

RS RUSSELL SAGE COLLEGE

ALBANY & TROY

March 9, 2021

Dear Graduates and Graduating Students,

Congratulations! We know that many of you earned your Russell Sage College degrees in the past year, and others are well on your way to graduate this May.

On behalf of the entire Sage community, we are very proud of your achievements. Your individual performance, endurance and respect for others, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, is impressive and reflective of the Sage motto: *To Be, To Know, To Do!*

While we all yearn for large celebratory events with family and friends, the current public health crisis and the prohibition of mass gatherings due to COVID-19 have required Russell Sage College to amend our plans for a large in-person commencement ceremony on May 15, 2021.

Sage is committed to a student-centered community celebration to honor our graduates in a new and innovative way this year. As long as public health guidance permits, **Sage will host small, on-campus gatherings by academic area for all 2020 and 2021 graduates during the week of May 10.**

All students who would have been eligible to participate in the May 2020 and May 2021 commencement ceremonies will receive electronic invitations to their specific academic program's celebration by April 1. Regretfully, guests will not be able to attend our graduation celebrations this year due to the need for social distancing and pandemic restrictions on the size of public gatherings. These events will be hosted in the Schacht Fine Arts Center on Sage's Troy campus and the Armory on the Albany campus, and we plan to follow all public health guidance to ensure a safe event for all participants. For more information about our plans to celebrate our amazing graduates, visit the [Commencement 2021 Frequently Asked Questions](#) page.

Graduates and graduating students should continue to check their email regularly for updates. In addition, **we will hold a Graduation Q&A Zoom session on Thursday, March 11 at 5:30 p.m.** to gather student feedback and answer any questions you may have. All 2020 and 2021 graduates are invited to join us using this [Zoom link](#) (Meeting ID: 986 7255 8861).

To help us prepare for these upcoming celebrations, please complete this brief [Graduate Survey](#) to let us know if you are interested in joining us for these on-campus gatherings in May.

While our ceremonies will be smaller this year, we take great pride in recognizing your achievements and the beginning of your exciting new journey.

With sincere congratulations,

Christopher Ames
President



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