To: Graduating Seniors

From: Student Resource Center, Ryan Center (Music/Comm Building) 5th floor

Date: February 12, 2016

Subject: Graduation and Convocation

We are very excited to tell you about the upcoming events planned to celebrate your achievements as you graduate from Northwestern’s School of Communication.

There are two types of graduation ceremonies at Northwestern; Commencement is the University-wide event held on Friday, June 17, 2016 at Ryan Field and Convocations are the school-specific events. The School of Communication Convocation will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2016 at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall. Seniors must wear caps and gowns to both the University Commencement and the School of Communication Convocation. Please be sure to check the NU Commencement website for details on University Commencement and cap and gown orders. http://www.northwestern.edu/commencement/

The School of Communication conducts its convocation in two ceremonies. Students who complete degree requirements in December 2015, and March, June, August and December 2016 are welcome to participate in the 2016 Convocation. While we would prefer to have the entire class of 2016 together at one event, dividing the convocation allows us to increase the number of guest tickets available to each graduating student while presenting diplomas and celebrating graduation in an intimate ceremony in Northwestern’s beautiful Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, a lovely building with air conditioning and superb acoustics. Each ceremony lasts approximately two hours, and will be followed by an outdoor reception.

The departments’ ceremonies will be divided as follows:

♦ 1:30 p.m. Communication Sciences and Disorders and Communication Studies
♦ 5:00 p.m. Radio, Television and Film, Dance, Performance Studies and Theatre

Each graduating senior who attends Convocation will receive five tickets for guests. Students will not require a ticket. This year, SoC will be participating in the UniversityTickets online process. Graduates will be able to sign in online to request their tickets. Tickets can then be printed at that time, or emailed to their families for them to print or bring on their cell phones to the events. Students will also be able to
request assisted seating online for any guests who may require assistance. There will be a limited pool of extra tickets; students will be able to reserve up to 2 extra tickets on a first-come, first-serve basis. Students who do not need all 5 of their allotted tickets may opt to donate extra tickets to the extra ticket pool for use by their classmates. Once donated to the pool, these tickets cannot be retrieved. Any tickets not ordered by Friday, June 10th at 5:00 p.m. will be given to other students on a first-come, first-serve basis. Tickets guarantee admission, but do not reserve specific seats. Information about how to obtain Convocation Tickets will be sent to seniors in late May or early June 2016.

Please talk with your family now about travel and hotel arrangements, dinner reservations, and the number of tickets that will be available to them. In addition, you should discuss whether any members of your party will require assisted seating for the Convocation, as you will be asked to make those arrangements when you claim your tickets online.

We at the School of Communication are immensely proud of your achievements here. While we will be sad to see you go, we look forward to welcoming you to the ranks of our alumni.

Please pay special attention to your NU email accounts for notices regarding convocation and online ticketing dates. Additional details regarding the SoC Convocation can be found here http://www.communication.northwestern.edu/news/convocation.php on the SoC website. If you have any questions, please feel free to call (847)491-7214 for assistance.

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P.S. Your current local address listed on CAESAR will be used for formal notification of upcoming events and information. Please be sure to update your address immediately to ensure proper delivery of important information.

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