



## **Countdown to Commencement Weekend: 14 Days!**

Hey, grads! It's almost time to walk across the stage. Can you believe it? After many years of hard work, tests, projects and probably an all-nighter or two (!!), the time has come for you and

your guests to celebrate your achievements.

Here is some [need-to-know info](#), as you prepare for the weekend of celebrations:

### **Entering the Facilities**

Each college ceremony will have security checkpoints. To get through security efficiently, carry handbags that can be easily searched, empty your pockets and be prepared to have metal items scanned with a wand. This is for our collective safety. There is no place to leave belongings at the ceremony. Anything you bring needs to stay with you. Your patience is appreciated.

Please remind your guests that campus will be very busy and to plan extra time for parking, getting to the facilities, clearing security and finding seats. Review the [Plan Your Visit](#) section of the Commencement website for more details.

### **Parking & Shuttle Bus Info**

Special Commencement shuttle bus service will be available Friday, 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. and Saturday, 6:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. to transport guests from parking lots to the Academic Convocation, doctoral hooding

ceremony, and college ceremonies. All RIT buses meet ADA regulations for those with mobility needs and can board passengers in wheelchairs. Get up-to-date bus information with the RIT Mobile App and track your bus in real time! Look for “Graduation” within the app to view commencement buses. Visit the [Parking and Shuttles](#) tab on the Commencement website for more information.

### **Guests Needing Assistance Getting Around Campus**

Our campus is large and there is considerable walking involved from all locations to shuttle stops. We encourage you to consider the distances you may have to walk and to wear comfortable shoes. A limited number of golf carts operated by staff will be available to help elderly guests or guests with special needs. Carts can be requested from any of the information booths, ceremony locations, or the main shuttle drop-off at Parking Lot D. Wheelchair users can be seated with family. Please ask an usher inside each location for assistance.

### **Food Available for Purchase During Commencement Weekend**

Yes, RIT Dining Services facilities and concessions stands will be open throughout the day on Friday and Saturday. Hours, location and menu information will be available online at [RIT Dining](#) during the weekend.

Many colleges or departments host commencement receptions that include refreshments, too. Check with the Commencement Liaison from your college to see what events are happening in your college and department or, view the [college receptions and special departmental ceremonies](#).

Be sure to take part in the Grad Week events leading up to graduation, too!

### **Special Ceremonies**

Consider attending the special ceremonies recognizing graduates as you plan for Grad Week. These ceremonial events unite communities in celebration, reflecting on the individual and collective journey of students with similar interests and identities. Special ceremonial events include Rainbow Graduation, Black Graduation, Rain of Blessings, Latinx Graduation, Passing the Torch, and more. [Learn more about Grad Week Ceremonies and Celebrations](#).

### **Grad Week Experience Event Tickets**

It's not too late to purchase tickets for Grad Week festivities sponsored by the [College Activities Board](#) and [Student Alumni Alliance](#)! Graduates can purchase up to two tickets per event, one for themselves and one for a guest 18 or older. Events include Tigers Takeover: Red Wings, Cap-a-

Palooza, Treat Yo Self Tuesday, The Grand Finale: Masquerade, and Tigers Send Off. You can purchase tickets online via credit card. Please note that Tiger Bucks are not accepted for these tickets. [Buy your tickets now.](#)

### **2024 Class Gift Campaign**

Looking to join in on another Grad Week event? Contribute to the [2024 Class Gift Campaign](#) by Saturday, April 27, to receive your invitation to the *You're Impactful! - Class Gift Donor Reception* during Grad Week. Your generous contribution will leave a lasting legacy by supporting future Tigers. Donors will also receive an orange and black philanthropy cord to wear at Commencement. [Make your gift.](#)

### **Commencement Ceremonies are ASL Interpreted and Real-Time Captioned**

All ceremonies are ASL interpreted. All ceremonies are also real-time captioned. All of the ceremonies will also be live-streamed via the RIT Commencement website. The links for the live streams will be available on the day of the event, shortly before the ceremony start time.

### **Picking Up Your Cap and Gown - Mark Your Calendar!**

Plan to pick up your cap and gown at 175 Jefferson Road (the former

Radisson Hotel) on May 7 and 8, 2024 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. each day; and from 11a.m. - 7p.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2024.

ASL Interpreters will be available for assistance at regalia pick up on all three days

from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.- 6 p.m. For regalia questions, please contact Balfour directly at [customer\\_service@buildagrad.com](mailto:customer_service@buildagrad.com) or 1-800-683-4771 (Monday-Friday between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (CST)).

Remember: For the most up-to-date information, or to find previously sent RIT Commencement 2024 emails, visit [rit.edu/commencement](http://rit.edu/commencement), anytime! Please share this website with your family and friends so they have all the current information, too.

We look forward to celebrating with you and your guests, very soon!

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