TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2016,

Commencement is one of the most significant celebrations that Vanderbilt shares as a community. Steeped in history and tradition, the occasion of Commencement is also richly symbolic of the bright promise that lies just ahead. It is a day that we stop to reflect on your well-deserved accomplishments as well as a time in which we contemplate the exciting possibilities the future holds.

On this special occasion, we acknowledge the investment that you have made, not only in yourself, but also in bettering the wider world. Whatever your regional or cultural origins, each of you was drawn to Vanderbilt with dreams and aspirations of making a difference. As you connected with classmates and conversed with professors, the life of this great university began to meld with yours. Your perspective became wider and more diverse through your intellectual and social engagements.

It is this process of sharing and giving, discovering and confirming, that makes universities institutions of timelessness. When an institution’s work is devoted to the quest for knowledge and to immersion in the creative expression of ideas and concepts, it only stands to reason that members of its student body would evolve and flourish individually and collectively.

Seeing you prepare for Commencement fills me with great hope for our world’s future. As young alumni, you will continue to bring distinction to Vanderbilt. I look forward to celebrating the many ways you will contribute to the betterment of our greater society as you carry forward the lessons learned during your time here. I know that you will make us all very proud!

Sincerely,

Nicholas S. Zeppos
Chancellor
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KEY DEADLINES

March
22–23 Grad Fair for the Class of 2016
(Sarratt Promenade)

April 8 Last day to purchase custom Ph.D. or
master’s regalia (cap and gown) to arrive for
Commencement 2016

April 8 Last day for students to order regalia
(cap and gown)

April 15 Final day to order announcements in time for them
to arrive before Commencement 2016

April 26 Deadline to reserve private dining receptions

May 6 Last day to purchase THE PARTY tickets online

May 6 Final day to order Vanderbilt Value Meals for
Thursday and Friday of Commencement

May 10 Deadline to reserve rooms for accommodations at
The Ingram Commons

May 14 Residence halls close for all students at 1:00 p.m.

June 15 Deadline to order Commencement DVD

June 30 Final day to make your Senior Gift

Look for these QR codes throughout the handbook. These link to webpages
providing more information or maps. Scan them as you read so you have
details handy come Commencement day! Don’t have a QR reader for your
smartphone? Visit reader.kaywa.com from your mobile device to download
the app.

VANDERBILT.EDU/COMMENCEMENT
### Wednesday, May 11

**8:00–9:30 p.m.**

**THE INGRAM COMMONS OPEN HOUSE RECEPTIONS**

The Dean’s Residence and all ten houses on The Ingram Commons will hold receptions for graduates and their guests prior to THE PARTY. See page 7 for more information.

**9:00 p.m.**

**THE PARTY** celebrates all graduates, bringing together degree candidates, their families, and friends. See page 4 for more information.  
*Commons Center Lawn*  
◆ *VU ID for GRADS*  
◆ *TICKETS REQUIRED FOR GUESTS*

[Scan to view full event schedule](#)

### Thursday, May 12

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<td>Law and Business Program Reception</td>
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**Schedule Key**

- General
- Arts and Science
- Blair
- Divinity
- Engineering
- Graduate
- Law
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Owen
- Peabody
**Friday, May 13**

