SPRING COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION BULLETIN
Saturday, May 17, 2014 in the De Simone Gymnasium
(Located in the Sports and Activities Center)

GRADUATES
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, ECONOMICS, AND COMPUTING
COLLEGE OF NATURAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES
10:00 a.m. CEREMONY
*UW Milwaukee Consortial Nursing Students are invited to walk in the 10:00 a.m. ceremony

Bachelor and Masters Degrees will be conferred at the 10:00 a.m. Commencement Ceremony for the following majors:

Accounting
Applied Health Sciences
Biological Sciences
Business Management
Chemistry
Computer Science
Computer Science/Mathematics
Economics
Environmental Studies
Exercise Science
Geosciences
Health Information Management and Technology
Management Information Systems
Mathematics
Molecular Biology and Bioinformatics
Physics
Psychology
Sport Management
Sustainable Management
Master of Business Administration
Master of Science in Applied Molecular Biology
Master of Science in Computer and Information Systems

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Graduates should report to the Sports and Activities Center (SAC) Fieldhouse at 9:00 a.m. to check in, pick up their name card and assemble for the Commencement procession. All guests should go directly to the gymnasium. The SAC doors will open at 9:00 a.m.

GRADUATES
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
2:30 p.m. CEREMONY

Degrees will be conferred at the 2:30 p.m. Commencement Ceremony for the following majors:

Art
Communication
Criminal Justice
English
Geography
Graphic Design
History
International Studies
Liberal Studies
Music
Philosophy
Political Science
Sociology/Anthropology
Spanish
Theatre Arts

Graduates should report to the Sports and Activities Center (SAC) Fieldhouse at 1:30 p.m. to check in, pick up their name card and assemble for the Commencement procession. All guests should go directly to the gymnasium. The SAC doors will open at 1:30 p.m.

Trivia Facts: Graduation vs. Commencement what’s the difference?
Graduation – The process of being awarded a degree. To be awarded a degree, candidates are required to apply for graduation. A final degree audit must be completed before a degree is officially awarded.
Commencement – Walking across the stage. The ceremony is the recognition by the University community, family, and friends of the degree achievement. Actual degrees and diplomas are not awarded at the commencement ceremony.
**Guests - Limit 6**
- There are no tickets necessary for guests attending the ceremony.
- Doors will open to the gymnasium in the SAC one hour before the ceremony which will last approximately 90 minutes.
- Guests should go directly to the gymnasium and be seated to alleviate congestion in the hallways and aisles.
- As a courtesy, guests are asked to remain seated during the ceremony.
- A reception for graduates and guests will follow the ceremony in Main Place of Wyllie Hall.

We ask that you are considerate of your fellow graduates and honor these requests.

**Special Accommodations for Candidates or Guests**
We want this to be a wonderful experience for everyone. Degree Candidates or guests needing special accommodations for the ceremony should notify the Office of the Registrar at: 262-595-2497 or by email by May 1st. Email: Graduation@uwsp.edu

Please note: The De Simone Gymnasium has bleacher seating.

**Caps and Gowns**
(Standard attire for Bachelor and Master Degree candidates must be worn in entirety by all graduates participating in the ceremony.)
Please try on your gown and make sure you have a tassel with your cap when you make your purchase.
- **Bachelor Degree** attire may be purchased for $40.00 plus tax from the Campus Bookstore.
  - Includes cap, gown, and tassel (please check your order - we do not have extra tassels)
  - No fitting necessary
- **Masters Degree** attire must be rented through the Campus Bookstore for $46.00 plus tax.
  - Fittings are necessary and should be done by April 24th in the Campus Bookstore.
  - Orders after April 24th will be charged a $25.00 service fee and delivery is not guaranteed.

**Graduation Announcements**
Announcements are available in the Campus Bookstore.
- Personalized announcements may be ordered in packs of 25 (allow two weeks for delivery).
- A photographer and a Jostens representative will be available outside of the Campus Bookstore to take portraits and to take order for personalized announcements; rings and other products during Senior Send-Off Days April 11th and 12th (see details below).

**Diplomas**
- Embossed University of Wisconsin - Parkside diploma covers are received on stage at the commencement ceremony. Diplomas will be ordered after final audit is complete and mailed to you approximately mid to late July.
- For those not participating in the commencement ceremony, diploma covers will be available during regular office hours at the Registrar’s / Student Records Service counter, WYLL D189.

**Graduating with Honors**
- Honors cords will be distributed to eligible graduates at graduation day check in.
  - Any other cords will be distributed by the organization recognizing the honors. Please check with the department or organization before graduation.
- At the ceremony, academic honors will be recognized on the basis of the cumulative degree grade point average on all coursework (including transfer) completed prior to the end of the spring semester. *Please note* - SOLAR cumulative GPA’s include UW-Parkside coursework only.
- Final determination of official academic honors will be made during the final degree audit after spring grades have been submitted and will appear on both the transcript and the diploma.
- Academic honors require the following total cumulative degree GPA *(including transfer)*:
  - Cum Laude 3.50 – 3.69
  - Magna Cum Laude 3.70 – 3.89
  - Summa Cum Laude 3.90 – 4.0

**Inviting a Special Faculty/Staff Person**
Many of our graduates have told us that there is a special person at UW-Parkside who has really made a difference in their education. If someone has made your educational experience special, please send him/her a note and a personal invitation to attend Commencement.

**Important Phone Numbers:**
- Campus Book Store: (262) 595-2301
- Special Accommodation Seating and other Ceremony Information: (262) 595-2497

**Senior Send-Off Days**
If you are graduating this May, you will want to attend one of these informational sessions!

Wednesday, **April 9th** from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm or Thursday, **April 10th** from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm **on the Student Center Bridge**.
Purchase caps, gowns invitations, rings, have your picture taken, meet with reps from financial aid, verify degree audit, and so much more.
Enjoy food, drinks and even receive a gift! See our web page and blog for more information.