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Lindenwood University's commencement ceremonies are headed back outdoors-temporarily.

University officials decided Monday that the 2007 undergraduate and graduate commencement ceremonies would be held outdoors on May 18-19 at the university's athletic stadium. Commencement had been indoors for the past three years at the Hyland Performance Arena.

President James D. Evans said Lindenwood's commencement had outgrown the Performance Arena and "needed more space." Evans said students would be allotted eight tickets apiece with commencement outdoors, as opposed to two apiece if it were brought indoors.

He stressed that hold both ceremonies at the athletic stadium was likely to be just for one year. The university tentatively plans to move its two commencement ceremonies in 2008 to the Family Arena, and students will be allowed to bring even more guests.

The baccalaureate ceremony and graduate commencement will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Undergraduate commencement will be at 10 a.m. Saturday.

In case of inclement weather, both ceremonies will be moved to the Hyland Performance Arena. In that case, only two of each student's eight tickets will be able to be used. Notification of moving the ceremonies indoors will be made on the front page of the Lindenwood Web site.

Lindenwood held commencement outdoors on the main campus for many years before moving it inside in 2004.

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