Dear Prospective Graduate:

**Congratulations on your potential graduation!** This is a milestone for you – one of which you should be very proud. Our intention is to make this a very special day for you and your family. This will be a day to remember. To make it go smoothly, please follow the guidelines below.

1. The Business Office will assess a \$125.00 graduation fee for undergraduate degrees or \$150.00 for graduate degrees to your account. To receive your diploma, your financial obligations must be met 1 month prior to graduation. (Personal checks will not be accepted after this date; credit/debit cards, money order or cash ONLY.)

2. Following the graduation ceremony, your official transcript and your diploma will be mailed to the address you provided on your graduation application. The diploma will be mailed to you directly from Herff-Jones and will arrive within 6-8 weeks after graduation if all financial obligations have been met. If you need additional copies of your transcript, you can request them in the Halo on the Student Forms tab under the Registrar's Office Forms.

3. Students are eligible for graduation honors if they are receiving a Baccalaureate degree, earned a minimum of 57 hours of Limestone University credits, and earned a minimum of a 3.5 cumulative GPA. As stated on your application for graduation, all grades must be posted and all requirements must be met in order to participate in graduation ceremonies.

4. Graduation Images will be photographing all graduates at the upcoming graduation ceremony. Visit their website, <u>www.gradimages.com</u>, and click on the Pre-Event Email Registration to register your email address. You will also receive an email link and free passport-sized digital proof of your photos within 3-7 days following the ceremony. After graduation, you may order online at <u>www.gradimages.com</u> or call 1-800-424-3686.

5. Because this is a very important occasion for you and your family, we encourage you to dress in business attire (something you would wear to a very important interview) or in clothes that would be appropriate for a formal church service. Although you will be wearing a graduation gown, what you have on beneath the gown may be seen by the audience when you are onstage. It is important that you wear shoes that will look appropriate with your black graduation gown. Tennis shoes or flip flops just do not convey the appropriate message about your professionalism and your status as a Limestone University graduate.

6. Class rings and announcements may be ordered through Herff-Jones by contacting Harold Waters at (864) 244-0110 or <u>www.herffjones.com/college</u>.

7. Our office will send an email to you approximately 6 weeks prior to graduation with instructions on how to RSVP for the ceremony and reserve your tickets for family members and friends.

## Schedule of Events:

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Pick up tickets for Commencement Gaffney High School Ticket Booth
9:00 AM	Stadium Gates Open Gaffney High Stadium
9:30 AM	Line up for Commencement End Zone on Field (look for tents in end zone)
10:00 AM	Commencement Ceremony Gaffney High Stadium
11:30 AM - 1 PM	Limestone Campus Open to Visit Limestone University Link for Campus map: <u>https://www.limestone.edu/campus-map</u>

Faculty and staff have planned this day to be a wonderful experience for all graduates. Your cooperation is imperative. *We commend you for your achievement and look forward to seeing you at Commencement!* 

Sincerely,

Pennie A. Darwin

Registrar