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COMMENCEMENT

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Welcome

On behalf of the Rochester Institute of Technology Board of Trustees and the university community, welcome to Commencement Weekend 2019! This promises to be an exciting time as we celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates.

Our commencement celebration consists of two types of ceremonies. First, at the Academic Convocation on Friday, the RIT university community will formally recognize 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. We are so pleased to welcome Dr. John Seely Brown, former chief scientist of Xerox Corp. and director of the Xerox Palo Alto Research Center (PARC), as our 2019 Commencement Keynote Speaker. We will hood our Ph.D. candidates, and acknowledge our outstanding teachers and students graduating with honors. We will close the program with a rousing recognition of our graduates collectively by college.

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

David C. Munson, Jr., Ph.D.
President

Dear Commencement Guest:

Commencement is one of the highlights of our academic year. The RIT community is excited about welcoming all of you to the main campus for our commencement celebration on Friday and Saturday, May 10-11.

This brochure contains information that will help you plan your visit to RIT’s main campus. Inside, you’ll find directions and parking information, as well as details about seating, interpreting services, accessibility services, and much more.

Graduation is a wonderful time for all of us to celebrate our students and honor their achievements. I look forward to seeing you during Commencement Weekend and wish you safe travels as you journey to Rochester.

Ellen Granberg, Ph.D.
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
John Seely Brown

Part scientist, part artist, and part strategist, John Seely Brown's views are unique and distinguished by a broad view of the human contexts in which technologies operate and a healthy skepticism about whether or not change always represents genuine progress. A master integrator and instigator of productive friction, Brown explores the whitespace between disciplines and builds bridges between disparate organizations and ideas.

Currently a visiting scholar and advisor to the provost at the University of Southern California, Brown is also the independent co-chairman for Deloitte's Center for the Edge. His research interests include new approaches to learning, digital youth culture, digital media, and the application of technology to accelerate deep learning within and across organizational boundaries.

Formerly the chief scientist of Xerox Corporation and director of the Xerox Palo Alto Research Center (PARC), Brown has published over a hundred papers in scientific journals and nine books. His most recent book is Design Unbound—Designing for Emergence in a White Water World with Ann Pendleton-Jullian. The recipient of 10 honorary doctorate degrees in four fields (science, design, public policy, humane letters), Brown holds a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan.

Academic Convocation

10 a.m., Friday, May 10, 2019
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 2019 Commencement Address by John Seely Brown, Ph.D.
- Remarks by the chair, RIT Board of Trustees
- Remarks by RIT’s undergraduate delegate and graduate delegate

All graduates and their guests are invited to the Academic Convocation. Doors will open at 8 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.

**MONDAY, APRIL 29**

**Rainbow Graduation**
4:30-6:30 p.m., University Gallery, Booth Hall

**THURSDAY, MAY 9**
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

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

**Physician Assistant Awards & Coating** (invitation only)
**Ceremony**—4-6 p.m., Ingle Auditorium, Student Alumni Union
**Reception**—5:30-7 p.m., Davis Room, Student Alumni Union
Class Toast  
4:30-6 p.m., Gene Polisseni Center. Hosted by Alumni Relations for all undergraduate and graduate degree candidates; brief remarks.

FRIDAY, MAY 10
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 portraits for graduates with their families.

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

Multicultural Center for Academic Success Family & Friends Send-Off  
12-2 p.m., MOSAIC Center, Student Alumni Union

College of Liberal Arts Receptions (See also May 11)  
School of Communication  
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Lobby, Eastman Hall  
Department of Psychology  
12-2 p.m., 2309 Eastman Hall

KATE GLEASON COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING RECEIPTIONS  
(See also May 11)  
All receptions are held from 12-2 p.m.; locations are below.

