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TO: Prospective Graduates

FROM: Robert R. Jennings  
President

SUBJECT: Commencement Exercise

I know that this is an exciting time for all of you. I am also aware that many of you have inquired about the number of tickets you will receive to distribute to your family members for the Commencement exercise.

As you know, Commencement will be held in the Stadium again this year. This facility seats approximately 2,500 persons. We are planning to add additional seats which will help us to accommodate at least 4,000 of the 5,000 persons who usually attend. Each graduate will be issued eight tickets for their guests to enter the stadium.

The University will also set up other locations such as the International Culture Center (ICC) Auditorium, SUB Multipurpose Room, Ware Center Theater, Dining Hall and Gymnasium for viewing. Other guests, provided you have more than eight, will need to sit in one of the auditoriums and view the graduation via screen.

In case of rain, Commencement will take place in the Main Gymnasium and only individuals with color-coded tickets will be permitted to enter the Main Gym, ICC and Auxiliary Gym. These color-coded tickets will be included in the ticket packet with your stadium tickets. Other guests will be permitted to enter the other remote sites on a first-come, first-served basis until the venue is full. Let’s all pray that it will not rain!

Please be considerate of your fellow graduates and follow the protocol we have put in place. Doing so will ensure that family members of each graduate will be able to view the ceremony in the stadium or, in the case of rain, inside a remote viewing area.

Thank you.