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COMMENCEMENT

05.11.2018
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Welcome!

On behalf of the Rochester Institute of Technology Board of Trustees and the university community, welcome to Commencement Weekend 2018! 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. Thomas Wheeler, former chair of the Federal Communication Commission, will deliver the 2018 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 11, and Saturday, May 12.

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

Dear Commencement Guest:

David C. Munson, Jr.
President
Tom Wheeler was chairman of the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) from 2013 to 2017. Presently, he is a Visiting Fellow at the Brookings Institution, and the Shorenstein Fellow for Media and Democracy at the Harvard Kennedy School.

For over four decades, Wheeler has been involved with new telecommunications networks and services. At the FCC he led the efforts that resulted in the adoption of Net Neutrality, privacy protections for consumers, and increased cybersecurity, among other policies. His chairmanship has been described as “the most productive Commission in the history of the agency.”

Prior to being appointed Chairman of the FCC by President Obama, Wheeler was Managing Director at Core Capital Partners. He is CEO of the Shiloh Group, a strategy development and private investment company specializing in telecommunications services. He co-founded SmartBrief, the internet’s largest curated information service for vertical markets.

Wheeler has written several books and his commentaries on current events have been published in the New York Times, Washington Post, USA Today, Los Angeles Times, and numerous other leading publications.

He is a proud graduate of The Ohio State University and the recipient of its Alumni Medal. He resides in Washington, D.C.

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**Commencement Speaker**

**Academic Convocation**

**Academic Convocation**

10 a.m., Friday, May 11, 2018

Gordon Field House and Activities Center

The Academic Convocation celebrates the graduates from RIT’s nine colleges, the Golisano Institute for Sustainability (GIS), and the School of Individualized Study (SOIS), and features:

- A procession of the graduates wearing their caps and gowns
- The official conferral of degrees by President Munson
- The 2018 Commencement Address by Thomas Wheeler, former chair of the Federal Communications Commission
- Remarks by the chair, RIT Board of Trustees

All graduates and their guests are invited to the Academic Convocation. Doors will open at 7:30 a.m. Tickets are not required; however, seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Overflow seating will be available in the Gene Polisseni Center. The Academic Convocation will be streamed live.
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 last two to two and one-half hours. For more information, visit rit.edu/commencement.

**THURSDAY, MAY 10**

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

**Diagnostic Medical Sonography Ultrasound Pinning (invitation only)**
- **Ceremony**—10-11:30 a.m., Ingle Auditorium, Student Alumni Union
- **Reception**—11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Fireside Lounge, Student Alumni Union

**Honors Program Reception**
1:30-3 p.m., Davis Room, Student Alumni Union

**Office of Graduate Education—Graduate Reception**
2-4 p.m., Café & Market at Crossroads. Reception for graduate students, their guests, and advisers. Remarks from the dean of Graduate Education.

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

**Physician Assistant Awards & Coating (invitation only)**
- **Ceremony**—4-5:30 p.m., Ingle Auditorium, Student Alumni Union
- **Reception**—5:30-7 p.m., Davis Room, Student Alumni Union
FRIDAY, MAY 11
Visit rit.edu/commencement for further information and reception menus.

ACADEMIC CONVOCATION
10 a.m., Gordon Field House and Activities Center

Alumni Relations Welcome Center
12-5 p.m., Tiger Statue (rain location: 1010/1015 Campus Center).
Hosted by Alumni Relations, complimentary family portraits for graduates with their families.

International Student Services Reception
12-1:30 p.m., Fireside Lounge, Student Alumni Union; brief remarks.

College of Liberal Arts Psychology Department Reception
12-2 p.m., Room 2309, Eastman Hall

College of Liberal Arts School of Communication Reception
1:30-3:30 p.m., Lobby, Eastman Hall

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY (CHST)
Ceremony—1:30 p.m., Gene Polisseni Center
Reception—3-5 p.m., tent, front lawn, Lowenthal Hall

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

College of Science Research Scholars Ceremony and Reception
2-4 p.m., Room 1250 and the Bruce and Nora James Atrium, Gosnell Hall

Kate Gleason College of Engineering Order of the Engineer
2:30 p.m., George H. Clark Gymnasium

B. THOMAS GOLISANO COLLEGE OF COMPUTING AND INFORMATION SCIENCES (GCCIS)
Ceremony—2:30 p.m., Gordon Field House and Activities Center
Receptions—See below.

