

Class of 2023

Commencement Ceremony
May 7, 2022



Event Details:

- **Date:** May 6, 2022
- **Location:** Bodnar Field
- **How:** In-Person and Livestreamed
- **Tickets:**
 - Four tickets per cadet in reserved section and rest in unreserved section
 - Plus open non-reserved seating on field and in bleachers
- **Weather Plans:** Rain or shine, unless risk of lightning

Seating Details:

Bodnar Field

Staging/ Ingress-Egress

Location of generator



Designated Parking/Pickup Points

- Lot O/PEAC
- Lot A
- Lot E & F (cadets)

Usher Locations

- Public Safety
- Faculty Drive
- All Entrances/Exits to Bodnar Field

Communications:

- **Notification to Families**
 - Letter from Pres. Cropper sent to those indicated on the form to register for Commencement
 - Sent last week
- **Invitation to Extend Housing**
 - Allows residential graduates and those working Commencement to remain in residence hall through Commencement
 - Sent by email from Residence Life last week
- **Invitations to Academic Receptions**
 - Email to graduates to forward to family and other guests
 - Sent this morning

Commencement Keynote Speaker:



Ally Cedeno

Founder & President of the Women Offshore Foundation

HR Supervisor, Transocean

Ally Cedeno is the founder and president of the Women Offshore Foundation, a 2008 graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, and a 2020 graduate of Rice University's Jones Graduate School of Business with a Master's in Business Administration. She is licensed as a chief mate of unlimited tonnage vessels and has worked as a senior dynamic positioning operator. Ally's experience on the water spans both the maritime and offshore energy industries over the last 15 years. At Transocean, she is the HR focal point for four ultra-deepwater drill ships. Ally spent much of her career at sea as one of the only women in operations on the vessels she worked on, yet she is determined to change that with the Women Offshore Foundation, an online organization and resource center for a diverse workforce on the water. The organization's mission is to propel women into meaningful careers through access to a worldwide community and professional development resources, while raising awareness amongst industry leaders and decision makers about issues affecting women on the water.

Cadet and Master's Student Speakers:

Undergraduate Program Speaker

- **Name and Major: TBD**

Masters Program Speaker

- **Name and Major: Joyce-Lynn Redondo, Transportation & Engineering Mgt**

Safety Protocols:

- Masks are not required for those fully vaccinated, but are strongly encouraged for the unvaccinated. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available at the event entrance.
- Individuals who are experiencing COVID-19 related symptoms or are ill should not attend the event and are encouraged to participate by viewing the live stream.
- The venue is outdoors and shaded areas will be limited.

Commencement Week:

- **Monday, May 1**
Final Exams
- **Tuesday, May 2**
Final Exams
- **Wednesday, May 3**
Final Exams
- **Thursday, May 4**
Final Exams
- **Friday, May 5**
Commissioning Rehearsal
(11:00-12:00)
ARRIVE @Bodnar 12:30
Commencement Rehearsal
(1:00-3:00pm)
Alumni Welcome Reception
(3:00-3:45pm)
Academic Receptions (4:00-5:00pm)
Senior Awards (5:00-5:30pm)
Lavender Reception (5:3—6:00pm)



Commencement Day:

- **Saturday, May 6**

Shuttles start at 8:00am and will run until 2:00pm. Remind your guests to allow 60 minutes to park, shuttle, walk, and get seated for the 11:00am ceremony. For safety reasons, the Police Department will curb all traffic movement at 11:00am.

Coast Guard and Navy Officer Commissioning Ceremony (9:00-9:45am)

Commencement Ceremony Line-Up (10:00-11:00am)

Commencement Ceremony (11:00am-1:00pm)

To-Do Items for Graduates:

- Apply to Graduate with Registrar
- Register to walk in Commencement
- Check Salt & Pepper uniform (*2 inspections at Formation*)
- Register personal needs for disability access (*before 04/01*)
- Register for late stay in residence hall if remaining until Commencement (*form sent from Residence Life last week*)



Important Notes and Reminders:

- Guest tickets (4) will be distributed at rehearsal and **only** at rehearsal
- Seating for 4 ticketed guests on the field is first-come, first-served
- Parking is first-come, first-served and shuttles will be running from Lot O and Lower Campus – parking near McAllister and Bodnar restricted
- Services for guests with disabilities include handicapped parking, ASL interpreters, and handicapped seating
- Only service animals are allowed – no emotional support animals or pets
- Some – not all – of the reasons you might not be allowed to walk
 - Intoxicated, not in compliance with uniform and grooming standards policy, disruptive of ceremony
- [Commencement website](#)

Complete Participation Form



If you haven't completed the form for participating in the Commencement ceremony, Please do so now.

Questions?

Concerns?

