



Dear graduating students,

You are one week closer to walking across the stage and receiving your RIT diploma! But first, there are a few items on your graduation to-do list. Please review the list below to ensure you are ready for RIT

Commencement Weekend 2026!

RIT Graduation To-do List

▶ **IMPORTANT:** Plan travel arrangements for your out-of-town guests if you haven't done so already. Hotel space may be limited in the area, so book ASAP! [Places to Stay | Visit Rochester](#) has a great list of lodging options and the site also includes information about [fantastic restaurants](#), and fun things to do in our area.

▶ Review the [RIT Commencement Schedule](#) for a complete list of college ceremonies taking place after the **Academic Convocation on Friday, May 8, 2026 at 10 a.m.** in the Gordon Field House and Activities Center. This page also includes a list of college receptions and special departmental ceremonies for you to mingle with faculty and staff. Take note of where you need to be so you can add the events to your personal calendar – and don't forget to share this information with your guests.

▶ Go into the [SIS system](#) to change your permanent address or setup a special one for diploma delivery. This is also where you can edit how your name will appear on your diploma. Complete this task by April 1,

2026 if you want your name to appear in the printed Commencement Book. If needed, view these [SIS screen shots](#) for help navigating the site.

- ▶ Check in with your [Commencement Liaison](#) to ask any college-specific questions about commencement weekend and requirements.
- ▶ Add the [Cap and Gown Pick-up Information](#) to your calendar. For regalia ordering information, go to buildagrad.com/RIT. Order before the end of the day on **Tuesday, Mar 31, 2026**. Be prepared – order your regalia in advance to ensure you receive the gown size you want.
- ▶ [Sign up for individual portraits with GradImages®](#). Portraits will be taken on **Monday, April 13 and Tuesday, April 14 between 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** in the Student Alumni Union | 1829 Room. This is optional, as GradImages® will also be at the commencement ceremonies throughout the weekend to photograph every graduate as they cross the stage. For more information, call GradImages® directly at: (800) 261-2576 (US).
- ▶ Learn more about ordering [diploma frames, class rings, and commencement announcements](#) on the RIT Commencement

Frequently Asked Questions page.

That's it for this week!

Remember, you can submit questions to graduation@rit.edu; and we will include responses to commonly asked questions in future messages. For the most up-to-date information, visit rit.edu/commencement.

Thank you,
The Graduation/Events Team

Make an Impact and Show Your Tiger Pride!

This is optional, but a great way to support RIT and be a part of the fun.
Go, Tigers!

Make your Class Gift!

As a thank you, you will receive an **orange and black philanthropy cord** to wear during Commencement.

