TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2013,

Dear Almost Alumni,

Much has changed around the world since you moved into The Ingram Commons almost four years ago. As you became a part of Vanderbilt’s diverse community, America witnessed the first appointment of a Hispanic Supreme Court Justice. In your sophomore year, when a catastrophic earthquake rocked Haiti, the world responded and Vanderbilt students stepped forward to do their part. As the space shuttle Atlantis marked its final voyage in 2011, you were forging ahead in your own scholarship and discoveries. In this your final year, as humanity searches for solutions to the complex issues it faces, the world awaits your contributions and ideas.

As soon-to-be Vanderbilt graduates, you have much to give. Just as these changes have shaped our society, your Vanderbilt experience has shaped the person you have become. Conversations with professors, late-night debates with roommates, celebrating Commodore wins, reaching out to help a friend through a challenging time: singularly, these may have seemed like unconnected, everyday events. However, as weeks became semesters, and semesters turned into years, these daily interactions became the fabric of your Vanderbilt experience.

This tapestry of connections across the campus and in the wider community has uniquely prepared you to share your gifts and talents with the world, and it fills me with tremendous pride to know that your contributions and good deeds are woven into the fabric of Vanderbilt. As you go out in the world and represent your alma mater, I know you will make us proud!

Sincerely,

Nicholas S. Zeppos
Chancellor
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KEY DEADLINES

March 12  Last day to purchase custom Ph.D. or
master’s regalia (cap and gown) to arrive for
Commencement 2013

March 13–14 Grad Fair for the Class of 2013
(Sarratt Promenade)

April 3  Last day for students to rent regalia
(cap and gown)

April 12 Final day to order announcements in time for them
to arrive before Commencement 2013

April 19 Deadline to reserve private dining receptions

April 26 Last day to purchase THE PARTY tickets online

May 3  Deadline to reserve rooms for housing at
The Ingram Commons

May 3  Final day to order box lunches for Thursday and
Friday of Commencement

May 11 Residence halls close for all students at 1:00 p.m.

June 14 Deadline to order Commencement DVD

June 30 Final day to make your Senior Gift
### Thursday, May 9

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### Strawberries and Champagne
Chancellor Zeppos invites graduates along with families and friends to join him in celebrating the undergraduate Class of 2013 at a strawberries and champagne reception. In true Vanderbilt tradition, toast the class of 2013, partake from the abundance of fresh strawberries, and share the company of fellow graduates. The reception takes place from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Bishops Common, rain or shine.
As part of our Commencement tradition, Vanderbilt hosts a big outdoor dance whose simple name says it all: THE PARTY. With live entertainment and a huge dance floor, it is the quintessential evening of fun and celebration under the stars…for everyone!

The featured band this year will be Band X, one of the hippest, hottest pop rock dance bands in the country. Campus favorites Soul Incision will kick off the celebration.

Wear your dancing shoes and be prepared for an unforgettable evening.

THE PARTY will be Wednesday, May 8, from 9:00 p.m. to midnight on The Commons Center Lawn, rain or shine.

Tickets are required for admission. Each student receives one complimentary ticket, which is located on the back cover of the student version of this handbook.

Additional guest tickets may be purchased online for $20 each. Children 12 years of age and under do not require a ticket.

To order tickets to THE PARTY, visit vanderbilt.edu/theparty.
The Nichols-Chancellor’s Medal is one of the university’s highest honors and is given to individuals who define the 21st century and exemplify the best qualities of the human spirit. It was created and endowed by Vanderbilt Law School graduate Edward C. Nichols Jr. and his wife, Janice, in honor of his parents, Edward Carmack Nichols and Lucile Hamby Nichols. The medal is presented annually at Vanderbilt’s Senior Class Day and carries a cash prize. The 2013 Nichols-Chancellor’s Medal award recipient and Senior Class Day speaker is Toni Morrison.

Toni Morrison, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for fiction for her novel Beloved in 1988, the Nobel Prize for literature in 1993, and the U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2012, grew up in the Midwest, steeped in black culture.

