March 20, 2017

Dear Graduating Senior,

Plans are almost complete for the School of Communication Convocations on Saturday, June 17, 2017, at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall. The two SoC ceremonies are held the day after the University Commencement, which is held on Friday, June 16th, 9:30 a.m. at Ryan Field. You will attend the convocation ceremony designated for your primary major, even if you have a second major in WCAS or another school at Northwestern.

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

At these Convocation ceremonies, June 2017 graduates and students who have completed their degree requirements in December 2016 and March 2017 will be recognized. Students who plan to complete their degree requirements in August or December of 2017 may also participate in Convocation. During the Convocation ceremony, Dean Barbara O’Keefe, Associate Dean Sally Ewing and the department chairs will congratulate each graduating senior. An outdoor reception will follow each of the Convocation ceremonies on the Ryan Center Arts Green.

All family members and friends who plan to attend the ceremony need tickets for the Communication Convocation. As a graduating senior in the ceremony, you will not need a ticket for yourself. Each member of the graduating class may have five guest tickets. Tickets will be distributed via the University online ticketing system. On the ticketing website, graduates will be able to request their tickets and print them or email them 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. Instructions will be sent to all graduating seniors about securing their tickets through the ticketing website in late March.

The stairs at Pick-Staiger are not steep, but the building does not have an elevator. If a member of your party can’t comfortably climb one flight of stairs, you should request assisted seating; this will reserve a seat for the person needing assistance and for a companion. Seniors will be able to fill out and submit Assisted Seating Forms when they order their tickets online. Or, if you wish, you may complete the form included with this letter and return it to address listed below.

Seniors must wear caps and gowns to the University Commencement and to the School of Communication Convocation. You will have your picture taken as you are presented with your diploma cover and congratulated by School of Communication Dean, Barbara O’Keefe. All diplomas will be mailed to the student’s permanent mailing address on file with the Registrar’s Office approximately 6 weeks after degrees are conferred. If you want to take pictures in your cap and gown with family and friends, please remember to do so before turning in your regalia after the ceremony. For complete information on cap and gown rental, please visit the NU Commencement website for details: http://www.northwestern.edu/commencement/index.html
If you are ordering graduation announcements, the degree you will receive is either a Bachelor of Science in Communication or a Bachelor of Arts in Communication. Latin honors (Summa, Magna, and Cum Laude) are awarded to the top twenty-five percent of your class, based on final grade-point average, and are not announced until the Commencement Ceremony on June 16th.

We look forward to celebrating this important achievement in your life on June 16th and 17th.

Sincerely,

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