CommenCement in our 159th Year

Ceremony to be held
Sunday, May 3, 2009
1:00 P.M.
Eckley Quadrangle
that seating in the Performance Arena is very limited and consists primarily of bleacher seats. Guests who wish to be seated in the Arena must have tickets in order to gain entrance to the ceremony. Four tickets are enclosed in this mailing to the family of the graduate; the student mailing does not include any tickets.

The doors to the Performance Arena will open at 11 a.m. for ticket-taking and seating. All unoccupied seats will be released at 12:15 p.m. for general seating.

Guests who do not have tickets may view the ceremony on a large-screen remote simulcast in the Shirk Center Practice Gym, located next to the Performance Arena, and the Hansen Student Center (#13 on the map), located south of the Shirk Center.

PARKING
Convenient parking lots are located on Empire Street, Beecher Street and at the Shirk Center (see map). Commencement guests may park in any area of the University parking lots except for those designated as disabled or loading zones.

FOR THOSE WHO NEED ASSISTANCE
Guests who need a wheelchair should contact Central Illinois Medical Equipment at (309) 827-3459 for rental arrangements. A few wheelchairs will be available at Commencement, courtesy of the University, but they are reserved for emergency use.

Outdoor Ceremony:
A drop-off spot is available in the Shirk Center parking lot (see map) which is near the lower level entry to the Performance Arena. Guests must have a ticket in order to be seated in the Performance Arena. Wheel-chair accessible spaces will be located on the floor of the Arena (behind the reserved graduate and faculty seating) and on the balcony level. An elevator is located in the building to reach the balcony level. Because non-bleacher space is extremely limited, seating in these areas is available only to guests needing assistance or wheelchair seating; other family members will not be able to sit in the non-bleacher seating sections and should plan accordingly. The front rows of the bleachers also provide seating for those who cannot climb the bleacher steps.

PHOTOS
During the awarding of degrees, a professional photograph will be taken of each graduate as the diploma is presented and as the graduate leaves the stage. The photo studio, Chappell Studio, will mail free color proofs to the student’s home address, along with information regarding purchase of photos. Families and friends may photograph during the ceremony, but we ask that they be considerate of other guests by not blocking their view of the ceremony.

Questions may be submitted to commence@iwu.edu