Commencement 2015

Important Dates:
March 27: Graduation Fair/First day to purchase Academic Regalia
April 24: Last day to purchase guaranteed colors/sizes of Academic Regalia
May 15: Senior Rehearsal
May 17: Commencement Sunday

Sunday, May 17, 2015 Timeline:
8:10AM Candidates arrive to Alumni Road in front of Todd Union.

8:15AM Candidates assemble into the appropriate columns, assisted by Faculty Marshals and signage
  o Column 1 – Arts and Sciences Bachelor’s
  o Column 2 – SEAS Bachelor’s, AS Bachelor’s
  o Column 3 – SEAS and AS Master’s, SEAS Bachelor’s, AS Bachelor’s
  o Column 4 – Arts and Sciences Bachelor’s

8:45AM Academic Procession begins
  o All columns will proceed from Alumni Road to a hold point on Wilson Boulevard.
  o All columns will proceed from the hold point to the Interfaith Chapel where they will turn left onto the walkway towards the Eastman Quadrangle.
  o Faculty, Trustees, the Provost, and the President will greet the Graduates as they pass by.
  o All columns will move down the sidewalks to their respective seating aisles and will be seated by a Faculty Marshal.
  o Upon seat arrival, all degree candidates should be seated.
  o At the second fanfare everyone will stand for the arrival of the Faculty and Platform Party (President, Provost, Trustees, Deans) and will remain standing until after the Invocation.
  o Faculty and Platform Party (President, Provost, Trustees, Deans) will proceed to their seats.
  o Male participants must remove caps while seated, during the Invocation, and during the singing of “The Genesee.”

9:00AM Ceremony
  o After the Invocation, everyone will be seated. The ceremony will continue with the President’s greetings, citations and responses, and the Commencement speakers; after which candidates will be admitted to their respective degrees.
  o The Chief Student Marshals will ask the Bachelor’s and Master’s candidates to rise and the candidates will be presented to the President: the President will admit the candidates to their degrees, and the group will be seated.

10:00AM Recessional
  o After “The Genesee”, the Platform Party will exit the stage.
  o As the last member of the Platform Party exits, the graduates will follow beginning with the front rows.
  o Column 1 will exit at the Lattimore steps.
  o Column 2-3 will exit at the center Quad steps.
  o Column 4 will exit at the Dewey steps moving west to Wilson Boulevard at the Chapel.
  o Graduates are requested to move away from the Quad so the entire group can leave without hindrance.

10:30AM -2:00PM Commencement Brunch
  o For more information including ticket price and locations please visit www.rochester.edu/commencement.

11:00-4:30PM Diploma Ceremonies
  o For more information including locations and times, please visit www.rochester.edu/commencement.

~Please remember that alcohol and smoking is prohibited during the Commencement Ceremony~