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NEWS FOR VANDERBILT PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Zeppos Named Eighth Chancellor of Vanderbilt



On March 1, Vanderbilt University's Board of Trust unanimously elected Nicholas S. Zeppos as the school's eighth chancellor. Zeppos, a distinguished scholar, teacher and administrator has been a vital presence on the Vanderbilt campus for two decades. Zeppos served as Vanderbilt's interim chancellor since last summer.

Martha Ingram, chairman of the Board of Trust said, "I have come to know Nick Zeppos as a scholar, a teacher, an executive, an advocate and a friend, and I am convinced that he is the best person in the country to be chancellor of Vanderbilt. This great university has come so far, so fast, and the principal reason is Nick's enormous intellect, his great vision, and his tireless commitment to Vanderbilt's students, faculty, staff and alumni."

Zeppos has led several initiatives at Vanderbilt, including the planning process for The Commons, a landmark transformation of the first-year experience; innovative efforts in undergraduate admissions and financial aid; and the development of new programs in Jewish studies, law and economics.

"I will always look to the students for leadership. I will advocate for them. But I will also challenge them, for our mission goes back 135 years and it says we have an obligation to the highest values of equality, compassion and excellence in all endeavors" said Zeppos.

Zeppos is married to Lydia Ann Howarth, a writer and editor. They have two sons, Benjamin, 21, and Nicholas, 18.

Read more about Chancellor Zeppos at www.vanderbilt.edu/chancellor and www.vanderbilt.edu/news.

Commencement is May 9, 2008

Commencement 2008 festivities are rapidly approaching. All students (undergraduate and graduate/professional students) expecting to graduate in May 2008 (or those that graduated in August or December 2007) should have received a packet of Commencement information (including the Almost Alumni Handbook) at their local address in mid-February. Parents of undergraduate degree candidates should also have received this mailing at the student's home address. This packet included information about regalia rental and purchase of announcements, and information about parking and disability information. Additional information regarding study breaks and the GlobalVU luncheon was mailed to parents in early March. Tickets for The Party, Senior Day Speaker and the GlobalVU luncheon are available online. www.vanderbilt.edu/commencement

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Student Health Center Offers First-Rate Care

The day your child leaves home for college is sure to arouse many emotions and worry for your child's health care. The staff of the Student Health Center (SHC) want to put your mind at ease. Aside from an expert staff, we have all the resources of Vanderbilt Medical Center at our disposal.

A variety of preventive, acute care, and chronic disease management services are all available at our on-campus clinic, dedicated solely to the care of Vanderbilt students. All students are eligible for care, regardless of their insurance coverage. There are no co-pays for office visits. There are small additional fees for lab tests or medications.

We are available six days per week and handle most problems during regular business hours. However, in the event of an urgent need after hours, a nurse practitioner is on call for phone consultation. Often, the practitioner can reassure a patient and recommend a follow-up appointment the next day, but in some cases, the patient will be referred to the

emergency department. For freshmen, dorm resident advisors will be on hand to assist in whatever way is necessary.

Though the Student Health Center doesn't charge office visit fees or bill insurance, all students are required to have health insurance in the event that they experience an illness or injury that requires care beyond SHC. If the student is admitted to the Vanderbilt University Hospital or emergency department, then the medical center will bill the student's insurance company. In addition, outpatient specialty visits, labs not performed at Student Health, and x-rays performed by the medical center would be billed in a similar fashion.

The staff of the Student Health Center is dedicated to the cost-effective delivery of care to Vanderbilt students. If your student requires care during his/her years at Vanderbilt, we pledge to be your student's "home away from home" during times of illness. Contact 615/322-2427 or www.vanderbilt.edu/student_health if you have any questions or concerns.

Accelerator Offers a Jump Start on the Future *Owen Program Offers Business Experience*

Some of Vanderbilt's top undergraduates and recent alumni are helping industry leaders elevate their products and programs. The Accelerator-Vanderbilt Summer Business Institute at the Vanderbilt Owen Graduate School of Management offers a unique, four-week look into the business world.

