Spring Celebration

CLASSMATES: Members of the Class of 2012 begin the procession, marking the start of the University’s 162nd commencement ceremony for Arts, Sciences & Engineering. The 1,200 graduates were joined on the Eastman Quadrangle by 5,000 family, friends, and other well-wishers. Outgoing Brown University President Ruth Simmons addressed the graduates, noting that they had a burden to use their education to help others. “Your education benefits society only if you are a drum major for human dignity.” Brown, the Most Rev. Matthew Clark, bishop of Rochester, Pulitzer Prize-winning composer George Walker ’56E (DMA), U.S. Surgeon General Regina Benjamin, and Rochester business and civic leader Robert Hurlbut received honorary degrees at this spring’s ceremonies. See more at www.rochester.edu/commencement/2012. PHOTOGRAPH BY ADAM FENSTER