Born in 1931 in Lorain, Ohio, she graduated from Howard University (B.A., 1953) and Cornell University (M.A., 1955), and then taught writing and worked as an editor while launching her writing career. Morrison’s debut novel, The Bluest Eye, published in 1970, showed “her epic power, unerring ear for dialogue, and her poetically charged and richly expressive depictions of black America,” according to nobelprize.org.

Morrison eventually settled onto the faculty of Princeton University from 1989 to 2006, when she accepted emeritus status. In 2006, Beloved, which was made into a film starring Oprah Winfrey, was hailed by The New York Times as the best novel of the past 25 years.

Morrison continues to produce fiction, most recently Home in 2012. She has also written children’s literature, criticism, the libretto for an opera, and nonfiction.

Additional points to keep in mind:
Memorial Gym, where Senior Class Day will be held, is not air conditioned—wear comfortable clothes in the event of unusually warm weather.

Attendees with special needs and requiring the use of a wheelchair will have priority seating on the south side of the gym. Wheelchair pick-up will be located on the corner of Jess Neely Drive and 25th Avenue South (same corner as the baseball field and across from 25th Avenue Garage).

Holding seats is not permitted inside Memorial Gym as seating is limited.
Diagnosing Disease without a Net
2:00–3:00 p.m., 103 Wilson Hall

Accurate and timely medical diagnosis is a critical step to the successful treatment of disease. In the developing world, where illness due to malaria, TB, HIV, and other infectious diseases is a daily reality for billions, appropriately designed diagnostic tests are often not available nor affordable. This severely limits the potential of a sick child or adult to get the necessary health care. This talk explores new innovations in technologies that will address the challenges of developing diagnostics for a low resource setting.

David W. Wright, associate professor of chemistry, maintains a research program at the interface of chemistry and biology with research projects in the area of malaria, bio-inspired materials, and diagnostics. He is the recipient of the NSF CAREER award and was a 2011 Kavli Fellow.

They Castrate Singers, Don’t They?
3:15–4:15 p.m., 103 Wilson Hall

Opera emerged in Italy in the seventeenth century, and by 1700 the undisputed superstars of the operatic stage were castrati: men who had been surgically altered before puberty to preserve the high voice range of a boy soprano, but now had all the vocal power of an adult male. This talk explores the phenomenon of the opera castrato through Handel’s opera Julius Caesar, and, given that castrati are in short supply today, considers contemporary casting options.

Joy H. Calico is an associate professor of musicology in the Vanderbilt Blair School of Music, and in January 2013 she will become director of the Max Kade Center for European and German Studies. She is a scholar of opera and of Cold War cultural politics and the author of Brecht at the Opera (2008).

Educational Neuroscience: Stretching Beyond the Boundaries to Address Pressing Educational Questions
2:00–3:00 p.m., 126 Wilson Hall

Educational neuroscience applies what is known about the neurobiological underpinnings of learning and behavioral development to yield insights into how to best teach children and prevent educational failure. This talk will cover several examples, including what a child’s brain is doing while reading, and how utilization of cutting-edge neuroimaging techniques can predict who will respond to specialized educational interventions.

Laurie E. Cutting, associate professor of education and human development, radiology, and pediatrics, conducts research on brain-behavior relationships in reading development, oral language, and executive function. She has been the recipient of numerous NIH grant awards and other honors.

Data at the Speed of Light
3:15–4:15 p.m., 126 Wilson Hall

Light is typically thought of as a medium for illumination; however, light can also transport and manipulate information. This talk will focus on emerging technology that uses light to diagnose diseases or to carry information at ultrafast speeds between integrated circuits. This technology may lead to sensors that aid early disease detection and new computer architectures that enable faster and broader bandwidth computations.

Sharon M. Weiss is an associate professor of electrical engineering in the Vanderbilt School of Engineering. Her research is primarily focused on the interaction of light with various nanostructured materials. She has received an NSF CAREER award, an Army Research Office Young Investigator Program award, and a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers.
The Ingram Commons Open House Receptions
Reunite with your old housemates and Faculty Head of House before dancing the night away at THE PARTY on Wednesday, May 8, 8:00–9:30 p.m.

