Dear Emory Muslim Community:

Greetings and peace to you from the Office of Spiritual and Religious Life! We are grateful for a thriving Muslim community at Emory University! We are also preparing as the blessed Ramadan moves into the academic year this May and for the years ahead. Below is important information to assist in your Ramadan observance and insure that we are prepared to support you during exams and Commencement.

Exams:
If you have exam(s) scheduled in afternoon or evening exam periods during Ramadan, you may request a proctored exam earlier in the day. Special proctored exams will be administered at the following times:
- 8:00a-10:30a
- 11:30a-2:00p
To request an earlier exam time:
- Complete the attached Final Exam Rescheduling – Religious Accommodation form;
- Bring the form to the Office for Undergraduate Education (OUE), 300 White Hall, for verification;
- Take the verified form to your professor along with an instruction sheet that will tell your instructor how to request a new exam time from OUE;
- Please complete this process no later than April 22;
Once your professor requests a makeup exam time, OUE will email you with the date, time, location, and additional details.

If you have any questions about this process, email oue.dean@emory.edu or call 404.727.6054.

Commencement:
Emory College: In order to limit your time in the sun, graduating students may opt to be seated in the front rows and cross the stage early in the Diploma Ceremony. Graduates are encouraged to return to your seat after your name is read and discretely leave to watch the remainder of the ceremony indoors if the temperatures or sunshine are uncomfortable. If you desire to sit in alphabetical order with your peers, you are welcome to do so. If you prefer to be seated in the front and have your name read early, complete the form by Monday, March 25.

Family Seating: The University Quad Ceremony and the College Diploma Ceremony is live-streamed to several classroom locations including White Hall 206, 207, and 208. Both ceremonies will be live-streamed to Cannon Chapel Sanctuary until 1:00p. Your families are invited to view the ceremonies there if they need to be indoors.
Breakfast Boxes:
For students who are on a meal plan, Emory Dining/The Duc-ling will prepare Breakfast Boxes that can be picked up the evening before [list dates]. [how to order boxes] [when to pick up boxes]

Iftars:
The Emory Muslim Student Association and Graduate Muslim Student Council, in partnership with Emory Muslim Alumni will provide iftars on May 5th (tentative), 6th, 7th, and 8th at Cannon Chapel. Suggested arrival time is 8:15p

An iftar meal will be provided at the Miller-Ward Alumni House for graduating seniors who participate in Candlelight Crossover on Thursday, May 9th. You can register for Candlelight Crossover at [link]. Opening of the fast and Maghrib will be held at the Emory Conference Center Hotel before Candlelight Crossover begins at 8:30pm.

The Office of Spiritual and Religious Life, the Office of the President, the Office of Equity and Inclusion and other other campus partners will sponsor iftars for you and your families on May 10, 11, and 12. Please RSVP for each of these iftars at [link] no later than Monday, April 1. Space is limited and we appreciate your timely registration.

Below are the dates, times, and locations of each iftar:
- May 5
- May 6: Cannon Chapel (Maghrib at 8:24p)
- May 7: Cannon Chapel (Maghrib at 8:25p)
- May 8: Cannon Chapel (Maghrib at 8:26p)
- May 9: Miller Ward Alumni House for graduating seniors (Maghrib at 8:27p – at Emory Conference Center Hotel) [link]
- May 10: Cox Hall Ballroom (Maghrib at 8:27p)
- May 11: Cannon Chapel (Maghrib at 8:28p)
- May 12: Cannon Chapel (Maghrib at 8:29p)

We look forward to celebrating the 25th anniversary of Emory Muslim Student Association later this month and to continuing a rich tradition of campus Ramadan Iftars in May! Please be in touch with the Office of Spiritual and Religious Life or Muslim Advisor, Dr. Isam Vaid, if we can support you in any way.

Wishing you a blessed Ramadan,

The Office of Spiritual & Religious Life
Rev. Lisa Garvin, Acting Dean
Dr. Isam Vaid, Muslim Advisor