

SENIOR EVENTS TIMELINE – Updated 4/24/2025

April 14 *thru* May 5, 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
 - ☐ **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**
- 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 Doors # **E2 & E3**
- 2:45 PM **Formal Class of 2025 picture taken**, then line up for ceremony
- 3:30 – 5:15 PM Graduation Ceremony

PROHIBITED ITEMS

PLEASE LEAVE THESE ITEMS IN YOUR VEHICLE



BAGS



BEVERAGES



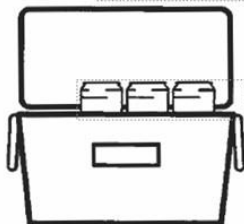
STROLLERS
NOT ALLOWED IN ARENA



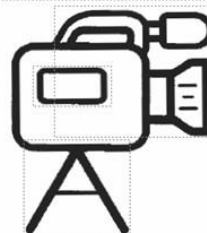
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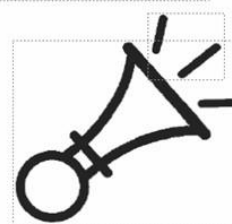
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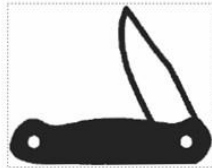
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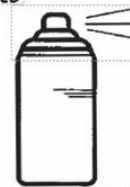
FIREARMS



KNIVES



HELIUM BALLOONS



AEROSOLS



CANE UMBRELLAS

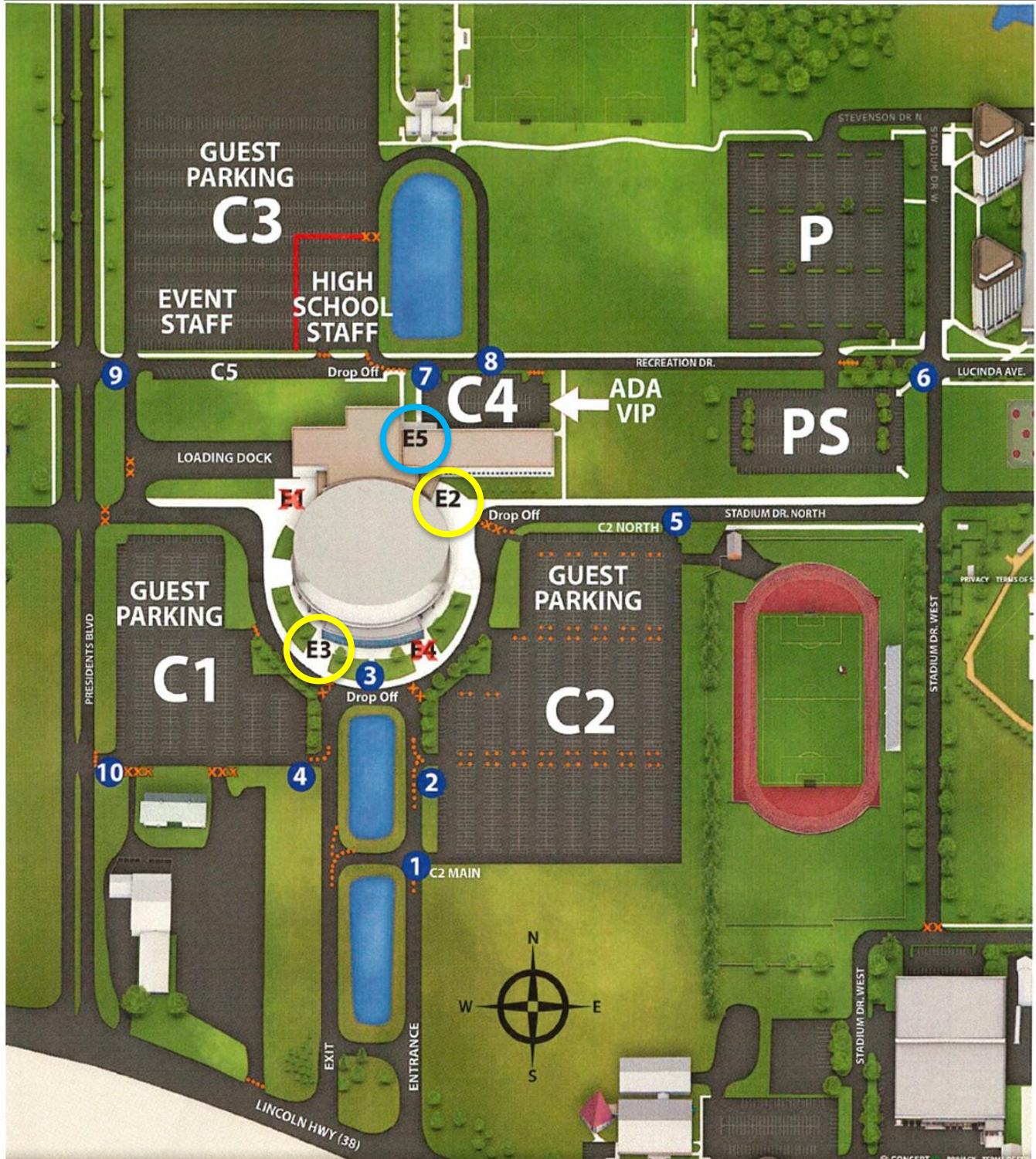
Prohibited Items:

- 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.

E5 = DROP OFF for all Graduates

E2 & E3 = ENTRY for all Guests

Please note PROHIBITED items. You will not be allowed in.



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.thecommencementgroup.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.

REMINDER: PLEASE REMEMBER
TO LEAVE YOUR PERSONAL ITEMS WITH YOUR FAMILY.
WE WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HOLDING
YOUR ITEMS AND YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED
BACK INTO THE VENUE ONCE THE CEREMONY IS OVER.