The Dean’s Residence and all ten houses will hold receptions with light refreshments and dessert, hosted by the Vanderbilt Alumni Association.

Grad Fair
Booths from the Commencement Office, Alumni Association, Center for Student Professional Development, and more will answer questions and provide crucial information. Vendors for regalia, class rings, photography, the yearbook, and others will also be on hand to ensure a successful graduation experience.

Snacks for attendees will be provided and a prize drawing will be held for all those that pick up the latest Life After Vanderbilt guide. The event is March 13 and 14 in the Sarratt Promenade.

Attendance
Prevailing policy is that the university expects attendance by those who will graduate at the end of the spring semester; a spring semester graduate who does not plan to participate has the responsibility of communicating that to his or her dean.

All graduates should plan to attend the main ceremony, and if receiving a master’s or doctoral degree, the graduate or professional school’s ceremony as well. Guests and graduates are expected to remain at the respective ceremonies until their conclusion. Much depends on the courtesy and cooperation of all who attend.

May graduates who do not participate in the ceremonies will receive their diplomas via mail at their permanent addresses six to eight weeks after Commencement.

August/December Graduates
Graduates of August or December 2012 are urged to attend but will not be expected unless they notify the university that they will be present at the ceremonies. August and December graduates can notify the university electronically by emailing lynn.cutright@vanderbilt.edu or calling the Office of the University Registrar at (615) 322-7707.

Address Information
Students are encouraged to check their mailing addresses and their home address with the Office of the University Registrar and to keep this information current.

Requirements
All requirements for graduation must have been met before a student may participate or “walk” in the ceremony. **There are no exceptions.** Students who are unsure whether they have fulfilled all requirements should contact the Office of the University Registrar at (615) 322-7707. A student completing degree requirements in the summer or fall semester 2013 will be invited to participate in Commencement 2014, tentatively scheduled for May 7–9, 2014.

Regalia Rental/Pick-up
All graduates must rent and wear regalia. Visit herffjones.com/college/Vanderbilt to reserve your cap and gown.

**Pick-up location:** Barnes & Noble at Vanderbilt (2525 West End Ave. across from Centennial Park)

**Hours:** Wednesday, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. and Thursday, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

The deadline to rent your regalia is Wednesday, April 3, 2013, at midnight.
Assembly Locations for Graduates
There is no rehearsal for the Commencement ceremony. Instructions for each school are available for download from vanderbilt.edu/commencement/graduates. Each school lines up in a different location (see map on page 14).

Students are asked to begin the line-up at 8:25 a.m. on Commencement morning. Commencement begins promptly at 9:00 a.m., so being on time for line-up is crucial. Student marshals will be in place to distribute name cards and put undergraduates in strict alphabetical order to receive their diplomas.

Participant/Guest Attire
All ceremony participants must wear regalia. Personalized adornment on caps or gowns is strictly prohibited. We suggest that you wear nice clothing under your gown, as there are receptions after each school ceremony and you may want to return your regalia first to the Barnes & Noble at Vanderbilt bookstore.

In general, dress with an eye to comfort and the weather. Low heels or flats are appropriate for navigating the lawns. Opt for slacks and button-down shirts for men, and slacks/skirts/sundresses for women. Sunglasses and hats could also prove useful.

Remember that Memorial Gym, the severe weather location for Alumni Lawn ceremonies, is not air-conditioned. However, fans and water will be available in all locations.

Tickets
No tickets are required for any ceremony during the Commencement celebration. This includes the Senior Day speaker and Faculty Seminars. Seating for guests at Commencement ceremonies is on a first-come, first-served basis. As the ceremonies are heavily attended, we recommend that family members arrive early and be seated on the lawn no later than 8:15 a.m. Friday morning.

*Tickets are required for THE PARTY (see page 4).

