

Thursday,
May 22, 2025
Prudential Center
9:00am



THE ROAD TO RUTGERS UNIVERSITY- NEWARK COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY 2025

Topics to Discuss

- Difference between commencement and graduation
- Graduation Dates/Diploma Distribution
- Check List PRIOR to Graduation
- Diploma & Official Transcript
- Participation in Commencement
- Regalia
- The Prudential Center:
Directions/Parking/Admission
- Name Cards & Announcements
- Commencement Day Instructions
- Dress and Decorum
- What to expect during the ceremony



COMMENCEMENT VS. GRADUATION

Graduation

Graduation marks the end of your progress towards a bachelor's degree. It is the receiving or conferring of your academic degree.



Commencement

Commencement is the ceremony to acknowledge and celebrate you receiving your academic degree.



You are required to apply for graduation, even if you do not intend to participate in Commencement.

Diploma Distribution

*Diplomas will NOT be distributed on the day of
Commencement*

Diplomas are ordered by the University Registrar's Office and will be mailed based upon your graduation date.

Graduation Date


August 2024
January 2025
May 2025
August 2025

Diploma Availability

December 2024
April 2025
July 2025
December 2025

If you graduate August 2024, January 2025, May 2025, you are automatically invited to participate in Commencement in May 2025. Note: If you wish to participate in Commencement in May, but do not graduate until the August that follows, you must fill out a form located on the School of Criminal Justice Website. You are considered an AUGUST 2025 graduate as you are not done with your requirements. Your name will not be printed in the program.

"Participation" in the Commencement Ceremony



Students must complete the following requirements by the end of the Spring 2025 semester to participate in the May 2025 Commencement Ceremony:

- Complete a minimum of 120 credits;
- Earn a cumulative 2.0 GPA or higher;
- Complete all general education or core curriculum, writing intensive, and major/minor requirements;
- Pre-certified by your advisor(s). This includes ALL majors/minors.

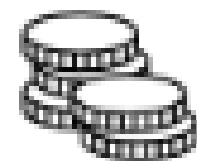
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CHECK LIST

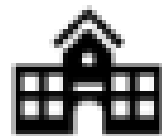
To do prior to graduating:



1. Finalize all temporary or incomplete grades – Submit your work directly to the professor. They must submit a change of grade.



2. Rectify financial holds – Submit payment and notify the Newark Business Office.



3. Complete a financial aid Exit Counseling session – OFA will notify you with information if this is needed.



4. Resolve disciplinary charges – Work directly with Conduct & Community Standards office, if applicable.

Diploma & Official Transcripts

Diploma:

What's included on your diploma?

- School of Criminal Justice
- Your Name
- Bachelor of Science (CJ Majors)
- Bachelor of Arts (JS Majors)

Official Transcript:

What's included on your official transcript?

- School of Criminal Justice
- Your Name
- Your Degree
- Your Cumulative GPA
- Course information with letter grade and GPA by term
- Major and second concentration
- ***Accelerated MA is not added until you become a matriculating MA student

Commencement Regalia



- The commencement regalia website has gone live! Which means you are now able to purchase your cap and gown.
- <https://rutgersnewark.shopoakhalli.com/>
- March 28: ship to the Rutgers bookstore
- April 13: ship to home

HOOD INFORMATION, NEXT SLIDE



Commencement Regalia Continued...

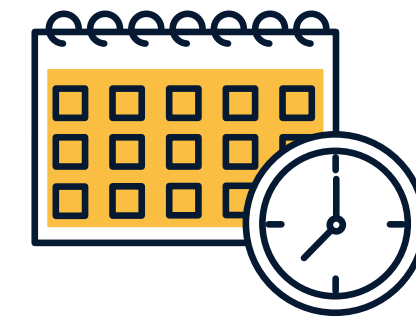
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at pick up:

Bachelor's of
Science (BS):
gold stripe

Bachelor's of
Arts (BA):
white stripe

Bachelor's of
Fine Art
(BFA):
brown stripe

All questions
regarding regalia
should be addressed
to:



