

Academic Regalia for Commencement

All graduates attending the Commencement Ceremony must wear full academic regalia (cap, gown, tassel and hood or stole). This official attire carries significance in the ceremony and should not be altered (though cap decorating is allowed). More information is available [online](#) about graduation attire, how to order and wear it, and what it should look like. The Provost's Office has approved of the following honor cords, stoles, and pins that may be worn with your academic regalia at the official ceremony.

APPROVED HONOR CORDS AND DESIGNATIONS

- Graduates who wear **gold cords** have received **Latin Honors**, which will be announced at the presentation of diplomas:
 - cum laude*—with honor
 - magna cum laude*—with great honor
 - summa cum laude*—with highest honor
- Graduates who wear **gold stoles** are this year's **Valedictorian** and **Salutatorian**, the undergraduates with the highest cumulative grade point averages.
- Graduates who wear **red cords** received the award for **Outstanding Graduate in their major**.
- Graduates who wear **green and white cords** are honored as **Dawn Lafferty Hochspung Fellows** due to their outstanding research at the graduate level.
- Graduates who wear **blue cords** are honored as **Broughton Fellows** due to their outstanding research at the graduate level.
- Graduates who wear **red, white, and blue cords** are recognized for their service as **United States Military Veterans**.
- Graduates who wear **white philanthropy cords** have followed in our founder Margaret Olivia Slocum Sage's footsteps and **supported the next generation of Russell Sage students**.
- Graduates who wear **teal cords** are members of **Alpha Kappa Delta**, the international honor society in Sociology.
- Graduates who wear **blue and gold intertwined cords with an AΦΣ medallion** are members of **Alpha Phi Sigma**, a national Criminal Justice honor society.
- Graduates who wear **silver cords** are members of **Athenians**, the Russell Sage College academic honor society.
- Graduates who wear **white stoles with green lettering** represented the College in inter-collegiate competitions as **Sage Student Athletes**.
- Graduates who wear **white stoles with blue trim** are students in the **Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program (CSTEP)**.
- Graduates who wear **gold stoles with blue trim and lettering** are undergraduate students in the **Higher Education Opportunity Program**.
- Graduates who wear **forest green stoles with gold trim** are **Margaret Olivia Slocum Sage Scholars** who successfully completed the Russell Sage College Honors Program.
- Graduates who wear **Lilac honor cords** are members of **Iota Iota Iota**, an academic honor society in Women's Studies.
- Graduates who wear **purple, light blue, and gold cords** are members of the **Kappa Delta Pi** Honor Society for Future and Practicing Educators, who have earned a GPA of 3.500 or higher.
- Graduates who wear **gold pins with ΦΚΦ emblem** are members of **Phi Kappa Phi**, a national honor society recognizing academic achievement.
- Graduates who wear **blue and gold cords** are members of **Pi Theta Epsilon**, a national honor society for students in Occupational Therapy.
- Graduates who wear **platinum and dark blue double cords** are members of **Psi Chi**, the international honor society in Psychology recognizing academic achievement.
- Graduates who wear **green and gold cords** are members of **Sigma Beta Delta**, the International Honor Society for Business, Management, and Administration.
- Graduates who wear **maroon and black cords** are members of **Sigma Tau Delta**, an international English honor society.
- Graduates who wear **lavender and white cords** are members of **Sigma Theta Tau**, an international Nursing honor society.
- Graduates who wear **red and green cords** are members of **Tri Beta**, a national honor society for Biology students who have attained outstanding scholarly achievement.
- Graduates wearing **medals with the College's seal** served the community as **Resident Assistants**.
- Graduates who wear **cords in their class color** (*red, purple, blue, or gold*) served as **Senior Class Officers**.
- Graduates who wear **purple stoles with gold lettering** represented the **Women's Institute at Russell Sage College as Student Ambassadors**.
- Graduates who wear **blue, green, and white cords** represented the **Office of Undergraduate Admission as Student Ambassadors**.