

## Prior Year Graduate Participation Form

Students are permitted to walk if they graduated in the fall term preceding the May Commencement Ceremony. Students are required to formally petition according to the Commencement policies established by the President's Office.

- Students completing in the same calendar year are included in the ceremony and the program.  
(e.g.: Fall 2020 graduates are normally in the May 2020 program.)
- You must have a completed and awarded degree on file to be granted prior year permission. This is not an application for the degree.
- If you have graduated in another term in the preceding year, you must contact the President's Office, and may not petition using this form.
- All student holds (financial or otherwise) must be resolved prior to submitting this form.
- This document must be received before March 1 to be included in Commencement materials and the program.
- When submitting after March 1, you may still participate, but you cannot be included in Commencement materials.
- To guarantee a reader card and recognition of your special person, forms must be returned to the Registrar's Office no later than May 1.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cortland ID:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Degree Conferral Term:** Fall \_\_\_\_\_ **Diploma Name (Printed on Program):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Major/Program:** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check here if you **DO NOT** wish to be included in the Commencement program.

All graduates can designate a special person who has been instrumental in helping them achieve their higher education goals. This individual's name will be read along with the student's name as he or she walks across the stage at the Commencement ceremony.

While we would like to be able to read all names and entries, note that you are restricted to one to two people or groups for this honor. Only pre-printed information will be read. Handwritten alterations or additions to the special person line cannot be read.

**Special Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

To the Student: Please return this form to the Registrar's Office (Miller 223) for processing. Forms received after March 1 are accepted, but you will not be included in Commencement materials.

**Associate Registrar's Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_