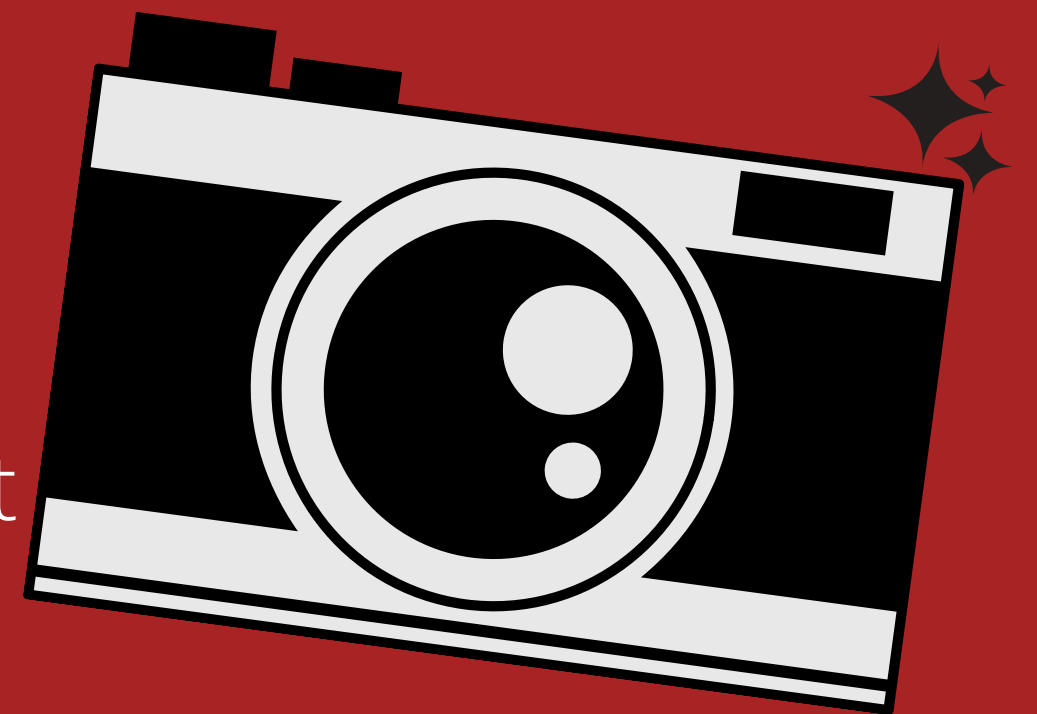
Brielle Amos,
Barnes & Noble
Asst. Store Manager
bamos@bncollege.com
OR
visit www.newark-rutgers.bncollege.com

Rings and Senior Portraits



Students can go to the website <https://www.balfour.com/newark-rutgers> to look at the rings and purchase them if they would like. If they have any questions that can call our Customer Service Department at (800-225-3687) or email CollegeRings@Balfour.com

An email with login information was sent by Island Photography; please check your spam folder in case it's not in your inbox. You can also try contacting Island Photography directly at (516) 767-1234 or via email custserv@islandphoto.com to schedule an appointment. Let me know if you have any issues reaching Island (INFO WILL BE ON EMAIL GOING OUT TO STUDENTS)



Class of 2025 Salute Week Events

Check your emails for location and times - email was sent with a Salute Week Event Flyer to all seniors

