

Dear Stony Brook Class of 2025 Biology and Biochemistry Graduate and Family,

Candidates please note, this letter will not be mailed to your Family. You should send this notice to your Family, so they have the information needed for the Biology and Biochemistry Ceremony.

Stony Brook University will hold its Sixty-Fifth Annual Commencement at 11:00 AM, Friday, May 23, 2025 in LaValle Stadium at the University Sports Complex. **A separate Convocation Ceremony for Biology Majors and Minors and Biochemistry Majors is scheduled for Thursday May 22 at 3:PM in the Island Federal Credit Union Arena.** Graduates will assemble for the Biology and Biochemistry Convocation at 2:00 PM in Pritchard Gym. Each candidate will be individually recognized at the Biology and Biochemistry Convocation. The faculty and staff of Undergraduate Biology and the Departments of Biochemistry and Cell Biology, Ecology and Evolution, and Neurobiology and Behavior invite you to attend these ceremonies honoring your prospective graduate.

The Office of Conferences and Special Events will be mailing a postcard to all degree candidates with information about the Main Commencement Ceremony and Commencement website with all the information needed. It is important to indicate on SOLAR if your graduate intends to attend both the Department Convocation and the Main Commencement Ceremony as the Programs printed for **BOTH** events only include names of those that have indicated they will attend. This must be filled out for a Graduate's name to appear in the Programs and receive tickets for the main ceremony as well as the department ceremony before the form closes. Comprehensive information on the Commencement will continue to be available at: www.stonybrook.edu/graduation. If you have any further questions, please call the Office of Conferences and Special Events, telephone number (631) 632-1118.

For the Biology / Biochemistry Ceremony students who are attending this Ceremony **MUST** fill out the department Ceremony Attendance Google Sheet which can be found on the Biology Website as well as the Commencement office attendance form indicating you are attending the main and or department ceremonies. Students graduating in December 2024, January 2025 and Spring / August 2025 and Fall 2025 are eligible to attend the Department Ceremony. The deadline to be included in the Department Program is April 30, 2025. Please be sure to indicate which Semester you have or are Graduating. Also, students attending the Biology/Biochemistry ceremony **MUST** also register for the Photographer by scanning the QR code on the BIO website. Please keep the registration number and put it on the yellow attendance card given to students when they arrive.

Tickets are required for admission to the Main Commencement Ceremony, REGISTERED CANDIDATES who have indicated they will attend the department ceremony, will receive an email invitation with instructions on how to access tickets. **Tickets are REQUIRED for admission to the Biology and Biochemistry Convocation. Each Student will receive 3 tickets each and you will receive them electronically. More information and instructions for tickets will be posted in early May. Please keep checking.** Tickets will be disbursed electronically and a waiting list for 1 additional ticket will be available through the Commencement Office if there are extra tickets. If your graduate will be attending more than one Departmental Ceremony, they should inform the Department that was not listed on the SOLAR Registration Form. Please note, there will be a professional photographer there to take pictures of each graduate as they are individually recognized. A scan code will be on the BIO website for you to register for your pictures in advance of the ceremony. Once registered you

will put your registration number on the yellow card to save time filling out the yellow card at the ceremony. Please remember to do this prior to the ceremony to save time.

Congratulations to you and your graduate! We sincerely hope you will join us on Commencement Day.

With all best wishes,



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