



Dear IU Family:

It's winter in Indiana—a season of cheerful holidays, spirited basketball, and the exhilaration of a new term at Indiana University. It's also the perfect time to make plans for Spring Commencement.

This spring, graduation exercises marking the 180th Commencement at IU Bloomington will be held at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 9, 2009, at Assembly Hall. The ceremony will feature the traditional procession of graduates, an outstanding Commencement speaker, the hooding of doctoral candidates, and the induction of new graduates into the IU Alumni Association. Commencement Day is always a special celebration at IU.

I urge you to participate in Grad Fair and to make the most of your Graduation Day. Congratulations—you deserve it!

Tom Martz
President and CEO
IU Alumni Association

The IU Bookstore

*is pleased to invite
eligible graduating
students to attend the*

Grad Fair

*February 18, 19, and 20
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.*

*Frangipani Room
Indiana Memorial Union*

*Reservations not required.
Family members welcome.*

**Take care of all your
Commencement needs
in one place at one time:
Grad Fair.**

- **Attire:** The IU Bookstore is the only source for IU's distinctive custom apparel, which features a black gown piped in red and an accompanying stole, emblazoned with the IU seal. All graduates *must* wear caps and gowns to take part in IU Commencement.
- **Graduation Announcements and Diploma Frames:** Grads may choose among three different announcement packages and a selection of custom quality frames.

Unable to attend Grad Fair?
Want more information? Need to make hotel reservations? You can find what you need online. Go to:

www.commencement.iu.edu

Graduating in December 2009?
The Winter Grad Fair will be held next October; information will be sent to eligible students during the fall 2009 semester.

Five Fast Facts About Commencement

- Eligible graduates do not need to RSVP for Commencement, which is free and open to the public. Tickets are not used.
- Arrangements for handicapped seating and parking are available by calling (812) 855-4664.
- Grads must arrive at the Gladstein Fieldhouse (next door to Assembly Hall) at least 90 minutes before the ceremony begins.
- Ph.D. and doctoral candidates will be hooded at the ceremony.
- All degree candidates must apply to their schools by the schools' deadlines in order to graduate and receive their degrees.

Find complete information at
www.commencement.iu.edu

The Fine Print

Payment for attire: Whether you order your attire at the fair or online, your credit card will guarantee your attire reservation, but will not be charged. **You must pay for your apparel when you pick it up at the Gladstein Fieldhouse.** Apparel pickup is 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, Wednesday, May 6, and Thursday, May 7, and 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 8.

Qualified students interested in purchasing honor cords from approved academic honor societies may do so. Details are on the Commencement website.

This brochure goes to families of students who may be eligible to graduate in May 2009. If participating in Commencement in May is not in your plans, please disregard this information. A packet of detailed materials will be sent to candidates after Spring Break in March, and the website is updated continuously. Students who may graduate next December will receive information about Winter Commencement during the fall 2009 semester.

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Commencement at Indiana University Bloomington

**May 9, 2009
Assembly Hall
Indiana University
Bloomington**