



FINAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMENCEMENT 2006

DIVINITY SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY, May 10

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

9:00 p.m. THE PARTY with Kool & the Gang. Peabody Mall. Visit www.vanderbilt.edu/theparty for more information.

THURSDAY, May 11

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Students and faculty may pick up caps, gowns, tassels and hoods in the Recreation Room at Branscomb Quadrangle by presenting the pink copy of their order form between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5 p.m.. Anyone presenting the pink copy may pick up your regalia for you. If you have misplaced your pink copy present your Vanderbilt ID. 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.

5:00 p.m. Reception and Worship. Tillett Lounge and Benton Chapel.

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

FRIDAY, May 12, COMMENCEMENT DAY

8:30 a.m. Students and faculty report to assembly area to line up for the Commencement Procession. The Divinity School will assemble in the following order and place (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. (School of Engineering); M.Div., M.T.S. (Divinity School); and M.B.A. (Owen Graduate School of Management) degrees). They will line up in double file in alphabetical order beginning at the south corner of Alumni Hall (see **ORANGE LINE** on enclosed map). The assembly area will be indicated by **ORANGE** designating signs. Faculty chosen to participate in the 9:00 a.m. ceremony line up behind the Divinity Dean and banner bearer, and in front of the degree candidates.

GUESTS should be seated on Alumni Lawn before 8:30 a.m. to see the procession. Programs 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. These groups will depart as led by a marshal.

Women normally wear their caps throughout the exercises; men should remove theirs for the Invocation. Hoods are worn by all except those receiving Bachelor degrees.

Diploma-Awarding Ceremony and Reception

Degree recipients should line up alphabetically in the corridor outside the Divinity Administrative Suite (Room 113) immediately following the ceremony on Alumni Lawn for procession into Benton Chapel where the ceremony will start at 10:30 a.m. All members of the **Divinity Faculty** line up behind degree recipients. Following the ceremony there will be a reception for graduates and their guests in the refectory of the Oberlin Divinity Quadrangle.

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

Students. 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. Master's candidates may keep the tassel as a souvenir. **Faculty.** Pick up and return regalia as instructed by the dean's office.

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. Graduate and professional degree candidates should enter through the south lobby and make their way to the west end zone. Divinity School degree candidates will sit in section 3L. Watch for guiding signs. Marshals will also be on hand to give assistance. Faculty chosen to participate in the 9:00 a.m. ceremony sit with the degree candidates in west end zone.

KEEP THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR REFERENCE

Kim Fuller
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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 in the ceremony.

Participating students should plan to attend the central ceremony, and the Divinity School diploma-awarding ceremony as well. Guests and participants will be expected to remain at the respective ceremonies 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.