

## 2020 Commencement – FAQ’s

### When / Where is LFGSM Commencement?

**Sunday, June 14, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.**

Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science (RFUMS)

Rhoades Auditorium  
3333 Green Bay Road  
North Chicago, IL 60064  
[View map and directions](#)

### How much is parking? Where should we park?

Parking is free. Guests will be directed to the appropriate parking lot. Guests may enter the building through the **Morningstar entrance**.

### Do my guests need tickets?

Yes. **All GUESTS must have a ticket to enter.** All graduate candidates are **guaranteed 6 guest tickets.** Small children may sit on a parent’s lap.

### Are children allowed to attend the LFGSM Commencement Ceremony?

Small children may sit on a parent’s lap. Please keep the enjoyment of others in mind. Strollers will **not** be allowed in the center aisle. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

### How do I get to Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science (RFUMS)?

**From O’Hare / Chicago:** (294) north toward Milwaukee. East on 137 (Buckley Rd.) to Rt. 131 (Green Bay Rd.).

**From Midway / Chicago:** I-55 North to I-90 West.

**From Mitchell / Milwaukee:** I-94 East toward Chicago/Indiana. [Check for construction and traffic updates](#)

### What is the Commencement Day Schedule?

8:45 a.m.	Parking is free. Guests will be directed to the appropriate parking lot. Enter the building through the <b>Morningstar entrance</b> .
9:00 a.m.	Commencement is held inside the <b>Rhoades Auditorium</b> at RFUMS. <b>Tickets are required for all guests, small children may sit on a parent’s lap.</b> Seating is 1 <sup>st</sup> come, 1 <sup>st</sup> served.
9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	Graduates arrive and check-in at the robing area (Located 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor above Morningstar entrance)
<b>9:00 a.m. - 9:45 am</b>	<b>Professional headshots for LFGSM Graduates; First come / first served</b> (Located 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor above Morningstar entrance)
10:00 a.m.	Announcements for graduates in the robing area. (Graduates Only)
10:15 a.m.	Processional Line Up
10:30 a.m.	Commencement Ceremony Begins – <i>(approximately 90 minutes)</i>
11:45 a.m.	Commencement Recession
11:50 a.m.	<b>Refreshment and appetizer reception</b> immediately following the ceremony, for all graduates and guests.
1:00 p.m.	Reception ends. <b>Return regalia by 1:00 pm. (Located at Morningstar entrance)</b> You may keep your tassel, specialization stole and honor cords.

**When should graduates arrive?**

Graduates should arrive no later than 9:00 a.m. to check-in. Signs will be clearly marked directing you to the designated robing area. Please allow plenty of time to get to the robing area.

**I have guests with special needs who have difficulty sitting in chairs in rows. Is there any special seating available?**

Yes. We have a limited amount of seating for people with special needs (e.g., wheel chair seating). This seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve special seating, please send an email by June 14, to [graduation@LFGSM.edu](mailto:graduation@LFGSM.edu) with the subject line “**LFGSM Commencement: Special Needs Seating Request**”.

**What is the attire for Commencement?**

Business casual. You will be walking a lot; please wear business casual comfortable shoes.

**Is there a place I can store my purse or other personal effects during the Ceremony?**

No. LFGSM cannot provide a secure storage room during the Ceremony. Please leave any valuables with one of your guests.

**Will Commencement be indoors or outside? How do I plan for the weather?**

The Commencement ceremony is held indoors in the Rhoades Auditorium at RFUMS. Weather permitting, graduates can take pictures outside in the courtyard with guests after commencement. Visit [The Weather Channel](#) for the latest forecast.

**Can I order personalized announcements to give to my guests?**

You can order personalized announcements at <http://www.withhonorsgrad.com/lake-forest-graduate-school-of-management.html>.

**What about balloons and loud noise makers?**

Helium Balloons and loud noise makers are NOT permitted.

**Am I LFGSM “Class of 2019” or “Class of 2020”?**

All students who complete their degree requirements within the 2019-20 academic year, or are taking their last course in Summer term 2020-2021, are considered “Class of 2020”.

**When will I receive my diploma?**

All graduate participants and non-participants will receive their diploma 2-3 weeks after all Spring 2 grades have been posted. Summer graduates will receive their diplomas after all Summer term grades have been posted.

**Questions?**

Contact [Graduation@lfgsm.edu](mailto:Graduation@lfgsm.edu).