



LAKE SUPERIOR STATE UNIVERSITY

NOTES TO GRADS

PRACTICE:

Name Cards: Tom Coates will introduce you to the audience using these cards and will practice pronouncing your name at practice. Feel free to correct his pronunciation. Name cards will be kept by Tom and handed back out again tomorrow. Do not take your card home today.

You may hand write a phonetic pronunciation of your name on your card.

BEFORE CEREMONY:

A coffee reception will be held in the Norris Lobby from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 for graduates and their guests.

Plan to be at the gym on Saturday morning by **10:30 a.m. at the latest**. The lobby will be roped off at 10:58 and no one will be able to enter the arena until all graduates and faculty have processed in—approximately 11:15am. Please let your guests know this.

Park on the main campus. There will be heavy traffic and crowds on Saturday near the Norris Center—parking will be at a premium. You are encouraged to have your guests arrive early and park on the main campus. Shuttle buses will also be available beginning at 9:30 a.m. to shuttle people from the main campus to the Norris Center, and after Commencement ends to bring them back to the various parking lots as needed.

There is a special reserved section on the floor behind the graduates, as well as on the second level (use elevator at north end of arena), for **handicapped and elderly** guests.

Please remind your family members that they **are not** allowed to reserve seats unless they are seated in them. If belongings are left behind to “hold” seats, the items will be removed.

THE CEREMONY:

Commencement has a tradition of a dignified ceremony. Please keep this in mind throughout the ceremony.

Please refrain from wearing corsages or carrying flowers during the ceremony.

Men are asked to remove their **graduation hat** during the National anthems.

Women are asked to wear their hats throughout the ceremony.

Tassels are worn on the right and are moved to the left when you are instructed to do so.

Pictures will be taken of you by a professional photographer when you receive your diploma cover and will be available for purchase. The photographer will contact you directly.

An area in front of the platform will also be available for anyone wishing to take pictures. Guests are asked to wait until their graduate is in line for the stage to come forward to take a photo to avoid congestion.

Meeting your family after Commencement – Please make arrangements to meet your family in the gymnasium or outside. Guests can also remain in their seat in the ice arena and you can meet them there.

This year's **Distinguished Teacher** award will be announced during the Commencement ceremony on Saturday. Plan to attend a reception in their honor immediately following the ceremony in the Crow's Nest of the Cislser Center.

Diplomas will be ordered on June 1st and mailed to students around the middle of July. You will be receiving your diploma cover when you walk across the stage.