

Dear Rutgers University – Newark graduating students,

I write to update you about the Rutgers- and Rutgers-Newark-wide committees that have begun meeting to plan ways to celebrate your graduation milestones. While it is still too early to determine when we will be able to hold an in-person celebration for Rutgers-Newark, our committee is working from the premise that we will be able to hold such an event at some point, after public health officials deem it safe to do so and we can make arrangements with an appropriate venue. With conditions still too uncertain to allow us to speculate on a date, the committee also is planning ways to celebrate you in the coming weeks, after the end of the spring semester, as well. We will provide another update on these plans as soon as we can.

Meanwhile, we also want to remind you that any student who wishes to pursue a refund for regalia at this time may do so. The Barnes & Noble College Bookstore at Rutgers-Newark has provided additional guidance in this regard. Graduating students seeking a refund for their commencement regalia will need to [email](#) the bookstore by Friday, April 3, 2020, being sure to include the order number sent in the original email confirmation received from Oak Hall, the regalia provider. Refunds will include reimbursement for cap, gowns and accessories. Shipping and handling on any orders that have already shipped unfortunately cannot be refunded. Students who have already received their orders, but want a refund, [need to ship them back to the bookstore](#). Questions about any aspect of this process may be directed to the bookstore at (973) 353-2227 or bksrutgersnewark@bncollege.com.

Even as we all face extraordinary constraints and we can't foresee how long they will remain in place, we are determined to facilitate ways for our students, friends, and family to celebrate—with the rest of us from the university cheering you on. We appreciate your continued patience as we work our way through this unprecedented situation.

Sincerely,
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