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EIU SPRING COMMENCEMENT MAY 15

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's Spring Commencement ceremonies will be Saturday, May 15, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Library Quad. In case of inclement weather, ceremonies will be held in Lantz Gymnasium.

Due to limited seating in the gymnasium, family members and guests of the graduates will have to have tickets to be admitted if the ceremony is held indoors. However, tickets will not be automatically dispensed; they must be requested by each marching graduate.

Each graduate participating in the ceremonies can receive up

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to five tickets. Requests made by mail must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They should be taken or sent to the Commencement Office, Linder House, 1544 Fourth Street, Charleston, IL 61920.

Graduates may also request tickets when picking up their caps and gowns, at ceremony rehearsals, or at the Commencement Office. Tickets will be dispensed beginning April 28.

If available, extra tickets will be distributed in limited quantities on a first-come, first-serve basis in the Lantz Fieldhouse (south entrance) from 8-9 a.m. and 12-1 p.m. on May 15, or before ceremonies at the Information Table in the Lantz Gym pool lobby from 9-10 a.m. and 1-2 p.m.

Graduates are encouraged to return unneeded tickets at rehearsal, during cap and gown handouts, to the Commencement Office, at the door on ceremony day, or give them to fellow graduates who need them.

The marching order of the 10 a.m. ceremony by college/school will be the Graduate School; College of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation; Lumpkin College of Business; College of Education; and College of Fine Arts.

The 2 p.m. ceremony's marching order will be the School of Adult and Continuing Education; College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; and College of Applied Sciences.