Congratulations Class of 2024!

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Important Information for International Students Participating in RIT Commencement 2024 in Rochester

International Students,
Please review this information carefully as you prepare for Commencement 2024.

Save the Date

RIT Commencement Weekend 2024 will be held on Friday & Saturday, May 10 - 11, 2024.

If you would like to invite family or friends to visit you in the US, they will need to apply for B-1/B-2 Visitor Visas. The only exception is if their country of citizenship is listed as a participant in the Visa Waiver Program. If your family or friends need visitor visas, they will need to carefully read the instructions for visitor visa applications. These instructions may be found on the website of the US embassy or consulate where they will apply for the visa. When arriving in the US, most visitors are granted permission to stay for three to six months at a time.

In preparation for their visa application and interview, your family or friends will need to prepare for the following questions:

- **Why they are coming to the US?**

- **What they will be doing here?**

- **Where they are going in the US?**

- **When they will be in the US?**

- **When they will return to their home country?**

- **How they will support themselves while they are in the US?**

A short letter inviting your family member or friend can be helpful in explaining the reason for their visit. This letter should come from you and be addressed to the individual. They may bring it with them to their visa interview, the Port of Entry, or elsewhere as needed. Each visitor should receive a separate letter. You can download a Sample Invitation Letter from the RIT International Student Services website under Visitors.

In addition to sending an invitation letter, we suggest you send your friends or family members an Enrollment Verification Form from the Office of the Registrar. For additional information contact International Student Services: iss@rit.edu

Please read the following carefully:

- **Graduation terms for the 2023 - 2024 Academic Year are: Fall 2023 (2231), Spring 2024 (2235) and Summer 2024 (2238).**
- **Apply for graduation when you receive your invitation from the Student Information System (https://sis.rit.edu). If you don't apply by April 1, 2024, your name will not be included in the RIT Commencement Book.**
- **In SIS, you can indicate how your name should appear on your diploma and update your diploma mailing address.**
- **Meet with your academic advisor to confirm you have met all of the requirements for graduation.**

- **Ceremony schedules are available now on the RIT Commencement website: rit.edu/commencement.**
- **Regalia ordering will be available starting Monday, February 5 through Friday, March 8, 2024. More information about cap and gown (regalia) ordering will be available on the website in April (2024).**
- **Make your hotel reservations as soon as possible.**

If you have questions after reviewing the RIT Commencement website, please email: graduation@rit.edu.

We look forward to celebrating you!

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