Dear Graduating Students,

We hope that you are doing well. Please see below for updates related to the RSPH Diploma Ceremony. All updates will also be posted on the RSPH Graduation Website.

**Reminder: Purchase Masters Regalia by March 12**

The Oak Hall Shop for purchasing regalia is now open. You may purchase regalia online [here](http://example.com) between now and Friday, March 12, 2021. Regalia purchased online will be shipped to you. Regalia may also be purchased at the Emory University Bookstore, in which details will be announced at a later date. Regalia pricing information is attached.

**UPDATES: RSPH Diploma Ceremony**

A gentle reminder that the Rollins School of Public Health Diploma Ceremony will take place in-person on Friday, May 14, 2021 at 9:00AM EST at the Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC).

- **If you have submitted a Degree Application, you are eligible to participate in the Diploma Ceremony.** If you still need to submit a degree application, please submit a [paper degree application](mailto:rsphenrollmentservices@emory.edu) to the RSPH Enrollment Services Offices via rsphenrollmentservices@emory.edu.

- Participation in the RSPH Diploma Ceremony is optional, and the event will also be available via a livestream for all graduates and their loved ones.

- **Each graduate will be allowed up to two guests** at the RSPH Diploma Ceremony. All graduates and guests will be expected to follow health and safety requirements. RSVP information for graduates and guests will be announced at a later date.

*Your health and safety is our first priority. Given ever-changing nature of the coronavirus pandemic, please note that information regarding the RSPH Diploma Ceremony may be subject to change at any point. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility as we consider both in-person and virtual options to celebrate the RSPH Class of 2021.***

**Nominations Open: RSPH Diploma Ceremony Student Speaker**

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
• 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 Friday, March 19th at 5:00PM EST using this link. Each student is permitted to submit one nomination.

**Center for Belonging & Community Justice Graduations & Regalia**

The Emory University Center for Belonging and Community Justice hosts graduation ceremonies that are open to undergraduates and graduate/professional students. Participation in each of these graduation activities is free of charge. Registrants will also be provided with celebratory regalia and other materials related to their respective ceremonies.

• **Graduating Women of Excellence – Wednesday, March 31 at 6:00PM EST:** An annual celebration that recognizes women at Emory who have demonstrated leadership, inclusivity, and a commitment to making Emory a better place for all. **Deadline for nominations and RSVP have passed.**

• **Lavender Graduation at the Pride Awards – Tuesday, March 30 at 6:00PM EST:** An annual ceremony to honor LGBTQIA students and acknowledge their achievements throughout the university. **Deadline or nominations and RSVP have passed.**

• **Modupe Dayo – Friday, May 7 at 6:00PM EST:** An African-themed graduation ceremony celebrating the achievements of Black graduates. The ceremony pays tribute to African ancestors and heritage. **Register here by March 8, 2021.**

• **C.A.R.A.S. – Saturday, May 8 at 6:00PM EST:** 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. Register here by March 8, 2021.**

• **First-Generation Low Income Graduation – Sunday, May 9 at 6:00PM EST:** 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. Register here by March 8, 2021.**
Thank you for your prompt attention to this manner, and please let me know if you have any questions.

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