Welcome!

On behalf of the Rochester Institute of Technology Board of Trustees and the university community, welcome to Commencement Week-end 2017! This promises to be an exciting time as we celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates.

Our commencement celebration consists of two ceremonies. At the Academic Convocation Friday, RIT will recognize as a university community the accomplishments of graduates from our nine colleges, the Golisano Institute for Sustainability (GIS), and the School of Individualized Study (SOIS) by officially conferring degrees. Austin McChord, Chief Executive Officer, Datto, Inc., and RIT alumnus, will deliver the 2017 Commencement Address. We will hood our Ph.D. candidates, acknowledge our outstanding teachers and students graduating with honors, and graduates will be recognized collectively by college.

Our commencement ceremonies throughout the day Friday and Saturday will recognize the graduates from each college, GIS, and SOIS individually. We’re so proud of our students—they are the heart of this university. We look forward to celebrating their accomplishments with you.

Graduation is the highlight of the academic year for the RIT community. It is a time for the faculty and staff to take pride in our students’ accomplishments and congratulate them on their achievements. Graduation also allows us the opportunity to celebrate together with you, our graduates’ proud families and friends.

RIT’s Commencement Weekend is designed to blend individual recognition with a community celebration of graduates from our nine colleges, the Golisano Institute for Sustainability (GIS), and the School of Individualized Study (SOIS). The official conferral of degrees occurs at Friday’s university-wide Academic Convocation, while the individual recognition of graduates crossing the stage occurs at the college, GIS, and SOIS ceremonies held Friday and Saturday.

I am delighted to be part of this celebration, as are our faculty and staff. We look forward to seeing you during Commencement Weekend Friday, May 19, and Saturday, May 20.

William W. Destler, Ph.D.
President

Jeremy Haefner, Ph.D.
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dear Commencement Guest:

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Austin McChord, the founder and CEO of the widely acclaimed technology company Datto Inc., is an RIT alumnus who also serves on the university’s Board of Trustees.

McChord, who lives in Norwalk, Conn., graduated from RIT in 2009 with a bachelor of science degree in bioinformatics. He founded Datto, a global provider of Total Data Protection Solutions, in 2007, starting the firm in the basement of his parents’ home.

Over the past four years, Datto has experienced exponential growth, appearing on the coveted Inc. 500 list of fastest growing private companies in 2012, 2013, and 2014.

The Connecticut Technology Council named Datto the Fastest Growing Technology Company in Connecticut for the fifth consecutive year.

In August 2014, Datto opened a branch in downtown Rochester as part of RIT’s START-UP NY, a business opportunity that partners colleges and universities with expanding companies. Datto plans to expand its Rochester operation with more than 200 jobs.

McChord’s business success has earned him several honors and he holds numerous patents. He was named to Forbes 30 Under 30 list in 2015 as a leader in Enterprise Technology, and won the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year New York Award in 2016.
During the commencement ceremonies for each college, the Golisano Institute for Sustainability, and the School of Individualized Study, each graduate is personally introduced and recognized. There is no limit to the number of guests who may attend, and tickets are not needed. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Ceremonies generally run from two to two and one-half hours. For more information, visit rit.edu/commencement.

Visit rit.edu/commencement for further information and reception menus.

Office of Graduate Education—Graduate Reception
3-4 p.m., University Services Center, Room 3200. Reception for graduate students, their guests, and advisers. Remarks from the dean of Graduate Education.

Diagnostic Medical Sonography Pinning (invitation only)
Ceremony—3-4:30 p.m., Ingle Auditorium, Student Alumni Union
Reception—4:30-6 p.m., Davis Room, Student Alumni Union

Honors Program Reception
3-4:30 p.m., University Gallery, Booth Hall

Class Toast
4:30-6 p.m., Gene Polisseni Center. Hosted by Alumni Relations for all undergraduate and graduate candidates for degrees; brief remarks.

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NATIONAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF (NTID)
Reception—9-11 a.m., Dyer Arts Center, Lyndon Baines Johnson Hall
Ceremony—3:30 p.m., Gene Polisseni Center

College of Liberal Arts School of Communication Reception
9-11 a.m., Bamboo Rooms, Campus Life Center

ACADEMIC CONVOCATION
12 p.m., Gordon Field House and Activities Center

Alumni Relations Welcome Center
2-6 p.m., 1010/1015 Campus Center. Hosted by Alumni Relations, complimentary family portraits for graduates with their families.

