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Congratulations, graduate! You're on your way to becoming an alum! Before you walk across the stage, here is some important information you need now for your special weekend. Be sure to pass this information along to your guests and remember to check the RIT Commencement website for the latest information.

**RIT Commencement 2024 will be held on
Friday and Saturday, May 10 - 11, 2024.**

Help Your Guests Plan Their Trip to RIT

What should I do right now?

- Advise your guests to make their travel arrangements.
 - Make your hotel reservations ASAP! Information on places to stay can be found [here](#). There is also information on this site about things to do and places to eat while in Rochester.
 - The closest airport is the [Frederick Douglass Greater Rochester International Airport](#). The airport is about 15 minutes by car from campus.
 - Amtrak stops at the [Louise Slaughter Station](#); the [bus station](#) is right across the street. Both are about 20-25 minutes from campus.
 - The campus address for your GPS or phone is 1 Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, NY 14623.

What is Academic Convocation? Who should attend?

Academic Convocation is for everyone. It includes the following:

- A procession of the graduates wearing their caps and gowns
- The official conferral of degrees by President Munson*
- The address by the 2024 Commencement Speaker
- Remarks by the chair, RIT Board of Trustees
- Remarks by RIT's undergraduate delegate and graduate delegate
- A rousing group recognition and celebration of all of RIT's graduates

*Graduates are NOT individually recognized and do not cross the stage at this ceremony. That occurs at the individual college ceremonies and doctoral hooding ceremony.

[Meet RIT's Academic Convocation keynote speaker >](#)



Alumna and prominent designer Patricia Moore is RIT's Academic Convocation keynote speaker

How early should my guests arrive on campus for Commencement?

- Guests should plan to arrive to campus at least an hour prior to start of a college commencement ceremony, and at least 90 minutes prior to the start of the Academic Convocation. This will allow you and your guests time to park, walk or take a shuttle to the ceremony locations.

What should my guests wear?

- There is no dress code. Some things to note:
 - The Gordon Field House and the Gene Polisseni Center are air-conditioned.
 - There is a lot of walking, so we highly recommend wearing comfortable shoes.

Where can my guests eat during Commencement Weekend?

- Various RIT [dining locations](#) across campus will be open. Please visit rit.edu/fa/diningservices/places-to-eat/hours for hours, locations, and menus.
- RIT colleges host individual ceremonies and in some cases receptions for graduates and their guests. To find out if your college is hosting a reception, visit rit.edu/commencement/schedule. We will be posting this information soon!

As a Reminder – You Need to Apply for Graduation by April 1, 2024.

- If you are eligible, the Office of the Registrar will send you an email asking you to complete the application for graduation in Student Information System (SIS). Access SIS by going to: <http://sis.rit.edu>. In the SIS system, you can change your permanent address or set up a special one for diploma delivery, as well as edit how your name will appear on the diploma. Approximately 10 weeks after graduation, you will receive your diploma in the mail from the Registrar's Office. Please create a ticket with the [Registrar's office](#) if you need assistance.

- Apply by **April 1, 2024** to ensure your name appears in the Commencement Book. No exceptions will be made if you miss the deadline! Our best advice is to apply for graduation as soon as you receive the email from the Registrar.
- If you graduated after fall semester 2023, or plan to complete your degree requirements at the end of spring or summer semester 2024, you are eligible. You can also check with your academic advisor to confirm your eligibility.
- **Check your RIT email account regularly** as that is **PRIMARY** method of communicating the details of the 2024 celebration.

How do I get my Cap and Gown?

All graduates may now go to www.buildagrads.com/rit to place an order for regalia. The site will be open for you to place your order **until March 25, 2024**. For questions, please contact Balfour directly at customer_service@buildagrads.com or 1-800-683-4771 (Monday-Friday between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST).

Regalia is available for pick up in May 2024. You can pick up your cap and gown (at 175 Jefferson Road) on May 7 and 8, 2024 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. each day; and from 11a.m. - 7p.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2024. ASL Interpreters will be available for assistance at regalia pick up on all three days from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

You also have the option to ship your order home for a fee if you want it ahead of time. There is a shipping fee of \$14.50 for this option. **Balfour will ship to U.S. locations only.**

REMEMBER:

Please submit any questions you have to graduation@rit.edu and we will include responses in future messages.

For the most up-to-date information, check rit.edu/commencement, at any time. Please share this website with families and friends so they also have the most up-to-date information. Don't forget to add

graduation@rit.edu to your safe sender list!

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