Good Afternoon, Graduates!

Commencement is fast approaching, so please read through this carefully to ensure you don’t miss anything important!

**Special Announcements**

**Student Speaker Nominations**
RSPH is requesting nominations for the RSPH Diploma Ceremony Student Speaker. The Student Speaker will provide remarks on behalf of the graduates following the Keynote RSPH Diploma Ceremony Address. The student will speak for approximately three 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

Please submit your nomination [here](#). Each student is permitted to submit one nomination.

**Blue Tassel**
If you make a gift of ANY amount of ANY fund at Rollins, you’ll be able to earn a commemorative Blue Tassel for graduation. The Office of Alumni and Development will be hosting a gathering at Tin Lizzy’s on April 2 for students to show their commitment to service and leadership. Please see the attached flyers for more information on where to give.

**Commencement Updates**

**RSPH Diploma Ceremony RSVP**
Graduates participating in the Diploma Ceremony are required to RSVP by Monday, April 29. It is mandatory to RSVP in order to participate in the Rollins Diploma Ceremony.

- The RSPH Diploma Ceremony RSVP for students with an active Emory e-mail address can be found by clicking [here](#).
- The RSPH Diploma Ceremony RSVP for students who DO NOT have an active Emory e-mail address (Summer 2018 and Fall 2018 Graduates) can be found by clicking [here](#).

Please Note: *Students must have completed ALL course work and degree requirements to participate in the graduation ceremonies including their thesis and special studies project.*

**Disability Access and Seating**

- If you are attending BOTH the Emory Commencement and the RSPH Diploma Ceremony, you will need to complete the disability access and seating request form. The deadline for requesting disability access seating tickets is Friday, May 3.
- If you are only attending the RSPH Diploma ceremony, please email me directly with any guests that will require disability accommodations.

**Parking**

Please note that the Peavine Parking deck will be the closet deck to the Ceremony and is your recommended parking deck. The Peavine Parking deck is located across the street from the Woodruff Physical Education Center. While all decks will be open and free for families/guests of
graduates, there will be no shuttles that will run between RSPH/Michael Street Parking Deck and the Woodruff Physical Education Center. Please plan accordingly, especially if you have guests with disabilities.

**Regalia (Cap and Gown)**

Regalia from the Barnes and Noble at Emory University must be purchased by **Wednesday, March 20**. The Bookstores does carry and continue to sell student regalia up until graduation, though students should not wait to purchase their attire. Sizes will become limited and even unavailable as Commencement approaches if not ordered in time. If you have any questions regarding regalia, contact the Bookstore by phone at 404-727-2731 or email Heather La Fleur at hlafleu@emory.edu.

- The Bookstore will allow you to purchase partial regalia (e.g. if you have a robe, but you only need a cap and tassel, or you only need a MPH/MSPH hood).

**RSPH Diploma Ceremony Photography**

Village Photographers will take professional pictures of *each and every* graduate as they receive their diplomas and exit the stage at the graduation ceremony.

- **There is no charge for this service and there is no obligation to order.**
- Free proofs will be sent by mail and e-mail about a week after the ceremony.
- To ensure that Village Photographers has the correct address information, please provide your contact information to Village Photographers. You may sign up on-line or contact them by phone or e-mail. Multiple e-mail and mailing addresses may be registered online to allow family and friends to receive a paper proof in the mail and an e-mail with a direct link to the graduate’s photos.
- **To sign-up on line go to:** [www.villagephotographers.com](http://www.villagephotographers.com). Just click the **blue button** that says “Sign up for Graduation Proofs”.

Thanks and congratulations!

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