

Final Instructions Commencement 2008



VANDERBILT

Faculty and Officers of Administration

For up-to-date Commencement information check the website at www.vanderbilt.edu/commencement. If you have questions not covered in these instructions, call 615-322-4788 or email commencement@vanderbilt.edu.

Wednesday, May 7th

9:00 p.m. THE PARTY with The Commodores. Peabody Mall. For more information, visit www.vanderbilt.edu/theparty.

Thursday, May 8th

10:00 a.m. Senior Class Day speaker, Bob Geldof. Tickets required for faculty and staff. For more information visit www.vanderbilt.edu/commencement.

4:00 p.m. Phi Beta Kappa Initiation Ceremony. Student Life Center, Commodore Ballroom.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Peabody College Awards Ceremony for award winners and their guests. Wyatt Center Rotunda and Lobby. Reception following.

4:00 p.m. Senior Recognition Ceremony for Blair School of Music graduates and their guests. Turner Recital Hall.

4:00 p.m. School of Engineering Awards Ceremony for award winners and their guests. Student Life Center.

7:00 p.m. Black Graduates Recognition Ceremony at Ingram Hall. Reception following.

Friday, May 7th Commencement Day

Faculty and officers of administration report to the northwest side of Rand Terrace to line up for the Academic Processions. **Promptness in lining up is imperative.** Please arrive no later than 8:40 a.m.

The Academic Procession Part 1 will be composed of the Associate Provost and the Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs who will lead in the 2008 Emeritus Faculty and the faculty who will remain on Alumni Lawn for the duration of the undergraduate ceremony. Faculty who will be attending graduate or professional diploma-awarding ceremony should line up with that school (in front of the candidates, behind the dean and banner bearer). Emeritus faculty who wish to attend a graduate or professional ceremony may leave their seats when the graduate and professional schools recess at 10:00 a.m.

Part 2 of the Academic Procession will be composed of the

Alumni Association President, members of the Class of 1958, followed by the chair of the Faculty Senate carrying the mace, the Trustees, the officers of administration, the Chaplain, the Chancellor and the Chairman of the Board of Trust.

GUESTS should be seated on Alumni Lawn no later than 8:30 a.m. to see the procession. Bottled water, programs and fans are available on the perimeter of the seating area. Please advise your guests to pick these up on the way to their seats.

9:00 a.m. The Procession of Candidates enters Alumni Lawn to seating reserved for candidates and faculty as guided by Faculty Marshals.

After students are seated and at the second trumpet signal the Academic Procession (the order of procession will be printed in your Commencement Program) will move toward the platform.

10:15 a.m. Recession of graduate and professional school degree recipients and their faculties as instructed by the Chair of the Faculty Senate from the platform. These groups will depart as led by a Faculty Marshal.

Noon. Strawberries and Champagne Celebration for the Class of 2008 and their guests. Bishop's Common.

12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Informal luncheon for **faculty** participating in the graduation exercises. Atrium, Buttrick Hall.

Regalia. Please pick up and return regalia as instructed by the office that ordered it for you.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: In the event of inclement weather the ceremony will be held in Memorial Gymnasium. If in doubt, check the VU website or call the VU telephone operators at 615-322-7311. In Memorial Gym there will be no procession for candidates. Members of Academic Processions Part 1 and 2 will still process and should go to the Men's locker room to line up. Faculty Marshals will be on hand to assist.