Seating
Since seating is open, we kindly ask that seats not be saved by any means other than someone sitting in the seat. If you bring balloons, ribbons, bags, etc., to attach to chairs in an attempt to save multiple seats, a faculty marshal or other member of the Commencement staff will ask you to remove them. A large video screen is set up behind the main stage to make viewing the ceremony easy for everyone on the lawn.

Indoor seating: Rand Hall, Sarratt Cinema, Neely Auditorium, and the Old Gym will be open to view the ceremony live for those sensitive to the heat and sun (see map, page 16).

Guests with Special Needs
Wheelchair reservation, reserved parking permits, and interpreter/transcription services are provided by the Vanderbilt Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action, and Disability Services Department to ensure all guests enjoy a comfortable and accessible Commencement. All services are free and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact Tammy King at (615) 322-4705 (V/TDD) or visit the Commencement website for further information and to make reservations.

A photo ID is required for all wheelchair loans.
Photography
Official photographers will take individual photos of each graduate shaking hands with the chancellor (or their dean for graduate and professional schools). Proofs of these photos will be sent to the parent’s or student’s permanent address along with information about ordering prints. You can preregister on the Commencement website and receive a five dollar discount.

Webcast
The Senior Class Day speaker on Thursday and the main Commencement ceremony and full undergraduate diploma ceremony on Friday will be viewable live online at vanderbilt.edu. Information and instructions will be available at the website on the day of the ceremony.

Parking & Transportation
Parking is available at the 25th Avenue Garage, Kensington Garage, Terrace Place Garage, and Wesley Place Garage for those attending THE PARTY on Wednesday, Senior Class Day events on Thursday, and Commencement on Friday (see map on page 13).

Remember, if you need disability assistance, you can either visit the Commencement website and make your request or call Disability Services at (615) 322-4705 (V/TDD).

Shuttle buses will be available on all three days from the various garages listed above. Shuttles will begin service up to two hours before the event is scheduled to begin. Please refer to the map on page 13 for a complete schedule and locations.

Dining on Campus
Many on-campus dining locations are open special hours during Commencement week. Please check the Commencement website under “Families and Guests” for a listing of locations and hours. Private party dining and reception packages are also available (page 10). (Also see Box Lunches on page 10.)

Severe Weather
In the event of intense rain or severe weather, the events taking place on Alumni Lawn will be moved to Memorial Gymnasium on 25th Avenue South. Please note that Memorial Gym is not air-conditioned. Layered clothing is a good strategy for guests and participants.

If the weather is uncertain and you are unsure of the location of the event, check vanderbilt.edu/commencement, call the Vanderbilt telephone operators at (615) 322-7311 after 6:00 a.m. on the morning of the event, or sign up for text alerts beforehand to be personally contacted of any changes. Changes will also be posted on the Commencement Facebook page (VanderbiltCommencement) and on Twitter (VUgraduation).

Text Message Alerts for Commencement
Vanderbilt offers a complimentary early alert system for all Commencement attendees. The system is designed to inform you, via text message, if any of the main ceremonies have been moved or canceled due to weather or any unexpected circumstance. Sign up at vanderbilt.edu/commencement/text-message.
All of these great offerings are available online at vanderbilt.edu/commencement/order.

Regalia
All graduating students must rent and wear regalia. The deadline to rent your regalia is Wednesday, April 3, 2013.

Pictures
Proofs of the photograph taken of a student receiving his/her degree will be mailed to the student's permanent address within a week of Commencement. Follow ordering instructions in the packet or visit the Commencement website for more information. Services provided by GradImages Photography (1-800-261-2576).

Announcements
Herff-Jones is the official provider of Vanderbilt's graduation announcements. There is a sample board in the Barnes & Noble at Vanderbilt bookstore, or you can go to herffjones.com/college/vanderbilt for pricing information and to order online. The deadline to order your announcements in time to mail them before Commencement is April 12, 2013.

THE PARTY Tickets
All graduating students receive a complimentary ticket to THE PARTY, printed on the back flap of the student version of this handbook. Guest tickets are available online for $20 each through April 26. Guest tables can be reserved for $200 with guaranteed seating and ten tickets. Children 12 and under do not require a ticket.

