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Family and Friends of the United States Naval Academy,

I wanted to make you aware of a recent decision that is especially important for the members of the Class of 2013, their families and friends. The USNA Class of 2013 graduation date has been revised and will now occur on Friday, May 24, 2013. The previous decision to schedule the graduation date for the Class of 2013 (to the Tuesday following Memorial Day) was based on a number of planning factors and assumptions and was meant to better facilitate required end-of-academic year assessments to determine graduation eligibility and mandatory summer school requirements. Since that announcement nearly one year ago, several of the 2012-2013 academic year scheduling components have been revised, resulting in our ability to conduct the Class of 2013 graduation on the Friday before Memorial Day. The Class of 2013 was notified of this revision today, March 24, 2011. This revision does not affect the Class of 2012 graduation date, which will occur on Tuesday, May 29, 2012. The schedule of events for the respective 2012 and 2013 Commissioning Weeks will be announced at a later date.

With the warmer weather approaching as we enter the final stretch of another very successful and rewarding academic year at the United States Naval Academy, we are hopeful that you will be able to visit us on the Yard in the coming months. As the Class of 2011 prepares to take the next step in their remarkable journey, we are reminded everyday of the challenges and opportunities that they will face upon commissioning. I am confident that they are eager to seize those opportunities and meet those challenges with honor, courage and commitment. Rest assured, the Classes of 2012, 2013 and 2014 are eager to take that next step as well and I look forward to their continued moral, mental and physical development. I am very proud of our Midshipmen and look forward with great excitement and pride towards the time when they will assume their rightful place as leaders in the greatest maritime force on the face of this Earth - our Navy & Marine Corps team!

All The Best & Go Navy!,

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R. E. CLARK II
Captain, U.S. Navy
Commandant of Midshipmen