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| 7:00 a.m.| Blair School of Music Continental Breakfast for degree candidates and their guests  
           *Ingram Hall Lobby, Blair School of Music* |
| 8:25 a.m.| Graduating students line up with the name cards they received with their caps and gowns  
           *Alumni Lawn (Memorial Gymnasium in case of severe weather)* |
| 9:00 a.m.| **COMMENCEMENT**  
           *Alumni Lawn (Memorial Gymnasium in case of severe weather)*  
           Academic procession begins at 9:00 a.m.  
           Ceremony on stage begins at 9:20 a.m. and ends about noon for undergraduates  
           Graduate and professional degree recipients and their faculties will recess at approximately 10:15 a.m. |
| 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Graduate and Professional School Diploma-Awarding Ceremonies and Receptions |
| Noon–1:30 p.m. | Strawberries and Champagne Celebration for the Undergraduate Class of 2016 and their guests, hosted by Chancellor Zeppos  
           *Library Lawn (Arts and Science)*  
           *Bishops Common (Blair, Engineering, Peabody)* |
| 3:00 p.m. | Military Graduation and Commissioning Ceremony  
           *Wightman Chapel, Scarritt Bennett Center* |
| 10:30 a.m. | Divinity School  
           *Benton Chapel reception following in the Refectory* |
| 11:00 a.m. | Law School  
           *Curry Field reception following* |
| 11:00 a.m. | School of Nursing  
           *Branscomb Quadrangle reception following* |
| 11:00 a.m. | Graduate School  
           *Magnolia Lawn reception following* |
| 11:00 a.m. | Owen Graduate School of Management  
           *Vanderbilt Recreation and Wellness Center reception following* |
| 11:00 a.m. | Peabody College  
           *Wyatt Center Lawn reception following* |
| 11:30 a.m. | School of Medicine  
           *Langford Auditorium reception following in Light Hall Plaza* |

**Strawberries and Champagne**

Chancellor Zeppos invites graduates along with families and friends to join him in celebrating the undergraduate Class of 2016 at a strawberries and champagne reception. In true Vanderbilt tradition, toast the class of 2016, 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 Library Lawn and Bishops Common, rain or shine.
Vanderbilt University invites you to celebrate the 2016 graduates at

Wednesday, May 11, 2016
9:00 p.m.–Midnight
The Commons Center Lawn
Rain or Shine

Co-headliners this year are Sixwire, featured in the ABC hit series Nashville, and The Downtown Band who will keep the evening moving with dance tunes to wrap up the celebration.

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

THE PARTY will be Wednesday, May 11, from 9:00 p.m. to midnight on The Commons Center Lawn, rain or shine.

Graduates get in free with VU ID. Guest tickets are required for admission and may be pre-purchased online for $20 each. After May 6, tickets will be $25 at the door. Children 12 years of age and under do not require a ticket.

Reserved tables are also available for purchase.

Attendees must have valid drivers license ID to purchase drink tickets.

To order tickets to THE PARTY, visit vanderbilt.edu/commencement/the-party.
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 award. The 2016 Nichols-Chancellor’s Medal award recipient and Senior Class Day speaker is Soledad O’Brien.

Leading media journalist Soledad O’Brien has established herself as one of the most recognized names in broadcasting, bringing wider exposure to some of the most important issues and stories in the world through her coverage of breaking news, critically-acclaimed documentaries, and empowering initiatives. Her critically acclaimed documentary series, Black in America and Latino in America, are among CNN’s most successful domestic and international franchises.

In 2013, she launched Starfish Media Group, a multiplatform media production and distribution company, dedicated to uncovering and producing empowering stories that take a challenging look at the often divisive issues of race, class, wealth, poverty, and opportunity. Her projects include her documentary series, Latino in America 2, which won the distinguished Cine Award for documentaries, and she is currently touring to promote Black in America. O’Brien is also a special correspondent for Al Jazeera’s flagship show, America Tonight, and a correspondent for HBO’s Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel.

O’Brien has earned numerous Emmy awards for her reporting on the earthquake in Haiti, her coverage of the 2012 presidential election, and her work on Kids on Race: The Hidden Picture. Her coverage of Hurricane Katrina earned a Peabody Award for her and CNN, and she earned another for her coverage of the BP Gulf Coast oil spill. O’Brien has also been selected to apply her wealth of expertise as a member of the RAND Corporation’s 2015 Board of Trustees.

An authentic, engaging speaker, O’Brien offers a behind-the-scenes look at her work and inspiring, empowering narratives about the importance of making a difference and her commitment to exploring and uncovering the most important issues and stories in the world.

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.
DOUG CLARK: What Digital Games Tell Us About Motivation, the Future of Education, and You

Doug Clark’s research investigates the learning processes through which people come to understand core science concepts. This work focuses primarily on conceptual change, explanation, collaboration, and argumentation and often explores these learning processes through the design of digital learning environments and games. Much of this research focuses on public middle school and high school students in classroom settings. Clark’s work has been funded by the National Science Foundation, the Department of Education, and the National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation.

