**PHONE EXTENSIONS**

**Commencement Co-Chairs**
Annette Ward ........................................ ext. 7431
Lori Taylor ........................................... ext. 7204

**Grand Marshal**
Ray Matura, Ph.D. ................................. ext. 7262

**Faculty Marshals**
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Earl Thomas ........................................ ext. 7489

**Other Extensions**
Academic Affairs .................................... ext. 7215
Registrar’s Office ................................. ext. 7369
Campus Post Office .............................. ext. 7355
Bookstore ............................................. ext. 7274
Campus Police ...................................... ext. 7286

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**Tuesday, April 28**
Radiologic Technology Pinning Ceremony ............ 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 29**
Respiratory Therapy Pinning Ceremony ................ 6:00 p.m.

**Friday, May 1**
Graduates’ Breakfast ........................................... 8:30 a.m.
Graduates’ Practice .......................................... 9:45 a.m.
Nurses’ Pinning Ceremony ................................. 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, May 2**
Brunch at The Marketplace .......................... 10:30 a.m – 12:30 p.m.
Commencement ............................................. 1:00 p.m.

**Friday, July 31**
Diagnostic Medical Sonography
Pinning Ceremony ........................................... 6:30 p.m.

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**GRADUATES’ BREAKFAST**
The Rio Grande Alumni Association and President Michelle Johnston will host a Graduates’ Breakfast prior to practice on Friday, May 1. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. in the Davis University Center Cafeteria. For more information, please call Annette Ward, ext. 7431. (No charge for graduates; all others $5.00 payable at the door.)

**COMMENCEMENT PRACTICE**
Rehearsal for Commencement will begin at approximately 9:45 a.m. on Friday, May 1 in front of Davis Library. Marching assignments will be given at this time. Practice should be over by 10:30 a.m. It is important that graduates attend rehearsal.

In case of inclement weather, practice will be held in Lyne Center.

Graduates who want to ensure proper name pronunciation should contact their Dean during commencement practice or within two days of the ceremony.
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CAPS AND GOWNS
Graduates may pick up caps and gowns in the Rio Bookstore in Rhodes Center. Rain tickets will be available with caps and gowns.

Monday, April 27 through Friday, May 1
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 2
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

GRADUATES’ ATTIRE
Recommendations: No shorts, jeans, tennis shoes or high heels.

PHOTOGRAPHS & VIDEOS
Photographs: Graduation Foto® is excited to be your school’s commencement photographer. All graduates will be photographed during the ceremony and photos will be available for purchase. If you have any questions, please visit www.graduationfoto.com.

Videos: DVDs of the Commencement ceremony will be available for purchase. E-mail Mike Thompson at miket@rio.edu. Cost: $20.00 (includes shipping).

Guests must not block aisles or stage ramps while taking their own photographs and videos.

MARKETPLACE
The Marketplace will serve an elegant brunch from 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Meal plans and guest meal plans will be honored. Guest rate is $8.50.

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Graduates should assemble in cap and gown on Saturday, May 2, at 12:30 p.m. in their assigned area in front of Davis Library. The academic procession will start at 1:00 p.m. Graduates who cannot attend must get permission from the Registrar, Debbie Browning (ext. 7209) or browning@rio.edu. These students will graduate in absentia.

SEATING
Outdoor seating is first come, first served. Although there should be ample seating available, guests are welcome to bring their own chairs. After the benediction, chairs will need to be removed from the circle on the green to make room for the singing of the Alma Mater.

If the ceremony is in Lyne Center, seating is on the bleachers and requires a ticket for admission. Seating will be available beginning at noon.

IN CASE OF RAIN
Lyne Center’s Newt Oliver Arena is the backup facility in case of inclement weather. Graduates will receive 4 tickets for their guests when they pick up their caps and gowns. These tickets will be required for entry into the gymnasium. Graduates must make arrangements to distribute the rain tickets to their guests before the ceremony. These tickets will be used only in case of rain. If graduates have more than 4 guests, additional guests may view the ceremony on video at the following locations:

• Associate’s Degree Graduates:
  Morris Haskins Auditorium, 118 Bob Evans Farms Hall
• Bachelor’s Degree Graduates:
  Christensen Theatre, Berry Arts Center
• Master’s Degree Graduates:
  Christensen Theatre, Berry Arts Center

In case of rain, announcements regarding moving the ceremony indoors will be made by 11:00 a.m. on WKOV 96.7 FM, Jackson; WXBW 101.5 FM, Huntington; WBYG 99.5, Pt. Pleasant; WOUB 91.3 FM, Athens; and WNTO 93.1, Gallipolis.

HANDICAPPED PARKING
Handicapped parking will be available on North College Avenue. That street will otherwise be closed. Visitors should display handicapped parking tags. There are also handicapped spaces in the parking area near Lyne Center, in case of rain.

COMMENCEMENT RECEPTION
Weather permitting, graduates and their families may enjoy refreshments immediately following Commencement at the Alumni Memorial Bell Tower.

DIPLOMAS
Diplomas will not be in the folders graduates receive during the Commencement Ceremony. Graduates who completed their requirements during the previous summer term or fall term, and have met all financial obligations, may pick up diplomas in Florence Evans Hall immediately following the ceremony.

Graduates completing degree requirements in spring semester will have their diplomas mailed to them 10-14 days after final grades have been received. Please notify the Office of the Registrar at 740-245-7369, or email at records@rio.edu if you prefer to pick up your diploma instead of having it mailed.

Summer term diplomas will be available after the summer term is completed and grades and degrees are posted.