



FINAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMENCEMENT 2006

BLAIR SCHOOL OF MUSIC

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.

THURSDAY, May 11

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Students may pick up caps, gowns, and tassels in the Recreation Room in 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.Mus.). 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 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. Senior Recognition Ceremony at Turner Recital Hall. Sponsored by the Blair Council.

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

FRIDAY, May 12, COMMENCEMENT DAY

7:00 a.m. Blair School Continental Breakfast for Blair degree candidates and their guests. Ingram Lobby, Blair School.

8:25 a.m. Students report to assembly area to line up for the Commencement Procession. The Blair School of Music will assemble as follows (promptness in lining up is imperative):

Blair School of Music, School of Engineering, Divinity School, and Owen Graduate School of Management (candidates for B.Mus. (Blair School of Music); B.E., B.S.; M.Div., M.T.S. (Divinity School); and M.B.A. (Owen Graduate School of Management) degrees). Undergraduate candidates will line up alphabetically, according to degree to be conferred, in a double file beginning at the south corner of Alumni Hall, and extending down the path toward Furman Hall (see **ORANGE LINE** on enclosed map). The assembly area will be indicated by **ORANGE SIGNS** designating letters of the alphabet and degree.

GUESTS should be seated on Alumni Lawn before 8:30 a.m. to see the procession. Programs, water and 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 on Alumni Lawn for the undergraduate diploma-awarding ceremony) will move toward the platform.

10:15 a.m. Recession of graduate-professional degree recipients and their faculties 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 on Alumni Lawn 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 hosted 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.

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 Quadrangle 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 sincere and personal commitment to the values symbolized by the adornment.

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.