Syracuse University’s Commencement will take place Sunday, May 10, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. The ceremony will begin with student and academic processions, followed by keynote speakers and the ceremonial conferring of degrees. The ceremony will conclude by noon. Diplomas are mailed to students after the certification process. Kent Syverud, the 12th Chancellor of Syracuse University, will confer approximately 5,100 degrees at the associate, bachelor, master and doctoral levels as well as 200 juris doctor and nine master of law degrees. Interim Vice Chancellor and Provost Zhanjiang ‘John’ Liu will preside over the ceremony during which Syracuse University scholars (the highest academic award given to undergraduate students) will be named and retiring faculty members who have been recommended to receive the title of Emeritus will be acknowledged. Bachelor's and master's degree candidates who complete their coursework by August 2020 and file their Diploma Request are invited to participate in the May 2020 Commencement. Degree candidates who have completed their requirements in December 2019 are also invited to participate. Doctoral candidates will be invited to participate by the Graduate School and must have earned their degrees by April 2020. Parents, relatives and friends of graduates are invited to attend Commencement. Residence halls are available for families and guests for two-night stays during Commencement Weekend. Reservations must be made through the reservation system on the Commencement website beginning March 1, 2020. You may also contact the Syracuse Convention and Visitors Bureau to find local accommodations.

Convocations

On Thursday, May 7 - Saturday, May 9, 2020, Syracuse University’s schools and colleges will hold celebratory Convocations to individually recognize degree candidates and to present special awards. Parents, relatives and friends of graduates are invited to attend Convocations. Convocations are followed by receptions, where students and families have the opportunity to mingle with faculty. Questions regarding Convocation seating, attire or rehearsals should be referred to the school or college of the students’ major. For more information regarding Commencement, please visit:

commencement.syr.edu