

LET'S CELEBRATE!

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation!

The 2020 Upstate Medical University Commencement Ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2020 and we are already busy planning the weekend's festivities. We hope the information contained in this brochure proves helpful as you anticipate this very special occasion. While the 2020 Ceremony will again be a combined Commencement for all Upstate graduates, each College will hold its own Dean's Commencement Reception with a college-specific program on Saturday, May 2, 2020 at the Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel and Conference Center. The College of Health Professions and College of Nursing will hold their receptions Saturday afternoon while the College of Graduate Studies and College of Medicine will hold their receptions Saturday evening. The Commencement Ceremony will be held Sunday morning at 10:00am in the SRC Arena on the Onondaga Community College Campus, just a brief drive from downtown Syracuse. In order to participate, graduates must wear a cap and gown. Tickets are not required for guests attending the Ceremony.

Hotels

There are several hotels near campus that you may want to contact for reservations. To assist in your planning, we've provided a short list of accommodations. Additional information on lodging is available from the Syracuse Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1-800-234-4797 or online at www.visitsyracuse.org.

Courtyard Syracuse Downtown at Armory Square

300 W. Fayette Street | 1.866.389.5922 | www.marriott.com

Hotel Skyler

601 S. Crouse Avenue | 1.800.365.4663 | www.hotelskyler.com

Jefferson Clinton Hotel

416 South Clinton Street | 315.425.0500
www.jeffersonclintonhotel.com

Marriott Syracuse Downtown

100 East Onondaga Street | 1.888.236.2427
www.marriottsyracusedowntown.com

Scholar Hotel Syracuse

1060 East Genesee Street | 1.800.365.4663
www.scholarsyracuse.com

Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel & Conference Center

801 University Avenue | 1.800.395.2105
www.sheratonsyracuse.com

The Crowne Plaza Syracuse

701 E. Genesee Street, Syracuse | 1.866.305.4134
www.cpsyracuse.com

The Parkview Hotel

713 East Genesee Street | 1.800.365.4663
www.theparkviewhotel.com

CELEBRATING THE
GRADUATING CLASS OF

2020

UPSTATE
MEDICAL UNIVERSITY

Sunday, May 3, 2020 | 10:00am
SRC Arena | OCC Campus

Caps and Gowns

Herff Jones Regalia Online Order Deadline: Friday, March 13, 2020

Students will need to order their academic regalia online at <https://collegegrad.herffjones.com> by March 13, 2020. Find "SUNY Upstate Medical University" in the school drop-down menu and click "continue". If you have questions please contact the Upstate Medical University Bookstore at 315.464.5560 or email 1044mgr@follett.com. **Note:** There is no charge for student academic attire (if ordered before the deadline). Otherwise a late order fee will be charged.

**Caps and gowns are to be returned immediately following the ceremony to the bookstore staff at the SRC Arena. The tassel is yours to keep!*

**Please note: If you are unable to make it to regalia distribution on Thursday or Friday you may send a friend or family member to pick up your cap and gown for you. The bookstore staff will also be at the SRC Arena beginning at 8:30am Sunday morning for day-of-ceremony distribution.*

Hooding Process

Students receiving doctoral (MD, PhD, DPT) degrees will be "hooded" at the commencement ceremony. Typically, students are hooded by their faculty advisor or the faculty marshal of their college. However, doctoral candidates may invite a member of their immediate family to participate in the hooding if the family member holds the same degree. Students wishing to have a family member hood them must submit the Hooding Request Form and be approved by the Office of Campus Activities. Academic attire must be worn by the participating family member and the rental fee is \$87+ tax. Attire must be ordered through the Upstate Bookstore, contact the bookstore by phone at 315.464.5560 or by email at 1044mgr@follett.com. **Deadline is Friday, March 13, 2020.** No late requests/orders will be accepted.

Dean's Commencement Reception

All graduates, families and friends are invited to attend their college-specific Dean's Commencement Reception on Saturday, May 2, 2020 at the Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel and Conference Center. The College of Health Professions and College of Nursing will hold their receptions Saturday afternoon while the College of Graduate Studies and College of Medicine will hold their receptions Saturday evening. A brief congratulatory program will be hosted by the College Dean. Please RSVP your intent to attend the program on your MY UPSTATE page by Monday, April 13, 2020.

Special Accommodations

The SRC Arena is handicap accessible. It is recommended that individuals using wheelchairs arrive early. If needed, we will be happy to make arrangements to have a sign language interpreter at the ceremony. If you expect to have guest who are hearing impaired attend the ceremony, or if you have additional questions regarding special accommodations, please contact the Office of Campus Activities at 315.464.5618 by Friday, March 13, 2020.

Announcements, Class Rings and Diploma Frames

Personalized graduation announcement products can be ordered directly from Balfour (online or by phone). Order by phone: 1.877.BALFOUR (255.3687) or online: www.balfour.com.

Diploma frames & class rings are available to purchase in the Upstate Medical University Bookstore, CAB Lobby.

If you have questions on any of these items please contact the Upstate Medical University Bookstore by phone: 315.464.5560 or by email at 1044mgr@follett.com.

Diplomas

The Registrar's Office orders diplomas for all graduates. Please complete the Commencement Information Form on your MY UPSTATE page to indicate how you want your name on your diploma and where it should be mailed. If you have any questions, please contact the Registrar's Office at 315.464.4604 or by email at registrar@upstate.edu.

Questions and Concerns

Please contact the Office of Campus Activities at 315.464.5618.

Commencement Weekend Festivities

Thursday, April 30 & Friday, May 1

Thursday, April 30
10:00-5:00pm

Friday, May 1
10:00-5:00pm

Cap & Gown Pick Up

If you are unable to pick up your own regalia, you may have someone else do it for you. The bookstore staff will also be at the SRC Arena beginning at 8:30am Sunday morning for day-of-ceremony distribution.

Room 115 CAB

Saturday, May 2

3:30pm - 5:30pm

7:30 - 9:30pm

Dean's Commencement Receptions

College of Health Professions – Regency Ballroom

College of Nursing – Comstock Ballroom

College of Graduate Studies – Comstock Ballroom

College of Medicine – Regency Ballroom

Celebrate with family, friends and graduates – enjoy light refreshments and a cash bar.

Brief congratulatory remarks by dean and invited speakers.

Please RSVP your intent to attend the reception on your MY UPSTATE page by Monday, April 13, 2020.

Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel & Conference Center

Sunday, May 3

10:00am

Commencement Ceremony

Doors open at 9:00am. Student Line up at 9:00am.

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