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TO: Prospective Graduates

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SUBJECT: Commencement Exercise

I have received a number of calls and emails from prospective graduates asking whether or not they will receive only two tickets to the Commencement exercise for their family members. This is by no means the case.

As the Vice President for Academic Affairs letter pointed out, the Commencement will be held in the Stadium. This facility seats approximately 2,500 persons. We are planning to add additional seats which will help us to accommodate at least 3,500 of the 5,000 persons who usually attend.

The University has always set up other locations such as Dickey Hall Auditorium, the International Culture Center Auditorium, and Gymnasium in case of rain. We will do the same this year. Let’s all pray that it will not rain!

Each graduate will be issued approximately six tickets for their guests to enter the stadium. Other guests, provided you have more than six, will need to sit in one of the auditoriums and view the graduation via screen. In case of rain, tickets will be color-coded and individuals will need to go to the location designated on the color-coded ticket to view the graduation.

It is my hope that this quashes the rumors and sets the record straight of how the Commencement exercise will be handled.

Thank you.