Let the Games Begin...
May 13



Scarlet Forever BBQ
May 15th
4:30pm-7pm



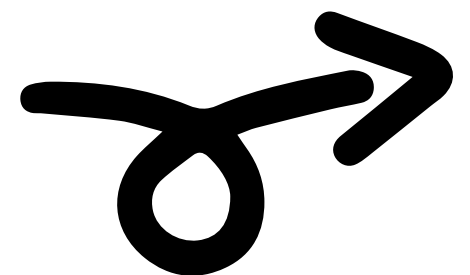
Color Me Proud
May 12
3pm-6pm





Prudential Center

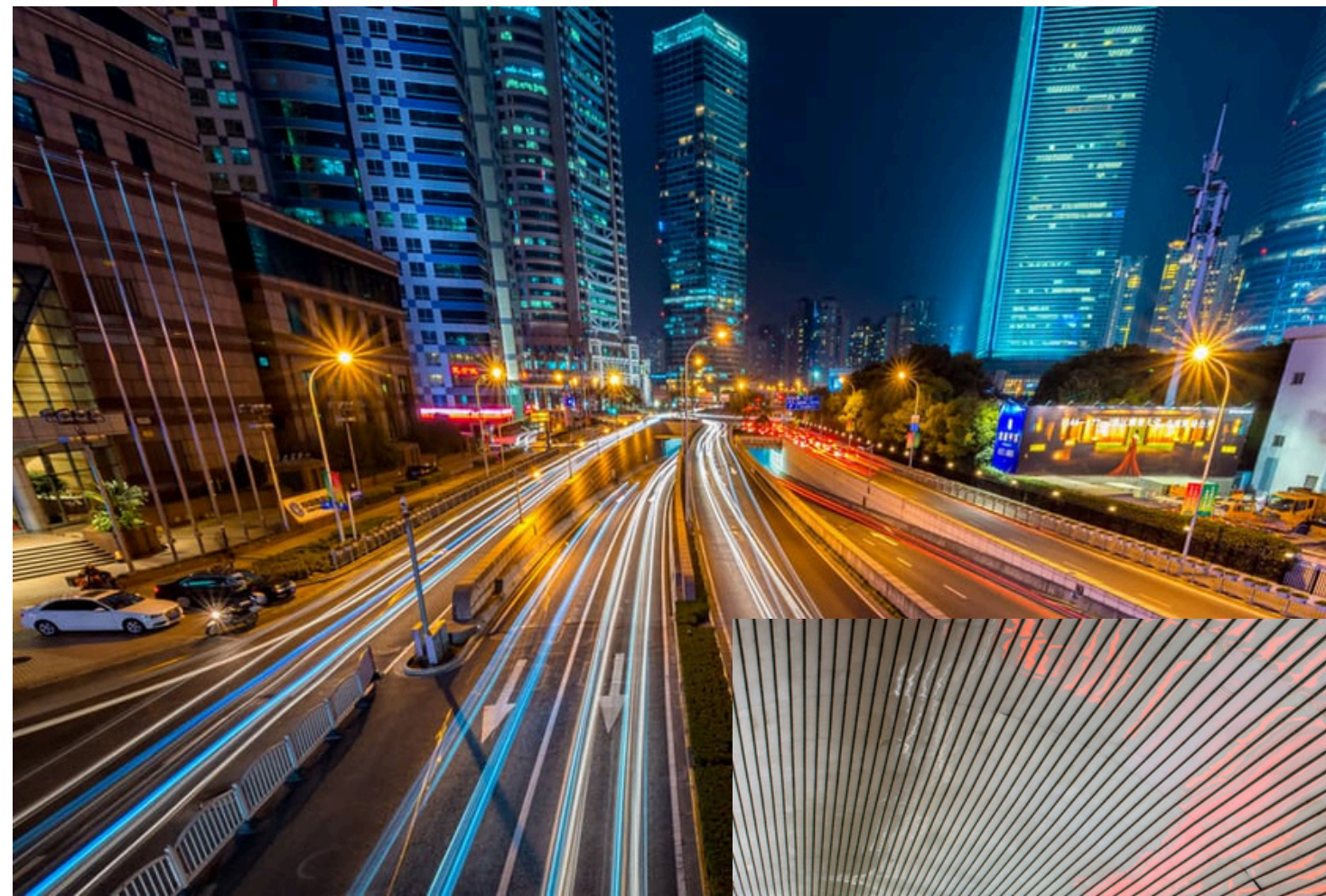
Directions /Parking @ Prudential Center



Directions/Parking @ Prudential Center

DIRECTIONS:

- Located in downtown Newark, 2 blocks from Newark Penn Station.
- The arena is accessible via New Jersey Transit, PATH, and Amtrak.
- Bounded by Edison Place to the north, Lafayette Street to the south, Mulberry Street to east and Broad Street and City Hall to the west.



PARKING

- Parking at Rutgers University- Newark will be FREE for all graduates and their guests.
- <https://www.newark.rutgers.edu/commencement>
- Parking at/near the Prudential Center is NOT free. Graduates/guests will be responsible for their own parking fees off campus.
- There will be signage, personnel, and security providing assistance.

For more information on parking near Prudential Center, please visit:
<http://www.prucenter.com/getting-here#/parking>


Prudential Center Admission

Guests DO NOT need tickets in order to gain admission.

Students are NOT limited to the number of guests that can be invited.

