COMMENCEMENT HANDBOOK

May 11–13, 2011

To the Members of the Class of 2011,

Few occasions in life evoke the anticipation and excitement as Commencement. It is an occasion that harnesses a breadth of emotions—pride, anxiety, nostalgia, and joy—and it will be a day that you will long remember.

As it richly deserves, Commencement’s glory and pageantry will be documented in almost every way conceivable. The ceremony will be streamed live, projected onto larger-than-life screens, tweeted, texted, and blogged about. Facebook statuses will be updated. Family and friends will photograph the special moments of this day, which recognizes and honors your great achievement.

Throughout the building excitement of Commencement, I urge you—Vanderbilt’s Class of 2011—to pause and record your own thoughts for posterity. Whether you choose to write in a journal, create a time capsule, or film a video for YouTube, I encourage you to preserve these memories of your Vanderbilt experience. Take stock of the advancements you have made, the successes, and even the setbacks. For this is how progress is measured.

As you reflect on your time at Vanderbilt and chronicle your thoughts, be sure to note the people and events that have contributed to your growth. Take care to include the names of friends, professors, and family members who have made a difference in your education—for without their love and support, you would surely not be poised so firmly at this important juncture in your journey.

For me, your Chancellor, you have each contributed in your own unique and special ways to my Vanderbilt narrative. Your stories are interwoven with mine, and for those memories, I am most grateful. You have made your mark on this great university, and now as you prepare to take this important next step in your life, I wish you the very best and remind you...don’t forget to write!

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 2011
- April 6  Last day for students to rent regalia (cap and gown)
- April 16  Final day to order announcements in time for them to arrive before Commencement 2011
- April 22  Deadline to reserve private dining receptions
- April 29  Last day to purchase THE PARTY tickets online
- May 4  Deadline to reserve rooms for housing at The Commons
- May 4  Final day to order box lunches for Thursday and Friday of Commencement
- 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
### Thursday, May 12

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| 10:00 a.m.    | Senior Class Day Speaker
                Wangari Maathai, 2004 Nobel Peace Prize recipient
                Memorial Gymnasium
                [www.vanderbilt.edu/commencement/week/senior-day-speaker](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/commencement/week/senior-day-speaker) |
| 1:30–3:45 p.m.| Faculty Seminars
                Senior Class Day learning sessions for our guests
                conducted by Vanderbilt faculty members (see pg. 6)
                Wilson Hall, Rooms 103 & 126
                [www.vanderbilt.edu/commencement/week/faculty-seminars](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/commencement/week/faculty-seminars) |
| “Cash on the Table: Anthropology Meets Economics”
  Edward Fischer                               | “Gregorian Chant & Power Politics in Medieval Tuscany”
  James Maiello                                |
| “Solar Energy Conversion Inspired by Nature’s Engineering”
  Kane Jennings                                | “Educational Neuroscience: How Education Shapes Brain Development”
  Bruce McCandliss                             |
| 2:00–3:00 p.m.| Law and Business Program reception & Branstetter Program reception
                Law School |
| 3:00–4:30 p.m.| Law School Open House for degree candidates and their guests
                Reception for MBA, M.S.F., and M.Acc.
                for degree candidates and their guests
                Management Hall |
| 4:00 p.m.     | Phi Beta Kappa Initiation Ceremony
                Student Life Center Commodore Ballroom |
| 4:00–5:30 p.m.| School of Medicine Class Day and Reception
                Langford Auditorium & North Lobby of Light Hall |
| 4:30 p.m.     | MSN Pinning Ceremony and DNP Recognition Ceremony
                155 Nursing Annex |
| 5:00 p.m.     | School of Nursing Reception for Graduates and their guests
                Godchaux Hall Living Room |
|               | Blair School of Music Senior Showcase
                Turner Hall |
|               | Divinity School Reception and Worship
                Tillett Lounge and Benton Chapel |
### Schedule of Events

**Friday, May 13**

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<td>7:00 a.m.</td>
<td>Blair School of Music Continental Breakfast for degree candidates and their guests</td>
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<td><em>Ingram Hall Lobby, Blair School of Music</em></td>
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<td>8:25 a.m.</td>
<td>Peabody College Continental Breakfast for degree candidates and their guests</td>
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<td><em>Tent on Peabody Mall</em></td>
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<td>Graduating students line up</td>
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<td><em>Alumni Lawn</em></td>
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<td>Graduate and professional degree recipients and their faculties will recess at approximately 10:15 a.m.</td>
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<td><em>Alumni Lawn (Memorial Gymnasium in case of severe weather)</em></td>
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<td>10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Graduate and Professional School Diploma-Awarding Ceremonies and Receptions</td>
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<td>Noon – 1:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Strawberries and Champagne Celebration for the Class of 2011 and their guests</td>
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<td><em>Bishops Common, rain or shine</em></td>
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<td>2:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Military Graduation and Commissioning Ceremony</td>
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### Strawberries and Champagne

Chancellor Zeppos invites graduates along with families and friends to join him in celebrating the Class of 2011 at a strawberries and champagne reception. In true Vanderbilt tradition, toast the class of 2011, 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 Grupo Fantasma, known as the funkiest, finest, and hardest working Latin band to come out of the U.S. in the last decade. 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 11, 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 www.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 2011 Nichols-Chancellor’s Medal award recipient and Senior Class Day speaker is Wangari Maathai.

