

*****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,

We hope that you are doing well. Please read the entire message for important updates related to the RSPH Diploma Ceremony. All updates will also be posted on the [RSPH Graduation Website](#).

RSPHs OPEN: RSPH Diploma Ceremony

The Rollins School of Public Health Diploma Ceremony will take place 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.

If you have submitted a degree application, you have received an e-mail from commencement@commencement.emory.edu inviting you to RSVP to the RSPH Diploma Ceremony. Students who plan on attending the RSPH Diploma ceremony are *required* to RSVP to the ceremony by **Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 11:59PM EST**.

- Please log in to the MarchingOrder System to **submit an RSVP for you and your two guests**. Please note that your credentials are unique to you and cannot be shared between other graduates.
- Graduates will be **individually recognized** at the RSPH Diploma Ceremony. Plans for individual recognition include a slide, your name being announced, and asking the graduate to stand from their seat.
 - On the MarchingOrder System, you have the *option* to upload a photo to be displayed on your slide, which will play during the ceremony and will be available online.
 - You will also have the ability to record your name to ensure proper pronunciation during the ceremony.
- You will have the ability to reserve up to **two tickets for guests**.
 - You must provide their contact information for contact tracing purposes.
 - Their names will also appear on guest tickets, and will be non-transferrable.
 - Guests will receive their tickets via e-mail.
- Graduates will receive their ticket, known as a **GradPass**, closer to the date of the ceremony.
- **Your health and safety is our top priority**. All graduates and guests that plan on participating in the ceremony are required to follow COVID-19 Protocols outlined on the [Commencement Website](#) and in the RSVP Form.

RSPH Cap & Gown Portraits: May 3, 2021 – May 4, 2021

The Rollins School of Public Health and Village Photographers will be offering cap and gown portraits to all graduates on **Monday, May 3, 2021 and Tuesday, May 4, 2021 from 9:00AM – 5:00PM EST** in the **Rollins Café**.

Students can sign up for a photography appointment [here](#).

- Participating in RSPH Cap & Gown Portraits is optional, with no pressure or obligation to purchase photos.
- Students must bring their own regalia for the photography session.
- Students must have completed all [onboarding and weekly testing requirements](#) prior to their scheduled appointment.
- Students must abide by all health and safety protocol outlined by the [Emory Community Compact](#).

Center for Belonging & Community Justice Graduations & Regalia

The [Emory University Center for Belonging and Community Justice](#) hosts graduation ceremonies that are open to undergraduates and graduate/professional students. Participation in each of these graduation activities is free of charge. Registrants will also be provided with celebratory regalia and other materials related to their respective ceremonies.

- **APID/A Graduation Ceremony – Saturday, May 8th at 4:00PM EST:** A graduation ceremony to honor Asian, Pacific Islander, and Desi/American students. [Please RSVP by March 26th](#).
- **The deadline for nominations and RSVP have passed for the following ceremonies:**
 - Graduating Women of Excellence – Wednesday, March 31 at 6:00PM EST
 - Lavender Graduation at the Pride Awards – Tuesday, March 30 at 6:00PM EST
 - Modupe Dayo – Friday, May 7 at 6:00PM EST
 - C.A.R.A.S. – Saturday, May 8 at 6:00PM EST
 - First-Generation Low Income Graduation – Sunday, May 9 at 6:00PM EST

Thank you very much, and congratulations again!

Sincerely,

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