DVD
A DVD of the main ceremony and full undergraduate diploma ceremony will be available for purchase. For more information, please visit vandygrads.com or see the back flap of this handbook.

Box Lunches
Dining Services is offering a convenient way to stay on campus and avoid the crowded restaurants! For only $10, get a box lunch and drink to pick up after Thursday's Senior Class Day speaker or Friday's Commencement ceremony. Visit the Commencement website for complete menu options and to order. Pick up box lunches at Rand Dining Center (facing Alumni Lawn). Each comes in a keepsake bag.

On-Campus Dining for Private Parties
Looking for a way to celebrate Commencement with family and friends? Worried about long waits at restaurants, the hassle of sitting in Commencement traffic, or dealing with logistics? Instead, spend more time celebrating and let us take care of the planning for you! For package pricing and information, please visit the Commencement website. For questions, please email jordan.carnell@vanderbilt.edu or call (615) 936-5969.

Class Rings
Class rings are reserved exclusively for students who have completed at least 60 credit hours and are in good standing with the university, and students in the final year of their professional or graduate degrees. To order your class ring or find out more information on the reception, please visit the Commencement website.
Don’t Forget…
Commencement Handbook
Tickets for THE PARTY
Maps of campus and shuttles
Parking passes if you have special needs
Subscribe to Commencement text alerts for weather/location updates to be sent straight to your cellphone
Check the website for latest updates
Check weather.com for forecast

Clothing
Light colors are best as May can be hot and muggy
Rain jacket
Comfortable shoes (walking with heels on the lawn and in the gym can be difficult)
Lightweight sport coat
Sunglasses and hats

General Items
Airline tickets
Hotel confirmation
Camera
Poncho (umbrellas are not allowed on Alumni Lawn)
Sunscreen
Water

Getting to Vanderbilt from the Nashville International Airport
Take I-40 west to exit 209A. Turn left onto Broadway. Follow Broadway and veer right to West End Avenue. Allow approximately 30 minutes driving time from the airport to Vanderbilt University. If traffic is light, the drive will take less time.

Getting to Vanderbilt via the Interstates
From the north, take I-65 to I-40 west and then look for I-40 east to exit 209B. Turn right on Broadway. From the east or south, take I-40 west to exit 209A. Turn left on Broadway. From the west, take I-40 east to exit 209B. Turn right on Broadway (US 70S). Follow Broadway and veer right to West End Avenue. Vanderbilt is located a mile and a half southwest of downtown Nashville and is approximately four hours from Atlanta, three hours from Birmingham, three hours from Knoxville, three hours from Louisville, and three hours from Memphis.

Guests with Special Needs
See page 8 for more information on options available and reserving equipment and passes.

Housing at The Ingram Commons
For $99 a night, campus housing is available for parents and guests at Commencement. Hank Ingram House at The Ingram Commons can be your home base during Commencement activities. This is dorm-style housing (i.e., common bathrooms and showers down the hall, no maid service or TV). Rooms include broadband WiFi Internet access, linens, pillows, and towels. Housing is available for the nights of May 8, 9, and 10. For additional information, contact the Office of Conferences at (615) 343-8699.
Class of 2013,

Congratulations on your forthcoming graduation! Commencement ceremonies honor your personal accomplishments and provide an opportunity to celebrate with your families and friends. It’s a well-deserved recognition of your academic achievement, and it marks the beginning of the next exciting phase of your life.

