



FINAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMENCEMENT 2006

PEABODY COLLEGE FACULTY AND POSTBACCALAUREATE DEGREE CANDIDATES

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, please visit www.vanderbilt.edu/theparty.

THURSDAY, May 11

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Students may pick up caps, gowns, tassels and hoods 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 your degree (i.e., M.Ed.). 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.

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

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

FRIDAY, May 12, COMMENCEMENT DAY

7:00 a.m. Peabody College Continental Breakfast for all Peabody candidates and their guests. Tent on Peabody Mall.

8:40 a.m. Students and faculty report to assembly area to line up for the Commencement Procession. Peabody College will assemble in the following place (promptness in lining up is imperative):

Peabody College and School of Nursing (candidates for the B.S., M.Ed., , M.P.P., Ed.D., (Peabody College) and M.S.N. (School of Nursing) degrees. Undergraduate candidates will line up alphabetically, according to degree to be conferred, in a double file beginning at the esplanade at the corner of Kissam Quadrangle and extending down the path toward Wilson Hall. (see YELLOW LINE on enclosed map). The assembly area will be indicated by YELLOW SIGNS designating letters of the alphabet and degree. Candidates for

degrees above the Bachelor will line up in single file and do not have to be in alphabetical order. Candidates for M.S.N. degrees will line up single file beginning at the esplanade and extending down the path toward Furman Hall. M.S.N. degree candidates do not have to be in alphabetical order. Faculty who will be attending the diploma-awarding ceremony on Wyatt Center Lawn will line up behind the 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, 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 Faculty 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 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.

Hooding and Diploma-Awarding Ceremony & Reception

10:40 a.m. Master’s degree recipients should line up alphabetically according to degree behind designating signs on the sidewalk beside Gillette Hall. Doctoral candidates and faculty should line up alphabetically behind designating signs on the sidewalk beside Cohen Building. Procession onto Wyatt Center Lawn will start at 11:00 a.m. Following the ceremony there will be a reception.

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.

REGALIA

Regalia must be returned immediately after Commencement Exercises.

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. Watch for guiding signs. Marshals will also be on hand to give assistance. Faculty who will be attending the diploma-awarding ceremony on the Wyatt Center Lawn sit with the postbaccalaureate candidates in the west end zone.

KEEP THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR REFERENCE

Kim Fuller
Commencement Director

Returning the regalia is done simply and quickly by checking it in at Room 121 Wyatt Center, immediately after the ceremony on Wyatt Center Lawn and before the reception. 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. The gold doctoral tassels are rented, not purchased, and must be returned attached to the cap.

Faculty Pickup and return regalia as instructed by the Dean's office.

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 Peabody College hooding and 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.