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Dear IMSA Senior Parents and Guardians:

First, we would like to congratulate you for having a student who is about to graduate from IMSA. Your support over the years has been instrumental in your student reaching this milestone. As we prepare for June 1st, graduation day for the class of 2019, we want to share some important information. The Graduation Ceremony is scheduled for 3:30 pm on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at Northern Illinois University Convocation Center in DeKalb, Illinois - <http://www.convocenter.niu.edu/convo/info/directions.shtml>. Tickets for the ceremony will be mailed during the week of May 7th to each graduate's home address listed in PowerSchool. Each family will receive 10 tickets – graduates will be sitting on the main floor and do not need a ticket. If you need additional tickets, please e-mail Colleen Geihm, cgeihm@imsa.edu with the additional number you would like and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

We are pleased to announce our Commencement speaker will be S. James Gates, Jr., Ph.D., Ford Foundation Professor of Physics and Affiliate Professor of Mathematics – Brown University.

CAP AND GOWN DELIVERY

Caps/gowns will be delivered in May. We will send an e-mail reminder to students, prior to delivery. If you are not sure you have placed your order, please contact Herff Jones directly at 815-756-4743 or via e-mail, custserv@herffjonesil.com. Keep in mind, students keep their cap, gown, and tassel.

RESIDENTIAL HALL CHECK OUT INFORMATION

Seniors may begin moving belongings out of the halls May 28 – June 1. You must be out of your residence hall room **no later than noon on Saturday, June 1, 2019**. All RC's will be available at 8:00 am for the check out process. Sodexo will be providing brunch to graduates and parents in the Cafeteria from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm that day.

OBLIGATIONS

If your student has any obligations, i.e. books, charges for lost keys, etc., they must be taken care of, **prior** to graduation. On Friday, May 31, Minerva Ratsamy in the Student Life Office will be available to help with obligations between 7:30 am – 3:30 pm. If you are checking out of the residence halls on Saturday, obligations can taken care of in the Student Life Office between 9:00 am and noon.

TIMELINE – FRIDAY – MAY 31, 2019

9:00 am – Rehearsal – Graduates line up in the Old Cafeteria then process to the Main Gym

Directly following rehearsal, the composite class picture will be taken

5:30 pm – 10:00 pm – Senior Banquet, for information

<https://www.imsa.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/190220-SeniorBanquet-FAQ-final.pdf>

TIMELINE – SATURDAY – JUNE 1, 2019

Noon – Deadline for checking out

9:30 am – 1:30 pm – ITMC will take graduate/family/friend photos

10:30 am – 1:30 pm – Brunch in the Cafeteria

1:45 pm – Graduates line up in the Old Cafeteria

2:00 pm – Graduates board buses to NIU

2:30 pm – Doors open at NIU for general seating – NIU event staff will be checking all bags – you may bring in 20 ounces or less of an unopened bottle of water. A concession stand will be open with a limited menu

2:45 pm – Graduates arrive at NIU, line up for Graduation Ceremony

3:30 pm – Graduation Ceremony begins

Students depart NIU with parents as there will be no transportation available back to IMSA

GRADUATION CEREMONY VIDEOTAPE

IMSA will offer a free digital download of the ceremony – link information to be posted at a later date.

INDIVIDUAL PICTURES

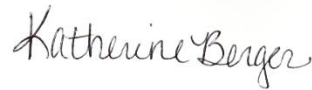
We have arranged with GradImages® to have professional photographers take a picture of every graduate the moment he/she receives his/her diploma. The proofs of these photos will be in color, and these proofs will be mailed free of charge to every student's home within a week after graduation. The proofs will also be e-mailed 2 to 3 days after the ceremony to every graduate for whom we have an e-mail address, and can be viewed at <https://www.gradimages.com/>

We look forward to seeing you all at a wonderful celebration of the Class of 2019!

Sincerely,



Robert Hernandez, Ed.D.
Principal



Katherine Berger
Executive Director of Student Affairs