From American Airlines and FedEx to Lexus and Hospital Corporation of America this immersion program has provided students with the opportunity to land great internships, bolster their resumes and become "go to" professionals from the start.

While the classroom learning provides the framework, it's the actual consulting experience that sets this program apart

from any of its competitors. The competitive drive for each consulting project is also fueled by the highly attractive reward for each project's winning team. For the winning team of the FedEx project, the company hosted a dinner at its Memphis headquarters and let the students strap themselves into its renowned flight simulator.

Everyone in the Accelerator program wins. Of 2007's 45 participants, 20 earned summer internships. The buzz about the program also gained momentum with American Airlines, Nissan, Caterpillar Financial and Churchill Downs signing on with projects for 2008.

Visit www.vanderbilt.edu/accelerator or call 615/343-6291 to learn more.

Susan Barge Discusses The Commons

New Living-Learning Community Opens for Freshmen in Fall 2008

How did your career in admissions prepare you for the College Halls project?

Working in admissions helped me understand what bright high school seniors are looking for in a college. They're looking for a school that is challenging and nurturing, and that fits with their personal goals and aspirations.

How has your view of Vanderbilt's first-year experience changed since you became a current parent?

Being a parent helped me appreciate the critical role of the first-year housing assignment. For years our freshmen have been assigned to three distinctively different living areas resulting in three distinctively different first-year experiences. When The Commons opens, we will welcome all freshmen into one community that embraces the entire class.



How have current students been involved in shaping The Commons?

Today's students are driving this project. They're the latest in a long line of Vanderbilt students who have been speaking since the residential college idea was presented in 1999. They helped design the new buildings, plan the renovations and select the Dean and Faculty Heads of Houses. Nine years later, we're almost there.

How will The Commons affect upperclassmen next year?

Upperclassmen are already enjoying a variety of dining and activity options at the new Commons Center. Beginning in the fall of 2008, classes across disciplines will be scheduled in the 11 seminar rooms located in the houses. The opening of The Commons will also affect housing options for upperclassmen, particularly rising sophomores. A new Web site is now available with detailed information about these options and the room assignment process for upperclassmen: www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd.



What happens next?

We hope to build upon the success of The Commons by developing residential communities for upperclassmen where outdated facilities currently exist. As a next step, we are engaging campus leaders in preliminary planning for two College Halls on the Kissam Quadrangle site. Each College Hall will house approximately 300 upperclassmen, a faculty master, senior preceptor and several graduate students. To learn more, visit <http://commons.vanderbilt.edu>.

Susan A. Barge is the associate provost for College Halls at Vanderbilt University.

What's New in the Vanderbilt Career Center?

The Vanderbilt Career Center has reinvented itself with many enhancements that will make our services even more useful than before. These changes include new online resources, additional educational programs and recruiting events, and a revamped career coaching process. We are also pleased to announce new leadership. Cindy Funk, who has been instrumental in the recent improvements, was appointed director of the Career Center in October after serving as acting director since July.

One of the major changes students will see in the Career Center this year is that career coaches are now advising students based on the student's industry of interest instead of their major. This allows students to streamline their job search and gain advice from a coach who can provide information and advice specific to the student's field of interest.

New programs and resources include:

OptimalResume™: Online resume and cover letter building software.

InterviewStream: A virtual mock interview with a simulated interviewer, customized interview questions, video responses and online feedback.

Industry Career Days: industry-specific recruiting events where top employers come to Vanderbilt to recruit and screen qualified candidates (formerly known as Career Fairs).

Visit our Web site at www.vanderbilt.edu/career/parents to subscribe to the Career Center's weekly newsletters.

Move-In and Family Weekend Parent Volunteers

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Move-In Day Is Uniquely Vanderbilt

“Move-In Day” is a prime example of how Vanderbilt comes alive with volunteers including professors, administrators, students, and members of the Parents and Family Association—all with a goal of helping new students move into the dormitory. The process operates like clockwork. Paperwork and key distribution are handled at a staging area and then freshmen and parents are escorted in small groups to the appropriate dorm where a swarm of students help move everything into the student’s new home. Parents receive a parking pass, lists of restaurants, and lots of friendly advice including directions to Target and Wal-Mart etc. It’s a very reassuring process. Plans are underway for next year’s event, Aug. 16, 2008.



