

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

Spring commencement set for May 3

April and June graduates can participate in the spring commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 3 at the Baldwin Pavilion on the grounds of Meadow Brook Music Festival.

Degree candidates can download an informative graduation packet from the **OU Commencement** Web site to find out details for the big day. The packet contains important information on timing, attire, guest tickets, seating and information about purchasing graduation portraits and commemorative videotapes.

Commencement Schedule:

9 a.m.

- School of Business Administration
- School of Engineering and Computer Science

1 p.m.

- School of Education and Human Services
- School of Nursing

5 p.m.

- College of Arts and Sciences
- School of Health Sciences
- Bachelor of Integrative Studies

Each ceremony will be interpreted in American Sign Language for the hearing impaired and will last approximately 90 minutes.

Diploma covers are handed out during the ceremony. Diplomas will be mailed to graduates about two months after graduation.

Students should arrive at least one hour prior to the beginning of the ceremony, check in and get a registration card from the box office area. Faculty marshals will be on hand to direct and assist graduates in lining up for the processional and to answer any questions.

Admission tickets are not required and there is no limit to the number of guests a graduate may bring to the ceremony. Guests should be informed that commencement is an outdoor ceremony and they should be prepared for the weather and lawn seating in the case that pavilion seating, which is first-come, first-served, is unavailable. Guests may bring lawn chairs (beach and sand chairs with short legs and back, 26-inch height maximum, and blankets).

Graduates and guests should park in the lots outside the festival pavilion. Handicapped parking will be clearly indicated by signs.

Professional photos of the graduates receiving their diplomas and walk-by commencement portraits will be available through Chappell Graduation Images. Family portraits will also be taken under the tent following the ceremony. Chappell will contact each graduate about purchasing photos. There is no fee for the photo sessions.

In the event of inclement weather, call the university at (248) 370-2000 or tune in to WJR, WWJ or WXYT or watch FOX 2, WDIV-TV or WXYZ-TV for information on ceremony cancellation.

For general information on commencement ceremonies, visit the **OU Commencement** Web site or call the Office of Academic Affairs and Provost at (248) 370-2190.

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