1. What are the Commencement participation requirements?
   a. Complete an Application for Degree and a Commencement Participation form with an Advisor/Counselor at the nearest IRSC campus.
   b. Pay the $50 Commencement fee no later than Friday, April 6, 2012.

2. When and where will the Commencement Ceremony be held?
   Commencement will be held on May 4, 2012 at Digital Domain Park (formerly Mets Stadium/Tradition Field) in St. Lucie West. The ceremony will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

3. What does the Commencement fee cover?
   The Commencement fee covers the cost of your regalia (cap/gown/tassel/hood/zipper pull and diploma cover).

4. Where can I pick up my cap and gown?
   Caps and gowns will be available for pick up at the IRSC bookstore at all branch campuses beginning Monday, April 16, 2012. Students must present a copy of the Commencement Participation form along with a receipt showing payment of fees in order to pick up regalia and admission tickets.

5. How can I purchase Commencement announcements?
   Commencement announcements will be available for purchase at the IRSC bookstore. Call 1-877-770-2665 for more information.

6. How will I know if my name will be printed in the Commencement program?
   Your name will be printed in the program if you have submitted an application for Commencement by the Friday, April 6, 2012 deadline.

7. I belong to an Honor Society/Academic organization. Can I wear my cords or stole at the Commencement Ceremony?
   Only approved IRSC regalia can be worn at the Commencement Ceremony. This includes: black cap and gown, hood, tassel, zipper pull, Phi Theta Kappa medallion (if applicable), Honor cords (provided at line-up, if applicable), Honors program shoulder braid (if applicable), and Baccalaureate medallion (if applicable). PTK medallions are awarded at separate ceremonies in October and April.

   *Decorated caps and/or other non-official regalia cannot be worn during the Ceremony.*

8. How will I know if I am graduating with Honors?
   College credit coursework attempted at IRSC as well as at other post secondary institutions will be used in the calculation of your grade point average for graduation and Honors. Students will be notified of Honors status via their IRSC e-mail and a posting on the Commencement webpage.
9. **What are the Honors designations and how will I be recognized?**
   The Honors designations are:
   - **Summa Cum Laude** – Highest Honors – cum GPA of 3.85 to 4.0
   - **Magna Cum Laude** – High Honors – cum GPA of 3.7 to 3.84
   - **Cum Laude** – Honors – cum GPA of 3.5 to 3.69
   Honors recipients will wear gold cords and tassels and be acknowledged as they walk across the stage during the Ceremony.

10. **Will I receive any special recognition if I am a Transfer Scholarship recipient?**
   Transfer Scholarship recipients will be asked to stand and be recognized as a group by the Chair of the Indian River State College Foundation Board of Directors during the Commencement Ceremony.

11. **Do I need a ticket to attend the ceremony?**
    Each student will be allotted five (5) admission tickets. All guests, regardless of age will need a ticket to enter the stadium.

12. **Do I need a ticket for a baby or a young child?**
    Everyone entering the stadium needs a ticket, regardless of age.

13. **When will I receive my tickets?**
    You will receive your five (5) tickets when you pick up your Commencement regalia at the IRSC bookstore.

14. **What should I wear under my regalia?**
    Men should wear dress shirt, tie, dark slacks, and dark dress shoes. Women should wear a dress or dress slacks and dark dress shoes. For your own safety and comfort, women should refrain from wearing high-heeled and/or open-toe dress shoes. Closed toe low heels and/or flats are preferred.

15. **What do I do if I lose part of my regalia before the Ceremony?**
    If you are missing or lose part of your regalia before Friday, May 4, 2012, go to the nearest bookstore for a replacement. If you find that you are missing regalia at the Ceremony, speak to a faculty member in your line-up area.

16. **Is there a place where I can leave my personal belongings during the Ceremony?**
    No. Please leave your personal belongings in your car or with a family member. The College and Digital Domain Park cannot be responsible for securing your valuables.

17. **When should I arrive for the Commencement Ceremony?**
    Students should arrive no later than 6:15 p.m. and will be pre-seated. The processional will begin immediately at 6:45 p.m. Each graduate will receive a name card that he/she will hand to the presenter before crossing the stage to receive a diploma.

18. **What if I arrive late for the Ceremony?**
    Go directly to the Information Desk at the front of the Stadium and a faculty member will escort you to the reserved seating area.
19. Where do I report?
   - All students graduating with Honors (Bachelor's and Associate Degree Honors) should report to the west side (3rd base side). Look for the double glass doors marked – Honors.
   - Associate in Arts (A.A.) students should report to the west side Concourse area (3rd base side).
   - Associate in Science (A.S.) and Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) students should report to the east side Concourse area (1st base side).
   - Baccalaureate students should report to Gate C.

Check in with the faculty in charge. Each student will receive a pre-printed information card with their name. Hand this card to the faculty or administrator reading names before you walk across the stage to be recognized.

20. What types of degrees will be awarded at the Commencement Ceremony?
    Four types of degrees will be awarded at the Commencement Ceremony – Bachelor's Degree, Associate in Arts (A.A.) Degrees, Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree and Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree. Click on this link for a complete listing.

21. When will I receive my diploma?
    Diplomas will be mailed to all Spring graduates beginning June 1, 2012.

22. I am a student with a disability. Whom can I contact for accommodations?
    Students with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact Rhoda Brant (rbrant@irsc.edu) or Terry Valencia (tvalencia@irsc.edu), Student Disabilities Services at 772-462-7782 or 772-462-7808.

23. When should my family and guests arrive for the Commencement Ceremony?
    Family and guests should plan to arrive at least one (1) hour prior to the start of the ceremony. Please expect a heavy volume of traffic. They should also allow time to park and walk to the ceremony site.

24. Where do guests, family and friends enter the stadium?
    Guests, family and friends should use the main entrance ramps located at Gate A and Gate B.

25. Are guests, family and friends allowed to bring water, cameras, video cameras into the stadium?
    Yes. There will also be a concession stand for purchasing cold water at the stadium.

26. Are there parking and seating accommodations for individuals with disabilities?
    Yes, accommodations are available for individuals who require special parking or seating due to a disability.

27. What other accommodations are available for persons with disabilities?
    A sign language interpreter located on the east side of the stadium (along the 1st base line) will be signing at the Commencement Ceremony.
28. How long does the Ceremony last?
   The Commencement Ceremony will last approximately two hours. Guests and graduates are expected to remain for the entire ceremony. If you plan to make dinner reservations following the Commencement Ceremony, please give yourself ample time as there will be traffic delays.

29. Will there be photographs available of graduates?
   Professional photographers will take no obligation photographs of all graduates during the Commencement Ceremony. One photo will be taken as each graduate is congratulated by the President of Indian River State College and a second photo is taken in front of the American Flag immediately after leaving the stage. Information on how to order photos is emailed and mailed to each graduate approximately 2-3 days after the ceremony. [Click here for more information.]

30. Are there places to stay in the area?
   Go to the IRSC Commencement webpage and scroll down to the [Local Hotel Accommodations] link.

31. What happens if it rains?
   In the event of severe weather (heavy winds, lightening, very heavy rain) the Commencement Ceremony will be postponed to Friday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. Monitor the IRSC website at [www.irsc.edu] and/or WQCS 88.9 FM for the latest information on the ceremony.

32. How do I join the Indian River State College Alumni Association?
   Go to the IRSC website and click on the Foundation tab at the top bar to access online resources for news, alumni and campus events, as well as exclusive benefits and services.

33. I have other questions - whom do I contact?
   Call the IRSC Information Call Center at 1-866-792-4772.