

******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 2020 and Fall 2020 Graduates)******

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 Diploma Ceremony, which we plan to host in-person on **Friday, May 14, 2021 at 9:00AM EST at the Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC)**.

Participation in the RSPH Diploma Ceremony is optional, and the event will also be available via a livestream for all graduates and their loved ones.

While Emory University has announced plans to designate up to two guests per graduate at university commencement events, guest attendance at the RSPH Diploma Ceremony is **to be determined**. Additional information, such as RSVPs, and health and safety requirements for the event 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 Diploma Ceremony may be subject to change at any point. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility as we consider both in-person and virtual options to celebrate the RSPH Class of 2021.

Applying for Graduation

[Graduation Applications](#) for **Spring 2021 Graduates** are due on **Friday, February 19, 2021**. You will find the online degree application in the Graduation and Commencement tile in OPUS. If you anticipate graduating in May 2021 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. The link to apply in OPUS will close February 19, 2021.

Dual Degree Students: You must submit a degree application to both schools in which you are receiving your degree:

- You will apply in OPUS for the degree of the school in which you are currently enrolled.
- A [paper degree application](#), should be submitted to the other school.

Students who do not submit an online application by February 19th, must submit a [paper degree application](#) to the Enrollment Services Office in the School of Public Health via rsphenrollmentsservices@emory.edu.

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, 2021.**

Purchasing Masters Regalia

The Oak Hall Shop for purchasing regalia is now open. You may purchase regalia online [here](#) **between now and Friday, March 12, 2021.** Regalia purchased online will be shipped to you. Regalia may also be purchased at the Emory University Bookstore, in which details will be announced at a later date. Regalia pricing information is **attached.**

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. [Nominate a student here by February 15, 2021.](#) Self-nominations are welcome. The Center for Women invites women, non-binary, and gender-nonconforming students to be nominated.
- **Lavender Graduation at the Pride Awards:** An annual ceremony to honor LGBTQIA students and acknowledge their achievements throughout the university.
 - [Register here to participate in Lavender Graduation by Friday, February 26, 2021.](#)
 - [Nominate a faculty, staff, or student for the 2021 Pride Awards by Friday, February 12, 2021 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 matter, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Joanne