

# 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
- Return all IMSA-owned class materials

## 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**
- 2:15 PM 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.**
- 2:30 PM Doors open at NIU for general seating – **NO TICKETS NEEDED / NO LIMIT**
  - Parking available in C2 and C3 – Enter at Door # **E2**
- 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**



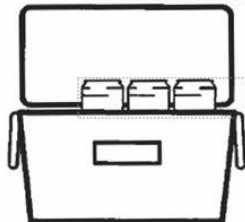
**STROLLERS**  
NOT ALLOWED IN ARENA



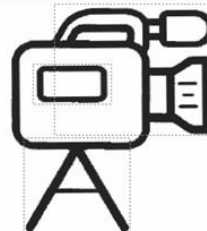
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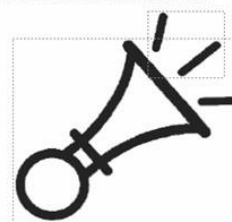
**ALCOHOL**



**COOLERS**



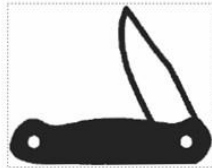
**VIDEO CAMERAS/TRIPODS**  
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED



**NOISEMAKERS**



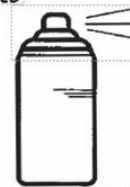
**FIREARMS**



**KNIVES**



**HELIUM BALLOONS**



**AEROSOLS**



**CANE UMBRELLAS**

## Prohibited Items:

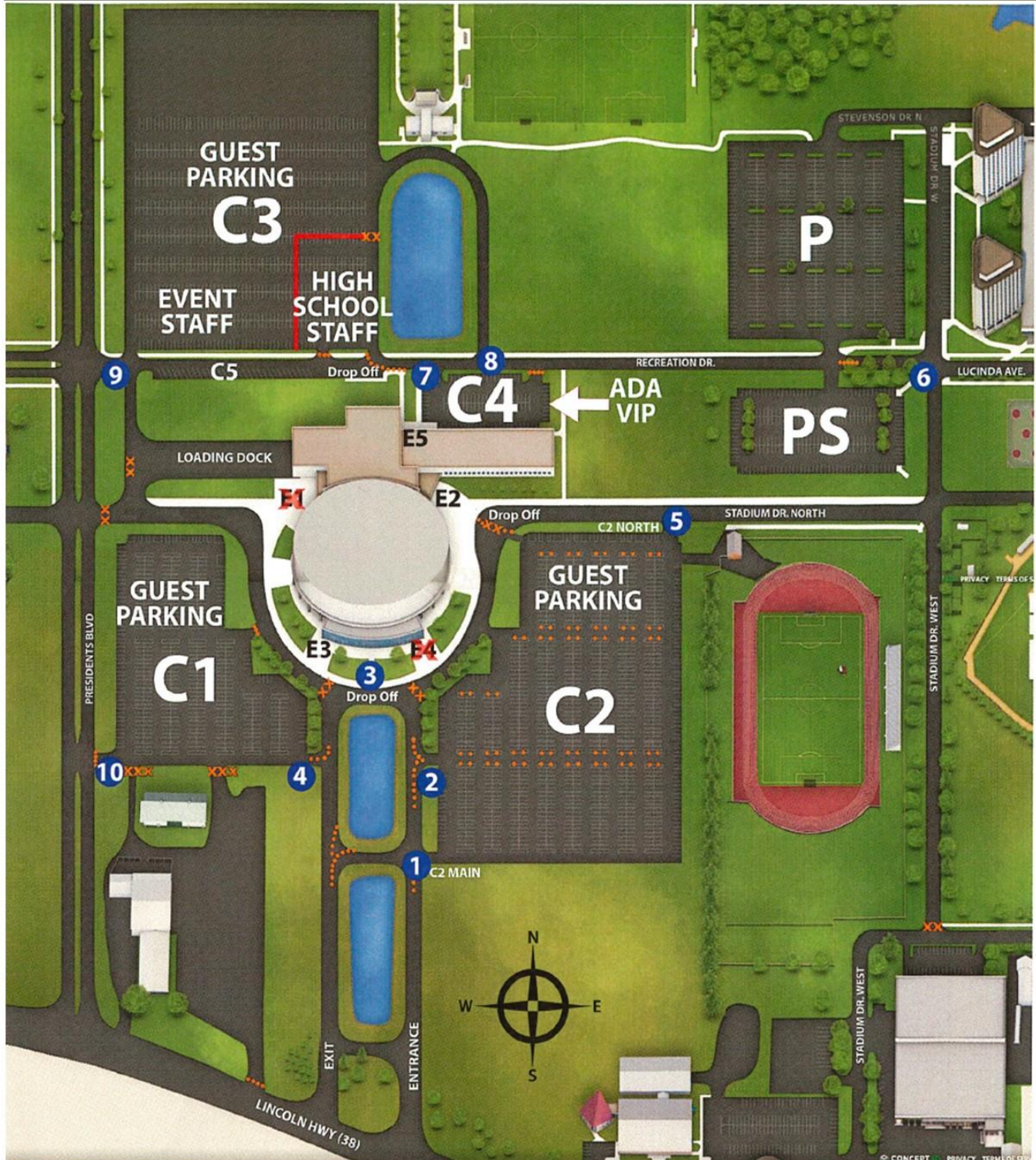
- Purses, diaper bags, laptop bags, camera bags, backpacks, duffels, and fanny packs (see Clear Bag Policy)
- Wrapped gifts
- Helium Balloons
- Glass vases or glass containers
- Laser pointers of any kind
- Coolers, bottles, cans, containers, or projectiles
- Weapons, flammables, or other potentially 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.thecommcementgroup.com/imsa/)**

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**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.