Doug Clark is the principal investigator on the EGAME grant from the NSF and the EPIGAME grant from the Department of Education. These grants explore designs for integrating the rich intuitive understandings players develop through popular game-play mechanics with explicit formal understandings that players can apply and transfer across other contexts. Clark is also a co-principal investigator on the NSF CTSim grant focusing primarily on conceptual change, explanation, collaboration, and argumentation.

IFEOMA NWANKWO: Cultivating Innovation through Intergenerational Wisdom

The Wisdom Working Group (WWG) is rooted in the idea that older adults are lifelong innovators and experiential researchers whose informal findings can prove invaluable to Vanderbilt’s project of solving “problems of importance to society” through discovery and learning. The WWG’s guiding questions are:

• How can researchers, medical professionals, educators, and senior-serving agencies better identify and understand the sociocultural aspects of mental health—promoting behaviors of older adults, especially in underserved communities, and translate that understanding into policies, programs, and curricula?
• How can intra-curricular and co-curricular collaborations with older adults enhance undergraduate, graduate, and professional education at Vanderbilt and beyond?
• How can close reading older adults’ autobiographical portfolios help medical students and other healthcare providers-in-training to better contextualize and better treat their patients, including especially their older adult patients and patients from traditionally underserved communities?

Iféoma Kiddoe Nwankwo is the director of the Program in American Studies and an associate professor of English in the College of Arts and Science. Her work centers on the impact of the peoples of the U.S., Latin America, and the Caribbean on each other’s identities, particularly as they surface in literary texts, oral narratives, popular music, and film.

MELISSA SKALA: Dancing Photons and Their Impact on Cancer Treatment

Light can interact with molecules in the body to provide critical information on the behavior of cells, blood vessels, and organs. Using the same fiber-optic technology that delivers information across the super-highways of the Internet, we can detect photons dancing in tumors. This photon dance can transmit critical information on the state of a person’s tumor and the drugs that will help patients live the longest possible lives. This seminar will cover new innovations in photonics research that could enable breakthroughs in cancer treatment.

Since 2010, Melissa Skala has been an assistant professor of biomedical engineering at Vanderbilt University. The goal of her lab is to develop and translate optical imaging techniques to improve cancer therapy, resulting in reduced toxicity and longer survival for cancer patients.

DOUG SHADLE: When Beethoven Met Santa Claus: The Symphony in Antebellum America

Go to an orchestra concert today and chances are high that you will hear music by a German composer. You are equally likely not to hear music by an American. But it wasn’t for lack of trying. Nearly one hundred American composers wrote more than fifty symphonies during the nineteenth century alone. Some of the most colorful of these works appeared very early in the country’s history, even before the Civil War. This talk introduces listeners to the orchestral music of antebellum America—including a wonderful piece called Santa Claus: Christmas Symphony—and explains why this music has been forgotten for nearly two centuries.

Douglas Shadle joined the Blair School of Music in 2014 as an assistant professor of musicology. His first book, Orchestrating the Nation: The Nineteenth-Century Symphonic Enterprise (Oxford, 2016), examines the challenges faced by Americans who sought entry into the pantheon of great composers. He is currently writing a new book that examines the legacy of Antonín Dvořák’s famous “New World” Symphony. His article “How Santa Claus Became a Slave Driver: The Work of Print Culture in a Nineteenth-Century Controversy” won a 2015 ASCAP Deems Taylor/Virgil Thomson Award for excellence in musical writing.
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 11, 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 22 and 23 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 2015 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 their school administrator. A student completing degree requirements in the summer or fall semester 2016 will be invited to participate in Commencement 2017, tentatively scheduled for May 10–12, 2017.

Regalia Rental/Pick-up
All graduates must order and wear regalia. Visit oakhalli.com/colleges/vanderbiltregalia to reserve your cap and gown.

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

Hours: Wednesday, May 11, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. and Thursday, May 12, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

The deadline to order your regalia is Friday, April 8, 2016, 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 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. Late arrivals risk not participating in the procession.

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.

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. Umbrellas are NOT allowed in seating areas.

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.

