



Dear Class of 2018,

On behalf of the faculty and staff, we cordially invite you and your guests to participate in the College of Arts and Sciences and the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs' Convocation Ceremony on Saturday, May 12 at 8:30 a.m. in the Carrier Dome. The Convocation ceremony provides a unique opportunity for individual recognition of our students and honors those who have successfully completed their degrees. Tickets are not needed for this event, but if any of your guests require an ASL interpreter, please have them sit in Aisle 126 or 127. Immediately following the convocation, we invite you and your guests to attend a reception on the Shaw Quadrangle to further celebrate your great achievement.

Please arrive at the Dome by 7:30 a.m. All degree candidates and guests will be required to pass through security before entering the Dome. Security wands will be used and all bags will be searched upon entry. **Only purses or bags measuring 10" x 10" OR LESS will be allowed into the Dome. There will be NO HOLDING AREAS for purses or bags not allowed into the Dome,** so please plan accordingly and arrive early.

By longstanding tradition, graduating seniors **are required to wear caps and gowns for this ceremony** and sit together as a class, distinct from faculty and guests. For detailed instructions on the procedure you will follow for this event, please visit our Commencement/Convocation website:

<http://thecollege.syr.edu/advising/convocation/convocation.html>

There is no assigned seating on the floor of the Dome. Every chair will have a card on which you will need to write your name phonetically so that our readers can pronounce it correctly while you walk across the stage. We know how important it is for friends and family to hear your name pronounced correctly so please take some time to think about how you will write it beforehand.

We look forward to sharing this important milestone with you and your family and guests and are eager to celebrate your success. If you have any questions about the ceremony or other weekend events, please visit 323 Hall of Languages or the website listed above.

Sincerely,

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