



Graduating in May? It's Time to Attend Grad Fair and Order Your Cap & Gown

Dear Class of 2026,

RIT Commencement will be held on May 8-9, 2026. Believe it or not, that's 12 weeks away. But, don't worry! All the information you need will be in these weekly grad emails and online. Our grad emails will start coming to you weekly until May. Each email will be full of important information leading up to Commencement Weekend 2026. If you think you missed one, don't panic - **you can find all of the messages on www.rit.edu/commencement under [FAQs/Info for Grads](#).**

What's Do I Need to Do Next?

Attend the Graduation Fair Next Week

To make it easy for you to get all of the information you need in one place, we worked with the colleges to set up graduation fairs.



Colleges will host graduation fairs on **Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb 17-18, 2026.**

Stop by your college's fair to take pictures with RITchie and get college-specific information about graduation including info about the ceremonies, receptions, and other details about the weekend.

See the schedule below:

2026 Graduation Fair Schedule

College	Date	Time	Location
CAD	Feb 17	11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. New Times: 2:30p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Nebllette Conf Room - GAN 1104
	Feb 18	11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	
SCB	Feb 17	11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	LOW 1225/1235
	Feb 18	11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	

GCCIS	Feb 17	11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	GOL Atrium
	Feb 18	11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	
KGCOE	Feb 17	11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	ENG-2560
	Feb 18	11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	
CET	Feb 17	11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	ENT Hall - McGowan Commons
ALL CHST Students	Feb 17-18	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	CBT, Student Services
CLA	Feb 17	11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	McKenzie Commons
	Feb 18	11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	
COS	Feb 17	12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Gosnell Hall A-level Atrium
	Feb 18	12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	

Order Your Cap & Gown (Regalia)

- It's time to start thinking about what you will wear on graduation day. If you were eligible to graduate at the end of the fall semester, and you haven't done so already, you can order your cap and gown right now. Regalia is FREE. All regalia orders are shipped to RIT for you to pick up the week leading up to Commencement Weekend, unless you pay for the Ship-To-Home option (\$14.50 USD).

- All graduates may now go to www.buildagrad.com/rit to place an order.
 - For questions, please email RIT's regalia vendor Balfour directly at customer_service@buildagrad.com or call 1-800-683-4771 Monday-Friday between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (CST)
 - Ph.D. Rental Orders: Rental gown and cap must be returned to the school following the completion of your ceremony. Ph.D. students will keep the hood and tassel.
 - Find more [details about Cap and Gown](#) on the RIT Commencement website.
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Hot Topic from the Graduation Inbox:

Q. *Are tickets required for Commencement?*

A. No. Tickets are not needed for any of our ceremonies; and there is no limit to the number of guests who can attend. However, for the Academic Convocation on Friday morning, guest seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

That's all for this week!

Remember: Go to www.rit.edu/commencement for all of the latest information. Questions? Check in with your academic advisor, or reach out to your [College Commencement Liaison](#).

For general questions, you can email Graduation@rit.edu, and if we see a theme in questions, we'll add it to the Hot Topics for next week.

Pro-Tip: Add Graduation@rit.edu to your safe senders list, and start a folder if you like to keep everything in one place.

Have a great weekend!

Thank you,

The Graduation/Events Team

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