

# SENIOR EVENTS TIMELINE – Updated 4/11/25

## MONDAY – April 14, 2025

- **Cap & Gown Distribution – During S&E only – in the Principal’s Office**
  - All merchandise must be paid for in advance through: [www.HerffJonesIL.com](http://www.HerffJonesIL.com)
  - **You are able to use a sibling's cap & gown as long as it matches the current color/style.**
  - **You will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony unless your regalia matches the other graduates.**

## FRIDAY - May 23, 2025

- 12:35 PM Early dismissal and all-campus cookout
- 2:45 PM Seniors meeting in Auditorium (REQUIRED)
- 3:00 PM Senior Awards Assembly
  - Senior Class Picture
  - Senior Send-off from College and Academic Advisors

## TUESDAY - May 27, 2025

- Special Finals Week Schedule
- Return all IMSA-owned class materials

## WEDNESDAY - May 28, 2025

- Special Finals Week Schedule
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## THURSDAY - May 29, 2025 – 9:00 AM-8:00 PM

- Seniors Great America Trip - All students must be eligible for graduation to attend the Great America Trip.  
This includes having submitted all service hours & be on track to graduate or be registered for summer coursework.

## FRIDAY – May 30, 2025

- 9:00 AM Graduation Rehearsal - Main Gym – **Mandatory if you are participating in the ceremony.**
- 6:30 PM – 11 PM Senior Banquet
  - Students can return home with their family if they are 100% moved out of their hall.

## SATURDAY – May 31, 2025

- 10 AM – 12:30 PM Reception in the Cafeteria @ IMSA
- **12:00 PM Deadline for checking out of Residence Halls**
  - Graduates are dropped off at **Door # E5** by their family - **PROMPTLY**
  - IMSA will not be providing bus transportation to NIU.**
  - Please make sure to leave all personal items with your family.**
  - You will not be allowed back into NIU to retrieve them.**
- 2:15 PM Doors open at NIU for general seating – **NO TICKETS NEEDED / NO LIMIT**
  - Parking available in C2 and C3 – Enter at **Door # E2**
- 2:30 PM
- 2:45 PM Graduates line up for Graduation Ceremony
- 3:30 – 5:15 PM Graduation Ceremony

# PROHIBITED ITEMS

PLEASE LEAVE THESE ITEMS IN YOUR VEHICLE



BAGS



BEVERAGES



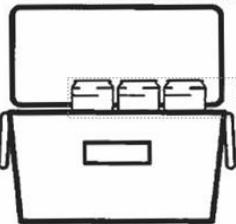
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NOT ALLOWED IN ARENA



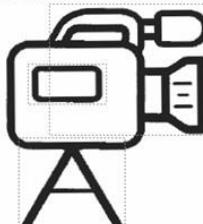
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ALCOHOL

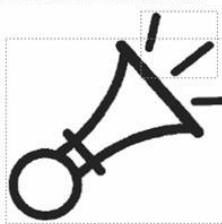


COOLERS



VIDEO CAMERAS/TRIPODS

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED



NOISEMAKERS



FIREARMS



KNIVES



HELIUM BALLOONS



AEROSOLS



CANE UMBRELLAS

## Prohibited Items:

- Purses, diaper bags, laptop bags, camera bags, backpacks, duffels, and fanny packs (see Clear Bag Policy)
- Wrapped gifts
- Helium Balloons
- Glass vases or glass containers
- Laser pointers of any kind
- Coolers, bottles, cans, containers, or projectiles
- Weapons, flammables, or other potentially dangerous items
- Aerosol containers or any pressurized container
- Horns, noisemakers, or whistles
- Any illegal substances
- Posters, banners, or signs on sticks
- Golf Umbrellas
- Tripods, monopods, & selfie sticks
- Outside food & beverages (including Starbucks, Dunkin', and other coffee brands)
- Strollers are not permitted in the arena.

# NIU EVENT PARKING

Attached a map for reference.

There will be more information to come.



# CELEBRATE YOUR GRADUATE

We're excited to partner with **The Commencement Group**, a company that has been in business for 25 years, offering on-site flower arrangements and enhancing graduates' milestone.

The **Commencement Group** will be set up inside NIU, immediately as you enter the building, so you won't have to worry about carrying flowers prior to the ceremony.

**To assist in smoother and faster transactions, pre-ordering is strongly encouraged:**

## IMSA PRE ORDER LINK

<https://www.thecomencementgroup.com/imsa/>

**All pre orders will close the night before the event.**

There will also be a limited amount of arrangements available for purchase that day.



PRE-ORDER USING THE IMSA LINK or the QR CODE PROVIDED  
AND PICK UP YOUR ORDER AT OUR TABLE ON GRADUATION DAY.