

*****Please note that this message has been sent to the all-student listserv, but is only applicable to second year students slated to graduate (including Summer 2021 and Fall 2021 Graduates)*****

Dear Graduating Students,

Please see below for your final update regarding the RSPH Degree Candidate Recognition Ceremony. **For all updates & communications related to the RSPH Degree Candidate Recognition Ceremony, please visit the [RSPH Graduation Website](#). Guest instructions be found in the [Friends and Family Page](#).**

This communication addresses the following:

- **Student Speaker**
- **Graduate Checklist and Ceremony Instructions (IMPORTANT)**
- **Graduate Outcomes Survey Information**
- **Blue Tassel Initiative**

Student Speaker

Thank you all for submitting your nominations for this year’s Student Speaker, and congratulations to all who were nominated! This year, we had four finalists that submitted a draft of their speech. A committee consisting of graduating students and staff members reviewed all finalists’ de-identified writing samples. **The 2022 RSPH Degree Candidate Recognition Ceremony Student Speaker is Thomas Dang.**

Graduate Checklist and Ceremony Instructions

To prepare for the RSPH Degree Candidate Recognition Ceremony, please review the checklist below ***carefully, in its entirety***:

RSPH Degree Candidate Recognition Ceremony Saturday, May 7, 2022 Woodruff Physical Education Center Emory University – Atlanta Campus	
Graduate Checklist - Before the Ceremony	
Review Health and Safety Requirements	Emory University requires all faculty, staff, and students to be vaccinated and boosted for COVID-19. Prior to the ceremony, please review the following policies related to COVID-19: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event and Gathering Policy • Visitor Policy • Masking Policy
Pick Up Your Regalia	All graduates may pick up and purchase regalia at the Emory University Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Oxford Rd. If you still need to purchase regalia, the Barnes and Noble Bookstore will have regalia in stock available on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you have any questions about regalia, please contact Heather La Fleur at hlafleu@emory.edu or call 404-727-2731.

<p>Manage Your Guest Tickets by May 4, 2022.</p>	<p>All graduates may access MarchingOrder to Print/E-mail all their guest tickets. To complete this:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Login to MarchingOrder • Click Print/E-mail Tickets • E-mail Tickets to Your Guest for them to print or have on their phone.
<p>Access / Print Your GradPass by May 4, 2022.</p>	<p>All students have received a GradPass to participate in the RSPH Degree Candidate Recognition Ceremony, and must have this printed or on your phone as it is <i>required</i> for entry into the WoodPEC. When you login to MarchingOrder, click “Print GradPass.” Your GradPass will also include your line-up number.</p>
<p>Plan Accordingly and Get a Good Night’s Sleep</p>	<p>Be sure to get a good night’s sleep and hydrate before graduation day. It is recommended that graduates wear flat and/or comfortable shoes for the ceremony.</p>
<p>Logistics – Day of the Ceremony</p>	
<p>Parking Information</p>	<p>All decks at Emory University will be free for all visitors, faculty, and students. Your recommended parking deck is the Peavine Parking Deck, located across the street from the event venue (29 Eagle Row, Atlanta, 30322).</p>
<p>Arrival, Check-In, and Line-Up</p>	<p>Doors Open for Graduates on Saturday, May 7 at 8:45AM EST at the Woodruff Physical Education Center. Graduates must arrive and line up by 9:45AM EST.</p> <p>Line-up will take place on the outdoor track of the Woodruff Physical Education Center. Graduates will enter by the outdoor track entrance (facing the Peavine Parking Deck). There will be marked entrances for Graduates, Guests, and Faculty.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduates must have their GradPass ready to scan at check-in. After checking in, graduates will proceed directly to their line-up area. Light snacks and beverages will be available. • Click here for Guest Check-In and Accessibility Information. Guests may enter the WoodPEC starting at 9:00AM EST.
<p>Details About the Ceremony</p>	<p>The RSPH Degree Candidate Recognition Ceremony will last approximately 120 minutes. Individual recognition for graduates will take place as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When a graduate’s name is called, they will walk across the stage and be given a diploma cover. Names may be called in quick succession to accommodate all graduates. • As a graduate walks across the stage, a slide (with their name, photo, degree, and program) and live footage of the graduate crossing the stage will be displayed on multiple screens. • No guests will be permitted near the stage to take photos. A photographer will capture your moment as you cross the stage,

	as well as after you cross the stage. For more information about photography, please click here.
Ceremony Dismissal	At the conclusion of the RSPH Degree Candidate Recognition Ceremony the stage party and faculty will be dismissed, followed by the graduates. After all graduates have exited the venue, all guests will be dismissed.
Donate Regalia for Future Graduates	<p>Interested in donating your Regalia? The Rollins Environmental Health Action Coalition (REHAC) will be accepting donations of used Regalia on May 7, 2022 after the ceremony has concluded. Look for the REHAC tables on the outdoor track in WoodPEC.</p> <p>If you're interested in donating regalia but would like to donate later in the month of May, email Marisa Wong (marisa.wong@emory.edu) to further coordinate.</p>

RSPH Graduate Outcomes Survey Information

The Office of Career Development would like to remind you as you transition from student to alumni that 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 Survey. Please log [into RSPH Career Connection](#) to provide a Post-Graduate status and also update your email under Account Settings to your [alumni email](#) to continue using the platform as you continue your Public Health journey.

Blue Tassel Initiative

Calling all members of the Class of 2022: there's still time to earn your blue tassel! Show your commitment to service and leadership by making a gift of \$5 or more to any fund at Rollins, and you will earn a special commemorative blue tassel. Make your gift by Friday, May 6th to receive your tassel in time for Commencement. Give [here](#). Thank you for supporting the future of public health!

Thank you very much for your prompt attention to this e-mail, and we look forward to celebrating you on graduation day! Congratulations on your accomplishments at the Rollins School of Public Health.

Sincerely,

RSPH Commencement Team