

## **Class of 1997 History**

On May 18th of 1997, our class walked down Hartman Green to pomp and circumstance, yet this would not be the last time we were convened as a class at F&M. Shortly into our commencement ceremony, the heavens opened and the graduates, faculty, staff, friends and family were caught in a torrential downpour. We were quickly instructed to head for the Alumni Sports & Fitness Center which had been set-up as a back-up rain location for our ceremony. Yet, once we got there, it was soon discovered that the entire graduation set-up, thousands of chairs and all, had been struck down once the outdoor ceremony was underway! Everyone pitched in – professors, students, moms, dads and grads and the space was reassembled in time.

Getting all the diplomas back in alphabetical order was another story....but in due time the Class on 1997 was the only class in F&M history to walk twice at graduation. And it's our pleasure to convene once again on this equally memorable occasion today.