While you may not realize it, you’re already a member of the Vanderbilt Alumni Association. There are 120,000+ of us around the world who have already transitioned to “life after college.” The Alumni Association plays an active role in the life of the university and its alumni, and I hope you’ll take advantage of the many opportunities offered to extend and deepen your lifelong relationship with Vanderbilt, including:

- **Vanderbilt Alumni Chapters** in forty cities across the U.S. and around the world. Chapters are a great way to plug into the alumni network in your city. Update your address and email in VUConnect to receive invites for game-watching parties, happy hours, networking, community service, wine tastings, tailgates, and educational events with professors and alumni.
- Register on VUConnect to keep in touch and network with alumni worldwide as you move into working, volunteer service, or further education.
- Sign up for the **Alumni Discount Program** with significant savings on thousands of products and services.
- Become an **Alumni CORPS Interviewer** to help recruit new students, volunteer to create Chapter events, or help with your class reunion committee.
- Explore our new **Alumni Career Resources** where you’ll find job postings, a resume/cover letter/interview preparation program, career coaching, podcast series, and more. Also check out the official [Vanderbilt Alumni LinkedIn group](https://www.linkedin.com/).  

However you choose, stay connected—you’re the living brand of Vanderbilt, and your fellow Commodores are proud of your achievement. You now join the global Vanderbilt alumni network in 141 countries around the world. Whether you’re studying, traveling, looking for work, or finding friends in a new city…think Vanderbilt, because we’re there. Think Vanderbilt for life!

Carroll Kimball, BA’84  
President, Vanderbilt Alumni Association

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Congratulations, Seniors!

As almost-alumni, we hope you’ll participate in the Senior Class Fund as we race to a record-setting **goal of 1,000 senior donors by graduation**! The Senior Class Fund promotes the opportunity to leave your mark on Vanderbilt by making a gift to the university. The fund brings us together as a class, allowing us to give back through fundraising and class-focused events to a place that has given us so much over the last four years.

During our time at Vanderbilt, each of us has become involved with something special. The Senior Class Fund is an opportunity to give to that area of campus that’s been most meaningful to you. Whether it’s your favorite student organization, department, or Greek organization—you decide where to leave your mark.

The Class of 2012 set a Vanderbilt record for the highest-ever participation rate. Our goal is to gain 1,000+ donors by graduation and shatter their record. We encourage you to donate $13 for the “Class of 2013,” but **every gift counts, no matter the amount**. Please give now by visiting [vanderbilt.edu/seniorclassfund](http://vanderbilt.edu/seniorclassfund) and be counted, as we race to 1,000!

Your Senior Class Fund Officers,

Aladine Elsamadicy  
Devin Brooks  
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Katie White
**Vanderbilt Commencement Shuttle Service**

- **Event drop off / pick up**
- **Garage pick up / drop off**
- **Friday 10:15 a.m. shuttle run from Alumni Lawn (Location A) to Peabody Campus for special needs guests**

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**Parking Garage**

**Event Location**

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**Shuttle Schedule**

**Wednesday, May 8th**

7:30 p.m–12:30 a.m.  
Garage 2  
Location: C

**Thursday, May 9th**

8:00 a.m–noon  
Garages 1 & 2  
Location: B

**Friday, May 10th***

7:00 a.m–2:00 p.m.  
Garages 1, 2, 3 & 4  
Location: B

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**Friday Only: Garland Avenue will be closed to through traffic and Jess Neely Drive is eastbound only**

**Guests with special needs should contact (615) 322-4705**

For more information contact the Office of Traffic & Parking at (615) 322-2554  

*If the ceremony is moved to Memorial Gym due to weather, shuttles will only pick up from garages 1 & 2 and drop off at location B*
Guests are invited to sit in the North and South sides of the 1st floor.

