Message to graduating class of 2016

Part I

Dear Graduating seniors:
Congratulations on your pending graduation!

Below is information about what you must do before graduation, and the graduation ceremony (Part I). You will receive a separate message about the Bar Exam (Part II).

1. **Check your graduation requirements** to confirm that you will be able to graduate on time. You can review the checklist at https://camlaw.rutgers.edu/worldcourse/files/900-11-9/2016summerregpacket/Graduation_Checklist_2016.pdf

2. **Fill out your diploma form** by March 28, 2016 at: https://grad.admissions.rutgers.edu/Diploma

3. **Order your graduation gown.** The Law School will pay for graduates’ gowns. Please help us order your gown by providing your height and weight ASAP to Arlene Lentini, alentini@camden.rutgers.edu

   Gowns will be distributed at the law school before graduation. Further information will be distributed in April. **You will not be able to pick up your gown or your diploma if you do not fill out the Graduate Employment Survey** (see # 5 below).

   * When you pick up your regalia, make sure you have 4 pieces: a gown with a working zipper that fits you correctly, a tam (not the undergraduate cap), a tassel and a hood. On graduation day, do not wear the hood. Make sure the hood is unbuttoned, and carry it draped over your left arm on graduation day. You will be hooded on stage. It is difficult for the hooders to get the hood over your head if the hood is buttoned.

4. **Take your yearbook photo.** Starting this year Rutgers Law School will give each graduate a free, joint Camden and Newark yearbook, which will include the portraits of all graduating seniors. The University has selected a vendor for portraits (see below). You need not purchase portraits to be in the Yearbook. Even if you do not plan to purchase portraits, please make sure to have your photo taken. If you did not take your photo in February, please do so during the make-up date and final session**

   **Wednesday, March 30**
   **Times: 9 am - 5 pm**
   **Location: Conference Room Campus Center**

   Make an appointment at www.ouryear.com, entering school code 14 or by calling 1-800-OUR-YEAR™ (687-9327), during normal business hours. When you schedule your appointment, you will receive complete information on how to prepare for your portrait sitting.

5. **Graduate Employment Survey**
   All members of the Class of 2016 are required to complete a Graduate Employment Survey in order to pick up their cap & gown and diploma. The ABA requires all law schools to collect this information. You must complete your Survey **by April 14** WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE OBTAINED A POST-GRADUATION POSITION. To
complete the survey, login to your Symplicity account at https://law-camden-rutgers-csm.symplicity.com/students and click on "Graduate Survey" under the Shortcuts menu. If you need assistance accessing your Symplicity account or the survey, please contact the Center for Career Development at careerplanning@camlaw.rutgers.edu. Please fill out the survey even if you do not have a post-graduate position lined-up *. When you obtain a position, return to the survey and update your employment status. Your Symplicity account will remain active after graduation, and you have a lifetime access to the Center for Career Development.

*Note that your employment status should not be "enrolled in a full-time degree program" unless you are attending a graduate, doctoral or other degree program AFTER you graduate from law school.

6. **Presentation of diplomas**
   Apply to receive the diploma on the stage from family members who are graduates of Rutgers Law School. See the form at the end of this message.

7. **Class Day Awards**
   Class Day (the Awards Ceremony) will take place the day before, May 18, 2016 on the Clark Commons on the Law Bridge, at 3:00 pm. More information about Class Day and Graduation will be distributed as it becomes available. There will also be a campus-wide picnic on May 18 at lunchtime.
   Friends and family are welcome to the ceremony. No RSVP required. A list of awards will be posted on the graduation webpage before the event.

8. **Commencement**
   We are pleased to announce that our graduation speaker will be Faustino "Fuzzy" Fernandez-Vina, New Jersey Supreme Court Justice. The Justice, a graduate of Rutgers Law School, was born in Cuba, and served in various leadership positions in Camden County Hall of Justice since 2004, including as Assignment Judge. More info: http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/supreme/vina.html

   The Graduation ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 19, 2016, at 3 PM at the BB&T Pavilion http://www.livenation.com/venues/14115/bb-t-pavilion (formerly the Susquehanna Bank Center).
   Law graduates should report to the Ben Franklin doors at 2 pm. Friends and family members will enter through the Walt Whitman side. No tickets are needed to attend the Law School Commencement ceremony.

   **Parking and Directions:**
   https://www.camden.rutgers.edu/commencement/parking-directions
   **Special accommodations:**
   https://www.camden.rutgers.edu/commencement/special-accommodations

   A light reception will follow at the Law School's Clark Commons on the Law Bridge. Friends and family members are welcome! Diplomas will be given out at the law school, and rented gowns will be collected at the law school.
9. **Welcome to the Rutgers University Alumni Association (RUAA),** which serves all alumni of Rutgers University. The purpose of the association is to advance the best interests and well-being of Rutgers University by engaging all alumni in the life of the institution through communication, programming, services, and volunteer opportunities. Membership in the RUAA is free and automatically granted to all graduates of Rutgers University, or any of its predecessor schools, upon graduation. For more information, visit us at [http://www.alumni.rutgers.edu/s/896/start.aspx](http://www.alumni.rutgers.edu/s/896/start.aspx)

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<td>At the Susquehanna Bank Center, please have your presenting family member and all your friends and family who are sitting together report to section 103 (see SBC seating below). Families enter the seating area on the Walt Whitman side, closest to section 100. To facilitate the seating arrangements, please have the party come at least 30 minutes before the actual ceremony begins.</td>
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