

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations! We are one week away from celebrating your accomplishments at Commencement. Over 5,200 graduates will participate at Rowan's largest Commencement yet.

Below, please find event and participation details. We encourage you to share the information with your guests.

Rowan University Commencement Ceremony & Celebration on May 4, 2024 at 10 a.m.

The upbeat and lively ceremony includes a message from President Houshmand, a ceremonious conferral of degrees, and addresses from our commencement speaker, Rowan alumnus, author, and legendary investment advisor, Ric Edelman '80, Honorary Degree recipient, Rowan alumnus and transformational business leader, Joseph Cosgrove '00, Distinguished Alumnus, celebrated poet and author, Janet Hamill '67, as well as, some fun surprises. The ceremony is approximately an hour and forty-five minutes.

Following the ceremony, graduates and guests are invited to the celebration on North Campus Drive. Complimentary lunch, great music, photo opportunities, gifts from the Alumni Association, as well as, a beer & wine garden will fill the space. For a map of the celebration, please [click here](#).

Graduates must arrive at Lot O-1 for check-in by 9:00 a.m. All participants are required to wear a cap and gown.

The doors to Richard Wackar Stadium open at 8:30 a.m. Guest tickets are required. We strongly recommend your guests print or save their ticket to their phone before the day of the ceremony. There are no assigned seats. For a full university commencement ceremony map, [click here](#).

Please note, this ceremony takes place on a turf field, we ask all graduates and guests to refrain from wearing stiletto heels or shoes with any type of spikes.

College Commencement Ceremonies, May 6-9, 2024

Twelve commencement ceremonies will be held over four days – Monday, May 6 to Thursday, May 9, 2024. Each ceremony will last approximately one hour and thirty minutes from processional to recessional and will include the stage crossing of each graduate.

Graduates should arrive 45 minutes prior to the ceremony start time at the baseball field for check-in. The entrances to the University Green at Bunce Hall will open 45 minutes prior to each ceremony start time. Tickets are required. We strongly recommend your guests print or save their ticket to their phone before the day of the ceremony. There are no assigned seats. For the college ceremonies map, [click here](#).

After each ceremony, graduates and guests are invited to enjoy complimentary light refreshments – soft pretzels and water ice, as well as photo opportunities in the Celebration Zone just beyond the University Green, between Laurel and Oak Halls.

Live-Stream

All ceremonies are live streamed. To watch in real-time or at a later time, please [click here](#).

Guest Tickets

Digital and printed tickets are accepted at all gated entrances. Only guests with tickets will be permitted inside the gates at Wackar Stadium and the barricades at the University Green at Bunce Hall. If you have not done so already, please [click here](#) to email guest tickets prior to the day of your ceremony.

Please note: many extra ticket distributions included University Green only tickets. These tickets will not be valid if the ceremony moves indoors to Esbjornson Gymnasium, please ensure you send the correct ticket to the correct guest. .

Prohibited Items from the Venues

Signs, noisemakers, horns, whistles, firecrackers, alcohol, illegal substances, or other disruptive devices are not permitted in the venue. Other items may be subject to removal by the University and public safety. All bags are subject to search.

Parking & Shuttles

Complimentary parking and shuttle transportation is available throughout the campus.

For the university commencement ceremony, parking is in Lot A, B, O, D, Edgewood Park Apartments and Chestnut Hall lots. Shuttles will loop through these parking lots to Richard Wackar Stadium. Additional shuttles will loop from Rowan Boulevard / Courtyard by Marriott to the stadium. [Click here](#) to view the map.

For college commencement ceremonies on the University Green at Bunce Hall, recommended parking is in the Townhouse Garage, Lot A, B, C, D, O, Edgewood Park Apartments and Chestnut Hall lots. Shuttles will loop through these parking lots to Lot R, University Green at Bunce Hall. Additional shuttles will loop from Rowan Boulevard / Courtyard by Marriott to Lot R at the University Green at Bunce Hall. [Click here](#) to view the map.

Accessible Parking Pass Requests

Graduates and guests who require accessible parking must submit a request for a permit to parking@rowan.edu by Wednesday, May 1, 2024.

For the university ceremony, Lot C is dedicated to accessible parking and will require a parking permit. For the college ceremonies, Lot P is dedicated to accessible parking and will require a parking permit. **A standard handicap tag alone will not allow you access to either of these lots.**

Flower and Gift Sales

The Commencement Group will offer flowers and gifts for graduates to purchase at the ceremony or you may [click here](#) to browse, pre-purchase and pick up on-site.

Photography

Professional photographers from GradImages will photograph each graduate as they cross the stage, as well as other photos throughout the event. Additionally, there will be several selfie opportunities before and after the program. Be sure to use the #Rowan2024 to be entered to win great prizes. For contact information to Grad Images, please [click here](#).

Yearbook Reservation

The Image Yearbook club is proud to offer graduating seniors the opportunity to receive a free 2024 Rowan yearbook after the university commencement ceremony on May 4. For students not attending the university commencement ceremony, yearbooks will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis throughout commencement week (May 6-9) at the Chamberlain Student Center Information Desk from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Severe Weather

Commencement ceremonies will be held rain or shine. If thunder and lightning force postponement, we have reserved Sunday, May 5 at 3 p.m. for the university commencement ceremony and celebration. All college ceremonies will move indoors to Esbjornson Gymnasium at the same date and time as the originally scheduled ceremony. [Click here](#) to view the status of your ceremony.

Helpful Tips

- Your experience at commencement can include a lot of walking and at times on grass and turf. Please choose suitable footwear. No stiletto heels should be worn on May 4.
- Dress for the weather! The month of May can be tricky for the weather. Be sure to check the forecast and choose the appropriate attire.
- Consider building time into your itinerary to park and take the shuttle to the ceremony location. Graduates are asked to arrive 45 minutes prior to the ceremony. The gates to the Richard Wackar Stadium (Saturday, May 4) open at 8:30 a.m. and 45 minutes prior to each college ceremony at the University Green at Bunce Hall.

Congratulations again, graduate!

We are excited to celebrate your #RowanPROUD moment at Commencement. If you have any questions or need additional information, please email commencement@rowan.edu.

Sincerely,
The 2024 Commencement Planning Team