

SENIOR EVENTS TIMELINE

FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION: <https://www.imsa.edu/student-life/parent-resources/graduation/>

STAFF REGALIA DISTRIBUTION – During S&E or after school – in the Principal's Office

❑ **You will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony without your regalia.**

FRIDAY - May 23, 2025

- 12:35 PM Early dismissal and all-campus cookout
- 1:30 PM Seniors meeting in Auditorium - **REQUIRED**
- 1:45 PM Senior Awards Assembly - Main Gym - **Early Dismissal Bell Schedule**
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 & Senior Class Picture - Main Gym
Mandatory if you are participating in the ceremony for graduates and all row marshals.
- 6:30 PM – 11:00 PM Senior Banquet
Students can return home with their family if they are 100% moved out of their hall.

SATURDAY – May 31, 2025

- 11:00 AM – 1:00 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 to graduates.
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 - SHARP** **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



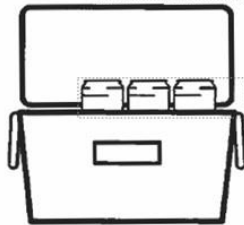
STROLLERS
NOT ALLOWED IN ARENA



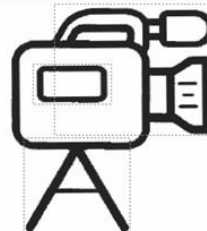
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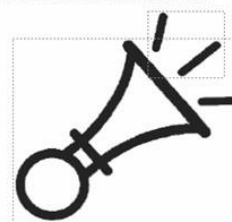
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COOLERS



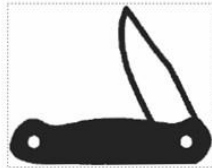
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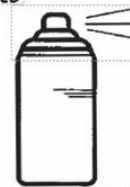
FIREARMS



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.



CLEAR BAG POLICY



CLEAR TOTE
MUST NOT EXCEED
12"x12"x6"

APPROVED WITH INSPECTION



PLASTIC BAG
GALLON, CLEAR



CLUTCH PURSE
MUST NOT EXCEED
5.5"x8.5"x3"

PROHIBITED



BACKPACKS, COMPUTER BAGS, COOLERS, DUFFEL BAGS, CAMERA BAGS, PURSES LARGER THAN PERMISSIBLE CLUTCH, ANY BAG LARGER THAN THE PERMISSIBLE SIZE. ALL BAGS ARE SUBJECT TO INSPECTION.

- A clear bag policy has been implemented and is enforced at the Convocation Center. The following are permitted:
 - Bags that are clear and do not exceed 12" x 12" x 6".
 - Small purses which do not exceed 5.5" x 8.5" and no more than 3" thick.
 - An exception will be made for medically necessary items after proper inspection at the door.
- Flowers are permitted in the Center. **Flowers with a glass vase will not be allowed in the venue.**
- Gifts that can be properly searched are permitted in the Convocation Center. **Any gifts that are wrapped/sealed will be asked to be returned to your vehicle.**
- Banners and signs are allowed provided they are hand-held of reasonable size, **can be stored beneath the seat and do not block the view of other patrons.**
- **Outside food or drink is not permitted.** It is permissible for guests to bring into the Convocation Center one bottled water, provided it is in a clear plastic commercial container (such as an Aquafina bottle) no larger than 1 liter that has not been opened or that is empty of its contents. Frozen bottles are prohibited.
 - Please refrain from bringing in any other outside beverages (including Starbucks, Dunkin', and other coffee brands).

REMINDER:

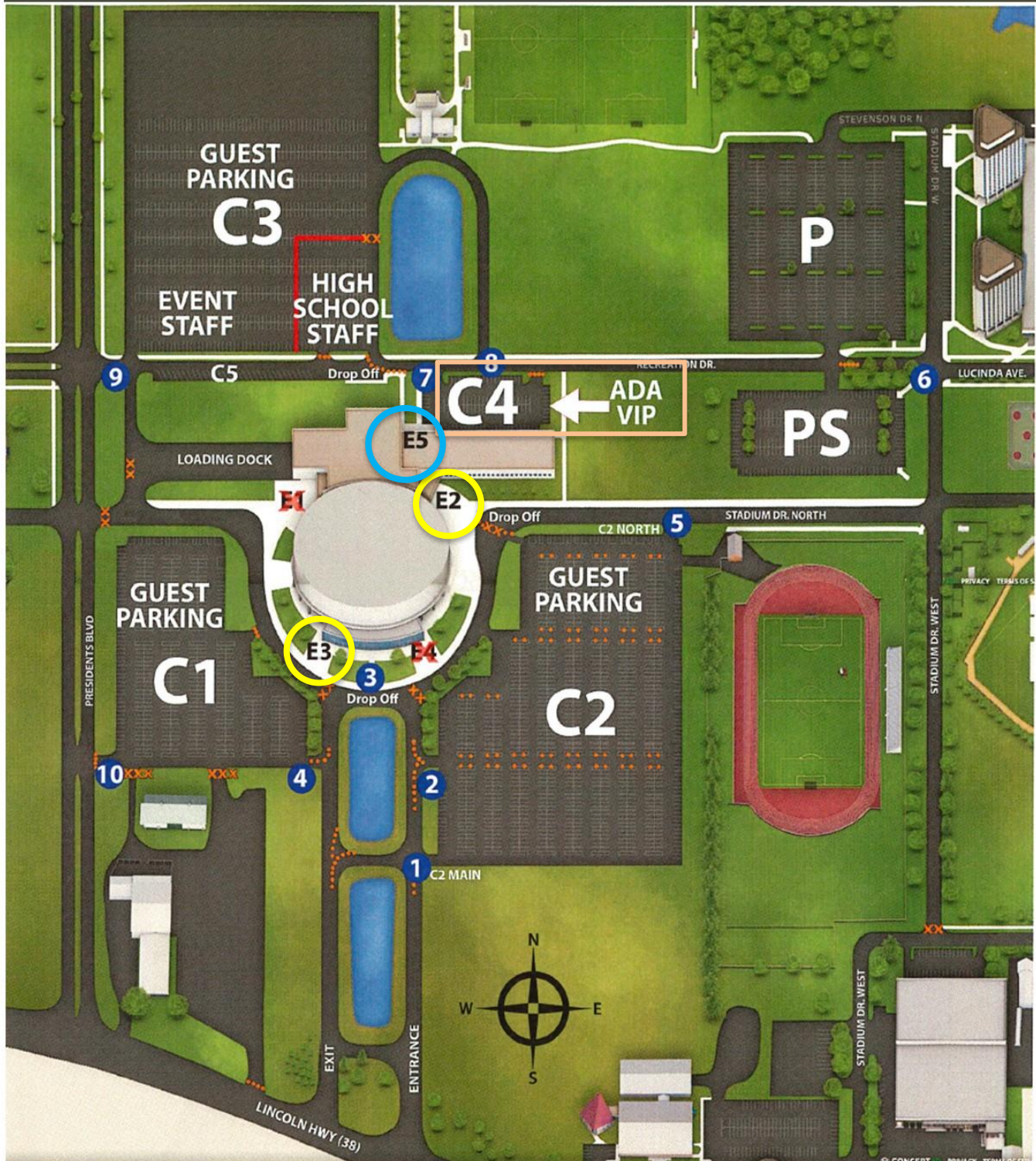
**PLEASE REMEMBER TO LEAVE
YOUR PERSONAL ITEMS
WITH YOUR FAMILY.
WE WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE
FOR HOLDING YOUR ITEMS
AND YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED
BACK INTO THE VENUE
ONCE THE CEREMONY IS OVER.**



E5 = DROP OFF for all Graduates - E2 & E3 = ENTRY for all Guests

NIU PREFERRED PARKING – Lot C4

Preferred Parking is available to purchase for the upcoming graduation ceremony.
This is handled directly through NIU not IMSA. The link to purchasing Preferred Parking is:
<https://convocenter.niu.edu/pages/graduation>



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.

BEAUTIFUL BOUQUETS



GRADUATION GIFTS
WILL BE AVAILABLE AT
THE CEREMONY FOR
PURCHASE!



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