International Student Services Reception
2-3:30 p.m., Fireside Lounge, Student Alumni Union; brief remarks.

Multicultural Center for Academic Success Send-off Reception
2-3:30 p.m., Mosaic Center, Student Alumni Union

College of Science Research Scholars Ceremony and Reception
3-6 p.m., Room 1250 and the Bruce and Nora James Atrium, Gosnell Hall

Kate Gleason College of Engineering Order of the Engineer
3 p.m., Clark Gymnasium. Students must sign up by April 28.

College of Liberal Arts Psychology Department Reception
2-4 p.m., Room 2309, Eastman Hall

B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences Receptions

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College of Imaging Arts and Sciences—School of Photographic Arts and Sciences Reception  
4-6 p.m., William Harris Gallery, third floor, Gannett Hall

COLLEGE OF APPLIED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (CAST)  
Ceremony—4 p.m., Gordon Field House and Activities Center  
Receptions—All receptions are held from 2-3 p.m. Locations are below.  
Civil Engineering Technology/Environmental Management and Safety  
Davis Room, Student Alumni Center  
Electrical, Computer and Telecommunications Engineering Technology  
University Gallery, Booth Hall  
Hospitality and Tourism Management  
Henry’s, 4125 Eastman Hall  
Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering Technology  
Rooms 2210-2240 and patio, Slaughter Hall  
Packaging Science  
Bamboo Rooms, Campus Center  
Service Systems  
1829 Room, Student Alumni Union

GOLISANO INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABILITY (GIS)  
Ceremony—4:30 p.m., Atrium, Golisano Institute for Sustainability  
Reception—Immediately follows the ceremony

SAUNDERS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS (SCB)  
Ceremony—6:30 p.m., Gene Polisseni Center  
Reception—3-5:30 p.m., Saunders College of Business, lawn in front of Lowenthal Hall

KATE GLEASON COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING (KGCOE)  
Ceremony—7:30 p.m., Atrium, Gordon Field House and Activities Center  
Receptions—All receptions are held from 5-6:30 p.m. Locations below.  
Biomedical Engineering  
University Gallery, Booth Hall  
Chemical Engineering  
First floor lobby, Institute Hall  
Computer Engineering  
Erdle Commons, Gleason Hall  
Electrical, Microelectronic, Microsystems Engineering  
Grace Watson Dining Hall  
Industrial & Systems Engineering, Product Development & Manufacturing Leadership  
Fourth floor, James E. Gleason Hall  
Mechanical Engineering  
Davis Room, Student Alumni Union
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COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
Ceremony—8:30 a.m., Gene Polisseni Center
Reception—10-11:30 a.m., Davis Room, Student Alumni Center

ROTC Air Force Commissioning
Ceremony—8:30 a.m., Ingle Auditorium, Student Alumni Union
Reception—10 a.m., Bamboo Rooms, Campus Life Center

COLLEGE OF IMAGING ARTS AND SCIENCES (CIAS)
Ceremony—9 a.m., Gordon Field House and Activites Center
Receptions—See details below.
School for American Crafts 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
School of Art Radisson Inn, 175 Jefferson Road
School of Design 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Grace Watson Dining Hall
School of Film and Animation (SoFA) 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., SoFA Lobby and Room A050, Gannett Hall
School of Media Sciences 11 a.m.-1 p.m., University Gallery, Booth Hall
School of Photographic Arts and Sciences See Friday, May 19

Alumni Relations Welcome Center
10 a.m.-4 p.m., 1010/1015 Campus Center. Hosted by Alumni Relations, complimentary family portraits for graduates with their families.

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE
Ceremony—11:30 a.m., Gene Polisseni Center
Receptions—All receptions are held from 2-4 p.m. Locations below.
School of Chemistry and Materials Science Rooms 1300/1305, Gosnell Hall
Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science Atrium, Chester F. Carlson Hall
Thomas H. Gosnell School of Life Sciences Bruce and Nora James Atrium, Gosnell Hall
School of Mathematical Sciences Second floor atrium, Gosnell Hall
School of Physics and Astronomy Third floor atrium, Gosnell Hall
Color Science Room 1080, Color Science Hall
**Imported Notes**
(For more detailed information, visit www.rit.edu/commencement.)

