

Sent on Behalf of the RSPH Commencement Committee. Please send all replies/questions to rsphcommencement@emory.edu.

*****Please note that this message has been sent to the all-student listserv, but is only applicable to second year students slated to graduate Spring 2025 (including Summer 2024 and Fall 2024 Graduates)*****

Dear Graduating Students,

We hope you are having a wonderful semester so far! As a reminder, the RSPH Office of Student Affairs will be sending updates for the RSPH Degree Candidate Recognition Ceremony throughout the semester. **All updates will also be posted on the [RSPH Graduation Website](#).**

Summary:

- Regalia Information
- Blue Tassel Initiative
- RSPH Student Speaker Nominations
- Reminder:
 - Apply for Graduate before Feb. 14
 - Submit a Name Change (if applicable) before February 28.
- **Additional information related to the ceremony, including student RSVP and guest ticketing, will be available at a later date.**

Regalia Information

MPH Regalia Ordering Information

Buy Regalia in-person at the bookstore:

Stop by the second floor of the bookstore starting on Friday, February 21st to purchase this regalia in store. This regalia will continue to be sold in the bookstore until Commencement Day, but stock will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis after 3/2/25 and sizes cannot be guaranteed after that date.

Buy Regalia online and have it shipped to you:

Visit <https://oakhallcg.com/pages/emory> and select "Home Delivery." This website will technically be available to order from until 4/9/25. However, please order your regalia on or before **3/31/25**. Regalia ordered between 3/31/25 and 4/9/25 is likely to arrive only days before the ceremony.

Grad Fair:

The bookstore will be hosting a Grad Fair on Friday 2/21/25 from 10am-4pm on the second floor of the bookstore.

The Rollins Environmental Health Action Coalition (REHAC) will be conducting their annual Regalia Rental Program. Graduating students may rent donated MPH regalia from REHAC. Supplies are limited and students are selected via a lottery process. Please note:

- A \$50.00 deposit (**check**) is required to rent the regalia. You will be expected to return the regalia after graduation upon which your deposit will be returned.
- If you do not return the regalia after graduation, REHAC will keep your \$50.00 deposit.
- If you are interested in renting regalia from REHAC, please sign up [HERE](#) by **February 17 at 11:59PM**. Recipients will be chosen randomly and notified by February 20.
- If you choose to purchase a gown, REHAC will be collecting new gown donations after graduation for future classes.

Blue Tassel Initiative

Even though your student experience at Rollins is ending, the connections you made and the skills you've learned will last a lifetime. Emory is more than an institution of higher learning. It is the place where you've built friendships, effected change, and made lasting impact!

Before you leave campus, the RSPH Advancement and Alumni Engagement Team would like you to consider making a gift to Rollins that will impact the lives of those who will follow in your footsteps. As an added thank you for your generosity, **all graduating students who make a gift of \$10 or more will receive a commemorative Class of 2025 Blue Tassel!** *

When you invest in Rollins, you invest in our whole community. Your gift supports the faculty who guided you, the programs that trained you, and the friends and colleagues who encouraged you at every step. Thank you for believing in us, just as we believe in you.

[Make your gift online today!](#)

**Gifts can be directed to any fund at Rollins of your choosing. Blue Tassels will be available for pick-up from late March through early May, at various times and locations on campus.*

RSPH Student Speaker Nominations Open

RSPH is requesting nominations for the RSPH Diploma Ceremony Student Speaker! The Student Speaker will provide remarks on behalf of the graduates. The student will speak for

about 3-5 minutes, serving as the graduating class's voice and as a call to action as future public health leaders. The Student Speaker should meet the following criteria:

- Exhibits leadership in the RSPH Community
- High academic achievement and in good standing
- Strong character and integrity
- Exemplary service to the RSPH or greater public health community

Once nominations are received, finalists will be chosen based on quality and quantity of nominations. All finalists will be notified and will submit a writing sample of their speech. A Student Speaker Committee consisting of graduating students and staff members will review finalists' de-identified writing samples.

Please submit your nomination for Student Speaker by Monday, February 17, 2025 at 5:00PM using [this link](#). Each student can submit one nomination.

Reminders: Graduation Application and Name & Address Verification

- **Graduation Applications for Spring 2025 Graduates are due on Friday, February 14.** You will find the online degree application in the Graduation and Commencement tile in OPUS.
- **Verify your diploma address & name in OPUS before Thursday, February 28.** Make changes if necessary.
- **For information, see [Communication #1 on the RSPH Graduation Website](#).**

Thank you for your prompt attention to this message, and please let our team know if you have any questions!

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