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2009 DECEMBER COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

Date and Location: The 2009 December Commencement ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, December 5, at the Lawlor Events Center. Graduates enter through the ticket entrance on the south side of Lawlor and must be in line by 8:00 a.m. Processional begins at 8:30 a.m.

Academic Attire: Caps and gowns may be obtained from the A.S.U.N. Bookstore housed in the Joe Crowley Student Union during the six-week period before Commencement. Tassels are worn on the right front side of the cap for pictures on stage. **Move tassels to the left after returning to your seat.** Advanced degree candidates wear their hoods in the procession except for Ed.D. and Ph.D. graduates.

Decorum: All participants are expected to *dress properly* in honor of the occasion and to *exhibit mature behavior* during the Commencement activities. **Alcoholic Beverages are prohibited.** All participants are requested to remain in the seating area until the ceremonies are completed.

Procession: Faculty Leaders and Graduates line up at 8:00 a.m. procession begins at 8:30 a.m.

Recession: The Recession is **TWO** abreast in an orderly manner as follows: Color Guard, University Marshal, President, Platform Groups, Regents, Academic Vice President and Academic Deans. **The graduates follow the faculty and recess in the same manner.**

Seating: Families, friends and the general public are cordially invited to attend the Commencement activities. Guests enter through the upper concourse. Ushers will escort special guests to the reserved seating area.

Special Accommodations: Interpreters for the Deaf will be present at the ceremony. Please follow the signs or ask a Student Ambassador for the location of the designated seating. If you require additional accommodations, please contact Hanna Rodgers, Office for Prospective Students, at 682-5922.

Parking: Parking is available in the parking garages north (West Stadium) and south (Whalen) of the Lawlor Events Center. Public parking areas are designated for use by the faculty, graduates, families and their friends. Disabled parking is available in the West Stadium Parking Complex.

Photographs: As a service to students and their parents, a professional photographer will take a color photograph of each graduate as a scroll is received from the President. Order forms will be available prior to, during, and after the ceremony.

Diplomas: Each candidate is evaluated for graduation following Commencement. A diploma and case will be mailed to the student after degrees are posted. Transcripts indicating degrees earned will be available five weeks after Commencement.

Any inquiries regarding Commencement should be directed to Admissions and Records, 784-4700.

COMMENCEMENT SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Saturday, December 5, 2009

- 8:00 a.m. Presidential party assembles for robing.
- 8:00 a.m. Degree candidate procession assembles as shown on the formation chart for instructions and name cards from the faculty leader.
- 8:30 a.m. Faculty forms in designated area.
- 8:30 a.m. Degree candidate procession closes ranks and marches to seating area.
- 8:30 a.m. Faculty and Presidential Party move toward seating area.
- 8:55 a.m. Faculty and Presidential Party march up center aisle and file to the seats as directed by the ushers. **(Remain standing for the National Anthem.)**
- 9:00 a.m. National Anthem (men remove caps) followed by the posting of flags. (Replace caps.) **(Audience is seated.)**
- 9:05 a.m. President's Welcome.
- 9:10 a.m. Presentation of Advanced Degrees.
- 9:30 a.m. Presentation of Undergraduate Degrees.
- 10:30 a.m. Welcome remarks from the President of the Alumni Association.
- 10:45 a.m. Alma Mater **(Audience Stands)**.
- 10:55 a.m. Recession: Presidential party, faculty and graduates. **(Two abreast in an orderly, expeditious manner.)**