



Hello graduates!

This message includes information about **RIT Commencement College Receptions, Graduate Keepsakes, Updated Cap & Gown Info**, and the **2023 Class Gift Challenge**.

*Remember: please submit graduation-related questions to [graduation@rit.edu](mailto: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](http://rit.edu/commencement), anytime! Please share this website with your family and friends so they too have all the current information.*

## RIT Commencement College Receptions

Throughout Commencement weekend, your college, or degree granting unit, may be holding receptions or special departmental ceremonies. Visit the commencement website ([rit.edu/commencement/schedule](https://rit.edu/commencement/schedule)) for these events, and mark your calendar to attend if they apply to you. Use the sort feature to view events specific to your college. If you would like more information about these special receptions, please contact the Commencement liaison for your college ([rit.edu/commencement/contacts](https://rit.edu/commencement/contacts)). Plan to attend these events if possible. It's a chance to share farewells and best wishes!

## Commencement 2023 Keepsakes & Ordering Information

### **Graduation Photographs**

GradImages® is the official photographer for commencement. GradImages is proud to support one of the biggest moments in a graduate's life: walking across the stage and into the next chapter. With over 40 years of experience, they understand the importance of this moment and the desire to preserve these memories for a lifetime. Your proofs will be ready to view online within 48 hours of the ceremony. In order to notify you when your images are available, GradImages sends emails and paper proofs by mail, along with optional text message notifications. Your information is never shared, and privacy is guaranteed.

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### **Class Rings & Commencement Announcements**

A Balfour Class Ring representative will be at the RIT Campus Store on Wednesday, May 10th from 10-4pm, Thursday, May 11th from 10-4pm and Friday, May 12th from 10-4pm. In addition to Class Rings, generic and custom commencement announcements can also be purchased online at [Balfour](#).

### **Diploma Frames and Dimensions of Certificates and Diplomas**

Officially licensed, RIT diploma frames are available to purchase at the [RIT Campus Store](#) or online from our official vendors [Church Hill Classics](#) and [Framing Success](#). Contact RIT Campus Store at [campusstore@rit.edu](mailto:campusstore@rit.edu).

### **RIT Diploma Dimensions:**

- Certificate, Advanced Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's and Master's degree:  
12" x 10"
- Ph.D.: 11" x 14"

## **Flowers and Commemorative T-shirts**

Flowers and RIT commemorative T-shirts and sweatshirts, with the names of all graduates, will be for sale at both the Gordon Field House and Activities Center and the Gene Polissen Center during Commencement Weekend. These items will not be available after Commencement Weekend. You can [pre-order RIT flowers and shirts](#).

## **RIT Grad Lawn Signs**

Please [download](#) the lawn sign you'd like to use and provide your vendor with the PDF. Class of 2023 signs are available now.

## **Ceremony Digital Downloads**

Digital downloads of each college ceremony and the Academic Convocation are available for purchase. The digital download of the Academic Convocation will include the official conferral of degrees as well as all platform speeches. The digital downloads for each college ceremony will include all platform speeches and the individual recognitions of graduates.

The digital download of the college ceremony and the Academic Convocation are \$20 each. The price includes taxes and fees.

Visit: [www.vimeo.com/ondemand/rit2022](http://www.vimeo.com/ondemand/rit2022) to purchase RIT Academic Convocation and college ceremony digital downloads. Digital downloads will be available on May 31<sup>st</sup>. To receive updates and reminders, please click the “Receive Updates” button on the website.

## Updated Regalia (Cap and Gown) Information

For **Undergraduate** (certificate, associate, bachelor's and **Graduate** (advanced certificate, master's degree candidates):

- There is NO COST for regalia and it is yours to keep!
- You do not have to be measured or place an order.

**Ph.D. Candidates:** RIT has its own, university specific doctoral regalia. These are available for all eligible Ph.D. candidates to rent for their ceremonies. Orders for this regalia are no longer being accepted. Your doctoral hood is a gift from your academic department and is yours to keep. You will receive your hood from your academic department. If you will be working in academia after graduation and will need regalia in the future, you can purchase your regalia. Please contact Balfour Rep [Dorothy.Mohr@balfour.com](mailto:Dorothy.Mohr@balfour.com) for information.

**All graduates** will pick up their regalia on campus at 175 Jefferson Rd. (This is the former Radisson Hotel).

### Here is the Regalia-Pick Up schedule:

- Tues, May 9, 2023: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Wed, May 10, 2023: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Thurs, May 11, 2023: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

RIT Buses stop of 175 Jefferson Road. Board the bus at the stop in F Lot.

### Bus Schedule on May 9 and 10:

- 3 Park Point - 175 Jefferson      7:00:00 AM      6:20:00 PM
- 10 175 Jeff-Perkins-Park Point      6:30:00 PM      7:57:00 PM

### **Bus Schedule on May 11:**

- 17 Summer Campus Shuttle      Full day

### **Other Regalia Arrangements:**

Undergraduate and Graduate (other than Ph.D.) candidates:

If you will not be in Rochester to pick up your regalia on campus, a friend or relative can pick up your regalia for you. They will need to know the following information:

- Your First Name
- Your Last Name
- Your Height
- Your Approximate Weight
- College you are graduating from (e.g. CET, CLA, GCCIS, etc.)
- If you are graduating with Academic Honors
  - Cum Laude is equal to a cumulative GPA of 3.40 or greater (\*)
  - Magna Cum Laude is equal to a cumulative GPA of 3.60 - 3.79 or greater (\*\*)
  - Summa Cum Laude is equal to a cumulative GPA of 3.80 - 4.00 or greater (\*\*\*)
- Type of degree(s) you are receiving:
  - **Undergraduate** (certificate, associate and/or bachelor's)
  - BS/MS degrees

- **Graduate** (advanced certificate and/or master's degree).

Staff members from Balfour's regalia team will be at every ceremony line up in the Gordon Field House and the Gene Polisseni Center to supply undergraduates cap and gown, master's hoods, replace lost tassels, honor cords, etc.

### **NEW INFO: Regalia "Ship to Your Location" Option:**

This option is for graduates who are not planning to attend their ceremony, but would like to have their regalia.

- Your regalia is free, but you will need to pay the shipping fee (\$11.45).
- NOTE: The vendor cannot guarantee delivery to your location in time for the May 12 & 13 ceremonies. If you are attending your graduation ceremony, you must pick up your regalia during the times stated above.
- The [order site](#) will close on Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. No orders can be placed after this date.
- You must use your RIT email address to access the site. Do not use your RIT gmail alias. Use this format [wtp1234@rit.edu](mailto:wtp1234@rit.edu) (not [wtp1234@g.rit.edu](mailto:wtp1234@g.rit.edu).)

### **2023 Class Gift Challenge for Graduating Students**

**Suggested Gift:** \$20.23

**Date:** Deadline to give is Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Location:** Make your gift online at [rit.edu/giving/classgift](https://rit.edu/giving/classgift)

Graduate, it's your year to shine across the big stage. So, why not add to your adornments?

Though your current chapter at RIT may be coming to a close, you can still make an impact on the RIT community and show off your Tiger pride at Commencement.

From now until May 5, 2023, we challenge you, and the rest of the Class of 2023, to make a BIG IMPACT with a gift of \$20.23.

Graduating students who make a gift of that size or more will receive an **ORANGE & BLACK PHILANTHROPY CORD** to wear during Commencement. Philanthropy cords may be picked-up at The Last Bash (May 10, 2023) or from the Alumni Relations Office in the Crossroads building / room 1332 (May 11-12, 2023).

Visit [rit.edu/giving/classgift](https://rit.edu/giving/classgift) to learn more about why you should give, where you can support, and what you will receive in return. If you have any questions, please direct them to Victor Santiago at [victor.santiago@rit.edu](mailto:victor.santiago@rit.edu).