**TICKETS AND SEATING**
Tickets are not needed for the Academic Convocation or any of the college ceremonies and there is no limit to the number of guests who may attend the ceremonies. Seating for all ceremonies is on a first-come, first-served basis. Seating at the Academic Convocation is limited; when seating capacity is reached in the Gordon Field House, guests will be directed to overflow seating in the Gene Polisseni Center.

The Academic Convocation and all commencement ceremonies (except GIS) will be streamed live. Please visit rit.edu/commencement for details.

**CAPS AND GOWNS**
Caps and gowns must be worn by all graduating students and may be picked up at Barnes & Noble @ RIT, 100 Park Point Drive, starting Monday, April 24, during normal store hours. There is no charge for the caps and gowns. Students do not need to place an order or be measured in advance. For more information, visit rit.edu/commencement or email regalia@rit.edu.

**INFORMATION**
Information booths will be found at various locations across campus. Look for volunteers wearing yellow ribbons—they will be happy to assist you.

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**Commencement Ceremonies and Receptions (continued)**

**B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences (GCCIS)**
- **Ceremony**—12:30 p.m., Gordon Field House and Activities Center
- **Receptions**—See below and Friday, May 19:
  - Computer Science 9-11 a.m., Atrium, Golisano Hall
  - Software Engineering 3-4 p.m., Rooms 2210-2240 and patio, Slaughter Hall

**School of Individualized Study (SOIS)**
- **Ceremony**—2:30 p.m., Gene Polisseni Center
- **Reception**—3:30-5 p.m., Davis Room, Student Alumni Union

**College of Health Sciences and Technology (CHST)**
- **Physician Assistant Awards and Coating Ceremony**:
  12 p.m., Ingle Auditorium, Student Alumni Union (invitation only)
- **Reception**—All graduates—2:30-4 p.m., front lawn, Lowenthal Building
- **Ceremony**—5 p.m., Gene Polisseni Center

**ROTC Army Commissioning**
- **Ceremony**—5 p.m., Ingle Auditorium, Student Alumni Union
- **Reception**—Immediately follows in the Bamboo Rooms, Campus Center.
DIRECTIONS/PARKING ON CAMPUS
Located at One Lomb Memorial Drive in Rochester, N.Y., RIT is about five miles from the Greater Rochester International Airport and the New York State Thruway.

From the airport: turn right onto Brooks Avenue and keep right onto I-390 South. Take exit 17 and keep right on Scottsville Road. Drive for about 3 miles, and then turn left onto Jefferson Road (Route 252). Proceed east to RIT’s main entrance (on right).

From the NYS Thruway: take exit 46 to I-390 North. Take exit 13 and turn left onto Hylan Drive. Continue north to Jefferson Road (Route 252). Turn left onto Jefferson Road and proceed west about 1.5 miles to the campus (entrance on the left).

As you enter campus, Public Safety personnel will direct you to the parking lots.

SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE
Shuttle service to the Academic Convocation, college ceremonies, and most reception locations will be available Friday, 7:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Shuttles will make continuous loops through parking lots D, E, F, G, H, J, S, and T and will return guests to those parking lots after the ceremonies. Please note your bus stop number and parking lot letter.

ACCESSIBILITY
A limited number of golf carts identified by blue flags will be available at various locations across campus for guests with mobility disabilities. Due to the volume of people exiting the Convocation and each college ceremony, you will not be able to board a golf cart until 15 minutes after each ceremony concludes.

Special Parking/Seating Needs: If you or any member of your family has special needs or uses a wheelchair, contact Parking and Transportation Services (PATS) at 585-475-2074, parking@rit.edu, or complete the form found at rit.edu/ fa/parking. Click on “Forms” then scroll to “2017 Commencement.” Volunteers will be at both ceremony locations to assist with seating needs, but please note that special needs seating is neither reserved nor guaranteed. We recommend that those with special seating needs arrive 2 hours in advance of the Academic Convocation and 90 minutes in advance of the college ceremony they plan to attend. We do not have wheelchairs available on campus. To rent a wheelchair, contact Fonte Surgical Supply at 585-244-4747 or fontesurgical.com or Monroe Wheelchair at 888-546-8595 or monroewheelchair.com.