Biomedical Engineering  
University Gallery, Booth Hall

Chemical Engineering  
first floor, Institute Hall

Computer Engineering  
Erdle Commons, 1st floor, James Gleason Hall

Industrial & Systems/  
Product Development &  
Manufacturing Leadership  
fourth floor, James Gleason Hall

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY (CHST)  
Ceremony — 1:30, Gene Polisseni Center  
Reception — 3-5 p.m., tent, front lawn, Lowenthal Hall
KATE GLEASON COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING ORDER OF THE ENGINEER  
2:30 p.m., George H. Clark Gymnasium

COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN (CAD)  
Ceremony—2:30 p.m., Gordon Field House and Activities Center
Receptions—See below.

Schools of Art and American Crafts  
12-1:30 p.m., Dyer Arts Center, Lyndon Baines Johnson Hall

School of Design  
12-1:30 p.m., Grace Watson Dining Hall

School of Film and Animation (SoFA)  
12-1:30 p.m., SoFA Lobby and room A050, Gannett Hall

School of Media Sciences  
12-1:30 p.m., 1829 Room, Student Alumni Union

School of Photographic Arts and Sciences  
4:30-6:30 p.m., William Harris Gallery, Gannett 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—1:30-3 p.m., Davis Room, Student Alumni Union
Ceremony—4:30 p.m., Gene Polisseni Center

B. THOMAS GOLISANO COLLEGE OF COMPUTING AND INFORMATION SCIENCES (GCCIS)  
Ceremony—6 p.m., Gordon Field House and Activities Center
Receptions—See below.

Ph.D. Computing and Information Sciences  
12-2 p.m., McGowan Commons, Engineering Technology Hall

Computer Science  
12:30-2:30 p.m., rooms 2210-2240, Louise Slaughter Hall

Computing Security  
12-2 p.m., Bamboo Rooms, second floor, Campus Center

Information Sciences and Technologies  
1-3 p.m., second floor lounge, B. Thomas Golisano Hall

School of Interactive Games and Media  
12:1-3 p.m., Atrium, first floor, B. Thomas Golisano Hall

Software Engineering  
12:30-2 p.m., Room 1600, Center for Student Innovation
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE (COS)

Ceremony — 7 p.m., Gene Polisseni Center

Reception — All receptions are held from 4:45-6:15 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Locations below.

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A GREAT START DESERVES A SPECTACULAR FINISH.
SATURDAY, MAY 11
Visit rit.edu/commencement for further information and reception menus.

NATIONAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF (NTID)
Ceremony—8:30 a.m., Gene Polisseni Center
Reception—10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Dyer Arts Center, Lyndon Baines Johnson Hall

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY (CET)
Ceremony—9 a.m., Gordon Field House and Activities Center
Receptions—All receptions are held from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

| Civil Engineering Technology, Environmental Management and Safety | Bamboo Rooms, second floor, Campus Center |
| Electrical, Computer, and Telecommunications Engineering Technology | Café & Market at Crossroads |
| School of International Hospitality and Service Innovation | Henry’s, Room 4125, Eastman Hall |
| Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering Technology | Rooms 2210-2240, Louise Slaughter Hall |
| Packaging Science | University Gallery, Booth Hall |
| Service Systems | 1829 Room, Student Alumni Union |

SAUNDERS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS (SCB)
Ceremony—11:30 a.m., Gene Polisseni Center
Reception—1:30-3:30 p.m., front lawn, Lowenthal Hall

KATE GLEASON COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING (KGCOE)
Ceremony—12:30 p.m., Gordon Field House and Activities Center
Receptions—See below and also Friday, May 10

| Electrical, Microelectronic, Microsystems Engineering | 9-11:30 a.m., George H. Clark Gymnasium |
| Mechanical Engineering & Ph.D. in Engineering | 10-11:30 a.m., Grace Watson Dining Hall |

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS (COLA)
Reception—1-2 p.m., Davis Room, Student Alumni Union
Ceremony—3 p.m., Gene Polisseni Center

Air Force ROTC Commissioning
Reception—5 p.m., Ceremony—6 p.m.
National Warplane Museum, 3489 Big Tree Ln, Geneseo, NY 14454

