



## FINAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMENCEMENT 2006

### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

#### WEDNESDAY, May 10

**2:00 p.m.** Black Graduates Recognition Ceremony Rehearsal. Ingram Auditorium, Blair School of Music.

**9:00 p.m.** THE PARTY with Kool & the Gang. Peabody Mall. For more information, visit [www.vanderbilt.edu/theparty](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/theparty).

#### THURSDAY, May 11

**8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.** Students may pick up caps, gowns, and tassels in the Recreation Room at Branscomb Quadrangle by presenting their order confirmation between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5 p.m.. Anyone presenting the order confirmation may pick up your regalia for you. If you have misplaced your confirmation present your Vanderbilt ID, and be prepared to state the name of the degree you have earned (i.e., B.A. or B.S.). Out-of-town students who arrive in Nashville just before the exercises can obtain regalia between 7:30 and 8:15 a.m. on Friday, May 12. Regalia are not available on Alumni Lawn.

**8:30 a.m.** All undergraduate degree candidates (A&S, Blair, Engineering and Peabody) will line up on the sidewalk at the corner of Kissam Hall (nearest the Commodore statue) behind designated signs. Students will march out of the front gates and onto Alumni Lawn for the Senior Class Day speaker. Family and friends should go directly to the lawn. **Dress is business casual.** Please do not bring any backpacks or large bags into the procession.

**9:00 a.m.** Senior Class Day Speaker. Tickets required. Visit the Commencement website at [www.vanderbilt.edu/commencement](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/commencement) for additional information.

**1:30 p.m.** Senior Send Off with Chancellor Gee. Party for all undergraduate degree candidates. Rand Terrace (Rand Dining room in case of rain).

**4:00 p.m.** Phi Beta Kappa Initiation Ceremony. 103 David K. Wilson Hall. Reception following.

**7:00 p.m.** Black Graduates Recognition Ceremony at Ingram Auditorium, Blair School of Music. Reception following.

#### FRIDAY, May 12, COMMENCEMENT DAY

**8:25 a.m.** Students report to assembly areas to line up for the Commencement Procession. The College of Arts and Science will assemble in the following places (promptness in lining up is imperative):

1. **College of Arts and Science** (candidates for May B.A. degree whose last name falls within the first two-thirds of the alphabet). They will line up alphabetically in a double file starting at the northeast corner of Rand Terrace and extending toward the Computer Center (see **SOLID RED LINE** on enclosed map). The assembly area will be indicated by **RED SIGNS** designating letters of the alphabet and degree.
2. **College of Arts and Science** (candidates for May B.A. degree whose last name falls within the last third of the alphabet; all candidates for December and August B.A. degree, and all candidates for May, December, and August B.S. degree). They will line up alphabetically in a double file starting at the southwest corner of Neely and extending toward Benson Science Hall (see **BROKEN RED LINE** on enclosed map). The assembly area will be indicated by **RED SIGNS** designating letters of alphabet and degree.

**GUESTS** should be seated on Alumni Lawn by 8:30 a.m. to see the procession. Programs, water and hand fans will be available on the outside perimeter of the seating area. Please pick these up before being seated.

**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 trumpet signal the Academic Processions (which consist of the Chair of the Senate carrying the mace, the Chancellor, Trustees, officers of administration and the faculty who will remain for the undergraduate diploma-awarding ceremony) will move toward the platform.

**10:15 a.m.** Recession of graduate-professional degree recipients and their faculties and guests as instructed by the Chair of the Faculty Senate from the platform.

Women normally wear their caps throughout the exercises; men should remove theirs for the Invocation and the Alma Mater. The exercises are formally concluded with the Alma Mater; there will be no recession for undergraduates. This ceremony will conclude about noon.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER:** In the event of inclement weather the ceremony will be held in Memorial Gymnasium. If in doubt, call the Vanderbilt telephone operator (322-7311). In Memorial Gymnasium there will be no procession for candidates. Undergraduate degree candidates (A&S, Blair, Engineering, and Peabody) should enter the north or south lobby and sit in alphabetical order in the chairs on the gym floor. Watch for signs designating letters of the alphabet and degree at the end of rows. Marshals will also be on hand to give assistance.

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**Noon.** Strawberries and Champagne Celebration given by Chancellor Gee at Bishop's Common for the Class of 2006 and their guests.

**1:00 p.m.** Informal luncheon hosted by the Provost, the Vice-Chancellor for Health Affairs and the University Marshal for **faculty** participating in the graduation exercises. Atrium, Buttrick Hall.

**2:00 p.m.** Army, Navy, Marine, and Air Force Commissioning Ceremony in Langford Auditorium, followed by a reception in the lobby.

#### **RETURNING REGALIA**

All regalia must be returned immediately after Commencement Exercises. Returning the regalia is done simply and quickly by checking it in at the Recreation Room in Branscomb Quad following Commencement Exercises. Delay in returning your regalia will make you liable for the payment of an extra fee. You may keep the tassel as a souvenir.

#### **ACADEMIC REGALIA**

A strong tradition of Commencement, both at Vanderbilt University and at universities in general, is the wearing of uniform academic regalia. The uniformity of regalia, inconsistent only by reason of the particular degree being conferred and by distinctions for individual honors achieved, e.g., founder's medals and class marshal's ribbons, symbolizes that each graduate has fulfilled the same requirements for that degree.

In keeping with this tradition, candidates for degrees are encouraged not to wear adornments. For some, however, a particular adornment may have special meaning and the wearing of that adornment may add to the significance of Commencement for that candidate and perhaps his or her family. Any adornments that are worn should be of modest proportions, generally in keeping with the traditions of Commencement, consistent with the interests of others in maintaining the traditions of Commencement, and will reflect a

**Participation in Commencement Exercises:** Degree candidates must have completed successfully all curriculum requirements and have passed all prescribed examinations by the published deadlines to be allowed to participate ("walk") in the ceremony.

Guests and participants will be expected to remain at the ceremony until the conclusion. Much depends on the courtesy and cooperation of all who attend.

Students unable to participate in the graduation ceremony will receive their diplomas by mail.

**NOTE:** A student completing degree requirements in August or December 2006 will be invited to participate in Commencement in May 2007.