Dear Graduate,

You are receiving this email because you are attending Commencement next week!

The College of Design’s 2024 Commencement Ceremony on Thursday, May 9 at 3:00-4:45 PM (appr) in Northrop Auditorium.

Below you will find other information to help plan your graduation day!

**TICKETS**

- **Tickets are required** for guests (not for graduating students) and should have already been received electronically through the Northrop Auditorium Box Office. Please check your University email to look for that communication. Anyone (including children) who will be sitting in a seat needs a ticket with a barcode to get into the auditorium. If you requested additional tickets and haven't received them, please wait until Friday, May 3 and contact CDesGday@umn.edu.
- Students can no longer request additional tickets. If you have tickets you don't need, please return them to the Northrop at umntix@umn.edu.
- Please check the College of Design Commencement webpage regularly for the information you and your family need to prepare for the ceremony.

**DAY OF DETAILS**

- Students can begin check-in at the Northrop starting at 1:30 PM. You will receive programs at your seat inside the auditorium.
- Undergraduate students should check in on the third floor of the westside of the Northrop.
- Graduate students should check in on the third floor of the eastside of the Northrop.
- Honors cords will be handed to students who earned them at the time of check-in.
- The doors open for guests at 2:15 PM. Individuals needing accessibility assistance can speak with an usher for help.
- **Grad Images** will be taking photos as you exit the stage. You can communicate with them directly if you wish to purchase pictures.
- Students can still submit songs for the [Commencement playlist](#). This music plays before you enter the auditorium and at the end of the event.

**PARKING** Remind your friends and families to leave plenty of time to arrive, park and walk to the Northrop Auditorium. We suggest you explore all the parking options and plan ahead. For individuals with mobility concerns, [Northrop has several accessible entrances](#) and an accessible drop-off and pick-up location on its east side.

**ACCESSIBILITY** Please reach out to Betsy if you need to ask about accessibility concerns. She has contacted most of you already. The Northrop is ADA accessible. If you have someone who uses a wheelchair, attendees are asked to sit in a seat, and wheelchairs will be moved to a location outside the box office during the event.

**FIRST GENERATION STOLES**
If you identify as a First Generation student, meaning you are the first in your family to attend college, the College of Design has First Gen Stoles you can pick up in our Student Services offices in 107 Rapson Hall or 32 McNeal Hall! Stoles are available on a first come-first served basis.

After the event, we hope you'll join us at Rapson Hall for the Student Showcase.

Thank you,
The College of Design Commencement Planning Team