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Reserved

Wheelchair Seating

1st Floor Bathrooms

Wheelchair Access Tunnel

1st Floor

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15th Avenue
### By Location

1. Alumni Lawn: Main Commencement Ceremony
   1a. Sarratt Cinema/Rand Hall: Air-Conditioned Indoor Seating and Box Lunch Pick-up
2. Shuttle Bus Drop-off
3. Memorial Gymnasium: Senior Class Day Speaker and Severe Weather Location for Main Ceremony
   3a. Practice Gym: Air-Conditioned Overflow Seating for Senior Day and Main Ceremony in Event of Severe Weather
4. Bishops Common: Strawberries and Champagne Celebration
5. Commons Lawn: THE PARTY
6. Wilson Hall: Faculty Seminars
7. Curry Field: Law School Diploma Ceremony and Reception
8. Law School: Open House
9. Magnolia Circle Lawn: Owen Graduate School of Management Diploma Ceremony
10. Management Hall: Receptions for MBA, M.S.F., M.Acc.
11. Benton Chapel: Divinity School Diploma Ceremony and Reception
12. Tillett Lounge and Refectory: Divinity School Reception and Worship Service
13. Library Lawn: Graduate School & M.Eng. Diploma Ceremony and Reception
14. University Club: School of Engineering Awards Ceremony
15. Branscomb Quadrangle: School of Nursing Hooding/Diploma Ceremony and Reception
16. Wightman Chapel, Scarritt Bennett Center: School of Nursing Pinning Ceremony
   16a. Godchaux Hall: School of Nursing Pinning Ceremony Reception (Living Room)
17. Wyatt Center Lawn: Peabody Post-Baccalaureate Ceremony
17a. Peabody Mall: Peabody Breakfast, and Peabody College Reception (Rain location for the Post-Baccalaureate Ceremony)
18. Wyatt Center Rotunda: Peabody College Awards Ceremony and Reception
19. Langford Auditorium: School of Medicine Class Day, School of Medicine Diploma Ceremony, and ROTC Graduation and Commissioning Ceremony
   19a. Light Hall Plaza: School of Medicine Reception
20. Student Life Center: Phi Beta Kappa Initiation, Black Graduates Recognition Ceremony
21. Blair School of Music: Blair School Senior Showcase and Senior Recognition Ceremony (Turner Recital Hall) and Continental Breakfast (Ingram Lobby)
22. Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center: Open House
23. Barnes & Noble at Vanderbilt: Regalia Pick-up/Drop-off
24. Housing at The Ingram Commons
25. 25th Avenue Garage: Guest Parking
26. Terrace Place Garage: Guest Parking
27. Wesley Place Garage: Guest Parking
28. Kensington Garage: Guest Parking

### By Event

- **Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center Open House (May 10)**
- **Black Graduates Recognition Ceremony (May 9)**
- **Blair School**:
  - Senior Showcase (May 9)
  - Senior Recognition Ceremony (May 9)
  - Continental Breakfast (May 10)
- **Commencement, Main Ceremony (May 10)**
  - Indoor Seating 1a, 1b, 1c
  - Severe Weather Location 3
  - Severe Weather Overflow Seating 3a
- **Divinity School**:
  - Reception and Worship (May 9)
  - Diploma Ceremony (May 10)
- **Engineering, School of**:
  - Awards Ceremony (May 9)
  - M.Eng. Diploma Ceremony (May 10)
- **Faculty Seminars (May 9)**
- **Graduate School**:
  - Diploma Ceremony and Reception (May 10)
- **Law School**:
  - Open House (May 9)
  - Diploma Ceremony and Reception (May 10)
- **Medicine, School of**:
  - Favorite Faculty Luncheon (May 8)
  - Class Day and Reception (May 9)
  - Diploma Ceremony (May 10)
  - Reception (May 10)
- **Nursing, School of**:
  - Pinning Ceremony (May 9)
  - Pinning Ceremony Reception (May 9) 16a
  - Diploma Ceremony and Reception (May 10) 15
- **Owen Graduate School of Management**:
  - Reception for MBA, M.S.F., M.Acc. (May 9)
  - Diploma Ceremony (May 10)
- **Peabody College**:
  - Awards Ceremony and Reception (May 9)
  - Breakfast (May 10) 17a
  - Post-Baccalaureate Ceremony (May 10)
  - Reception (May 10) 17a
- **Phi Beta Kappa**:
  - Phi Beta Kappa Initiation (May 9)
  - ROTC Graduation and Commissioning Ceremony (May 10)
- **Senior Class Day Speaker (May 9)**
- **Strawberries and Champagne Celebration (May 10)**
- **THE PARTY (May 8)**
Order DVDs of Vanderbilt’s Commencement 2013

The deadline for orders is June 14, 2013.
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