December 2022 COMMENCEMENT REMINDERS
Sunday, December 11, 2022
Credit Union 1 Arena – 525 S. Racine, Chicago
Ceremony at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets:
- All guests are required to have a commencement ticket. (Including children over the age of 2)
- All graduates will receive four (4) guest tickets. Graduates may sign-up on a waiting list for two (2) additional tickets (pending availability) at the NEIU Welcome Desk. Additional tickets, if available, will be distributed the week of December 1st in the order that they were requested on the waiting list.
- **Do not lose your tickets. Replacement tickets are not available.**

Prior to Graduation Day:
- All graduates must purchase their cap and gown. (Blue for Bachelors, Black for Masters)
- Students will receive one (1) parking pass for themselves and/or their guests. Additional guests will need to pay for parking, $10 per car. Parking is located at:
  - Lot 1A – 1109 W. Harrison
  - Lot 1B – 199 W. Harrison
- If you or your guests require sign language interpreting services, please send an email to suecs@neiu.edu or call (773) 442-4636.

Graduation Day:
- Please plan on wearing comfortable shoes as you might be standing for long periods of time and going up and down stairs.
- Graduates should arrive **between 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** to check-in and receive their name card.
- Graduates should check-in at Gate 2 off Harrison Street. (See map for entrance)
- All personal belongings should be left with guests as the University is not responsible for loss or damage of these items. **NO BAGS/PURSES WILL BE ALLOWED INSIDE THE GRADUATE LINE-UP AREA.**
- **Only graduates are allowed to access the ceremony floor and walk across the stage.** Graduates needing mobility assistance should contact the Student Union, Event and Conference Services to make arrangements prior to the ceremony at suecs@neiu.edu
- **Please show respect to ALL graduates and plan to stay for the entire ceremony.** (Ceremony will last approximately 2.5 hours)
- Leaving and retiring from the arena during the ceremony is not permitted.
- Graduates who arrive after the ceremony has begun may not be able to participate.

Guest Information:
- All guests should enter the main entrance (Gate 3) at the corner of Racine and Harrison.
- Guest entrance will open at **1:00 p.m.** and seating is **general admission** (No assigned seating).
- **No balloons, confetti, noise makers, or strollers** will be allowed inside the pavilion.
- Flowers will be available for purchase at the Arena.

*We encourage everyone to use the hashtag #NEIUGrad on social media.*
*Be sure to follow us on Twitter (@neiu), Facebook and Instagram (@neiulife)!*

Visit [www.neiu.edu/commencement](http://www.neiu.edu/commencement) for a complete guide to Commencement.
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Driving Directions

From the South
Exit the Dan Ryan (I-90/94) Expressway at Roosevelt Road. West (left) on Roosevelt Road to Halsted Street. North (right) on Halsted Street to Harrison Street. West (left) on Harrison Street to Racine.

From the North
Exit the Kennedy (I-90/94) Expressway at Eisenhower (I-290) Expressway West. West (right) on Eisenhower (I-290) to Morgan Street (first exit). South (left) on Morgan Street to Harrison Street. West (right) on Harrison Street to Racine.

From the West
Exit the Eisenhower (I-290) Expressway at Racine. South (right) on Racine to Harrison Street.

From the East
Exit the Eisenhower (I-290) Expressway at Ashland Avenue. South (left) on Ashland to Harrison Street. East (left) on Harrison to Racine.

Public Transportation
CTA buses (#7) stop on Harrison Street, west of Racine. We are also near the CTA Blue Line Racine stop.