A Fun-Filled Family Weekend

From the Parents’ Viewpoint

Tracey and I began looking forward to Family Weekend, Sept. 28–30, the moment Jayma received her acceptance letter to Vanderbilt.

We knew there was nothing that would keep us from attending this wonderful college milestone. Although it had only been a month since we had walked out of Jayma’s lobby with tears of joy and sadness, we couldn’t wait to see our daughter.

In an effort to not be late for the Salmon Rushdie lecture, we quickly moved to the Family Weekend registration location. We were greeted by a very friendly group of volunteers and staff that were well organized and had obviously spent a great deal of time working on the details related to this weekend.

Over the weekend, we attended the Salmon Rushdie lecture, the Saturday morning breakfast, the pre-game tailgate, the football game, and the Sunday morning breakfast. While we certainly enjoyed all these events, we were simply pleased to share a wonderful weekend with our daughter, our family, and our new Vanderbilt family.

Now we are already looking forward to another great Family Weekend Oct. 3-5, 2008.

Go Commodores,

Tommy Wright
 Tommy and Tracey Wright



Vanderbilt University FACE BOOK FACTS



Did you know...

- ...that Branscomb was built as a bomb shelter?
- ...that Vanderbilt is the largest employer in Middle Tennessee?
- ...that Kissam Quad was supposed to be "temporary housing"?
- ...there is a cemetery on the campus?
- ...there are more than 300 campus clubs and organizations on campus, all led and managed by students?
- ...Vanderbilt was the first university in Tennessee recognized for "green" building?



WHAT'S HOT/WHAT'S NOT from VU students:

Hot:

- The Office* • YouTube • Nintendo Wii • iPhone
- Anthropologie (the store) • *Grey's Anatomy* • Uggs • cowboy boots
- Facebook • Whole Foods Market • CMA Awards • fantasy football
- The Commons • Starbucks in the Student Life Center
- Guitar Hero • "Crank That (Soulja Boy)" by Soulja Boy Tell' em

Not:

- Bluetooth • reality TV • Rand Hall parking at Vandy • jorts (jean shorts)
- Crocs • gaucho pants



FUN FACTS on Greek Life at Vanderbilt:

- 42 percent of undergraduates are Greek (32 percent of men and 52 percent of women)
- Over 2700 total students
- Greek students consistently achieve a G.P.A. higher than the all-undergraduate average G.P.A.
- Greek students hold many top leadership positions at VU: V.S.G. president, director of Dance Marathon, editor-in-chief of *The Vanderbilt Hustler*
- Each year, Greek chapters at Vanderbilt raise over \$250,000 for charities and donate over 40,000 hours in hands-on community service

School Facts:

College of Arts and Science

- Undergraduate students: 3,648
- Leadership in interdisciplinary programs such as Medicine, Health and Society
- Richard McCarty, Dean
- www.vanderbilt.edu/cas/

Blair School of Music

- Undergraduate students: 197
- Record number of applicants in 2007
- Exchange programs with the Royal Academy of Music in London and with the Hochschule fur Musik in Vienna
- Mark Wait, Dean and Professor of Music
- www.vanderbilt.edu/Blair/

School of Engineering

- Undergraduate students: 1,280
- The South's first private engineering school
- Multiple National Science Foundation CAREER award winners on faculty
- Kenneth F. Galloway, Dean
- http://frontweb.vuse.vanderbilt.edu/vuse_web/index.htm

Peabody College of Education and Human Development

- Undergraduate students: 1,185
- Ranked #3 among the nation's graduate schools of education according to U.S. News & World Report
- Alumni include more than 50 current or former college or university presidents
- Camilla P. Benbow, Patricia and Rodes Hart Dean of Education and Human Development
- <http://peabody.vanderbilt.edu/>



Meet the Rogers

Parents Leadership Committee Chairs and Parents Campaign Co-Chairs

There are a lot of people in the world who cringe at the thought of chairing a committee—especially one focused on fundraising. Fortunately for Vanderbilt, Brian and Mary Jo Rogers are not that kind of people. For them, the willingness to help stems from the positive experiences of their children.

