

April 30, 2013

Dear Judith and Lin,

On behalf of Lauren Reed, I write with a special invitation for you from the interfaith Center.

It has become our tradition to send our seniors into their future with a surprise celebration of their accomplishments. Lauren has identified you as her favorite professors. I am writing to invite you to our "Senior Send-off", scheduled for Thursday, May 9 at 5 PM at the Interfaith Center.

Our seniors know that May 9 is the last of our weekly Thursday meals. They will come at 4:30, expecting a cook-out. What they do NOT know is that significant mentors, friends and family are being invited to join us at 5:15.

If you are able to join us, I am asking you to park below the Miller building, and to arrive by 5 PM. After you park, look for a fire engine near the lot. It is owned by the treasurer of my Board, and he has agreed to give everyone a ride up the hill. And so – at about 5:15, as we are cooking on the front steps of the Interfaith Center, the fire engine should come over the hill with people important in the lives of our seven seniors! That moment should create an outrageous and wonderful memory for each of them! After you arrive, we will eat together and then celebrate with stories, tributes, gifts, laughter, and a special power point of memories. I think we should be done by 7:30 or 8 PM.

If you are unable to attend, could you send something that I might share with Lauren? You have meant a great deal to her, and I know she would appreciate seeing (or hearing from) you.

Remember – this is to be a surprise!

With thanks!

Vicki Johnson
Director of Interfaith Center of SUNY Cortland