

Congratulations soon to be RACC 2022 Graduates!

Let me be the first to congratulate you on your achieving your degree at RACC! I know that you have worked very hard to get to this point and I am sure that you are very excited!

We are pleased to announce that Reading Area Community College will offer an in-person graduation ceremony on Friday, May 6th at 2:00 p.m. at the Santander Arena (located at 700 Penn Street, Reading, PA 19602).

All graduates must RSVP to attend graduation by using this form <https://form.jotform.com/220835144827053> . **RSVP's must be received by May 2nd** if you plan to attend the ceremony. While attendance at commencement is not required, we encourage you to attend to celebrate your well-deserved accomplishment.

Students eligible to graduate are required to apply for graduation by Friday, April 15 for their name to appear in the program. Make sure you apply for graduation if you have not yet done so. To apply for graduation, log into "myRACC", click on "Self-Service" and select the box labeled "Graduation Application".

All diplomas are mailed to the address on file in your student account a few weeks after final grades are posted. Diplomas are not given out on May 6th as final grades and transcripts need to be officially certified by the Registrar's Office. Please contact the Records Office if you need to update your address.

Cap and Gown Distribution: Cap and gowns will be available at the Graduation Fair on:

- Monday, April 25th from 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and
- Tuesday, April 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- If you are not available during these times, please contact the Bookstore at 610-607-6229 to schedule another time or to make shipping arrangements.
- If you did not pre-order a cap and gown, we will still have them available at no cost.
- You will need to bring your cap and gown to the Arena on the day of commencement.
- **There will not be any caps and gowns available or distributed at the arena. Please bring your attire with you.**

Arrival: Graduates are expected to report to the Santander Arena by 1:30 p.m. Please use the "Press Entrance" located near 8th and Penn Streets. The Commencement Ceremony will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m.

Parking and Transportation: Graduates will be responsible for their own transportation to the Santander Arena. FREE parking will be available for RACC graduates at the South Penn Parking Garage located at 635 Franklin Street, Reading, PA 19602. Each graduate will be issued a parking voucher when you pick up your cap and gown at the bookstore so that you can park for free. Make sure to bring your parking voucher to the parking garage on the day of graduation. Free parking is also available on RACC's campus if you or your family choose to walk up to the arena from campus.

At the Arena: Please do not leave any valuables unattended at the arena. Children are not permitted to process with the graduates.

Guests: There is no limit on how many guests can attend and tickets are not required.

Santander Arena Policies: Please review the Arena website for their COVID – 19 Policy, their Bag Policy, as well as other FAQs. <https://www.santander-arena.com/faqs-home/> .

Livestream: The ceremony will be available via live-stream and located on the RACC website at www.racc.edu .

For updates on Graduation, please visit the website at <https://www.racc.edu/student-life/graduation> .

We look forward to celebrating all of your academic accomplishments on May 6th!

All the best to you!

Sincerely,

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