“At the root of all charitable giving or philanthropy is a sense of appreciation. When your children have a great experience with an institution, then that affects your own inclination to be charitable and supportive,” said Brian.

“Both our children are having such wonderful experiences, even though they have completely different likes and dislikes. I just thought we should give back and show our appreciation,” Mary Jo added.

Even though the children have different interests, Vanderbilt’s unique offerings meant they both found it to be a perfect fit, whether it’s working with Habitat for Humanity or completing an internship in London. The Rogers recognize that the generosity of parents and grandparents help make opportunities like these possible.

Those opportunities are why the Rogers encourage participation with the Parents Leadership Committee and the Parents Campaign. Mary Jo says that it’s a way for her to feel involved in the university. As for chairing the committee and the campaign, Brian says “it’s fun... it’s not incredible heavy lifting.”

Littlejohn Family’s Faculty Fellows Program

Leslie and Angus Littlejohn Jr. have focused their philanthropic efforts on education for the past several years. They, like most people who support education, believe it’s the primary tool to empower individuals, irrespective of social or economic background, to make a positive difference in society. When their son, Angus III (AS’07), came up with the original concept for the Littlejohn Faculty Fellows Program, Angus and Leslie both agreed the concept was in keeping with their belief that the ability to provide innovative opportunities at the beginning of an educational experience is an effective way to inspire and engage young scholars.

The goal of the Littlejohn Faculty Fellows Program is to provide financial resources for faculty members to hire or involve undergraduate students in their research projects. The program reflects Vanderbilt’s belief that great research and teaching work together, hand in hand.

Angus III found his inspiration for the Faculty Fellows Program as a result of his interaction with Marshall Eakin, associate professor of history, whose specialty is Latin American studies. Angus was intrigued by the research that Professor Eakin undertook during his summer field work. Angus believed that the ability for an undergraduate to accompany a professor on a summer research trip had the potential to be a tremendous educational and life changing experience. Professor Eakin also inspired Angus to pursue Latin American studies as a minor to augment Angus’s major in economics.

To learn more about the Littlejohn Faculty Fellows Program or to learn more about ways your family can support Vanderbilt, please contact the Parents & Grandparents Campaign Office at 615/343-3120 or pag.campaign@vanderbilt.edu.

In Memory of Tom Bellows

President of W. S. Bellows Construction Corporation, Vanderbilt alumnus and parent



Tom Bellows, Vanderbilt alumnus and parent, died in Houston, Texas, on Oct. 15, 2007. Tom had a generous spirit and a passion for supporting causes in which he believed. That was evident through his volunteer work at Vanderbilt University and in his hometown of Houston where he served on many boards. For the last five years he and his wife Laura, BA’79, were active members of the Parents and Family Programs Advisory Board. During that time, he was instrumental in developing a seminar for

continuing education focusing on hospital construction through the School of Engineering. Tom revered his family—his wife Laura, their sons Jack, BE’07, ME’08 (expected), and Steven, Class of 2009. He and Laura met on the Vanderbilt campus in 1975 as students and they celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary on Oct. 11, 2007. Tom’s connections to the Vanderbilt community were many and he will indeed be missed.



Perots Chair Grandparents Campaign

Some families—like that of Margot and Ross Perot of Dallas, Texas—were just made for Vanderbilt. After all, all four of their children were educated here. And now, the next generation is calling Nashville home. Grandson Hill is a member of the Class of 2009. And if Margot's wishes come true, there will be more Perots on campus in the future.

“As a parent, you measure your enthusiasm for a school by your children's experience there,” Margot said recently. “Their years at Vanderbilt were some of the happiest and most fulfilling of their lives, and their education prepared them so well for the lives they are now living.”

In fact, in one recent conversation, two of Margot's children told her that if they could live four years of their lives over again, it would be the four years they each spent at Vanderbilt.

“I thought that was really something,” Margot said, “because they've had a lot of excitement in their lives.”

