

March 6, 2009

Dear Notre Dame Parent:

Congratulations on the upcoming graduation of your student.

We are pleased to offer affordable campus housing and food services for Commencement Weekend. The enclosed materials are designed to assist you in making plans to visit campus May 15 – 17, 2009, and include:

- A tentative schedule of the weekend's events
- Information on campus housing and food services
- A reservation form for housing and food services for you to return

Please note especially the policies and deadlines for campus accommodations and meals. Please submit your request for accommodations, including any physical restriction considerations, as soon as possible in order to enable us to serve all families requesting space. Also, please be aware that meal tickets **must** be purchased for your graduating student for the Friday and Saturday dinners. Graduating students with valid on-campus meal plans may present their identification for entry to the Saturday lunch and Sunday brunch; they do not need a ticket for these meals.

If you are interested in purchasing **MEALS ONLY**, you may purchase meal tickets on-line at <http://cce.nd.edu/commencement> beginning Monday, March 9, 2009. Please do not return the enclosed form as well if you have purchased meal tickets on-line.

Your student received an e-mail communication from the Office of the Registrar pertaining to diploma and Commencement Program changes; ordering University Commencement Ceremony guest tickets; personalized announcement ordering; cap and gown ordering through the bookstore; financial aid and loan exit information; and Senior Survey instructions. Further information can be found on the Commencement web site <http://registrar.nd.edu/commencement.shtml> or by calling 574-631-7043.

We recommend you communicate frequently with your graduating student as you make plans for the weekend. Two events of central importance are the Commencement Mass, Saturday, May 16 at 5:00 p.m. and the University Commencement Ceremony, Sunday, May 17 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are not required for the mass where seating is handled on a first-come first-served basis. Tickets are required for the University Commencement Ceremony and should be ordered by your student.

The Commencement Accommodations Office can be reached at 574-631-7640, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Friday. This office can help with questions regarding the completion of enclosed registration form, residence hall accommodations, meal tickets and general questions regarding the weekend.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Commencement Accommodations Office
University of Notre Dame