Walking around campus: Please note that the campus is large and there is considerable walking from shuttle stops to ceremony and reception locations. We encourage
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Guests to wear comfortable shoes. An interactive campus map can be found at maps.rit.edu.

Disabled Parking: Arrangements must be made in advance even if your vehicle already has a state-issued disabled parking permit. Parking lot G is the designated disabled parking lot; however, limited disabled parking will be available in parking lot U. Special parking permits for Commencement Weekend will be mailed through May 12; after May 12, permits must be picked up in the PATS Office in Grace Watson Hall during normal business hours.

Interpreting Services: The Academic Convocation and all college commencement ceremonies will be sign-language interpreted and real-time captioned. Both venues are equipped with FM hearing assistance systems. Receivers will be available at the ticket office in the main lobby of each venue.

Blue Light Call Boxes: Emergency call boxes to report emergencies or to request assistance are indicated by blue lights and are located across campus. Simply open the box and press the red button to be connected to the Public Safety dispatcher.

Lost and Found: If you lose an item while on campus, please call 585-475-2853. The Public Safety dispatcher will take your information and notify you if the item is found.

Spread the Good News
Let your friends and neighbors know about your graduation! We will send a news release announcing your graduation to your hometown newspaper. We will also send you an online story through rit.meritpages.com to share with family and friends as well as post on social media sites.

Food
RIT Dining Services offers a variety of dining experiences. Most dining facilities will be open throughout Commencement Weekend along with concession stands in the Gordon Field House and Activities Center, the Gene Polisseni Center, and Simone Circle. Please visit rit.edu/diningservices for information on food selections and hours of operation.

Barnes & Noble @ RIT College Bookstore
Located at 100 Park Point Drive, the bookstore will be open Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., offering an assortment of RIT-imprinted clothing and gifts as well as books, supplies, computers, and electronics. Generic graduation announcements may be purchased in the gift department or by calling 585-424-6766, ext. 201. Personalized graduation announcements and class rings, including a specially designed RIT class ring, can be ordered from Balfour at balfour.com or by calling 1-877-225-3687. Balfour representatives will be at
B&N@RIT during Commencement Weekend. For more information, visit rit.edu/commencement.

PHOTOGRAPHS
Professional photographers from GradImages will be at each college commencement ceremony to photograph each student crossing the stage. You will be contacted directly by GradImages with information about ordering. For more information and to preregister your email address for proofs, visit gradimages.com/preregistration.

ACADEMIC CONVOCATION AND COLLEGE CEREMONIES DVDs
DVDs may be ordered online at rit.edu/commencement/photos-dvds or by calling 585-475-2516 or at ceremony locations during Commencement Weekend. Ceremony and Academic Convocation DVDs are $26.00 each or can be purchased together for $42.00 (tax and shipping included). Orders received or postmarked by May 24 will be shipped by the end of June. Orders placed after May 24 must be submitted online and will be charged a production fee of $3.00.

RIT ART GALLERYS
- NTID Dyer Arts Center, rit.edu/ntid/dyerarts
- Bevier Gallery, cias.rit.edu/bevier-gallery
- School of Photographic Arts and Sciences (SPAS) William Harris Gallery, cias.rit.edu/spas-gallery
- University Gallery and Vignelli Center for Design Studies, rit.edu/fa/gallery
- Gallery r, galleryr.rit.edu

BUY-A-BRICK—LEAVE A LASTING MEMORY AND SUPPORT RIT SCHOLARSHIPS
Join the more than 1,500 alumni, students, family, and friends who have claimed their own piece of RIT. Bricks can be purchased and engraved to commemorate your time at RIT. To have your brick installed by Commencement Weekend, place your order before April 6. For more information, visit rit.edu/development/giving/ffrit/buyabrick.

ENJOY THE WEEKEND!
Please bring this brochure with you for reference during your visit. Need more information? Visit our website at rit.edu/commencement, email academicaffairs@rit.edu, download the mobile app, or call 585-475-5334. Like us on Facebook at facebook.com/RITCommencement and follow us on Twitter—our hashtag is #RITGrad! You can also recieve real-time updates by texting RITGRAD to 888777.