



Day of Instructions for Graduates

Day of – Apparel

- Dress for the weather. Choose clothing with pockets (to place your belongings), wear comfortable shoes / low heels (there is a lot of walking required), use sunscreen (avoid sunburn), and bring sunglasses if needed.
- Please have your parking pass added to your digital wallet before arriving at campus parking zones.
- No outside food is allowed at the Stadium, some concessions will be open. Water will be provided in the assembly area.
- The SHI Stadium Bag Policy will be strictly enforced.

Day of – Timing

- **7 a.m.:** Shuttle buses start running.

- **8 a.m.:** Stadium gates open. Allow extra time to park and get to SHI Stadium.

- **9 a.m.:** - All graduates should plan to be inside the stadium. Upon arrival, leave your guests to find seats and then head to the south end, to the assembly area. Volunteers in red T-shirts can provide directions.

- Have your photo taken as you ring the Red Lion Bell to signify departure from Rutgers and visit with the Cannon Crew!

- Take the stairs from the south concourse down to the assembly area. An elevator is available for mobility-challenged students.

- When you arrive in the assembly area, bottles of water and restrooms are available.

- You will be directed to stand with your school (if graduating from more than one school, choose your preference.) In your school corral, receive your school's spirit maker.

- As you wait, enjoy the shout-out videos!

- **10 a.m.:** - Ceremony begins with processional.

- Graduates should walk in an orderly single file line to follow their school to the assigned seating area. Commencement Marshals will direct you to your seat on the field, grouped by academic units. If you want to sit with friends, ensure they are in front or behind you during the procession. Be seated until asked to rise for The National Anthem. For safety, do not stand on seats or block aisles.

- Smile, you're on camera!

- After the student speaker's address, chancellors will read out names of schools and degrees. Graduates stand and waive spirit makers as your school is called and remain standing throughout degree conferral. When the president confers degrees, it's time to move your tassel! The cannon will fire to signal this special moment at Rutgers.

- **12:00 p.m.:** - Ceremony concludes.

- Depart to the nearest set of stairs to meet your family outside the Stadium.

- **Congratulations Rutgers Grad! You made it!**