Dear Graduating Students,

We hope you are having a wonderful semester so far. On behalf of the RSPH Office Student Affairs and the RSPH Commencement Committee, we want to provide you with another graduation update. Please read the message below carefully, in its entirety, for important information related to the RSPH Degree Candidate Recognition Ceremony.

All communications and updates related to our ceremony may be found on the RSPH Graduation Website. In summary, this communication will address the following topics:

- RSPH Degree Candidate Recognition Ceremony RSVP and Guest Ticket Update
- Regalia Information
- RSPH Student Speaker Nominations
- Graduate Outcomes and Exit Survey
- Updated Information: Center for Community and Belonging Graduation Ceremonies

**RSVP and Guest Ticket Update**

Thank you for patience as we obtain additional information related to the ceremony, our venue, and guest ticketing. **At this time, we can confirm that each graduate will be guaranteed at least 4 tickets for the RSPH Degree Candidate Recognition Ceremony on Saturday, May 6 at 10:00AM EDT in the Woodruff Physical Education Center.**

Please see below for an anticipated RSVP timeline and additional details:

- **Student RSVP Period:** Monday, February 27 at 9:00AM – Wednesday, March 15 at 11:55PM
  Students will RSVP to confirm their attendance for the RSPH Degree Candidate Recognition Ceremony. After March 15, the RSPH Commencement Committee will determine the **final number of guest tickets** available to each student who submits an RSVP confirming their participation in the ceremony.

- **Guest Ticketing Period:** Monday, March 20 at 9:00AM – Friday, April 7 at 11:55PM
  Students who are confirmed to attend will be able to reserve and claim guest tickets at this time.

The following information will be communicated at a later date:

- RSVP and Guest Ticket Information for the Emory University Commencement Ceremony scheduled for Monday, May 8, 2023.
**Regalia Information**

The Oak Hall Shop for purchasing regalia is now open! You may purchase Master of Public Health Regalia online [here](#) between now and **Wednesday, March 15, 2023**. Regalia purchased online will be shipped to you. Regalia may also be purchased at the Emory University Barnes and Noble Bookstore at a later date; however, the availability of sizes will not be guaranteed.

The **Rollins Environmental Health Action Coalition (REHAC)** will be conducting their annual Regalia Rental Program. Graduating students may rent donated MPH regalia from REHAC. Supplies are limited and students are selected via a lottery process. Please note:

- A $30.00 deposit is required to rent the regalia. You will be expected to return the regalia after graduation upon which your deposit will be returned.
- If you do not return the regalia after graduation, REHAC will keep your $30.00 deposit.
- If you are interested in renting regalia from REHAC, please [sign up HERE (corrected link)](#) by **February 20th at 11:59PM**. Recipients will be chosen randomly and will be notified by the week of February 27th.
- If you choose to purchase a gown, REHAC will be collecting new gown donations after graduation for future classes.

**RSPH Student Speaker Nominations Open**

RSPH is requesting nominations for the RSPH Diploma Ceremony Student Speaker. The Student Speaker will provide remarks on behalf of the graduates. The student will speak for approximately 3-5 minutes to provide the voice of the graduating class and a call to action as future public health leaders. The Student Speaker should meet the following criteria:

- Exhibits leadership in the RSPH Community
- High academic achievement and in good standing
- Strong character and integrity
- Exemplary service to the RSPH or greater public health community

Once nominations are received, finalists will be chosen based on quality and quantity of nominations. All finalists will be notified and will submit a writing sample of their speech. A Student Speaker Committee consisting of graduating students and staff members will review finalists’ de-identified writing samples.

**Please submit your nomination for Student Speaker by Monday, February 20, 2023 at 5:00PM using this link.** Each student is permitted to submit one nomination.

**Graduate Outcomes and Exit Survey – 8 LEAD Points**

The RSPH Office of Student Affairs would like to remind you as you transition from student to alumni, that Career Development services are offered for a lifetime. As part of our efforts to continue to support students and alumni, we need you to help us by completing the **Graduate Outcomes and Exit Survey**. Please log into [RSPH Career Connection](#) to offer an update on your status (e.g. still seeking employment/education, fellowship, continuing education, accepted a job, etc.) and also update your
email under Account Settings to your alumni email to continue using the platform as you continue your Public Health journey. 

You do not need to secure full-time employment to complete the Graduate Outcomes and Exit Survey.

Completion of the Graduate Outcomes and Exit Survey by Friday, April 14 will result in 8 LEAD Points towards the Rollins LEAD Award. For more information about the Rollins LEAD Award, please visit the @rsphengage Instagram page or their Linktree.

Update: Center for Belonging and Community Justice Graduations

The Emory University Center for Belonging and Community Justice will be hosting graduation ceremonies to celebrate the Class of 2023. Please see below for information for each ceremony and RSVP information for each event. Attendance at each ceremony is free and open to all undergraduate and graduate students:

- **Lavender Graduation at the Pride Awards**: An annual ceremony to honor LGBTQIA students and acknowledge their achievements throughout the university. 
  Register here by Friday, February 24, 2023.

- **APIDA Graduation**: A ceremony that celebrates the achievements of graduating members of the APIDA community at Emory. 
  Registration Information to be announced.

- **Modupe Dayo**: An African-themed graduation ceremony celebrating the achievements of Black graduates. The ceremony pays tribute to African ancestors and heritage. 
  Registration Information to be announced.

- **C.A.R.A.S.**: A ceremony that celebrates the achievements of graduating members of the Latinx community at Emory. The event is conducted in Spanish and English, and incorporates cultural food and traditions. 
  Registration Information to be announced.

- **First-Generation Low Income Graduation**: The FLI Graduation celebrates the resilience, integrity, scholarship, and empowerment of students who are among the first-generation of college graduates in their families. 
  Registration Information to be announced.

Thank you very much for your attention to this important message, and please reach out to our team at rsphcommencement@emory.edu if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

RSPH Commencement Committee