Dear October 2018, January 2019, and Prospective May 2019 Graduates of the Camden College of Arts and Sciences and University College–Camden,

Congratulations on your impending graduation! This occasion should be one of the highlights of your college experience. The information below 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 22, 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: The BB&T Pavilion has approximately 900 parking spaces that are free to those attending commencement. Free parking is also available in campus lots and the Camden County Parking Deck. Shuttles will be available to take guests from campus to the center. Students and guests may also utilize the NJ Transit River Line. The BB&T Pavilion is directly across from the River Line’s Entertainment Center stop. Visit https://www.camden.rutgers.edu/commencement/parking-directions for more information.

TICKETS: Students will receive the number of tickets they requested on the Diploma Application. Students will receive email communication regarding extra ticket availability. Final allotment assignments will be communicated in early May. 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.

There will be two opportunities to pick up tickets:
- May 9, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m., Campus Center Lounge
- May 15, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Campus Center Lounge

Students enrolled at a partnership campus, such as Atlantic Cape Community College, will pick up their tickets from their campus advisor.

LIVESTREAMING: The ceremony will be livestreamed at https://rcit.rutgers.edu/av-request/live/commencement2019.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS: Information regarding accessibility information for guests with special needs or disabilities may be found at https://www.camden.rutgers.edu/commencement/special-needs. Graduates who have special needs such as mobility restrictions and require special accommodations should contact the Office of Disability Services at 856-225-6442 or disability-services@camden.rutgers.edu.

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.

**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 or more majors will process with the major that they selected on the Diploma Application.

**CONFERRING DEGREE:** Degrees will be conferred by major. Marshals will start and guide each row of graduates to the stage. The commencement 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 cost $103.50; tassels are $12.00. Regalia may be purchased at the University District Bookstore until May 22. 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 20, 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 [https://www.camden.rutgers.edu/commencement/graduate-reception](https://www.camden.rutgers.edu/commencement/graduate-reception).

**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. If the Class of 2019 reaches its goal of 250 senior donors, a brick will be dedicated outside the Rutgers–Camden Alumni House on the Alumni Walk. Visit [camdenseniors.rutgers.edu](http://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](http://ralumni.com) for information on programs and benefits and to keep your contact information updated.

**QUESTIONS?** Send questions or concerns regarding commencement to [artsci.commencement@camden.rutgers.edu](mailto:artsci.commencement@camden.rutgers.edu).