DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

ASL interpretation is provided at the Baccalaureate Service and main ceremony, and a section of seats is reserved for guests who would like to take advantage of this service. The ramp entrance at the back of W&M Hall offers the easiest access to the ASL section. Ushers at that entrance will direct guests to the appropriate seats. Other members of your party are requested to use the main entrances and sit in general seating so that we may reserve seating in the ASL section for those who need it. You may request ASL interpretation by completing the Disability Accommodation Form (located at the end of this guide or on the website).

SEATING ACCOMMODATIONS

The main entrances to William & Mary Hall are located on the concourse level and have a significant number of steps to access the doors. Also, once inside the building, there can also be a number of steps to access general seating. For families with those who are unable to climb a substantial number of steps, the following accommodations are available:

WHEELCHAIR SEATING

A section of the arena floor is reserved at Baccalaureate and at the main ceremony for guests in wheelchairs. All members of the party may sit together on the floor level for the Baccalaureate Service.

For the main Commencement ceremony, only one person may accompany the guest in the wheelchair and sit with that person on the floor level. Other members of the party should use the main entrances and sit in general seating. Special tickets are required for the wheelchair section and must be requested in advance. Wheelchair seating tickets are part of—not in addition to—a student’s regular allotment of Commencement tickets. The College cannot provide wheelchairs.

LIMITED MOBILITY SEATING

Guests with limited mobility may be dropped off at the handicapped ramp entrance at the back of W&M Hall to access the arena (see map on next page). Families and graduates may sit together on the arena floor for the Baccalaureate Service on Saturday. For the main ceremony on Sunday, guests with limited mobility will be directed from the ramp entrance to lower-level seating, which requires the negotiation of 3-10 small steps. No special tickets are needed for this section, and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

HANDICAPPED RAMP ACCESS @ W&M HALL

If a member of your party is unable to climb a substantial number of steps, you should request a Vehicle Access Pass for drop-off at the back ramp of W&M Hall (see map on next page). You may request this service by completing the Disability Accommodation Form (located at the end of this guide or available on the website).

VEHICLE ACCESS PASS

This College-issued pass allows you to access the handicapped ramp at the back of W&M Hall for the purpose of dropping off guests (see map on next page). The road around W&M Hall (Brooks Street) will be made one-way on Commencement Sunday. Only vehicles with a pass will be allowed to enter Brooks Street and drive around to the ramp. After dropping off guests, drivers should proceed to a general parking area and should then enter W&M Hall through the main entrances to rejoin the other members of their party. The Vehicle Access Pass does not authorize you to park in handicapped spaces. You may request a Vehicle Access Pass by completing the Disability Accommodation Form (located at the end of this guide or on the website).
DUE DATE IS APRIL 8, 2011 for Disability Accommodation Requests.
We do not mail or disability tickets or vehicle access passes in advance -- they will be distributed to the graduating student along with their Commencement Ceremony tickets.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION FORM
Receipt after the due date may make it difficult for us to meet your needs.

Return to: Office of Student Affairs
The College of William and Mary
P.O. Box 8795
Williamsburg VA 23187-8795.

☐ Vehicle Access Pass: Allows drop-off of guests with limited mobility at W&M Hall back ramp entrance.

☐ Wheelchair Seating: # of those using wheelchair(s) ____. This section requires special tickets. One additional person per wheelchair will be permitted to sit in this reserved section to assist. Disability tickets are part of the graduating student’s regular allotment of tickets.

☐ American Sign Language Interpretation: # to sit in the reserved section______. Do you also need this service at the departmental ceremony? ☐ YES ☐ NO If yes, which department?

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W&M Graduating Student Name:

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