The 2018 Diploma Ceremony is being held on Sunday, May 20th, 2018 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 Computational Biology (BS BCB) BS in Cell and Developmental Biology (BS BCD), BS in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (BS BEB), and BS in Molecular Genetics (BS BMG).

DIRECTIONS ON WHERE TO GO THE DAY OF: As soon as the morning (9am) ceremony ends in the Quadrangle walk over to Goergen. 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.

ONLINE SURVEY: All students must complete the on-line Senior Survey if they are planning to attend or not attend. 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 Monday, April 30th, 2018. 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 students 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 = 3.65 and up), Magna (GPA = 3.84 and up) and Summa (3.97 and up).

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

The pictures should be of the great times you had here at the UR and can include your colleagues from different majors. Many picture taking opportunities are coming up with D day, Lilac Fest, the many many parties ...you see where I am going with this. Just be sure the pictures are tasteful. Email your pics to marianne.arcoraci@rochester.edu.

Need a visual? Relive the magic from last year and click on the Class of 2017 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. See River Campus map for building location.

Invitations to Your Family
Tickets Not Needed
Invitations have already been sent home to the address on file with the College. 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.

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
Academic Regalia Required
Visit the following website for information on regalia.
https://www.rochester.edu/college/ecm/assets/pdf/commencement/academicregalia.pdf

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.

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 2018
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 to 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 2018 diploma ceremony. Please submit your Senior Survey to let us know 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 2018 Website.