

VICE CHANCELLOR FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

April 10, 2024

Dear Graduate:

Congratulations on your accomplishment! We look forward to hosting you and your guests on this special occasion. The University of Arkansas at Rich Mountain graduation will be **Friday**, **May 3**, **2024**, **at 6:00PM** on the UA Rich Mountain Mena campus. Please note that this is the Friday before finals because of scheduling conflicts. Please arrive at graduation one hour early, dressed in your cap and gown. There will be no graduation rehearsal this year, so it is very important to arrive one-hour before graduation. If you or your guest require handicapped parking or seating, please contact the UA Rich Mountain Safety Office at 479-394-7622, ext. 1700 or email rtoribio@uarichmountain.edu.

The College will cover the cost of your cap/gown/and diploma, as well as any special recognition you may receive. You will receive your diploma in the mail after graduation. Make certain we have your current mailing address on file in the Registrar's Office. If you have walked in a previous UA Rich Mountain graduation ceremony, please use the cap and gown provided to you at that time. In exchange, we are asking for your participation in a short graduation survey that should be completed prior to picking up your items. For this year only, the survey must be completed using an on-campus computer. You are welcome to use a computer in the computer lab or the library. The link to the survey is <a href="https://services.uarichmountain.edu/intranet/survey/">https://services.uarichmountain.edu/intranet/survey/</a>. If you have not completed the survey when you pick up your cap and gown, you will need to complete the survey at that time. You may pick up your cap and gown in Spencer Room 121 from April 29th-May 2nd, from 9:00AM to 4:00PM.

In addition, as part of the graduation process, we are asking that graduating students receiving the Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of General Studies (AGS), and Associates of Applied Science Degrees participate in the AA/AGS/AAS Exit Assessment. This will take place on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00AM-11AM at the Lecture Hall. This assessment contains questions in Math, Science, and English, as well as questions representing the Arts and Social Sciences. Questions from each of these disciplines reflect the five Program Outcomes for these degrees. Faculty will also use this data to reflect upon their teaching practices, as well as the effectiveness of their program(s). Your participation in this assessment is vital to the success of our program(s). The exit assessment is for program review only and has no impact on either grades or graduation.

If you have any questions concerning graduation, please call (479) 394-7622. Additional information concerning graduation day check-in procedures and inclement weather plans for indoor ceremonies, if needed, can be found at https://www.uarichmountain.edu/registrar/graduation.html

Congratulations on your achievement!

Sincerely,

Chad J. Fielding Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs