



## Are You Ready to Graduate?

Dear graduating students,

It may seem hard to believe, but in just 28 days, you will be graduating from RIT!

Rest assured, university staff and volunteers are busy preparing for your special weekend to ensure everything goes smoothly for you and your guests!

If you haven't been reading our emails (we forgive you), please visit the [RIT Commencement website](#) for information, and share the info with your family and guests! The [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ) page has detailed information you need.

Here are some highlights:

- **Academic Convocation** is held Friday, May 9, 2025 at 10 a.m. in the Gordon Field House. Graduates begin lining up at 9:00 a.m. [Astro Teller](#), a renowned entrepreneur, engineer, and 'Captain of Moonshots' at X, Alphabet's moonshot factory, will be the keynote speaker. Graduates from ALL colleges and their guests may attend the Academic Convocation. At this event, your degree is officially conferred by President Munson (this is when you move your tassels). **Graduates do not cross the stage or receive their diploma cover at this ceremony.** Participation in the Academic Convocation is not required, but we hope you will join us.
- **Individual College Graduation Ceremony** information, including graduate lineup times and locations, is available at [rit.edu/commencement/schedule](https://rit.edu/commencement/schedule). When you arrive at your ceremony line-up location, staff from your college will show you where to line up and give you a name card, which you will hand to the name reader, as you prepare to walk across the stage.
- Cap and Gowns are required for participation.

**Gown Distribution Event Details:**

Regalia will be distributed at Gene Polisseni Center-Door 3.

Pre-ordered regalia can be picked up any date and time below. **Please note:** *If you did not place an order, you can pick up only on Thursday, May 8th during hours noted below.*

**Here is the regalia pick-up schedule:**

- **Tuesday, May 6, 2025: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.**  
(Interpreters on site from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.)
- **Wednesday, May 7, 2025: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.**  
(Interpreters on site from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.)
- **Thursday, May 8, 2025: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.**  
(Interpreters on site from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.)

For all regalia questions, or if you are a Ph.D. graduate, please contact Balfour directly by phone at 1-800-683-4771 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (CST), Monday-Friday or email [customer\\_service@buildagrad.com](mailto:customer_service@buildagrad.com).

- **Diplomas** are sent approximately 6 - 8 weeks after your graduation. You will receive your diploma in the mail from the Registrar's Office. **Please be sure your mailing address information is correct in SIS.** If needed, you can set up a special diploma mailing address. [Open a ticket](#) with the Office of the Registrar if you need assistance.

**Pro tip:** Before graduation day, tell your guests the name of the college and program from which you are graduating. We love hearing, "she's an engineer" or "he's in computers", but it's better for everyone if they know the name of the college and department/program so we can direct them on the best places to sit at your ceremony, so they can see you walk across the stage!

We will not send an email next Friday, but you can always reach out to us at [graduation@rit.edu](mailto:graduation@rit.edu), or call your [college commencement contact](#) with questions.

In summation, you got this, grad!

Sincerely,  
The RIT Commencement team

Ps. Soon you will [join the RIT alumni family](#). Your relationship with RIT doesn't end when you cross the stage. Join the thousands of proud alumni who volunteer, attend alumni events, take advantage of alumni benefits, and continue to support the areas of RIT that mean the most to them.