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GRAD FAIR



**THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS!**





## December 2021 Graduation Candidate:

I know that since March 2020, your academic experience has been very challenging. Nevertheless, earning your degree is a milestone that deserves special recognition. Grad Fair begins with representatives available to assist you with questions regarding announcements, diploma frames and class rings. Grad Images Photography will be there to take your first cap and gown portrait.

*Please note that you should attend the Grad Fair for your respective campus.*

### **Grad Fair on the Monroe Park Campus**

Barnes & Noble @ VCU at 1111 West Broad St.,  
Wednesday, October 13 - Friday, October 15, 2021  
from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### **Grad Fair on the MCV Campus**

Barnes & Noble at VCU Medical Center at 601 N. 10th St.,  
Tuesday, October 12 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Please review the enclosed information carefully and contact me at [vcudean@vcu.edu](mailto:vcudean@vcu.edu), if you have any questions. If you are unable to attend, information regarding regalia, announcements, class rings and diploma frames will be available on the VCU Commencement website at: <https://commencement.vcu.edu/>. At this time, no decisions have been made regarding an in-person Commencement ceremony but more information will be provided on the Commencement website.

Congratulations on your achievement and best wishes for your future endeavors!

Dr. Reuban Rodriguez  
Associate Vice Provost and Dean of Students  
Division of Student Affairs



## CAP AND GOWN

Academic regalia prices, including cap, gown, hood and tassel are: bachelor set, \$63.94; master set, \$81.94; Ph.D./Ed.D. set, \$120.92; and professional doctorate set, \$69.94 (professional doctorate programs include D.P.T., D.D.S., Pharm.D., M.D. and D.N.A.P.). Prices do not include sales tax. Regalia will be available for purchase during the Grad Fair events, see page 2 for scheduled events.

If you are unable to purchase your regalia from the Barnes & Noble @ VCU locations, please visit [www.balfour.com/vcu](http://www.balfour.com/vcu) to purchase online. Shipping charges will apply.

*Note, all medical degree regalia is at Barnes & Noble at VCU Medical Center only.*



## RING INFORMATION



Join the Ring Tradition and choose from our custom-crafted class ring options, find out your ring size and purchase your class ring during the Grad Fair events (dates on page 2). Current STAT donors will save \$60 on class rings, or if you update your post-graduation information with VCU Alumni, you could receive \$35 off your class ring. Full collection can be seen online at [balfour.com/vcu](http://balfour.com/vcu).

## GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Graduation marks an important milestone. Share the wonderful news with VCU standard or personalized graduation announcements. Standard graduation announcements include two envelopes and a blank name card. These are available for purchase at the Barnes & Noble @ VCU on both campuses.

Personalized announcements are available at [www.balfour.com/vcu](http://www.balfour.com/vcu) or (800) 433-0296. These incorporate the graduate's name, degree and major. Please allow 5-7 business days for personalized announcement delivery.

For more information on class ring or graduation announcements, visit [balfour.com/vcu](http://balfour.com/vcu) or call (866) 225-3687.



# REGALIA ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

A fund has been established to provide relief for those who need financial assistance in purchasing regalia. This fund is administered by the Division of Student Affairs. Students may access the application for regalia assistance starting October 22 online at: <https://dos.vcu.edu/services/financial-support/>.

**Eligibility:** Undergraduate, graduate and professional students who will graduate in December 2021 may apply for assistance. Funds are limited and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Assistance will be for ONE SET of regalia (cap, gown and hood).

**Administration of the Award:** Financial need will be considered as part of the process. Students will retrieve their regalia from Barnes & Noble @ VCU on either campus per the timeline below. Note: Reimbursement will not be made to students who have previously purchased regalia; assistance is not applicable for online purchases.

**Timetable:** Funds are limited and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until funds run out.







## YOUR GRAD CHECKLIST:



### **RSVP FOR COMMENCEMENT**

[commencement.vcu.edu](http://commencement.vcu.edu)



### **PURCHASE CAP & GOWN**

at Barnes & Noble @ VCU



### **ORDER CLASS RING & GRAD ANNOUNCEMENTS AT BARNES & NOBLE @ VCU**

October 12 @ VCU Medical Campus

October 13-15 @ Monroe Park Campus



### **GRAD BASH**

December 9 at 6 p.m. RSVP at [vcu.alumni.org](http://vcu.alumni.org)



### **RING CEREMONY**

December 6, doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Ceremony begins at 6 p.m.



### **COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**

Please check the Commencement website  
for the latest updates.

## Every Graduate is an Alumni of VCU Libraries

Enjoy your free Alumni Benefits  
and continue learning after graduation!

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Alumni Benefits by visiting  
[go.vcu.edu/alumnibenefits](http://go.vcu.edu/alumnibenefits).



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## TECH TROUBLES?

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**Don't let your RamSupport run out!**

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# You'll always be a Ram.

*Stay connected after graduation.*

Graduation isn't goodbye! Your relationship with VCU lasts a lifetime, and the Office of Alumni Relations is here, ready to welcome you to a thriving community of graduates (210,000 strong and counting!) and to provide opportunities for you to stay connected and supported no matter where life takes you.

Here are 10 things you can do to stay connected to your alma mater and our network of Rams.

**1. Download the VCU app:**

Take VCU with you on your smartphone and switch your experience to "alumni" to access alumni benefits, chapters, events and more.

**2. Get social:**

Follow VCU Alumni on social media for the latest alumni profiles, events, live panels and "how to" demonstrations, giveaways, campus happenings and more.

**3. Share your experience or benefit from the help of others:**

Sign up for VCU Link to help the next generation of students or connect with alumni in industries by participating in flash mentorings online.

**4. Network:** Attend a networking event to meet other alumni working in your industry.

**5. Spread the word:** Loved your VCU experience? Tell everyone, especially students who are looking for their future college.

**6. Update your contact information:**

Share your new mailing and email addresses so we can keep you updated on VCU and alumni activities.

**7. Join a chapter:** Get involved with a regional, academic, shared-interest or identity-based group to make new and lasting connections.

**8. Become a Rambassador:**

Join VCU Alumni's digital volunteer program where you can earn VCU rewards, win monthly prizes and access one-of-a-kind events — just by sharing your passion for VCU!

**9. Visit campus:**

Come back to campus to reconnect and to share your postgraduate experiences with students.

**10. Bleed black and gold:**

Proudly wear and display your VCU gear. You never know who might notice and strike up a conversation!

[vcualumni.org](http://vcualumni.org)



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# OUR COMMUNITY STRONGER THAN EVER!

## Special VCU Alumni Pricing Available!

### Alumni Memberships Include:

- Access to both Cary Street Gym & MCV Campus Gym
- Optional personal training and massage therapy
- Access to both VCU Aquatics Centers
- State-of-the-art fitness equipment
- Group Exercise Classes Included

**Disclaimer:** Due to COVID-19, Facilities and services are subject to change at any time.

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[Recsports@vcu.edu](mailto:Recsports@vcu.edu)  
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## 2021 Grad Fair

### MONROE PARK CAMPUS

October 13-15

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Barnes & Noble @ VCU

### MCV CAMPUS

October 12

10:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Barnes & Noble @ MCV

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