



2018 Commencement Guidebook

A complete guide for graduates and their families



COMMENCEMENT

Thursday, May 3

2:00 p.m. Doctoral Ceremony

New Student Recreation Center

Sunday, May 6

4:00 p.m. Bachelor and Master Ceremony

David L. Lawrence Convention Center

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General Commencement Information

Commencement is the culmination of your years of hard work at Robert Morris University. You deserve an enjoyable experience, so read this guidebook carefully to ensure that your RMU commencement weekend becomes a source of lasting, happy memories.

The Commencement Ceremonies

Guest seating at both sites is on a first come, first-served basis for both ceremonies. However, please limit the number of guests to six or less. (Please note: Strollers are not permitted inside the arena. A designated stroller parking area will be provided.)

For answers to questions about academic issues, contact Office of the Registrar at 412-397-6230.

Photography

Guests may not approach the stage to take photos or videos while the ceremony is in progress. Handheld cameras and video cameras are permitted in the arena; tripods are not permitted. Please be respectful of other guests when taking photographs or videos.

Professional photographers will take your picture as you receive your diploma on stage. Island Photography (islandphoto.com) will then send you sample proofs via e-mail, and you will have the option of ordering from a variety of enlargements. There is no obligation to purchase.

Parking

Parking so many people in a short time on commencement day is a challenge. Please follow these rules to keep traffic going as smoothly as possible on campus and nearby roads. Please see Commencement Parking Map for more information on parking at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center and at RMU.

[RSVP for Commencement](#)

Master and Undergraduate students are required to rsvp for the commencement ceremony at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. This form also includes the special accommodation seating request.

Special Accommodation Seating

If you are in need of Special Needs Seating, please contact the Office of Student Life at 412-397-6489. Due to time factor, all requests must be picked up in person at the Office of Student Life **before 5pm** on Friday, April 27.

Reservations for Special Accommodations Seating are still being accepted.

However, due to timing, anyone requiring Special Accommodations for family members attending the Doctoral or Master and Undergraduate Ceremony **MUST** contact the Office of Student Life directly - Phone: [412-397-6489](tel:412-397-6489).

Special Accommodation passes **must be picked up** in the Student Life Office by **Friday, May 4 by 12pm.**

Student Life Office
Nicholson Center, 2nd Floor

Class Gift

The class of 2018 continues Robert Morris University's tradition of philanthropy and raising funds for the class gift. This year, the Class of 2018 has elected to support three different funds for different areas of interest.

The Student Emergency Fund allows students access to financial assistance where traditional financial aid fails. The money can be used to help cover expenses in a time of emergency.

The Professional Success Award is a one time \$2,500 award that will benefit students who have the opportunity for an unpaid internship.

The Schroeder International Fund is an award available to students, either international or those studying abroad, to help defray the cost associated with their international studies.

In order to reach our goal, we are seeking 100% participation from the Class of 2018. If you would like to make a gift in honor of your graduation, please visit rmu.edu/classgift or call Institutional Advancement at 412-397-5420



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