wait Chapel (next to the Bookstore). Graduate School staff will help students line up alphabetically within each degree group. Each student will be given a placement card to tell him/her the correct position in the line.

WHAT TO WEAR:

All hooding candidates will wear their caps and gowns to the ceremony. Light, comfortable clothing is recommended along with low heels, since you will be walking up and down marble steps. Also, candidates should not carry anything in their hands during the ceremony. Please be sure to turn off your cell phone or pager before you enter the Chapel.

ARRIVAL OF GUESTS:

Guests should arrive no later than 2:45 pm and go directly into Wait Chapel. A section will be reserved for the candidates in the right front. Anyone wishing to photograph or videotape the ceremony may consider being seated in the balcony. There is room at the rear of Wait Chapel for wheelchair access.

PROCESSIONAL AND SEATING:

Enter in a **single** line after the last faculty member. You will be seated in the **front right center** group of seats. There will be a faculty marshal inside who will direct you. Do not leave any empty seats between you and the next person. There will be a program on your seat. Remain standing until after the invocation.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOODING CANDIDATES:

When your degree group is called, you will all stand. The faculty marshal will show you where to file in line to receive your hood. You will be standing in line on the right hand side of the stage (as you face the stage).

When your name is called, walk up the stairs and stand on the **X**. Turn and face the audience with your back to the hooder. The hooder will place the hood on you. **THEN TURN TO YOUR LEFT** and shake the hand of the hooder. As you are doing this the photographer will take your picture – smile! After your picture is taken, proceed down the stairs using the center aisle to return to your seat.

RECESSIONAL:

When the music starts, please stand. The platform party and the faculty will exit. A faculty marshal will then direct you. The PhD's will exit first, followed by the MA's etc.

Once outside please walk far enough away from the door to avoid crowding. The reception is in the Green Room on the main floor of Reynolda Hall. Pre-ordered commencement tickets will be available on the quad outside Reynolda Hall.