



Celebrating the 2023 Graduates!



Hello graduates!

Over the last few weeks you have received graduation-related messages, mostly on Fridays. This message is about RIT Commencement 2023 celebrations. Please submit any questions you have to graduation@rit.edu and we will include responses to frequently asked questions in future messages. For the most up-to-date information, or to find previously sent RIT Commencement 2023 emails, visit rit.edu/commencement, anytime! Remember to share the website with family and other guests so they also have all the up-to-date information. The website is updated regularly so please check often for the most current information.



Mark your calendars!

As RIT Commencement weekend approaches, the campus comes together to celebrate your outstanding accomplishments.

Campus Life will be supporting several events for Grad Week. While some details are still in the works, you can save these dates:

- **Friday, April 21:** Passing the Torch (11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. in Ingle Auditorium, Student Alumni Union). Passing the Torch is an annual event to honor women and nonbinary students who are graduating. Graduates are asked to leave a piece of advice that will be given to an incoming student at our Lighting the Way ceremony in August. In exchange, graduates will be given a Women and Gender lapel pin to wear at commencement to signify passing the torch to a new class of students! Registration is available here: <https://cglink.me/2d1/r2066521>
- **Monday, May 1:** Rainbow Graduation in Ingle Auditorium, 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Join us for this annual celebration of our LGBTQIA+ graduates and community featuring a cording ceremony, keynote speaker, and celebration party. The event begins in Ingle Auditorium with the graduation ceremony and optional photos, followed by keynote speaker Jack Saddleback. The event then moves to Fireside Lounge for a buffet and rainbow cake. All are welcome. Registration is required. Please register here: <https://cglink.me/2d1/r2072052>.

- **Friday, May 5: GradPalooza** - 6-9 p.m. in Global Village/Fountain Park. Sponsored by CAB (College Activities Board).

The evening includes axe throwing, rock climbing, music, food trucks, and much more! Keep checking the [CAB website](#) for details and to register when it's time.

- **Saturday, May 6: Black Graduation**

Ceremony

- 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Ingle Auditorium, SAU

Reception and Celebration

- 3:00-6:00 - Davis Room, SAU

RSVP <https://cqlink.me/2d1/r2084151>

Sponsored by BACC (Black Awareness Coordinating Committee)

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- **Wednesday, May 10 - The Last Bash:** 5-8 p.m. in the Gene Polisseni Center

This event is sponsored and hosted by RIT University Advancement and it includes fun, food, music, and graduation cap decorating led by the College Activities Board. Along with the fun activities, there will be video messages from several RIT folks and a secret celebrity. The first 1,000 graduating students will receive a pint glass with the Class of

2023 mark and a RIT alumni association lapel pin you can wear during your graduation ceremony. The pin symbolizes you joining the ranks of more than 140,000 alumni across the world. To register, visit tinyurl.com/RITLastBash2023. All questions may be directed to Victor Santiago at victor.santiago@rit.edu.

During Commencement Weekend, May 12-13, individual colleges and program offices across the university will host receptions for you and your guests. The commencement website (www.rit.edu/commencement) will be updated soon with details for these events.

Next week: Commencement 2023 Keepsakes Ordering Info

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