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From May 2014 Diploma Ceremony - courtesy of Alisa Johnson '15, BEB

Details for Seniors

2016 Biology Department Diploma Ceremony

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Biology Diploma Ceremony

The Deets

The 2016 Diploma Ceremony is being held on Sunday, May 15th, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. in the Palestra at the Goergen Athletic Center.

This Biology Department Ceremony includes the following majors: BA in Biology (BA BIO), BS in Cell and Developmental Biology (BS BCD), BS in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (BS BEB), and BS in Molecular Genetics (BS BMG).

Although the ceremony starts at 11:00 a.m. graduates should plan to arrive for line-up around 10:00 a.m. Faculty and graduates will begin the procession into the Palestra at 10:45 a.m. The ceremony should last for approximately one hour. A reception will immediately follow the diploma ceremony in the Field house. Light refreshments will be served.

Many other diploma ceremonies are schedule to occur in Goergen that day. Graduates should use the entrance located at the north/west end of the Goergen Athletic Center, go directly to the Alumni Lounge for line-up upon arrival. Guests will need to wait in the main entrance of the Goergen Athletic Center until the diploma ceremony scheduled before ours is over. Ushers will be there to direct students and guests appropriately. Entrances will be signed accordingly.

Please do not bring personal belongings (coats, purses, cameras...) with you to line-up as they will be difficult to keep secure during the ceremony. It is suggested graduates leave their belongings with their family or whomever is attending with you that day.

On-Line Senior Survey

ALL Senior Biology Majors Must Complete

All students planning to attend or not attend the Biology Department Diploma Ceremony must complete the on-line Senior Survey. Just click on "Senior Survey" for hyperlink to website. Should students need to make a change to an already submitted survey, please re-submit the form again and contact [Marianne Arcoraci](#) to notify her of the changes.

Deadline for Submission is Thursday, April 29th, 2016. Contact [Marianne Arcoraci](#) should you experience any difficulties.

Walking On Stage / Announcement Cards: What is said as you walk across the stage...

Students will have their name, Latin honors (if any), a note of thanks and their future plans announced to the audience as they walk across the stage to receive their diploma.

Graduates can let us know what they would like announced as they walk across stage by filling out the [Senior Survey](#). The information from the survey will directly be entered onto an [announcement card](#) that will be distributed to graduates on the day of the ceremony ([click for sample announcement Card](#)). Graduates will need to use this card to get their line-up number and hand to the announcer before they walk across stage. Graduates should check the announcement card to make sure the information is accurate and for line-up number.

Latin Honors Guidelines

Latin Honors are based on a student's cumulative GPA after the spring semester grades are figured in and is determined by the College. FYI, This year's Latin Honors ranges are as follows: **Cum Laude (GPA = 3.61 and up)**, **Magna (GPA = 3.83 and up)** and **Summa (3.97 and up)**.

Invitations to Your Family

Tickets Not Needed

Invitations will be sent to the families of the class of 2014 within the next few days. Tickets are not required and there is no limit to how many guests a student can invite. However, please be aware that space is limited and plan to arrive early to help ensure available seating. Additionally, we ask that you respond to the [Senior Survey](#) with the approximate number of guests so that we may plan accordingly.

Pictures / Flash Photography Of Course...

Guests are welcome to take pictures of the graduates walking across the stage. There will be a place up close to the stage for parents and friends to come up and take pictures of graduates as they are receiving their diplomas.

Senior Slide Show

Please Please Please send me Pictures!!!!

The Senior Slide Show is a Biology tradition and is viewed each year during graduation at the Department Diploma Ceremony.

This is a great way to have one last laugh or cry with your classmates and of course show your family what an awesome time you had at the UR. However, we need pictures and a theme song to make this happen.

The pictures and theme song should represent your experiences with your colleagues and of course....be tasteful. Feel free to type in comments, names, titles..it's all good.

Need a visual? Relive the magic from last year and click on the [Class of 2015 Senior Slide Show](#) (download)

Help make the senior slide show a huge success and e-mail your pictures and theme song suggestions to the UPBM administrator before May 1st, 2015.

Goergen Location

Where is the Palestra?

The Palestra is located inside of the Goergen Athletic Center. Click on "[Goergen Map](#)" to get an idea of where the Athletic Center is located.

Dress Rehearsal?

None Planned

There is no formal dress rehearsal; however, marching instructions will be sent to the students a few days before the event.

Required Attire

Regalia Available at Campus Bookstore

University of Rochester regalia is required to participate in the ceremony. Students may start to pick-up their regalia on March 27th at the UR Barnes and Noble Bookstore Located in College Town. Visit [bookstore website for hours of operation address](#).

Parking and Shuttle Services

Important to Plan Ahead

Parking and moving around on campus during commencement weekend is a challenge to say the least so it is important to plan ahead. For the most current information on parking shuttle services click on the [College's Commencement Information and Services Website for 2016](#)

Graduation Eligibility

Can I Still Walk?

Students who have completed their degree requirements will receive their degree at the time of the ceremony. Students that have not completed their degree requirements can still participate in the ceremony; however, a blank diploma will be handed to them as they walk across stage. Students who will not have their degree requirements completed by the diploma ceremony or have any questions regarding their current eligibility for graduation should contact [Marianne Arcoraci](#)

Double Majors

Which Ceremony Will You Get Your Diploma At?

Double majors that have another diploma ceremony to walk in at the same time as the biology diploma ceremony need to contact [Marianne Arcoraci](#) to find out if special arrangements can be made to attend both.

Take 5 Students

Can Still Walk...

Students that have decided to take a 5th year can still walk in the 2014 diploma ceremony. Please submit your

[Senior Survey](#) to let us know if you plan or do not plan to attend the ceremony.

Graduation Week Activities

Whats Going On

For more information on commencement week activities visit the [College Commencement 2016 Website](#)