*Guest tickets are required for THE PARTY, Graduates get in free with Student ID (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 three individual photos of each graduate: before crossing stage, shaking hands with the chancellor (or their dean for graduate and professional schools), and after with diploma. 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.

A small designated photo area is located on the east side of the main stage (Alumni Lawn only). See map page 14.

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, or go to www.vanderbilt.edu/commencement.

Dining on Campus
Many on-campus dining locations are open special hours during Commencement week. Please check the Commencement website under “Guests” for a listing of locations and hours. Private party dining and reception packages are also available (page 10). (Also see Vanderbilt Value Meals on page 10 or at www.vanderbilt.edu/commencement.)

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), Twitter (VUgraduation), and Instagram (VanderbiltCommencement).

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.
Regalia
All graduating students must order and wear regalia. The deadline to order your regalia is Friday, April 8, 2016.

Pictures
Proofs of the three photographs taken of a student receiving his/her degree will be mailed to the parent’s or 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 the Commencement website for pricing information and to order online. The deadline to order your announcements in time to mail them before Commencement is April 15, 2016.

THE PARTY Tickets
All graduating students will be admitted free with VU ID to THE PARTY. Guest tickets are available online for $20 each through May 6. After the deadline, tickets are available only at the door for $25 each. Guest tables can be reserved for $200 with guaranteed seating and include ten tickets. Deadline to reserve a table is April 29th. 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 the Commencement website, or see the back flap of this handbook.

Commodore Yearbook
Recognize your student! Order the 2016 Commodore yearbook and your Parent Congratulatory Ad. You can also find information on yearbook and resumé portrait dates and times for your student. We may be reached by email at thecommodoreyearbook@gmail.com or phone at (615) 343-3064.

Vanderbilt Value Meals
Enjoy the experience of dining the way your student did—with the award-winning Campus Dining. Eat at Rand Dining Center for breakfast, lunch, or both on May 12 and 13. Pre-purchase Vanderbilt Value Meals at $8.00 per meal. Meals purchased on site will be a la carte. Rand Dining Center offers a huge variety of dishes such as build-your-own salads, fresh deli sandwiches, Mexican food, barbeque, burgers, soup, baked goods, comfort food, and much more. To-go meals available.

Commodore Ballroom Buffet Lunch
Avoid making lunch reservations off campus, and enjoy our upscale buffet lunch in the Commodore Ballroom at the Student Life Center. Your reservation will include buffet lunch, featuring an array of food stations and seating times to accommodate your busy schedule. Cocktail packages available. Commencement lunch reservations are $55 per person plus tax. You can choose to be seated at noon, 12:30 p.m., 1:00 p.m., 1:30 p.m., or 2:00 p.m. For more information, email jordan.carnell@vanderbilt.edu. Reservation deadline is April 26, 2016.

Private Receptions
Receptions are available for groups up to 50. For more information, email jordan.carnell@vanderbilt.edu. Reservation deadline is April 26, 2016.

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.

These great offerings are available online at vanderbilt.edu/commencement/order.
Don’t Forget…
Commencement Handbook
VU ID Card
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.

Accommodations 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. Accommodations are available for the nights of May 11, 12, and 13. For additional information, contact the Office of Conferences at (615) 343-8699 or go to vanderbilt.edu/commencement/order/#housing.
Class of 2016,

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 an automatic lifetime member of the Vanderbilt Alumni Association and the Chapter in your city—there are never any dues to pay. With 135,000+ of us around the world, the Alumni Association plays an active role in connecting alumni with one another and the university.

I hope you’ll take advantage of the many opportunities offered to extend and deepen your lifelong relationship with Vanderbilt, including:

• **Vanderbilt 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.com** 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 plan Chapter events, become a VUConnect Career Adviser, or help with your class reunion committee.

• **Explore Alumni Career Resources through VUConnect** 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.

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!

Patti White
President, Vanderbilt Alumni Association

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Congratulations, Seniors!

As soon-to-be alumni, we encourage you to give a gift to the Senior Class Fund as we work toward our record-setting goal of 75 percent senior class participation! Your gift can go directly to the area of campus that has meant the most to you during your time at Vanderbilt. Whether it’s your favorite student organization, department, team, or Greek organization—you decide where to leave your mark.

