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10 Inspiring Photos from Columbia’s 2023 Commencement

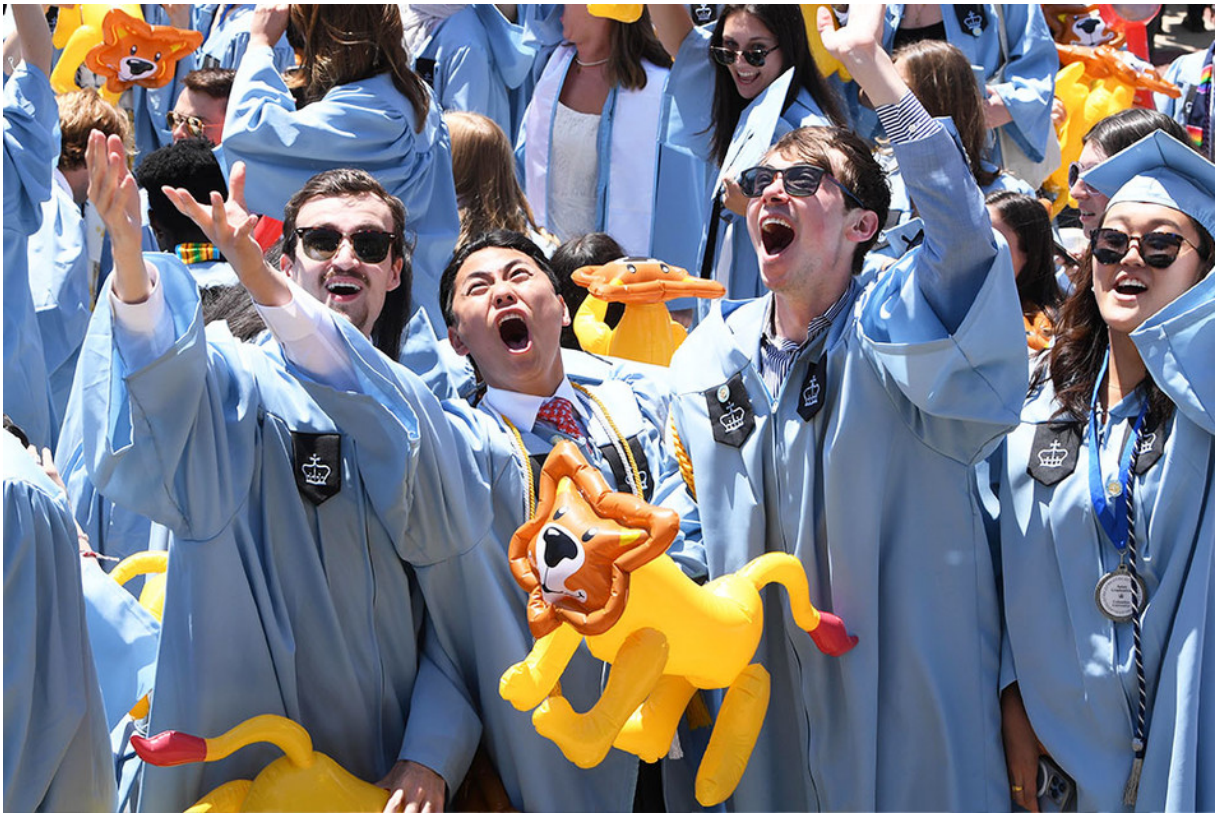
Take a look at these highlights from the ceremonies, held on the Morningside and CUIMC campuses from May 12–18.

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The main event, on May 17, saw a record number of attendees.



Eileen Barroso

Columbia College graduates were ecstatic after four years of rigorous study.



Sirin Samman

Some grads got creative with decorating their caps.



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Four-legged Columbians joined the festivities too.



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It was the first Columbia commencement ceremony for Nemat “Minouche” Shafik, who will step into the role of University President on July 1.



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Shafik, a distinguished economist, was awarded an honorary doctorate of law degree by outgoing president Lee C. Bollinger.



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For Business School graduates, commencement was a productive time for selfies.



Sirin Samman

A graduating Roar-ee kept busy with photo ops.



Diane Bondareff

President Bollinger gave his final commencement speech and spoke about the First Amendment and the importance of openness, nuance, and reason.



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Thousands of new alumni tossed up their caps to mark the end of an era — and the start of an exciting new one.

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