

# Commencement2021

Saturday, May 1, we will virtually present Rush University's 49<sup>th</sup> Commencement Ceremony. Please join us for the ceremony at **2 PM CST** at [this link](#). This virtual ceremony will be totally unique, on an easy-to-navigate platform that was designed specifically for this celebration.

## Graduates

We are looking forward to celebrating with you! If you are attending the live virtual ceremony, please make sure you have reviewed the instructions for participating in the on-camera segment. Instructions and more can be found in the [Digital Graduation Toolkit](#) on the Portal. Please make sure you are using the Zoom link that corresponds with your degree-granting college. Tech support will be available if you have trouble. Graduates are asked to sign into the proper Zoom link at **2:15 PM CST** in order for the production team to take attendance. You will still be able to view the ceremony on the [commencement platform](#) during this time.

## Leadership, Faculty, Staff, Non-Graduating Students

We are excited to share the commencement ceremony program with you tomorrow. All audience members are encouraged to participate using the chat boxes that are built into [commencement platform](#) throughout the ceremony.

Here are some basic tips to help you navigate the virtual Commencement platform:

- You can access the event website page any time prior to and during the event. Please consider bookmarking the [link](#) ahead of time.
- Graduates, faculty, and all guests will be able to access and enjoy all ceremonies on the Commencement website.
- Once the main stage ceremony concludes, each college will proceed with their own ceremony that includes the calling of each graduate name in that college. College website pages will be open to all so that you can attend any or all college ceremonies that you wish.
- To attend a college ceremony: on the commencement website, click on the image of the college seal to take you to that college's event. Use the back button to return to the main Commencement page. Each ceremony has a chat window so that you can engage with faculty, students and guests through group chat.
- For an optimal viewing experience, we recommend using Chrome, Firefox or Safari browsers. Microsoft Edge and Internet Explorer are not supported.

- If there are any technical issues on the day of Commencement, please feel free to utilize our tech support by clicking on the black & white icon in the bottom, right-hand corner of your screen.

## Social Media

**Tell us how you're celebrating on Saturday!** Whether it's on a Zoom call or a special brunch with your friends, we want to know how you're making the day special. Make sure to use the hashtag #RushGrad2021 and tag @RushUniversity on Twitter and Instagram.

**Use the RushGrad2021 Filters.** On the [Rush University Instagram page](#), swipe the grid to the left to access the filters. Click on the filter to see a sample of it, then click "Try It" to use the filter yourself! You can save the filter to your profile so that you can get to it quickly. A Rush Grad Facebook profile picture frame is also available for all current and past Rush U graduates to use. Just click on your Facebook profile picture, click on "Add Frame," search "Rush," and choose the frame you like best!

**Rush University faculty, staff and students are invited to share their well wishes** with you by using the hashtag and tagging us as well! We'll repost throughout the day but check out the hashtag yourself to see all the messages coming in!

We hope to see you all virtually tomorrow as we graduate Rush University's Class of 2021. If you have questions regarding commencement, please see the [FAQs on our website](#) or email [RU\\_Commencement@rush.edu](mailto:RU_Commencement@rush.edu).

