Please turn off all cell phones and noise producing electronic devices before the ceremony.

Only candidates wearing Academic Regalia will be eligible to process.

Overview

• Please find your location in the marshalling area no later than 9:30 a.m. for the prompt start of the convocation.

• Follow the directions of the marshals during the processional.

• At the appropriate time, you will be directed by the marshals to move to the stage to have your name called, be hooded, and be greeted by Dean Kukor and the academic dean associated with your discipline.

• As you approach the stage, have your name and photography cards ready in your right hand and your diploma in your left hand.

• Place the hood over your right arm with the neck portion on the inside and the velvet trim toward your hand. Make certain that the strap across the back of your hood is not buttoned.

• Present the photography card to the staff member collecting it near the stage.

• Present your name card to the marshal at the top of the stairs.

• Move directly toward center stage to be hooded and shake hands.
  o As you approach the hooding area, extend your arm. Do not attempt to assist the hooder by handing him/her the hood. After the hood has been lifted from your arm, turn and face the audience.

• The hood will be placed over your head. As soon as the hood is in position, continue across the stage and shake hands with Dean Kukor. Continue to move across the stage to receive congratulations from the appropriate academic dean. Please wait until you are offstage to shake hands with, or hug, your advisor.

• Exit the stage using the ramp at the opposite side of the stage.

• After leaving the stage, return to your seat.

• At the conclusion of the Convocation, please remain in your seats until the platform party and marshals exit. There will not be a formal recessional for graduates.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Graduate School-New Brunswick and the entire Rutgers community are extremely proud to share this very special day with you, your family, and friends.