Dear August 2021, January 2022, and Prospective May 2022 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 Faculty of Arts and Sciences-Camden will be held at the WATERFRONT MUSIC PAVILION (WMP) on TUESDAY, MAY 17, at 6:30 p.m. The ceremony is expected to last approximately two and a half 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 available within four to six weeks after the ceremony. You will either receive it via mail or will need to pick it up from the One Stop Student Services Center, depending on which option you chose on the Diploma Application.

**PARKING/DIRECTIONS:** The venue has free parking available to those attending commencement. Lots include: WMP Lot 1 on South Delaware Avenue, WMP Lot 6 at Third and MLK Boulevard, and WMP Lot 33 at 537-549 2nd Street. Students and guests may also utilize the NJ Transit River Line. The WMP is directly across from the River Line’s Entertainment Center stop.

**COVID-19 INFORMATION:** Please be sure to visit the Health and Safety Protocols site of the WMP ([https://livemu.sc/384eOKR](https://livemu.sc/384eOKR)) to check on the most updated requirements regarding COVID-19 regulations.

**TICKETS:** Students will receive up to 7 tickets for commencement. Those who requested less than 7 on their Diploma Application will receive what they requested. 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.

There will be two main opportunities to pick up tickets:
- May 3, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., Campus Center Lounge
- May 10, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m., Campus Center Lounge

For those who cannot pick up tickets at the abovementioned times, there will also be an opportunity to pick up your tickets at the Will Call Window at the WMP on May 17, from 1 p.m. – 4 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.

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

If extra tickets become available, students will be notified of this fact via email closer to the commencement ceremony.

**LIVESTREAMING:** The ceremony will be livestreamed. When available, the link will be posted to [https://www.camden.rutgers.edu/commencement](https://www.camden.rutgers.edu/commencement).
SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS: Information regarding accessibility information for guests who require special accommodations may be found at https://www.camden.rutgers.edu/commencement/accessibility-services.

Graduates who have special needs such as mobility restrictions and require special accommodations should contact the Office of Disability Services at success@camden.rutgers.edu with the subject line “Commencement – Graduate Accommodations.”

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 Waterfront Music Pavilion. You will check in and then directed to your faculty marshal, who will provide complete instructions at that time. Candidates will process by major. Students graduating from the Graduate School-Camden will process first, followed by the Bachelor of Sciences’ degree recipients, and then the 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.

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 $107.00. Regalia may be purchased at the University District Bookstore up through May 17. 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. Students who qualify will be notified via email. 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 Antonio Tillis, the Division of Student Affairs, and the Rutgers University Alumni Association will host a Graduation Celebration on Monday, May 16, from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. in the Campus Center. This exclusive event is for graduating students only. The registration link will be available at https://www.camden.rutgers.edu/commencement.

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. Visit camdenseniors.rutgers.edu for more information. #ScarletSenior

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.

QUESTIONS? Send questions regarding commencement to artsci_commencement@camden.rutgers.edu.