Dear August 2017, January 2018, and Prospective May 2018 Graduates of the Camden College of Arts and Sciences and University College–Camden,

Congratulations on your impending graduation! This festive occasion should be one of the highlights of your college experience and this information will ensure that you know how the ceremony will proceed.

The Commencement Ceremony for the Camden College of Arts and Sciences and University College–Camden will be held at the BB&T PAVILION on WEDNESDAY, MAY 16th, at 6 p.m. The ceremony is expected to last approximately two hours. The Center is not climate controlled and may be cool when outside temperatures are below 60 degrees. Please note that there is no rehearsal for commencement.

All graduates are expected to remain until the end of the ceremony. Diplomas will be mailed to your home address within four to six weeks after the ceremony. If you wish to receive it sooner, please visit the Office of the Registrar during normal business hours (Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; closed weekends).

PARKING/DIRECTIONS: Students and guests are encouraged to utilize the NJ Transit River Line. The BB&T Pavilion is directly across from the River Line’s Entertainment Center stop. There is a limited number of parking spots in the BB&T Pavilion lot. Free parking is also available in campus lots or the Camden County Parking Deck. Shuttles will be available. Visit http://www.camden.rutgers.edu/commencement/parking-directions for more information.

TICKETS: Each graduating student is eligible for 8 guest tickets. All guests need a ticket for entry (with the exception of children ages two and under, who must sit on someone’s lap). All tickets are general admission – there are no assigned guest seats. Guests enter through the Walt Whitman Lobby and will be seated beginning at 4:30 p.m. Only graduating students will be allowed to pick up tickets. Students must have photo ID in order to pick up tickets. Rutgers ID cards are preferred, but other forms of photo ID will be accepted.

There will be three opportunities to pick up tickets:
- May 2, 12 p.m. – 6 p.m., Campus Center Lounge
- May 9, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Campus Center Lounge
- May 16, 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Will Call Window at BB&T Pavilion

Students must visit https://rcit.rutgers.edu/apps/tta_2.0 by Wednesday, April 25th, in order to confirm their commencement attendance status and also to request guest tickets. Each student is allowed eight, but can ask for fewer or additional tickets. Students will be notified via email by Monday, April 30th regarding the status of the request.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS: Graduating students and guests who require special assistance such as wheelchair access must register online by Friday, May 4th. Visit https://www.camden.rutgers.edu/commencement/special-accommodations to register and for additional information.

PHOTOGRAPHY: GradImages will be the official photographer for commencement. Your proofs will be ready to view online as soon as 48 hours after the ceremony. If you have any questions after the ceremony about your photos, please contact the GradImages Customer Service Department at 800-261-2576 or giservice@gradimages.net. In order to notify you when your images are available, GradImages sends emails and mails paper proofs, along with optional text message notifications. Your information is never shared and privacy is guaranteed. Pre-registering is simply a way to make sure your contact information is up-to-date with GradImages so they can provide your complimentary proofs as quickly as
possible. Although there's never any obligation to order, you'll save 20% off any order of $50 or more for your participation.

**ACADEMIC PROCESSION:** Degree candidates should report at 4:30 p.m. to the Benjamin Franklin Lobby at the BB&T Pavilion. Marshals will provide complete instructions at that time.

**CANDIDATES WILL PROCESS BY MAJOR.** Bachelor of Sciences degree recipients will process first, followed by Bachelor of Arts’ degree recipients. *Students with two majors process with the major that is alphabetically first, i.e. an English and Psychology major marches with English majors.*

**CONFERRING DEGREE:** Degrees will be conferred by major. Marshals will start and guide each row of graduates to the stage. Here a reader will announce the name of each candidate. Do not advance until your name is read. After you shake hands with members of the administration, switch the tassel of the cap from right to left and return to their original seats. *We ask that you behave courteously toward other graduates. No air horns or any disruptive noisemakers will be permitted. Graduates are also expected to remain for the duration of the ceremony.* Diplomas will be mailed to your home address within four to six weeks after the ceremony.

**ATTIRE:** The dress is the cap, gown and hood; the BA hood is white and the BS hood is gold. The regalia for bachelor’s degree candidates costs $103.50; tassels are $12.00. Regalia may be purchased at the University District Bookstore until May 16th. The bookstore is located at 601 Cooper Street and is open from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday - Thursday, and Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Questions may be directed to the bookstore at 856-968-1200 and sm8006@bncollege.com.

**LATIN HONORS:** Students who qualify for honor cords may purchase cords at the University District Bookstore once final grades are determined. Cords will also be available for purchase prior to the processional line-up at commencement. The requirements for honor cords are 45 credits earned at Rutgers University and a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above. The cost of cords is $15.00. Students must present picture ID at the time of purchase.

**GRADUATION CELEBRATION:** Chancellor Phoebe A. Haddon, the Division of Student Affairs, and the Rutgers University Alumni Association will host a *Graduation Celebration on Monday, May 14th, from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. in the Campus Center.* This exclusive event is for graduating students only. Celebrate with a champagne toast! Register at ralumni.com/camdengradreception2018.

**SENIOR GIVING CAMPAIGN:** Students are able to make a gift of any amount to a variety of Rutgers–Camden funds, and they have the option of writing-in a fund if they so choose. A gift of $25 (or a $5 monthly recurring gift) will be recognized with a philanthropy/donor cord to wear with their regalia during commencement. We will honor all senior donors with an exclusive private reception in May. Lastly, if the Class of 2018 reaches a goal of 200 senior donors, we will have a brick dedicated to the Class of 2018 outside the Rutgers-Camden Alumni House on the Alumni Walk. Visit camdenseniors.rutgers.edu for more information. #ScarletSenior #ScarletForever

**RUTGERS UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:** All Rutgers University graduates are automatically members of the Rutgers University Alumni Association (RUAA), the university-wide organization of more than 461,000 alumni. There are no membership dues to pay and no forms to complete. Visit Ralumni.com for information on programs and benefits and to keep your contact information updated.

*Best wishes as you graduate from Rutgers–Camden. We hope the years you spent with us were enjoyable and that you maintain your connection as an alumnus!*