******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 2022 and Fall 2022 Graduates)******

Dear Graduating Students,

Welcome back to Rollins, and congratulations on beginning your final semester! As a gentle reminder, the RSPH Office of Student Affairs will be sending periodic updates for the RSPH Degree Candidate Recognition Ceremony throughout the semester. All updates will also be posted on the RSPH Graduation Website.

Summary:

- ✓ Save the Date for the RSPH Degree Candidate Recognition Ceremony
- ✓ Action Item: Apply for Graduation by February 3rd
- ✓ Action Item: Update Your Diploma Address (required) & Submit a Name Change (if applicable) by February 28th
- ✓ Read about Emory Campus Life – Community & Belonging Graduations

Reminder: RSPH Degree Candidate Recognition Ceremony

Please **SAVE THE DATE** for the Rollins School of Public Health Degree Candidate Recognition Ceremony, which we plan to take place on **Saturday, May 6th at 10:00AM EST at the Woodruff Physical Education Center**, located on Emory's Atlanta Campus.

The Degree Candidate Recognition Ceremony is a school-specific ceremony designed for RSPH Graduates, and the event will follow the latest guidance from local, state, and federal public health agencies. A livestream option will also be available. Please note that participation in the RSPH Diploma Ceremony is **optional**.

Participants must meet the following requirements to participate in the ceremony:

- Students who have completed all degree requirements in Summer 2022, Fall 2022, or Spring 2023 are eligible to participate.
- Students who have completed all required coursework, but are enrolled in a graduate-in-residence semester to complete outstanding requirements for thesis and/or Applied Practice Experience are also eligible to participate. These students will have an IP (In Progress) grade posted for APE and/or thesis.
- For a list of Frequently Asked Questions regarding eligibility to participate in the RSPH Degree Candidate Recognition Ceremony, please click here.

As the RSPH Commencement Committee reviews venue capacity requirements, additional information related to student and guest ticketing, will be announced at a later date.

Required: Applying for Graduation

Graduation Applications for **Spring 2023 Graduates** are due on **Friday, February 3, 2023**. You will find the online degree application in the Graduation and Commencement tile in OPUS.

- If you anticipate graduating in May 2023 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.

Dual Degree Students: Dual Degree students now have access to submit their degree application online for BOTH degrees.

- If you do not see the option to apply for your MPH/MSPH in the Commencement tile, please contact rsphenrollmentservices@emory.edu .

Students who do not submit an online application by February 3rd, must submit a paper degree application to RSPH Enrollment Services via rsphenrollmentservices@emory.edu.

Required: 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, 2023**.

Center for Community & Belonging Graduations

Emory University Campus Life hosts Community & Belonging 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. ***Nominations have closed for this event.***

- **Lavender Graduation at the Pride Awards:** An annual ceremony to honor LGBTQIA students and acknowledge their achievements throughout the university. ***Registration Information to be announced.***
    - **Nominate a faculty, staff, or student for the 2023 Pride Awards by January 27, 2023.**

- **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 message, and please let our team know if you have any questions.

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