Army ROTC Commissioning
Ceremony—5 p.m., Ingle Auditorium, Student Alumni Union
Reception—Immediately follows ceremony, Bamboo Rooms, Campus Center
WE EXPLORE, ANALYZE, AND TAKE THINGS APART BECAUSE WE BELIEVE WE CAN MAKE THEM BETTER.
**TICKETS AND SEATING**
Tickets are not needed for the Academic Convocation or 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. 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 from the Online Order Pickup window, second floor, Barnes & Noble @ RIT, 100 Park Point Drive, starting Monday, April 22, 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. Options for recycling gowns after each commencement ceremony will be available.

**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 p.m., and Saturday, 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Shuttles meet ADA regulations and can board passengers in wheelchairs. Shuttles will make continuous loops through the parking lots. Please note your parking lot letter when boarding. Get real-time bus
ACCESSIBILITY/SPECIAL PARKING AND SEATING
If you or any member of your family has special seating needs, uses a wheelchair, or needs a disabled parking permit, contact Parking and Transportation Services (PATS) by completing the form found at rit.edu/fa/parking/forms, then scroll to “2019 Commencement.”

Accessible Parking:
Arrangements must be made in advance even if your vehicle has a state-issued disabled parking permit. Parking lot G is the designated disabled parking lot; limited disabled parking will also be available in parking lot U. Special parking permits for Commencement Weekend will be mailed through May 3; after May 3, permits must be picked up in the PATS Office in Grace Watson Hall during normal business hours.

Seating: Please note that special needs seating is neither reserved nor guaranteed. Volunteers at ceremony locations can assist with seating needs. 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.

Golf Carts: A limited number of golf carts identified by blue flags will be available at various locations across campus for elderly guests and guests with mobility disabilities. Please be aware that you may have to wait several minutes for a golf cart immediately prior to and after the Academic Convocation and college ceremonies when demand is at its highest. An interactive campus map can be found at maps.rit.edu.

Interpreting Services and Live Stream: The Academic Convocation and all college commencement ceremonies will be sign-language interpreted and real-time captioned (except GIS). Ceremony venues are equipped with FM hearing assistance systems. Receivers will be available at the ticket office in the lobby of each venue. All ceremonies (except GIS) will be live-streamed.
SAFETY AND SECURITY
To ensure the highest level of safety and security, all persons entering each ceremony location will be subject to security screening, the use of metal detectors, and the inspection of bags. To expedite the screening process, please remove any metal belongings from pockets upon entering the venue and be observant of further directions from signage or security personnel. No weapons (including knives of any kind, style, or purpose) are permitted in ceremony locations.

Call boxes indicated by blue lights are located across the campus. If you need assistance of any type, please open the box and push the red button. You will be immediately connected with an RIT Public Safety dispatcher.

Lost and Found: If you lose an item while on campus, please check the ticket booth in the main lobby of the Gordon Field House and Activities Center and at Guest Services at the Gene Polisseni Center. All items will be taken to Public Safety in Grace Watson Hall at the end of each day. Call 585-475-2853 for assistance. 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 your 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 and the Gene Polisseni Center. Please visit rit.edu/diningservices for food selections and hours of operation.

BARNES & NOBLE @ RIT COLLEGE BOOKSTORE
Located at 100 Park Point Drive, the bookstore will be open Friday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 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/rit or by calling 1-877-225-3687. Balfour representatives will be at B&N@ RIT during Commencement Weekend on Friday from 2-6 p.m. and Saturday, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, visit rit.bncollege.com.

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 & COLLEGE CEREMONIES DVDs
DVDs may be ordered online at rit.edu/academicaffairs/commencement/commencement-dvds, 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).

BUY A BRICK
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/buy-brick.

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 at facebook.com/RITCommencement and follow us on Twitter—our hashtag is #RITGrad! We’ll be displaying tagged photos at the ceremony venues.

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