Dear Graduating Students,

Welcome back to Rollins, and congratulations on beginning your final semester! As a gentle reminder, the Office of Admission & Student Services will be sending periodic updates for the RSPH Diploma Ceremony throughout the semester. All updates will also be posted on the RSPH Graduation Website.

**Reminder: RSPH Diploma Ceremony**

Please **SAVE THE DATE** for the Rollins School of Public Health Degree Candidate Recognition Ceremony, which we plan to take place in-person on **Saturday, May 7th at 10:00AM EST at the Woodruff Physical Education Center**, located on Emory’s Atlanta Campus.

The Degree Candidate Recognition Ceremony is a school-specific ceremony designed for RSPH Graduates, and the event will follow the latest guidance from local, state, and federal public health agencies. A livestream option will also be available. Please note that participation in the RSPH Diploma Ceremony is **optional**.

**Participants must meet the following requirements to participate in the ceremony:**

- Students who have completed **all degree requirements** in Summer 2021, Fall 2021, or Spring 2022 are eligible to participate.
- Students who have completed **all required coursework**, but are enrolled in a graduate-in-residence semester to complete outstanding requirements for thesis and/or Applied Practice Experience are also eligible to participate. These students will have an IP (In Progress) grade posted for APE and/or thesis.

As we await additional information related to COVID-19 guidelines for commencement activities, venue capacity, and graduation applications, we do not have a determination as to how many guests are permitted for each student at this time. Additional information related to the event, such as regalia and RSVP Information, will also 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 Degree Candidate Recognition Ceremony may be subject to change at any point.

**Required: Applying for Graduation**

Graduation **Applications** for **Spring 2022 Graduates** are due on **Friday, February 4, 2022**. You will find the online degree application in the Graduation and Commencement tile in OPUS.

- If you anticipate graduating in May 2022 and the Graduation and Commencement tile (see below) is unavailable to you, please contact your ADAP. Your ADAP will confirm your expected graduation date with RSPH Enrollment Services Office. Once that has been confirmed, your expected graduation date will be changed in OPUS. At that time, the link to apply for graduation will be available to you in OPUS within 24 hours of the change.
Dual Degree Students: NEW THIS YEAR – Dual Degree students now have access to submit their degree application online for BOTH degrees.

- If you do not see the option to apply for your MPH/MSPH in the Commencement tile, please contact rsphenrollmentservices@emory.edu.

Students who do not submit an online application by February 4th, must submit a paper degree application to the Enrollment Services Office in the School of Public Health via rsphenrollmentservices@emory.edu.

**Required: Updating Your Diploma Address & Submitting a Name Change**

All diplomas will be mailed to the diploma address indicated on OPUS. Please take the time to review the following information:

- **Diploma Mailing Address:** Be sure to review and, if necessary, update your Diploma Mailing Address in OPUS. This is important for making sure that you receive your diploma in a timely manner.

- **Diploma Email Address:** Be sure to navigate to your email addresses and ensure we have a non-Emory email address for you by adding a “Diploma” Email Address.

- Be sure to review your name in OPUS. **Your name as it appears in OPUS will be the name printed on your diploma.** The deadline to submit a name change form is February 28, 2022.

**Center for Community & Belonging Graduations**

The Emory University Center for Belonging and Community Justice hosts graduation ceremonies that are open to undergraduates and graduate/professional students, including:

- **Graduating Women of Excellence:** An annual celebration that recognizes women at Emory who have demonstrated leadership, inclusivity, and a commitment to making Emory a better place for all. **Nominations have closed for this event.**

- **Lavender Graduation at the Pride Awards:** An annual ceremony to honor LGBTQIA students and acknowledge their achievements throughout the university. **Registration Information to be announced.**
  - Nominate a faculty, staff, or student for the 202 Pride Awards by January 31, 2022 at 5:00PM EST.

- **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 for your prompt attention to this message, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Joanne