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Subject: Greetings from LCOM Alumni President: Hope to see you at Commencement!
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Dear LCOM Class of 2023!

I am so pleased that I will be joining you as faculty marshal at your ceremony in the Ira Allen Chapel May 21! I am also President of the LCOM Alumni Association, and a proud member of the Class of 1989. I remember my own graduation so fondly as it was amazing to celebrate such an important life milestone with my classmates and family.

I am sending this note to encourage you to attend our LCOM ceremony and the UVM Commencement Ceremony in the morning. The morning ceremony is where your degree is conferred to you by President Garimella, so you should be there! The event is a colorful spectacle on our beautiful campus green, filled with many happy family members and friends. We are so fortunate that our medical school is on such a stunning campus. Sharing the camaraderie of this important day with the larger University community is quite moving, even for a faculty member like myself. As faculty marshal, I have truly enjoyed the morning experience, but sadly our College has not been well represented by students. I think the existing culture of not attending the UVM morning Commencement Ceremony (which is longstanding) should change, and I ask you to please attend. You will not be sorry, as you build lifelong memories of this happy day.

I close by welcoming you to the ranks of alumni! If you ever have questions or comments on our Alumni Association, please feel free to email me.

Sincerely,

Mary Cushman, MD '89
University Distinguished Professor of Medicine
President, Larner College of Medicine Alumni Association

PS: Student line-up for the UVM morning Commencement Ceremony is at 7:45 a.m. on the Andrew Harris Commons/Davis Center Green with the ceremony starting at 8:20 a.m. If you have any campus-wide ceremony related questions, you can direct them to Academic_Ceremonies@uvm.edu.