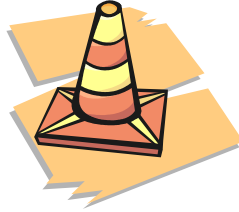


# CONSTRUCTION! CONES! AND COMMENCEMENT!



## To All Graduating Students & Families

May is an important month for **Robert Morris University** and the 700-plus graduates who plan on attending one or more of the many commencement week activities that are planned to help you celebrate graduation day, May 9, 2009. We want this day to be one of the fondest memories of your time here at RMU. So...

**PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO REVIEW THIS IMPORTANT ALERT MESSAGE. SEND A COPY TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO PLAN ON ATTENDING EITHER THE MORNING GRADUATE CEREMONY (9 AM) OR THE AFTERNOON UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY (2 PM).**

With the appearance of caps & gowns come the inevitable construction detours and orange cones. This year, Penn Dot has alerted us to major roadwork that might impede your travel time to the RMU campus. There are numerous alerts for major roadways in the area, including I-79 north and southbound, Route 65 (Ohio River Blvd), Parkway East and Parkway West (especially around the Robinson Twp interchanges), Route 60 (from Beaver to Aliquippa), and the PA Turnpike in both directions. You can find specific information as well as the latest updates on the Post-Gazette NOW web site at:

<http://www.traffic.com/Pittsburgh-Traffic/Pittsburgh-Traffic-Roadwork.html>

It is so important that you plan your route accordingly to ensure that you arrive in time for the ceremonies which begin promptly at the appointed times. Please arrive early...

For the morning graduate ceremony, **doors open at 7:30am** for general seating. Graduate Reception begins at 7am, so arrive early, enjoy breakfast, and take the leisurely walk to Sewall Center for the best seats. Doors to the Center close at 8:45 to ensure everyone is seated for a prompt 9:00am start.

For the afternoon undergraduate ceremony, **doors open at 12:30pm** for ticketed seating. You must have a ticket to enter the arena. An Undergraduate Reception follows the ceremony. Doors to the Center close at 1:45 in anticipation of a prompt 2:00pm start.

Please ask your student for additional information regarding the ceremony. They have received a comprehensive Commencement Guidebook, instructions for commencement day, and specific suggestions for guests. Please help us make this day perfect by planning your arrival on campus ***at least one hour before the scheduled start*** of the program. Shuttles are available to move you to the Center. There will be water concessions, florists, and an opportunity to purchase the new Stole of Gratitude at the doors to thank those who have made your graduation possible.