The Senior Class Fund brings you together as a class and allows you to give back to the university that has given much to you.

The Class of 2016 goal is a 75 percent participation rate, or 1,200+ donors. We ask that you give proudly and be counted. Every gift makes a difference, no matter the amount.

**Make your gift online today by visiting vanderbilt.edu/seniorclassfund.**

**Make the most of your gift—participate in the Alex Taylor Match!** Alex Taylor, BS’97, Vanderbilt Board of Trust member and student philanthropy advocate, has agreed to match dollar-for-dollar any gift of $20 or more, up to $25,000! If we reach our goal of 75 percent class participation, Alex will generously donate another $25,000—double your impact and give $20.16 for 2016 today!

Your 2016 Senior Class Fund officers,

Lindsay Edwards
Shawn Albert
Gabbi Feldman
Emitom Hillsman
Jasmine Lawrence
Arianna Yarritu

Patti White, BA’76,
President, Vanderbilt Alumni Association

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Vanderbilt Commencement Shuttle Service

Shuttle Schedule

Wednesday, May 11
7:30 p.m.–12:30 a.m.
Garage 2
Location: C

Thursday, May 12
9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Garages 1 & 2
Location: B

Friday, May 13
7:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Garages 1, 2, 3 & 4
Location: A

Rain Plan

Friday, May 13
7:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Garages 1 & 2
Location: B

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
Guests are invited to fill the gym floor followed by the North and South sides of the 1st level.
### By Location

1. **Alumni Lawn**: Main Commencement Ceremony
2. **Sarratt Cinema/Rand Hall**: Air-Conditioned Indoor Seating and Box Lunch Pick-up; ROTC Graduation and Commissioning Ceremony
3. **Old Gym**: Air-Conditioned Indoor Seating
4. **Practice Gym**: Air-Conditioned Overflow Seating for Senior Day and Main Ceremony in Event of Severe Weather
5. **The Ingram Commons Open Houses
6. **Commons Lawn**: THE PARTY
7. **Wilson Hall**: Faculty Seminars
8. **Curry Field**: Law School Diploma Ceremony and Reception
9. **Law School**: Open House
10. **Vanderbilt Recreation and Wellness Center**: Owen Graduate School of Management Diploma Ceremony
11. **Management Hall**: Receptions for MBA, M.S.F., M.Acc.
12. **Benton Chapel**: Divinity School Diploma Ceremony and Reception
13. **Tillet Lounge and Refectory**: Divinity School Reception and Worship Service
14. **Magnolia Lawn**: Graduate School & M.Eng. Diploma Ceremony and Reception
15. **University Club**: School of Engineering Awards Ceremony
16. **Branscomb Quadrangle**: School of Nursing Hooding/Diploma Ceremony and Reception
17. **Goddich Pad**: School of Nursing Pinning Ceremony Reception (Living Room)
18. **Wyatt Center Lawn**: Peabody Post-Baccalaureate Ceremony
19. **Peabody Hall**: Peabody College Reception (Rain location for the Post-Baccalaureate Ceremony)
20. **Langford Auditorium**: School of Medicine Class Day and School of Medicine Diploma Ceremony
21. **Light Hall Plaza**: School of Medicine Reception
22. **Blair School of Music**: Blair School Senior Showcase and Senior Recognition Ceremony (Turner Recital Hall) and Continental Breakfast (Ingram Lobby)
23. **Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center**: Open House
24. **Barnes & Noble at Vanderbilt**: Regalia Pick-up/Drop-off
25. **Accommodations at The Ingram Commons
26. **25th Avenue Garage**: Guest Parking and Shuttle Stop
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Order DVDs of Vanderbilt’s Commencement 2016

The deadline for orders is June 15, 2016.
• Pre-orders submitted by May 13 will be shipped by May 31.
• Orders submitted after May 13 (and prior to the June 15 deadline) will be shipped by June 27.

Two-disc DVD sets are $45.00. Price includes shipping and handling. Overseas orders please add $10.00 to the price for shipping.

DVDs are of the main ceremony on Alumni Lawn and the complete undergraduate ceremony.

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