Thanks to all those positive experiences, the Perots were happy to assume leadership of the Grandparents Campaign when asked.

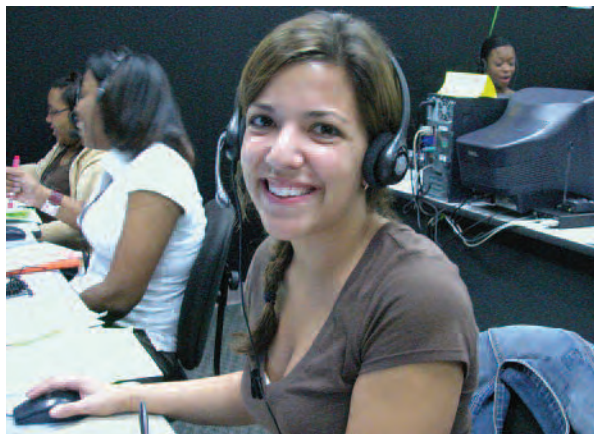
“I think that anybody who's ever been involved in a private educational institution realizes that there's a vast difference between the actual cost of an education and the tuition that comes in,” she said. “In order to maintain their standards, they've got to have help and support from all the constituencies out there, whether it's the parents or alumni, the trustees or grandparents.”

As leaders of the Grandparents Campaign, the Perots would like to encourage all the grandparents out there to support Vanderbilt.

To learn more about the Grandparents Campaign, please contact the Parents & Grandparents Campaign Office at 615/343-3120 or pag.campaign@vanderbilt.edu.

Students Reach Out to Parents for Support

Sarah Valadez is a graduating senior from Peabody College majoring in Secondary Education and English. Sarah is one of many student callers who are hard at work on the phone encouraging Vanderbilt parents and grandparents to support the university beyond tuition dollars. The Vanderbilt student calling campaign has raised over \$100,000 to date from non-alumni parents and grandparents.



Ways to Give

For your convenience, Vanderbilt provides a number of ways for parents, grandparents, alumni and friends to make gifts. Specific information is online at <http://giving.vanderbilt.edu/>.

- Gifts, pledges and pledge payments may be mailed to Vanderbilt Parents and Grandparents Campaign, Gift Records Office, VU Station B 357727, 2301 Vanderbilt Place, Nashville, TN 37235-7727.
- Credit card gifts may be made on our secure Web site at www.vanderbilt.edu/giveonline.
- For specific instructions on making a gift of stock to Vanderbilt, please call 615-322-4987 or e-mail stockgifts@vanderbilt.edu.
- To make an anonymous gift, tell the Parents and Grandparents Campaign Office of the request (615/343-3120), and it will be processed accordingly.

Giving Facts

- Parents and grandparents gave more than \$10 million to Vanderbilt in the 2006-2007 academic year—a new record! More than 50 percent of current parents and grandparents made a gift to the Parents and Grandparents Campaign in the last fiscal year.
- 620 parents supported their child's undergraduate school with gifts of \$1,000 or more. A gift at this level makes parents members of the leadership donor society for their child's undergraduate school.

Key Dates:

- April 22**
Spring semester classes end
- April 23-May 1**
Reading days and examinations
- May 3**
Residence halls close at 9:00 a.m.
- May 8**
Senior Day
- May 9**
Commencement
- August 16**
Freshmen Move-In Day
- August 23**
Upperclassmen Move-In Day
- August 25**
Fall classes begin
- October 3-5**
Family Weekend
- October 20-21**
Fall Break

Key Links:

Parents & Family Programs
www.vanderbilt.edu/families

Parents & Grandparents Campaign
www.vanderbilt.edu/pagcampaign/

Dean of Students
www.vanderbilt.edu/deanofstudents/

Housing & Residence Life
www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd/main/index.php

Student Health
www.vanderbilt.edu/student_health/

Athletics
www.vucommodores.com

Vanderbilt Visions
<http://commons.vanderbilt.edu/visions/>

Greek Life
www.vanderbilt.edu/greek_life/

Bookstore
www.vanderbiltbookstore.com

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<http://studentorgs.vanderbilt.edu/vsg>

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