



## Congratulations Class of 2022!

This is the first of several messages you will receive about Commencement 2022. Look for these emails every Friday. Please submit any questions you have to [graduation@rit.edu](mailto:graduation@rit.edu) and we will include responses in future messages. For the most up-to-date information, check the RIT [commencement website](#), any time!

### First Things First – Apply for Graduation!

- Apply by April 1 to ensure your name appears in the Commencement Book and to get your cap and gown. No exceptions! Best advice – apply for graduation now!

### How do I apply?

- If you are eligible, the Office of the Registrar will send you an email asking you to complete the application for graduation in SIS. To access SIS, visit <http://sis.rit.edu>. In SIS, you can change your permanent address or setup a special one for diploma delivery, as well as edit how your name will appear on the diploma. Helpful SIS screen shots available [here](#). Please contact the [Registrar's Office](#) if you need assistance.

### How do I know if I am eligible?

- If you graduated after fall semester 2021, or plan to complete your degree requirements at the end of spring or summer semester 2022, you are eligible.
- Please check with your academic advisor to confirm your eligibility.

### What if I don't complete my degree requirements until fall 2022 but want to walk in May?

- Students completing in the following fall 2022 may be included in the spring commencement by permission of the dean of their home college or academic unit. Once you have permission from the dean, connect with your advisor for further instructions.

### What else do I need to know or do now?

- Find out the day and time of your college ceremony – check the schedule of events on the [commencement website](#).

- Tickets are not required for any commencement ceremonies – seating is on a first come, first-served basis.
- Tell your family and friends to save the date and encourage them to [make hotel reservations](#) now.
- Check your address in SIS to make sure it is up to date!

#### Where can I get announcements and a class ring?

- Generic and custom announcements and class rings can be purchased online from [Balfour](#).

#### Vaccination Information

Graduates and their guests are required to show proof of vaccination to enter the field house. To expedite the process, current students should be prepared to show their [RIT SpiRIT pass](#) on their mobile device (although the other forms of documentation noted below are acceptable). Please note that the pass must be retrieved on the day of the ceremony (screen shots or printed passes from the RIT SpiRIT site are not acceptable). Guests should be prepared to show their vaccination cards or NYS Excelsior pass along with a photo ID. Electronic cards/screen shots are acceptable (e.g. a picture of a vaccine card or the NYS Excelsior Pass). Moderna, Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson, and vaccinations approved by the World Health Organization (WHO) are accepted vaccines. The Pandemic Planning Group is

closely monitoring the requirements for events and as such, please note that requirements may change. We will inform you of any changes and update the website accordingly.

*Next update: March 25 - More Information about caps and gowns!*

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