



**RIT Commencement Weekend  
May 10 - 11, 2024 (Friday and Saturday)**

Congratulations, graduate! You are at the finish line! In just one week, the entire RIT community will come together to celebrate YOU! This is the final email in our series leading

up to Commencement. Please be sure to revisit [all of the messages](#) you have received so far. For the most up-to-date information, visit the [RIT Commencement website](#) anytime.

### **Countdown to Commencement: 1 Week!**



This week's message includes information on what to expect at the ceremonies, as well as information to help you prepare for commencement activities. Please take the time to read it carefully.

### **YOUR RIT COMMENCEMENT CHECKLIST FOR NEXT WEEK:**

- **Pick up your Regalia (Cap & Gown).** Full details are provided below.

- **Prepare your guests** – confirm the day, time and location of your ceremony and any related events with your guests. Plan a place to meet them after the ceremonies. Use your knowledge of campus and the surrounding area to help them plan their visit. Remember that most guests are not familiar with campus. Share the RIT Campus Map with them: [maps.rit.edu](https://maps.rit.edu).
- **Know where you are going** for [line-up, ceremony, and receptions!](#) If you are not sure which ceremony you should attend, check the [List of 2024 Graduates](#). Enter your last name to confirm the day, time, and location of your ceremony.
- **Plan ahead!** Campus will be very busy; and college staff will be helping with the Academic Convocation and the college ceremonies, so get your questions answered early in the week. Look at the weather forecast for the day and dress accordingly.
- **Download the RIT Mobile App** - The RIT mobile app will have specific details on Commencement Weekend, including where ceremonies are taking place, campus dining locations, as well as parking and shuttle information. The app is available for download from [Google Play](#) and the [iTunes App Store](#). A graduation icon will appear a day or 2 before Commencement. Be on the lookout for that!

### **Regalia (Cap & Gown) Reminder**

**All graduates need to pick up their regalia on campus at 175 Jefferson Rd. (This is the former Radisson Hotel) 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.**

**If you are attending your graduation ceremony, you must pick up your regalia during the times stated above.**

For regalia questions, please contact Balfour directly at [customer\\_service@buildagrad.com](mailto:customer_service@buildagrad.com) or 1-800-683-4771 (Monday-Friday between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (CST))

Staff members from Balfour's regalia team will be at every ceremony line up in the Gordon Field House and the Gene Polisseni Center to supply undergraduates cap and gown, master's hoods, replace lost tassels, honor cords, etc.

### **Grad Week Events**

As commencement quickly approaches, it's important to take some time to enjoy the week leading up to your graduation weekend. Here are some [2024 Grad Week events](#) you can enjoy with your fellow soon-to-be-graduates.

### **Join Tigers Connect**

Join the career-focused online community where RIT alumni and students unite to unleash their potential by going to [TigersConnect.rit.edu](https://TigersConnect.rit.edu).

### 2024 Class Gift

Thank you to the already **200+ Class of 2024 Tigers** who have made an impact for their fellow Tigers through the [2024 Class Gift Campaign](#)! It is because of philanthropists as yourselves that this university and all of those here are able to thrive and reach new heights. For those of you who would like to join them and receive an **orange and black philanthropy cord** to wear proudly during Commencement, head over and [make your minimum gift of \\$24.](#)

### On the Day of...

First and foremost: Be sure to eat something for breakfast, so you feel your best! Wear comfortable clothes and shoes, and be prepared for a lot of smiling :)

### Academic Convocation

The 2024 RIT Academic Convocation will be held on Friday, May 10, at 10 a.m. in the Gordon Field House and Activities Center. All graduates should report there at 9 a.m. Wear your caps and gowns. This is your chance to hear from alumna and prominent designer and RIT's Academic Convocation keynote speaker, [Patricia Moore, BS '74](#), a final address from RIT President Munson, and a the opportunity to celebrate your graduation with your classmates, family and friends.

### College Ceremonies

College ceremonies are celebrated throughout each day Friday, May 10, and Saturday,

May 11, 2024. This is where you will cross the stage and hear/see your name called.

**BE ON-TIME FOR LINE-UP.** Staff will be at [line-up locations](#) to give you a card with your name on it, help you with your cap and gown, and answer any last-minute questions.

Faculty marshals will lead you to the stage at the appropriate time during the ceremony. All you really need to do is get to your line-up location on time.

### **Departmental Receptions and Special Events**

Colleges and departments are hosting receptions for graduates and their guests. Check out the [College Receptions & Special Departmental Ceremonies](#) schedule, and plan to attend.

These events are designed for you to connect with your fellow classmates and faculty members one last time. Don't miss this opportunity!

### **Last Chance for Keepsakes**

Class rings, diploma frames, flowers and commemorative t-shirts are available for purchase throughout the weekend. Some items can be pre-ordered. [Learn more >](#)

## **Congratulations, Graduates of the Class of 2024! You Did It!**

This is the final email you will receive from us, so please take a few minutes to review the [RIT Commencement website](#). Being prepared will make the weekend even more enjoyable for you and your guests.

We are so happy for you! See you next week, Tiger!



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