- Ph.D. Computing and Information Sciences
  12-1:30 p.m., Reading Room, Campus Center

- Computer Science
  12-1:30 p.m., Davis Room, Student Alumni Union

- Computing Security
  12-1:30 p.m., 1829 Room, Student Alumni Union

- Information Sciences and Technologies
  5-6:30 p.m., Atrium, first floor, Golisano Hall

- School of Interactive Games and Media
  12-1:15 p.m., Bamboo Rooms, Campus Center

- Software Engineering
  12-1:30 p.m., Rooms 2210-2240 and patio, Slaughter Hall
GOLISANO INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABILITY (GIS)
Ceremony—3:30 p.m., Galleria, Sustainability Hall
Reception—Immediately follows the ceremony, second floor, Sustainability Hall

SCHOOL OF INDIVIDUALIZED STUDY (SOIS)
Reception—2-3:30 p.m., Grace Watson Dining Hall
Ceremony—4:30 p.m., Gene Polisseni Center

COLLEGE OF APPLIED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (CAST)
Ceremony—6:30 p.m., Gordon Field House and Activities Center
Receptions—All receptions are held from 4-5:30 p.m. Locations are below.

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<td>Henry’s, 4125 Eastman Hall</td>
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<td>Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering Technology</td>
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<td>Service Systems</td>
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NATIONAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF (NTID)
Reception—4:45-6:15 p.m., Dyer Arts Center, Lyndon Baines Johnson Hall
Ceremony—7 p.m., Gene Polisseni Center

SATURDAY, MAY 12
Visit rit.edu/commencement for further information and reception menus.

SAUNDERS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS (SCB)
Ceremony—8:30 a.m., Gene Polisseni Center
Reception—10:30 a.m., Saunders College of Business, front lawn, Lowenthal Hall

KATE GLEASON COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING (KGCOE)
Ceremony—9 a.m., Gordon Field House and Activities Center
Receptions—See below.

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<td>Chemical Engineering</td>
<td>Friday, May 11, 12:30-2 p.m., first floor lobby, Institute Hall</td>
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<td>Computer Engineering</td>
<td>Friday, May 11, 12-2 p.m., Erdle Commons, James Gleason Hall</td>
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<td>Electrical, Microelectronic, Microsystems Engineering</td>
<td>Saturday, May 12, 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m., George H. Clark Gymnasium</td>
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### Industrial & Systems Engineering, Product Development & Manufacturing Leadership
Friday, May 11, 12:30-2 p.m., fourth floor, James Gleason Hall

### COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS (COLA)
**Reception**—10-11 a.m., Davis Room, Student Alumni Union
**Ceremony**—12 p.m., Gene Polisseni Center

### COLLEGE OF IMAGING ARTS AND SCIENCES (CIAS)
**Ceremony**—1 p.m., Gordon Field House and Activities Center
**Receptions**—See below.

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<th>Saturday, May 12, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.</th>
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<td>School of Film and Animation (SoFA)</td>
<td>Saturday, May 12, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.</td>
<td>SoFA Lobby &amp; room A050, Gannett Hall</td>
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<td>School of Media Sciences</td>
<td>Saturday, May 12, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.</td>
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<td>School of Photographic Arts and Sciences</td>
<td>Friday, May 11, 2-4 p.m.</td>
<td>William Harris Gallery, third floor, Gannett Hall</td>
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### COLLEGE OF SCIENCE
**Ceremony**—3 p.m., Gene Polisseni Center
**Receptions**—All receptions are held from 1-2:15 p.m. Locations below.

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<th>School of Chemistry and Materials Science</th>
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<td>Thomas H. Gosnell School of Life Sciences</td>
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<td>School of Mathematical Sciences</td>
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<td>School of Physics and Astronomy</td>
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<td>Color Science</td>
<td>Grum Learning Center, room 1080, Color Science Hall</td>
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**ROTC Air Force Commissioning**
**Ceremony**—5 p.m., **Reception**—6 p.m.
National Warplane Museum, 3489 Big Tree Ln., Geneseo, NY 14454

**ROTC Army Commissioning**
**Ceremony**—6 p.m., Ingle Auditorium, Student Alumni Union
**Reception**—Immediately follows in the Bamboo Rooms, Campus Center
**Important 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 23, 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.

**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 a.m.-9:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Shuttles will make continuous loops through the parking lots and will return guests to those parking lots after the ceremonies. Please note your bus stop number and parking lot letter. Get real-time bus information with the RIT Mobile App or go to m.rit.edu.
**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 or rit.edu/fa/parking/. Click on “Forms” then scroll to “2018 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 guests to wear comfortable shoes.

An interactive campus map can be found at maps.rit.edu.

**Accessible Parking:** Arrangements must be made in advance even if your vehicle already has a disabled parking permit issued by a state. 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 4; after May 4, 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/academicaffairs/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 16 will be shipped by the end of June. Orders placed after May 16 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,
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. For more information, visit rit.edu/development/giving/ffrit/buyabrick.

ENJOY THE WEEKEND!
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 receive real-time updates by texting RITGRAD to 888777.

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