Dear Degree Candidates:

Congratulations to the Class of 2018! Below are details regarding commencement exercises for Rutgers School of Nursing – Camden.

**COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES FOR RUTGERS SCHOOL OF NURSING – CAMDEN**

**When:** Wednesday, May 16th, 2018  
**Where:** BB&T Pavilion, 1 Harbor Boulevard, Camden, NJ 08103

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<td>10:00am–11:30am</td>
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<td>12:30pm</td>
<td>Graduate Reception (Nursing &amp; Science Building)</td>
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**GUESTS:**
Entrance tickets are **NOT** required for the ceremony. Doors open for guest seating at 9:00am.

**PARKING/DIRECTIONS:**
Free parking is available at the lots adjacent to the BB&T Pavilion, on campus, and at the Camden County Parking Deck. Those who park on campus or at the Camden County Parking Deck will be able to utilize shuttles to take them to the BB&T Pavilion. More information, including directions to the center, is available at [http://www.camden.rutgers.edu/commencement/](http://www.camden.rutgers.edu/commencement/).

**ATTIRE:**
The expected dress (regalia) is the cap, gown and hood. Commencement 2018 regalia will be available for sale in the [University District Bookstore](http://www.camden.rutgers.edu/commencement/) beginning March 26th and continue until May 16th. You may [order online now](http://www.camden.rutgers.edu/commencement/) for pickup beginning March 26th.

The bookstore is located at 601 Cooper Street. It is open from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday – Thursday; Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and closed on weekends. Questions may be directed to the bookstore at 856-968-1200 and [sm8006@bncollege.com](mailto:sm8006@bncollege.com).

**GRADUATES WITH HONORS:**
Honors graduates may wear an honors cord with their regalia. Honor cords will be available for purchase ($15) at the University District Bookstore the week of commencement, beginning Monday, May 14th. You may also purchase your cords the day of commencement at the BB&T Pavilion.

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**ACADEMIC PROCESSION:**
Degree candidates should report to the Ben Franklin Lobby at the BB&T Pavilion no later than **8:45am** for sign-in and marshaling. Complete instructions will be given at this time. There will be no prior commencement rehearsal.
DEGREE CONFERRAL:
Degrees will be conferred alphabetically. Marshals will start and guide each row of graduates to the stage. Here a reader will announce the name of each candidate. Do not advance until your name is read. After you shake hands with members of the administration, undergraduates are to switch the tassel of the cap from right to left and return to their original seats. We ask that you behave courteously toward other graduates. No air horns or any disruptive noisemakers will be permitted. Graduates and their guests are also expected to remain for the duration of the ceremony. Diplomas will be mailed to your home address within four to six weeks after the ceremony.

PINS & GRADUATE RECEPTION:
Pins will be distributed on stage during Commencement. All students will receive the same pin. Following Commencement, a reception will be held at the Nursing & Science Building where students will have the opportunity to be pinned by the person(s) of their choosing with the city skyline in the background. A professional photographer will be available to take photos. Light refreshments will be served. The reception will begin at approximately 12:30pm.

PHOTOGRAPHY:
GradImages will be the official photographer for our commencement ceremonies. Your proofs will be ready to view online as soon as 48 hours of the ceremony. If you have any questions after the ceremony about your photos, please contact the GradImages Customer Service Department at 800-261-2576 or giservice@gradimages.net.

In order to notify you when your images are available, GradImages sends emails and mails paper proofs, along with optional text message notifications. Your information is never shared and privacy is guaranteed. Pre-registering is simply a way to make sure your contact information is up-to-date with GradImages so they can provide your complimentary proofs as quickly as possible. Although there’s never any obligation to order, you’ll save 20% off any order of $50 or more for your participation. By pre-registering, you’ll also be entered into a $5,000 sweepstakes giveaway! To pre-register for your commencement proofs, please visit http://www.gradimages.com/Preregistration.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR GRADUATES AND GUESTS:
Graduating students and guests who require special assistance such as wheelchair access must register online. Registration information will be provided in April. Visit http://www.camden.rutgers.edu/commencement/ to register and for additional information.

WHAT HAPPENS IF DEGREE REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT MET?
Individuals who have not met their requirements for graduation will be notified. If a problem is discovered during the final certification process, notification will be made by certified mail or email. Students who are ineligible to graduate based on their grades will be notified by phone or email.
Only students who have successfully completed all graduation requirements may participate in the commencement ceremony.

Heartiest congratulations to those graduating. Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Nursing Student Success at onss@camden.rutgers.edu or 856-225-6281. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, May 16th.

Sincerely yours,

Jana L. Nelson
Director, Office of Nursing Student Success