May 2015 COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION
Commencement will be held in Bo Ryan Court – Williams Fieldhouse, May 8-9, 2015

**7:00 p.m. May 8th CEREMONY – School of Business and School of Graduate Studies**
Undergraduate degree candidates in Accounting or Business Administration
All Graduate degree candidates (Master’s programs)
Assembly/Line-up begins at 6:00 p.m.  Guest seating begins at 6:00 p.m.

**9:00 a.m. May 9th CEREMONY – College of Business, Industry, Life Science & Agriculture**
Undergraduate degree candidates excluding School of Business
Assembly/Line-up begins at 8:00 a.m.  Guest seating begins at 8:00 a.m.

**12:30 p.m. May 9th CEREMONY – College of Liberal Arts & Education**
Undergraduate degree candidates
Assembly/Line-up begins at 11:30 a.m.  Guest seating begins at 11:30 a.m.

**4:00 p.m. May 9th CEREMONY – College of Engineering, Mathematics & Science**
Undergraduate degree candidates
Assembly/Line-up begins at 3:00 p.m.  Guest seating begins at 3:00 p.m.

**Commencement Eligibility**
To participate in May Commencement, you must either be 1) a graduate from December 2014 who did not participate in a prior ceremony; or 2) a degree candidate who is expected to complete all degree requirements including internships or student teaching at the end of the Spring 2015 semester; or 3) a degree candidate who will complete all requirements by August 2015 where the remaining requirements to complete during the summer term does not exceed 9 credits.

Exceptions to these requirements are subject to space availability and must meet certain criteria. Please see the “Commencement Petition to Walk Early” form for details regarding exceptions. Participation in commencement without permission is considered academic misconduct and subject to disciplinary action.

Requests to attend an alternate ceremony should be directed to the Registrar at 608-342-1321.

**Tickets are NOT required for May 2015 Commencement Ceremonies**
Seating is available on a first come basis. Out of courtesy to all guests, degree candidates should limit their total guests to a maximum of six. If you have additional guests, please consider overflow seating, online streaming video, or local television broadcasts as alternatives.

**Overflow seating**
Guests may view the ceremony by video feed in the Markee Pioneer Student Center (2nd floor).
Special Needs seating
Guest seating will be on the bleachers in the gymnasium. If you have a guest who has limited mobility or requires wheelchair viewing, please notify the Registrar’s Office no later than May 1, 2015 by calling 608-342-1321.

Ceremony Broadcasts
The commencement ceremony will be broadcast on cable television channel 5 and on the internet via streaming video. A link for the video feed will be available from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville main website (www.uwplatt.edu).

Commencement Instructions
No practice will be held for commencement. Please read the “Commencement Instructions” sheet regarding lining up for the ceremony. The commencement stage will have ramps; however, if you feel that you may have difficulty crossing the stage, please call the Registrar’s Office and special arrangements will be made. Also, if you are concerned about your name pronunciation, please contact us before May 1st. If you have any additional questions, please contact the Registrar’s Office at 608-342-1321.

Undergraduate Honors
Degree candidates who have a minimum grade point average of 3.50 or higher and 48 or more credits in residence prior to the term in which they intend to graduate will be recognized during the ceremony. Qualifying degree candidates may pick up an honor cord in the Registrar's Office the week before commencement. If you are unable to pick up your cord, it will be available in the line-up area. Graduation honors posted on transcripts will be calculated once all coursework is graded and degree requirements are completed.

Students, please make certain that you have taken care of the following:

1. Pay your $40.00 graduation fee at the Cashier’s Office or at Countdown to Commencement (March 4th, 2:30-6:00 in Velzy Commons). The graduation fee is not a commencement fee (i.e. it does not include cap and gown fees).

2. Clear all financial obligations with the University. This includes: Library, Housing, Business Office, Markee Pioneer Student Center, Textbook Center, NDLS/Perkins Loan Office and Financial Aid Office.

3. Read the “Information about Commencement Apparel.” Caps, gowns and personalized announcements are ordered through the University Bookstore or during Countdown to Commencement. Orders for commencement attire are needed by March 27th to avoid a late fee. Tassels are also available for purchase. The University Bookstore is the official provider of graduation announcements and may be purchased year round. If you have any questions, the bookstore phone number is 608-342-1486.

4. Your intent to graduate form requests a mailing address for your diploma and a copy of your final transcript. During the commencement ceremony, each student will receive a diploma cover along with a congratulatory word from the Chancellor. Students will receive the original diploma within approximately 12 weeks of the close of the semester after a review of academic credentials has been completed. If you need to change your diploma mailing address, please contact the Registrar’s Office at 608-342-1321.