All graduates will be given name cards prior to graduation. This will serve as your ticket into the arena. The School of Criminal Justice will begin distributing name cards during Salute Week.





**YOUR NAME
HERE**

Name Cards & Announcements

Graduates **MUST** have a NAME CARD for **ADMISSION** to the Prudential Center on Thurs., May 22. Graduates will be notified via their Scarlet E-Mail when you can pick-up Name Cards and Announcements.

Special Notes for Guests



- Students and guests can park in Rutgers University-Newark parking facilities for FREE
- Parking at the Pru is available for a fee determined by the parking vendors
- It is recommended that students/guests with disabilities & the elderly be dropped off in front of The Pru.
- Guests seating is General Admission "first come-first serve"
- Doors will open for guests between 8:15AM and 8:30AM

2025 COMMENCEMENT DATE

Thursday, May 22, 2025

****Check-In Time: 8AM Sharp****

The Ceremony will begin promptly at
9AM





ALL Graduates MUST
remain for the duration
of the ceremony!

Dress & Decorum



- Clothing should be in good taste and comfortable.
- Comfortable shoes should be worn.

- Caps should be worn flat on the head (bring bobby pins to secure the cap)

- Honor Cords and pins may be worn on the outside of the robe (Contact your Honor Society for information on cords or pins)

- Leave your purse, cameras, and personal items with a family member or friend. Remember to turn your cell phone OFF!

- All guests are asked to remain in their seats during the ceremony and should respect the rights of others to view the ceremony in its entirety.

- Alcoholic beverages are PROHIBITED!

- DO NOT drink prior to the ceremony. University Police will confiscate alcoholic beverages and will remove inebriated persons from the processional and/or ceremony.

