

SENIOR EVENTS TIMELINE

THURSDAY – April 10, 2025

- **Cap & Gown Distribution - 5:00-7:00 PM, CAC Commons**
 - If you missed the events we hosted with Herff Jones to order your regalia & memorabilia, you can shop, design online or make a payment at: 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

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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 # E2** 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**
- 2:30 PM Graduates line up for Graduation Ceremony
- 2:45 PM Graduation Ceremony
- 3:30 – 5:15 PM

PROHIBITED ITEMS

PLEASE LEAVE THESE ITEMS IN YOUR VEHICLE



BAGS



BEVERAGES



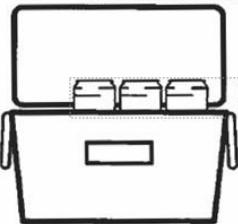
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NOT ALLOWED IN ARENA



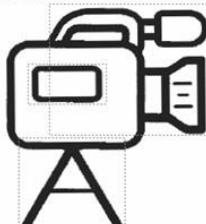
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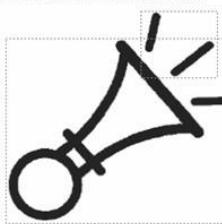


COOLERS



VIDEO CAMERAS/TRIPODS

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED



NOISEMAKERS



FIREARMS



KNIVES



HELIUM BALLOONS



AEROSOLS

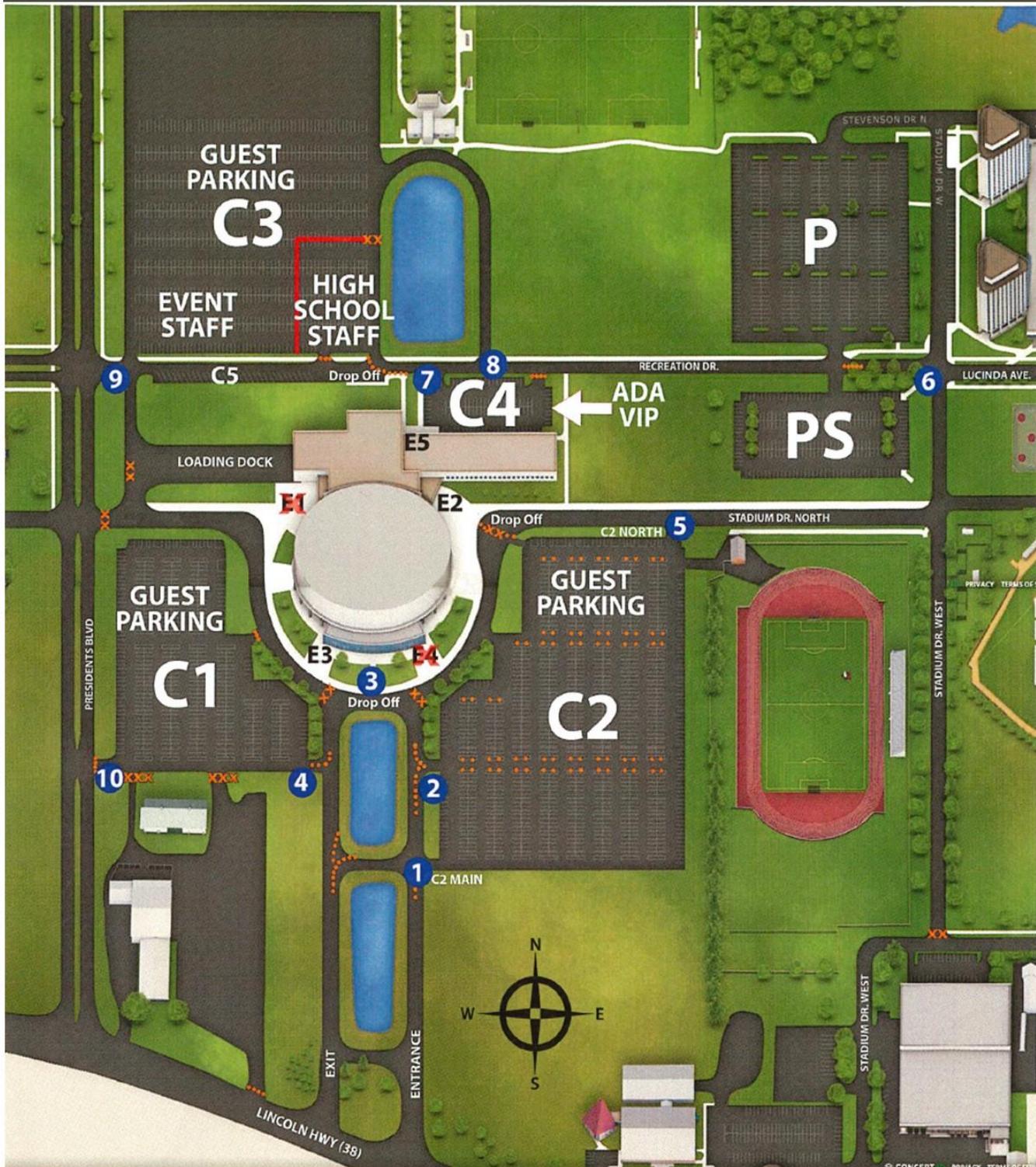


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NIU EVENT PARKING

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.