WHAT TO EXPECT ON GRADUATION DAY
Sunday, May 17, 2015
High Point Solutions Stadium, Piscataway, NJ

Coming to the stadium:
Be sure to bring and display your Graduation Day Parking Hangtag. Note the appropriate campus for your hangtag. If you do not have a Graduation Day Hangtag, parking will be available for $5 per vehicle on the Livingston Campus, with shuttles to the Stadium.

- Allow ample time to arrive on campus, park, and walk to the stadium – up to one hour once you are in the vicinity of campus.
- All graduates and guests enter the stadium through the North Entrance, Gates C & D.
- There will be a bag check at the entrance. Note that purses and backpacks will not be allowed. See RU Athletics Bag Policy.

At the stadium:
If you plan to attend UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT at 12:30, graduates should be in the Marshaling area by 11:30.

- Guests should be seated in the stands (see the next page for the best location to see their favorite graduate).
- SAS Graduates should proceed along the concourse to the stairs near the JumboTron. Go down two levels to the SAS Check-In Area.
- CHECK IN: Find the alphabetical line for your last name and pick up your MarchingOrder name card and a lanyard to hold the card.
- Once you have your card, proceed to the Marshaling Area and join any roped area that is designated for SAS students. There is no order for line-up other than marching in the group of SAS students. While it’s important to check in early, your registration card is not needed for the University Commencement program. Keep it tucked in the lanyard around your neck for safekeeping until the afternoon.
- Procession onto the field is an event of great pageantry. While you may be tempted to stop on the field to look for your guests in the stands, take a picture, or take in the view (it’s awesome!), it is important that you march quickly in a tight line so everyone can be seated and the program can begin on time. You will be led to your seat in the SAS section, at which time you can text your family, take photos, and look around. Please remain in your seat.
- At the end of the program, degree candidates from each school in New Brunswick will be presented to President Barchi. When SAS candidates are asked to stand up and be recognized, MAKE SOME NOISE!

If you plan to attend SAS CONVOCATION at 3:00, graduates on the field MUST return directly to the Marshaling Area at the conclusion of University Commencement. Graduates who will be arriving at the stadium to participate only in SAS Convocation must arrive at the Marshaling area by 1:30 to check in before the conclusion of University Commencement.

- FUEL UP! There will be snacks and water available in the Marshaling Area to keep you energized for the remainder of the day. Rest room facilities are available in the Marshaling Area.
- CHECK IN: If you didn’t receive your MarchingOrder registration card and lanyard in the morning, go IMMEDIATELY to the Check-In area to pick it up.
- LINE UP! Graduates need to be lined up for the procession by 2:45.
  o Look at the number on your registration card and find the line in the Marshaling Area that contains your number.
  o Once you are in your line, students should arrange themselves in numerical order.
  o You must have your card and lanyard with you as you leave the Marshaling Area.
- STAND UP! Following the Order of Events in the program, students will be recognized individually as they cross the stage, shake hands with the Dean, and have their name and live video image projected on the screen.
  o As your row is asked to stand, make sure you have your MarchingOrder card readily available. It is important that students remain in numerical order. Do not get ahead of the person in front of you as you process to the stage.
  o A professional photo will be taken as you reach the stage.
  o Remove your MarchingOrder card from the lanyard and hand it to a marshal who will scan it and give it back to you. Hold your card, do not put it back into the lanyard.
  o When you reach the top of the stairs, give your card to the marshal. Your name will be verified and you will be told when to cross the stage.
  o You will follow the marks on the stage and shake hands with the dean. Your image will be projected on the screen, along with your name and major(s). A professional photo will be taken while you are on stage.
  o Please be careful as you descend from the stage. Ushers will assist you in returning to your seat. All students must remain seated until the final student is recognized.
- CONGRATULATIONS! The ceremony ends with a cap toss and fireworks. Students will recess back to the Marshaling Area to pick up their commemorative SAS T-shirt before meeting up with family and friends.
Where should your guests sit so they can see you?

University Commencement at 12:30 pm:

There is no specific order of seating for graduates at University Commencement other than processing and being seated with your school. The RED RECTANGLES on the field in the diagram are seating areas for SAS students, so you could end up in any of these areas. If you are also planning to attend SAS Convocation later in the day, your guests should sit on the side of the stadium where they can get the best view of you as you cross the stage (see below). Accordingly, graduates might want to make sure to process at University Commencement through the chute from the Marshaling Area on the same side of the stadium that they will use for SAS Convocation (see below).

SAS Convocation at 3:00 pm:

There will be four groups of students, arranged by major. Students with multiple majors were able to select the major they wished to process with on their MarchingOrder registration. Students who did not file with MarchingOrder or didn’t indicate a preference are assigned to the group of their first major. The number on your MarchingOrder card will automatically place you in the proper group in alphabetical order by major where your guests will be able to locate you and anticipate your crossing the stage.

As you face the scoreboard from the field, Groups 1 and 2 will process from the east (left) chute and be seated in the Left (1) and Left Center (2) sections. Groups 3 and 4 will process from the west (right) chute and be seated in the Right Center (3) and Right (4) sections. During the individual recognition, each group will have its own stage and video screen, so guests should sit on the side of the stadium closest to the appropriate stage – Groups 1 and 2 in sections 122-130, Groups 3 and 4 in sections 101-109.