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# *Law School News*

## Dr. Anthony Fauci, U.S. Attorney Rachael Rollins to Speak at RWU Law Commencement

In-person ceremony planned for School of Law on May 20.

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RWU Law's 2022 Commencement Speakers: Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, and U.S. Attorney Rachael S. Rollins.

Newly minted lawyers graduating from Roger Williams University School of Law in May will hear from two major newsmakers: first Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and chief medical advisor to the president of the United States, will deliver a keynote address to the entire University body, then Rachael S. Rollins, United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, will headline the law school ceremony and receive an honorary doctorate of law.

“Both Dr. Fauci and U.S. Attorney Rollins stand at the forefront of their respective fields, addressing some of the major issues of our time,” said RWU Law Dean Gregory W. Bowman. “I am pleased and honored to have two such outstanding individuals address our law graduates, who are the leaders and innovators of tomorrow.”

Dr. Fauci has served as director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) at the U.S. National Institutes of Health since 1984. As longtime chief of the NIAID Laboratory of Immunoregulation, he made many seminal contributions in basic and clinical research and is one of the world’s most cited biomedical scientists. Dr. Fauci has advised seven presidents on HIV/AIDS and many other domestic and global health issues, and was a principal architect of the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, which has saved millions of lives in the developing world. He has delivered lectures all over the world and received numerous prestigious awards, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the National Medal of Science.

Nominated by President Joseph R. Biden on July 26, 2021, U.S. Attorney Rollins was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on Dec. 8, 2021. She is the chief federal law enforcement officer for the District of Massachusetts and the first Black woman to hold that position. Prior to her confirmation, Rollins served as Suffolk County District Attorney (DA) for three years. She was the first woman to ever be elected DA in Suffolk County and the first woman of color to ever hold the position of DA in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She previously served as chief legal counsel to the Massachusetts Port Authority and as general counsel for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. From 2007 to 2011, she was an assistant U.S. attorney for the District of Massachusetts, serving in both the civil and criminal divisions.

On Friday, May 20, Roger Williams University will convene a university-wide Commencement celebration of the undergraduate, graduate and law students graduating in the Class of 2022 with a specially designed in-person ceremony at the Bristol Campus. This is the first time RWU’s Commencement will honor all graduates in a single ceremony, with a main ceremony in the morning followed by individual School ceremonies. The University ceremony will take place on the main athletic field. The processional steps off at 8:45 a.m. with the ceremony beginning at 9:30 a.m. The School of Law ceremony will follow at 11:30 a.m. in the Campus Recreation Center-Gym. For additional School of Law Commencement details, [click here](#).