

Reinventing the graduation ceremony

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Riga Technical University

- ≈ 160 years old
- ca 15 500 students
- ≥ 2400 graduating yearly







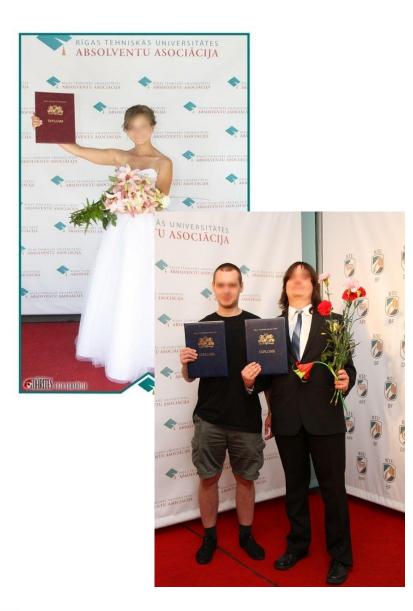






Past ceremonies

- 30 graduation ceremonies each summer
- No dresscode
- RTU management unable to attend all events
- Boring long speeches and unprepared «thankyous»
- Crowded premises
- Department level branding











Season1 (2017 – 2019) RTU Grand Graduation







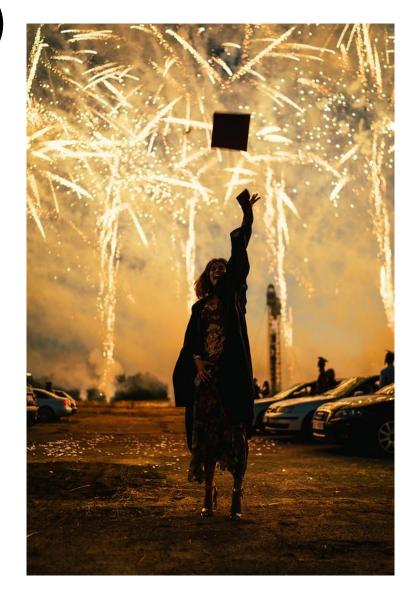






Season2 (2020 – 2021) RTU Grand *DriveIn* Graduation

- Old airport
- more 500 cars
- still each diploma individually presented
- Keynote by President of Latvia





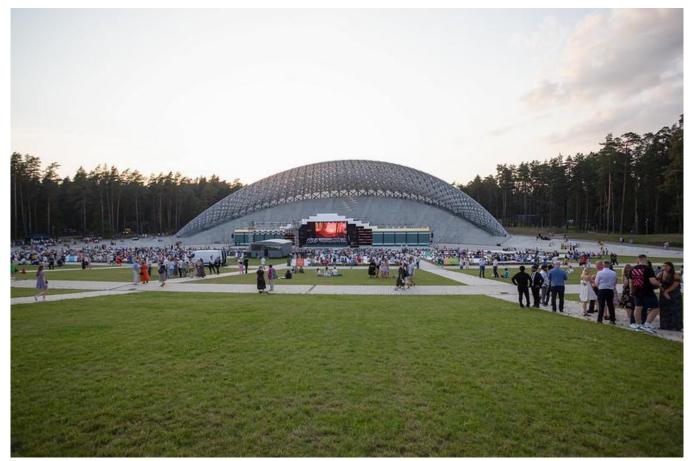








Season3 (2022) RTU 60 anniversary celebration





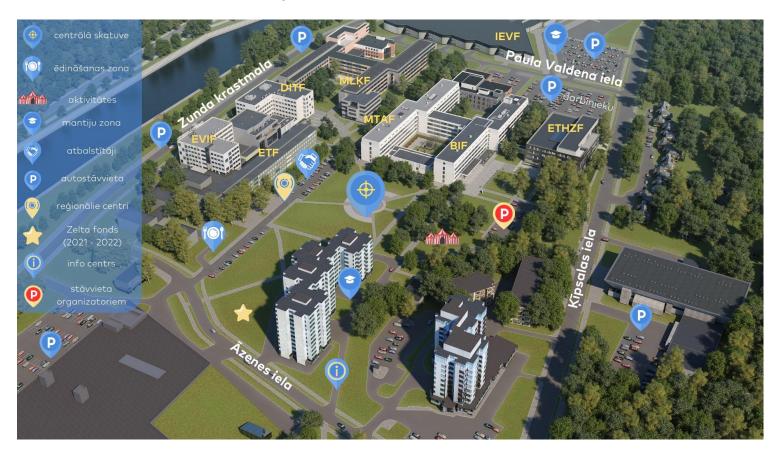








Season4 (2023) Back to campus!











Why?

- ⇒ 1500 graduates, 7000 guests
- All advertising records broken:
 - Facebook live stream
 - Radio, newspapers, TV
 - Social networks
- Visibility speakers as
 - President of Latvia
 - Prime Minister
 - Minister of Education and Science
 - and other ministers
- Common brand RTU
- Excited graduates best music bands, hat fireworks
- ⇒ Pride, sense of belonging to all RTU employees









Credits to THE team







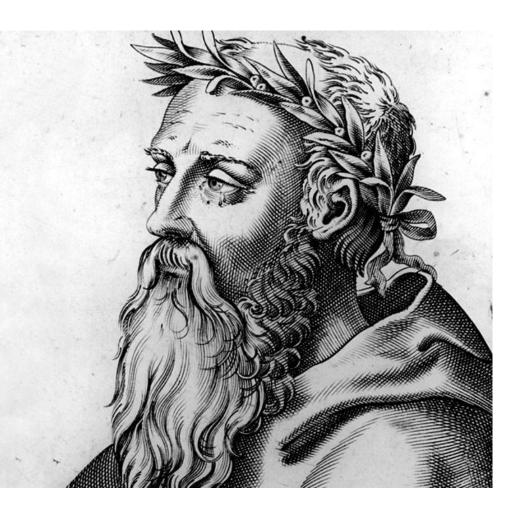








"There is nothing permanent except change."
Heraclitus













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