

MEDIA ADVISORY

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VISIT OF NIU PRESIDENT JOHN PETERS TO OTTAWA

Dr. John Peters, the President of Northern Illinois University, will spend the afternoon of Friday, May 21 in Ottawa before traveling to the IVCC Oglesby Campus to deliver the Commence Address that evening.

The local media are invited to join President Peters throughout the following Ottawa schedule:

- 2:15 PM President Peters arrives at Ottawa City Hall to be greeted by Mayor Eschbach and President Corcoran.

- 2:30 PM - President Peters will tour the IVCC Ottawa Center under renovation
3:00 PM with Eschbach, Corcoran and Architect Marty Serena of Serena Sturm, the Ottawa Center architectural firm.

- 3:05 PM - President Peters will return to City Hall for a briefing on the LaSalle
3:35 PM County Broadband Initiative (LCBI). NIU has been an important LCBI Partner – strongly endorsing it, using its very experienced grant-writing team to help file the application and agreeing to administer the \$19 million of state and federal funds – should the grant be awarded – in partnership with LaSalle County.

- 3:45 PM Should there be an interest, time has been set aside at this point for media availability.

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4:10 PM President Peters arrives at reception honoring his visit held at the Ottawa Boat Club. Approximately midway during the 45 minutes Dr. Peters will be present at the reception, he is expected to make a few comments.

Soon after the reception, Dr. Peters will depart for the IVCC Oglesby Campus and Commence events.

The primary purpose of the visit of President Peters to the City of Ottawa is to foster the growing partnership between Ottawa, IVCC and NIU.