



COLLEGE OF DESIGN  
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

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](mailto: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](mailto: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