Good Morning, Graduates!

Commencement is in 10 Days! This communication includes all commencement information that you need to know, so be sure to read through this carefully!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Student Song**
Every year, the graduating class picks a song to recess (or walk out) to after you graduate. Thank you for submitting your nominations! You all will be recessing to *Before I Let Go* by Beyoncé.

**Graduation Gifts**
If you didn't get the chance to pick up your graduation gift from the Office of Advancement and Alumni Engagement, you will have the opportunity to pick it up outside the Rollins School of Public Health on **Monday, May 13th from 12:00-2:00PM**. If you have any additional questions, please contact Michelle James, Senior Director for Alumni Engagement at the Rollins School of Public Health (michelle.james@emory.edu)

**Blue Tassel**
LAST CHANCE! If you make a gift of ANY amount of ANY fund at Rollins, you'll be able to earn a commemorative **Blue Tassel** before graduation. Please see the attached flyers for more information on where to give and email Laura Jurotich at laura.jurotich@emory.edu once you make your gift for instructions on tassel pick up. The Office of Advancement and Alumni Engagement appreciates our students' commitment to service and leadership.

ALL COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

The RSPH Diploma Ceremony Website can be found [HERE](#) and will be updated regularly. All Commencement Communications / Updates are located at the bottom of the “Student Instructions” Page.

**UPDATE YOUR DIPLOMA ADDRESS** *(NEW AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION)*
All diplomas will be mailed to the designated diploma address on OPUS. To designate a diploma address:

- Log into OPUS using your NetID and password
- Click “Profile”
- Click “Addresses” in the left-hand tab
- Click “Add Diploma Address”

*Please note that if you do not specify a diploma address, your diploma will be mailed to your permanent address.*

[**RSPH Diploma Ceremony Logistics**](#)
• Graduates are to line up on the Third Floor of the Woodruff Physical Education Center (WPEC) at 2:45PM on May 13, 2019. When you arrive, you will be on the second floor of the WPEC. Go up one floor and go to the sign that corresponds to your last name. Please note that there will be no line up at RSPH.

• Please remind your family and guests that seating WILL NOT BE available at WPEC until 3:00 p.m. The ceremony will begin promptly at 3:30 p.m.

• Immediately after the ceremony graduates may meet their families and guests on the outdoor track. If it is raining, graduates may meet their families and guests on the second floor of the WPEC.

• There will be no diploma distribution following the ceremony. All diplomas will be mailed to graduates.

Name Pronunciation
On Commencement day, write your name phonetically and as you would like it to be read, on your white name card.

• You will hand your card to Hannah right before you walk across the stage to receive your diploma.

• Please whisper the correct pronunciation to Hannah as you hand her your name card.

Disability Access and Seating (DEADLINE TODAY)
• 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 TODAY. If you are only attending the RSPH Diploma ceremony, please email me directly with any guests that will require disability accommodations.

Parking (UPDATED INFORMATION)
All decks will be open and free for families/guests of graduates. Please plan accordingly, especially if you have guests with disabilities. For parking purposes, it recommended that you arrive 1-1.5 hours before the RSPH Diploma Ceremony. A Parking Guide is attached.

• Your recommended parking deck is the Michael Street Parking Deck. Shuttle service to the back entrance of the WPEC will be available starting at 1:00PM and will be available until 6:00PM.

• You may also park at the Peavine Parking Deck. While this is the closest parking deck to the event venue, please note that there is another diploma ceremony that will not conclude until 2:30PM. Therefore, traffic and parking may be a challenge.

Livestreaming
The RSPH Diploma Ceremony will be livestreamed online on Monday, May 13th. You may access the livestream link HERE.

Regalia (Cap and Gown)
Regalia from the Barnes and Noble at Emory University was to be purchased by Wednesday, March 21. Regalia may still be purchased from the Bookstore; however, sizes are only available on a first-come, first-serve basis. 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.

**REHAC Gown Collection**

The Rollins Environmental Health Action Committee (REHAC) is asking all graduates to consider donating their regalia after the RSPH graduation ceremony. Over the past six years, REHAC has collected used regalia to lend to graduating students for free, which is a win-win for students' budget and conserving resources. REHAC's goal is to collect enough regalia to lend to the entire graduating class each year, free of charge. REHAC will be collecting gowns after commencement at the WPEC.

If you would like to hold on to your gown for a few days, you may drop your gown off in the Office of Admission & Student Services any time before May 31st. The office is open Monday - Friday from 8:00am - 5:00pm.

**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 us 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:**

Just click the blue button that says “Sign up for Graduation Proofs”.

Thank you and CONGRATULATIONS!

Joanne