Arrival at Prudential Center



GRADUATES

& GUESTS

M&M Tower



GUESTS

Citizens Tower



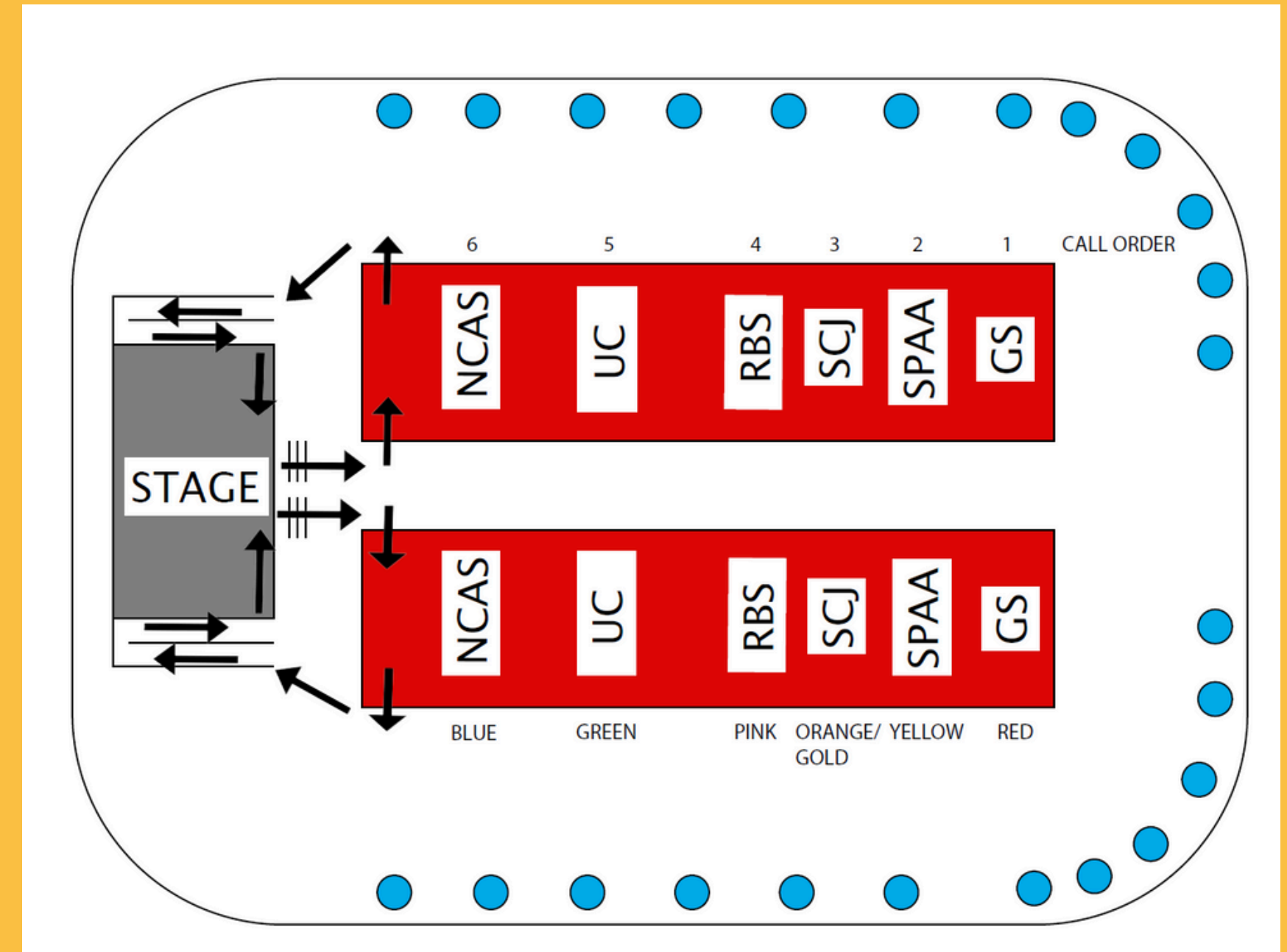
GUESTS

**Lafayette
Street
Entrance**



Name Card and Check in Information

- Graduates must arrive wearing regalia.
- Graduates must present the Name Card for admittance to the Prudential Center. (The Name Card will serve as your ticket)
- All graduates will follow the signs to the Area floor.
- Keep you Name Card with you at ALL TIMES



****(color subject to change without notice)*

Name Card Pick-Up Information

Date	Location	Time
May 13 th	“Let the Games Begin” – PRCC Essex Rooms	3pm - 5pm
May 14 th	School of Criminal Justice – CLJ 5 th FL /Rm.578	12pm - 4pm
May 15 th	“Scarlet Forever BBQ & Toast” – RU Tennis Courts	4:45pm - 7pm
May 19 th	School of Criminal Justice – CLJ 5 th FL /Rm.578	1pm - 4pm
May 20 th	School of Criminal Justice – CLJ 5 th FL/Rm. 578	10am - 3pm

Ceremony Instructions

Graduate Seating will be by school only

You can be seated with friends from the same school

Graduates remain standing until the Chancellor instructs everyone to be seated

The Provost, Chancellor, Deans, Keynote Speaker, and undergraduate Speaker will address graduates

Graduates will RISE and the dean will confer the degrees

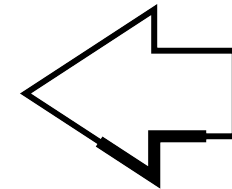
Marshals will usher graduates row by row to the stage

Proceed on the stage with Name Card, name will be announced and honor status (if applicable)

Individual photos will be taken by professional photographers on stage and as you receive a diploma jacket

After all graduates have returned to their seats, the Chancellor will end the Commencement Ceremony

ALL GRADUATES MUST STAY FOR THE DURATION OF THE CEREMONY!





Ceremony Instructions Cont...

*Names of Graduates will be
Announced by School in the
following order:*

- Graduate School - Newark
- School of Public Affairs & Administration
- School of Criminal Justice
- Rutgers Business School (undergraduates)
- University College - Newark
- Newark College of Arts and Sciences

All graduates must stay for the duration of the ceremony!



JONATHAN HOLLOWAY

Rutgers University President



JEFFREY ROBINSON

Interim Chancellor,
RU-N



BONITA VEYSEY

Interim Provost, RU-N

Rutgers University Administration

Rutgers University - Newark, Deans



JACQUELINE MATTIS

Dean of Faculty - Arts and Sciences



NANCY LA VIGNE

Dean - School of Criminal Justice



LEI LEI

Dean - Rutgers Business School,
Newark & New Brunswick



KAIFENG YANG

Dean - School of Public Affairs
and Administration

**Congratulations
from the School of
Criminal Justice!**



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Any Questions?

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