

College of Health Sciences (CHS) 2017 Commencement Details



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This memo reviews a number of graduation details that will ensure the day will go smoothly and be a proud moment for you and your family members. Please read each item carefully. Please share this information with family and friends that may be attending commencement.

The URI Commencement includes two distinct ceremonies; the College of Health Sciences individual ceremony in the Ryan Center on **SATURDAY May 20, 2017** (this is where you will walk across the stage) and the URI Main Commencement Ceremony on the Quadrangle on **SUNDAY May 21, 2017**.

Dress in Conventional Graduation Regalia: If you plan to participate in the Commencement Ceremony you must wear academic regalia. Your cap and gown may be purchased (cost is \$30 including tassel) at the [University Bookstore](#), starting April 1st until May 20th. They are not returnable. URI student ID is required. All CHS students should receive a **SAGE tassel** for their mortar board; tassel goes on the right side. Know your tassel color when you go to the bookstore to purchase your gown. [Honor cords](#) need to be purchased through individual honors societies and are not available in the CHS Deans office or the bookstore.

Attend the College of Health Sciences Commencement Ceremony:

Rain or Shine Location – The Ryan Center, SATURDAY May 20, 2017 3:00pm –no tickets required

- Graduates should arrive at The Ryan Center no **later than 2:00pm** to line up alphabetically within their major and fill out your reader ID card which you will receive when you arrive at the Ryan Center. Faculty and staff will be on hand to guide you to where you will line up. Students should enter through the North Lobby entrance.
- The CHS ceremony starts promptly at 3:00pm and last approximately 2 hours.
- This is a more intimate ceremony during which your name will be announced, you will cross the stage, shake hands with the dean, receive your diploma cover, and be photographed multiple times. A professional photographer will be on hand to take your photo as you receive your diploma cover. You can preregister with [Grad Images](#) (click on the pre-event registration link located at the top of screen).
- When names of students are being read, please be considerate with applause so that all names are clearly heard. Confetti, balloons and noisemakers are not permitted in the Ryan Center. **We ask that all guests remain in their seats during the ceremony and do not approach the stage.**
- At the end of the ceremony, all graduates will march out. We ask that all guests remain seated until all graduates have left the building.

Attend the URI Main Commencement Ceremony SUNDAY May 21, 2017: *Sunshine Location - The Quadrangle. Rain Location – Ryan Center (tickets Required for rain plan only)*

- We encourage you to represent the College of Health Sciences at the main commencement ceremony.
- The ceremony on the Quadrangle is open to the public. Seating is on a first come first serve basis and cannot be guaranteed. Folding chairs are not allowed. If the rain plan is called for the URI Main Ceremony, each graduate will receive 2 tickets for the Ryan center. Rain Plan tickets for the Main Ceremony can be obtained at the Ryan Center Box office or online at www.theryancenter.com
- 11:30 am - Graduates from each academic college will assemble in front of the Memorial Union.
- 12:30 PM - The graduation procession begins.
- The full ceremony lasts about 90 minutes and will include the conferring of degrees by the President to the entire graduating class, main commencement speaker, student speaker, greetings by elected officials, and the presentation of honorary degrees. **No individual student degrees are presented during this ceremony.**

CHS Student Speaker - Sign up to be the CHS student speaker at CHS ceremony. Applications are due by April 3, 2017 (late submissions will not be accepted). Include a brief paragraph description as to why you want to be the CHS student speaker, your contact information and your commencement speech – which should be about 5 minutes in length. Submissions should be emailed to jmoretti@uri.edu

CHS Senior Survey – Please participate in the [CHS Senior Survey 2017](#).

Legacy – Do you have a parent or grandparent that graduated from URI? Please let us know so that we can honor them at the CHS Commencement Ceremony. You can send their names and contact information to jmoretti@uri.edu

Disability Services – Call (401-874-2098) ahead of time (by May 10, 2017) to make accommodations if needed. This includes any guests that may need a wheel chair which need to be reserved ahead of time.

Parking Information: your first choice for parking should be the Plains Road lot. As parking lots fill, there will be plenty of staff on-hand to direct you to other parking areas. Please be aware that there are other events large events happening in the area so please allow for **extra travel time** on both days. Shuttle Service to/ from the Quadrangle will be available.

Alcoholic Beverages: The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited, during the commencement ceremonies. We appreciate your cooperation.

Rhody Senior Challenge - Consider being part of the [Rhody Senior Challenge](#)

URI Alumni Association - Consider joining the [URI Alumni Association](#)

All information about Commencement is available online. The [URI Commencement](#) website includes everything you need to know related to eligibility, parking, maps, travel and more. [The College of Health Sciences](#) website includes additional information about the individual College ceremony.

Dinner and Hotel Reservations: Please refer to the local chamber of commerce websites at www.skchamber.com or www.narragansettcoc.com for a list of local accommodations. Reservations should be made in advance as accommodations will fill up quickly.

Graduation Notes:

Academics Undergraduates who have completed degree requirements by December (previous year, 2016), or May or August (current year, 2017) are eligible to participate in the ceremonies. Diplomas will be mailed to the address you have listed in e-Campus 6-8 weeks after graduation, once your final semester transcript has been audited.

- Honors designations in the Commencement Program are based on Fall 2016 semester grades. Your final Honors designation will appear on your transcript once all grades are posted.
- Walking across the stage at Commencement does **not** mean you have graduated. Only December 2016 students are completely done. You still must complete all of your degree requirements.
- No major at URI can be completed without a minimum of 120 credits and a minimum of a 2.0 overall GPA.
- If you are (or have) taken courses off campus that need to be posted to your URI transcript, you need to have an official copy of the transcript sent directly to the CHS Dean's office – nowhere else on campus. Do not assume the school will do it for you. If the credits are already posted to your URI transcript you do not need to submit anything else.
- **Minor forms** need to be signed and handed in by the end of the semester or they will not be posted to your transcript.
- No news is good news! The Dean's office will only contact you if there is an issue.

Update e-Campus

- Check the spelling of your name. Your name as it is shown on e-Campus is what will be on your diploma, and the program.
- Remove any restrictions you may have set including any FERPA holds that will prevent your name from appearing on the University program or in your local newspaper. This includes your name, home address and email address. FERPA holds must be removed before April 15, 2017.
- Ensure that there are no sanctions on your e-Campus record. It is your responsibility to review and address any sanctions in order to receive your diploma.

Receipt of commencement information and participation in Commencement ceremonies **DOES NOT** guarantee or confirm graduation. It is the student's responsibility to comply with and complete all graduation requirements, including but not limited to a minimum of 120 credits and a minimum overall GPA of at least a 2.0. If you have any questions about these procedures please call the CHS Deans office at 401-874-2125.