SIB In-person Senior Celebration

Instructions for Students

Note that these plans are tentative and can be canceled at any time. The School and the University are following current COVID-19 trends, and if cases continue to increase, we will not be able to offer these in-person events.

1) Parking is available in lot D1, under the Krannert Center for The Performing Arts, and on the street. The Natural History Building is #32 on this map.

2) Do not arrive more than 5 minutes before your scheduled time. Masks are required for every participant. Every graduate must show their Safer Illinois app indicating a recent negative test.

3) Weather permitting, we will gather on the North Lawn of the Natural History Building. In case of rain, enter through the North Door and proceed up the stairs.

4) When you arrive, direct your group to one of the five squares marked on the ground or floor. There will be seating for up to 8 people in each square, and will be at least 6 feet from every other group. The “ceremony” will last less than 10 minutes; guests that are able to stand for the duration of the ceremony are welcome to do so in their square.

5) Once your guests are seated, please come to the steps of NHB (either inside or outside). There will be 5 places marked with an “X”. You will be directed to one of these spots, and a faculty/staff member will confirm your name, Safer Illinois App, and that you are attending at the correct time. Note that you and your guests will all remain in place for the duration of the short ceremony. Please maintain a 6-foot distance from everyone outside of your group at all times.

6) The Director of SIB will welcome the students and families. The podium will be wiped with disinfectant and a faculty member will come to the podium to read the names of the five students, tell what they are doing after graduation, and read the congratulation from their guest. Graduates will be instructed to turn their tassels, and be congratulated.
7) Graduates will be directed to another part of the North Lawn (or the 3rd floor of NHB) where a photo booth will be set up.

8) Faculty and staff will wipe off all chairs with disinfectant for the next group. Please exit the ceremony area promptly to allow the next group to arrive.

Maps:

There is ample space on the North Lawn of NHB to have these small ceremonies. There are more than 60 linear feet across the front of the building. The blue squares on the map on the right indicate the placement of the groups for seating. These 9 ft x 9 ft squares can be position in an arch allowing at least a 6 ft distance between each group, and more than 6 ft of distance from the “platform party”. Given the stairs, on the front of the building, the 5 students can also be distanced but visible (and there is ADA accessability to this area). In case of rain, the ceremony will be moved to the 3rd floor Hub of NHB, with the photo booth on the second floor. If indoors, the guest boxes will measure 7 ft x 12 ft.