

Dear University of Northern Iowa Commencement Committee,

Hello we are Andrew Welty and Ethan Reed as seniors studying Construction Management. We are asking for your approval for students of the Construction Management program to wear a university approved hardhat at graduation starting in May of 2022. This is a tradition at many other schools, that has been discussed being throughout the program in the past; we would like to bring it to fruition. We believe that the Construction Management program here at the University of Northern Iowa is not only one of the best programs at the University, but in the nation. This program is filled with hardworking, intelligent and different minded students. The purpose of wearing the hardhats is to give students a way to be recognized for choosing a major that is different from the rest, as we believe this is what the Applied Engineering and Technical Management department is all about.

The proposed hardhats will be a new gray hardhat with a purple university approved logo on the side. After doing research on how universities such as Iowa State, Arizona State, East Carolina State, and Illinois State implement the use of a hardhat at commencement. We are open to either option of attaching a tassel to the top of each hardhat using heavy duty clear tape or going without a tassel. Each student who can afford to will be asked at the beginning of the semester if they would like to purchase a hardhat for walking at graduation. If the student cannot financially afford to purchase the hardhat, but would like to participate in the tradition, the Construction Management Club has a dedicated amount of money they would use for this. The students would then keep their graduation hardhat as a way of remembering the program as they move forward in their professional career.

We look at the beginning of the Applied Sciences and Technical Management department, the new building and the overwhelming growth in enrollment of the Construction Management program and see the hardhats as the final step to recognizing the growth and changes in the university.

We want to thank you for taking the time to hear our proposal and would greatly appreciate your support in allowing the Construction Management program to be recognized at the commencement ceremonies wearing hardhats.

Sincerely,
Construction Management Graduating Seniors

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