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For Undergraduate Students

All undergraduate students who will satisfy degree requirements by May or August 2022 and those who completed their degrees in December 2021 are invited to participate in Commencement. You must complete the Application for Graduation form included in this packet and return it to the Registrar’s Office in 111 Bray Hall by Friday, April 8. If you do not meet this deadline, your name will not appear in the ESF Commencement program.

Annual Spring Awards Banquet

Will be held on Saturday, April 9 from 5:30 p.m. to midnight at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo. This semi-formal dinner dance recognizes the scholarship, service, and contributions of ESF students.

Pictures Requested

Do you have pictures of you and your friends from freshman year? What about a hike you did? Get out those albums, phones, folders, and start digging!

Send any/all photos to your Coordinator of Graduating Activities, Julia Rushton at jmrushto@syr.edu

For Graduate Students

In addition to Commencement, master’s and doctoral students, and their families and friends, are invited to attend the Higher Degree Ceremony and Reception on Friday, May 6, at 4:30 p.m. in the Gateway Center. Cap and gown are required. Master’s and Ph.D. recipients will be individually recognized by their major professor and will receive a commemorative gift. Doctoral students will also receive the gift of the hood and will be hooded at the Higher Degree Ceremony on Friday evening.

Please RSVP by Friday, April 8 at https://forms.gle/HR8yAAWubmYbRtk89.

For Parents, Families, & Guests

Hotel & Restaurant Information

Visit visitsyracuse.org for links to hotels, B&Bs and restaurants in the area. Rooms may also be available in neighboring towns such as Auburn, Utica, or Cortland.

Guests Who Are Hearing Impaired

Arrangements are made to provide Closed Captioning at the ESF Commencement on Saturday, May 7. Seating locations for hearing impaired guests will be posted. For additional information, please call (315) 470-6660.

Guests With Limited Mobility

The SRC Arena and Events Center has wheelchair accessible doors on the lower level, and space where guests in wheelchairs can comfortably view the ceremony. Guests in wheelchairs or those who need assistance should enter the SRC Arena from Lot 14, directly behind the arena.

Directions From the ESF Campus Gate

Turn left onto East Raynor Avenue, then take a right onto Fineview Place. Take a sharp right onto Renwick Avenue. Continue onto East Castle Street, then turn left onto South Salina Street. Take Salina Street for 2.3 miles to Rt. 173/ West Seneca Turnpike and turn right. Continue on Rt. 173 for 1.8 miles to intersection of Rt. 175. Bear left onto Rt. 175. Continue on Rt. 175 for 0.8 miles to second traffic light. Turn right at the College entrance.

SRC Arena and Events Center

4585 West Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse, NY 13215
srcarena.com or (315) 498-2622

Parking will be available for Commencement in lots 12, 13, 14, and 15 free of charge.
Pre-Commencement Info

Regalia (available now to order)
All students who participate in May Commencement are required to wear a cap and gown. You can obtain these through the Syracuse University Bookstore, (315) 443-9900, in the Schine Student Center. You must place your order online at syrcampusstore.com/graduation/regalia. There are costs associated with regalia as listed below:
- Bachelor’s recycled keeper cap and gown — $46
- Master’s recycled keeper cap and gown — $46
- Master’s recycled keeper hood — $36
- Ph.D. cap and gown rental — $46.95
- Ph.D. hood– A gift from ESF (No charge)

Regalia can be picked up from the SU Bookstore (third floor reception area). Ph.D.s must return their rental gowns to the Bookstore third floor reception area by May 9.

Parking
Parking will be available to guests during the ESF Commencement Weekend in all available campus lots, including our auxiliary lot (P22). No parking permits will be needed. If you or a member of your family is in need of handicapped parking facilities, there are designated spots located throughout ESF’s campus.

Applications
Undergraduate students must return the yellow Application for Graduation form to the Registrar’s Office, 111 Bray Hall by Friday, April 8.

Graduate students must RSVP by Friday, April 8 to the Graduate Office at the following link: https://forms.gle/HR8yAAWubmYbRtk89

Commencement Dates

Monday, May 2
3:30 p.m. Inclusive Excellence Graduation Reception, Gateway Center
This is a celebration to honor our traditionally marginalized groups (undergraduates and graduates): Students of Color, Diversity Graduate Fellows, International Students, EOP Students, LGBTQIA+ Students, Students with Disabilities, Veterans, Students of Interfaith and Non-Faith Traditions, Women, and ESF in the High School.
This program is sponsored by the Office of Inclusion, Diversity and Equity; the Office of International Education; Educational Opportunity Program (EOP); Division of Student Affairs; Open Academy; Office of Alumni Relations; and the ESF Women’s Caucus.

Wednesday, May 4
3:00 p.m. ESF Commencement rehearsal, Gateway Center.
The ESF Alumni Association will host a Champagne Toast in the Gateway Center immediately following rehearsal.

Friday, May 6
4:30 p.m. Higher Degree Reception and Ceremony, recognition of Master’s and Doctoral candidates, Gateway Center

I am Graduating – Now What?
Need help with job search techniques, resume writing, interview skills, and employer contacts? Have you established contacts to obtain references? There is a way to maintain contact with ESF and to look for employment opportunities.
Stop by Career Services in 105 Bray Hall to learn about available resources.