Wangari Maathai was born in Nyeri, Kenya, in 1940. In 2004 she became the first African woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize for “her contribution to sustainable development, democracy and peace” and is the first woman in East and Central Africa to earn a doctoral degree. She is internationally recognized for her persistent struggle for democracy, human rights and environmental conservation. In 2002, she was elected to Kenya’s parliament with 98 percent of the vote and now represents the Tetu constituency in her home district in Kenya. She has served as assistant minister for environment and natural resources in Kenya’s ninth parliament since her appointment by President Mwai Kibaki in January 2003.

In 1977, Maathai launched the Green Belt Movement as a grassroots organization focusing on women’s groups planting trees to conserve the environment and empower themselves by improving their quality of life. Through GBM, Maathai has helped women plant more than 30 million trees on their farms and in school and church compounds across Kenya. The Pan-African Green Network established by GBM in 1986 has inspired tree-planting initiatives across Africa.

As co-chair of the Jubilee 2000 Africa Campaign, Maathai advocated for canceling the backlogged, non-repayable debts of poor African countries. She has also taken a stand against “land grabbing” by unscrupulous developers who are illegally appropriating public lands and reallocation of forestland.

Her most recent book, Replenishing the Earth, is a call to heal the wounds of our planet and ourselves through the tenets of spiritual traditions. She is also the author of The Challenge for Africa and her memoir, Unbowed, published in 2006.

The winner of numerous awards and honors for her work, Maathai holds a bachelor of science in biology from Mount St. Scholastica College in Atchison, Kansas, a master of science in biological sciences from the University of Pittsburgh, and a doctorate in anatomy from the University of Nairobi.

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 pickup 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.
Cash on the Table: Anthropology Meets Economics

1:30–2:30 p.m., 103 Wilson Hall

Our economic decisions are laden with cultural and moral values. Yet we often treat the realm of economic behavior as a world unto itself, ruled not by passion and emotion but the cold calculus of rationality. This talk looks at economic behavior around the world and explores a fruitful middle ground between anthropology and economics.

Edward Fischer is professor of anthropology and director of the Center for Latin American Studies. Professor Fischer has written numerous books and articles, is an award-winning teacher and lecturer, and frequently contributes to popular media outlets.

Gregorian Chant & Power Politics in Medieval Tuscany

1:30–2:30 p.m., 126 Wilson Hall

In the early twelfth century, the canons at the cathedral of San Zeno in Pistoia took advantage of a power vacuum to increase their wealth and power. They reinforced this power with displays of prestige ranging from major construction projects to composing new Gregorian chant. By making the case for chant composition at Pistoia and connecting two influential Pistoiese clerics with a trio of twelfth-century choirbooks, we will explore the symbiotic relationship between music and power politics in the medieval Italian Church.

James Maiello was awarded a Ph.D. in musicology and European medieval studies from University of California Santa Barbara in 2007 and joined the Vanderbilt faculty in 2008. Professor Maiello’s research centers on Gregorian chant; he teaches in both the collegiate and pre-college and adult programs at the Blair School of Music.

Solar Energy Conversion Inspired by Nature’s Engineering

2:45–3:45 p.m., 103 Wilson Hall

Photosynthesis is the natural solar energy conversion process that has long allowed plants and certain types of bacteria to thrive on the ample amount of sunlight that reaches our planet. Vanderbilt engineers and scientists are employing nanoscale protein complexes that drive photosynthesis in plants as the active components in truly “green” solar cells.

Kane Jennings, associate professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering, has published 60 papers in the area of materials and surfaces and won the Ellen Gregg-Ingalls Award for Excellence in Classroom Teaching in 2005, a Chancellor’s Research Award in 2006, and the Arthur K. Doolittle Award from the American Chemical Society in 2010. He received his B.S. in chemical engineering from Auburn University in 1993, his M.S. in chemical engineering practice from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1996, and his Ph.D. in chemical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1998.

Educational Neuroscience: How Education Shapes Brain Development

2:45–3:45 p.m., 126 Wilson Hall

Educational neuroscience is a newly emerging field that combines two very different disciplines: neuroscience research into the development of human brain structures and functions, and educational research on how learning experiences give rise to new cognitive abilities in children. This talk will provide a basic overview of the changes that occur in brain structure and function associated with several of the most foundational intellectual accomplishments of elementary school education, such as reading, mathematics, and improvements in cognitive control.

Bruce McCandliss, Patricia and Rodes Hart Chair of Psychology and Human Development, is the principal investigator of the Educational Cognitive Neuroscience laboratory at Peabody College. His research uses several forms of structural and functional brain imaging techniques to study the neural mechanisms involved in individual differences and experience-dependent changes in children’s early literacy skills, mathematics achievement, and executive control of attention.
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.

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 2010 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 2011 will be invited to participate in Commencement 2012, tentatively scheduled for May 10–12, 2012.

Regalia Rental/Pick-up
All graduating students must rent and wear regalia. Visit www.herffjones.com/college/vanderbilt and follow the directions about regalia rental. Additional adornment representing academic groups must be pre-authorized by the University Marshal and the Commencement Office.

The deadline to rent your regalia is Wednesday, April 6, 2011.

Assembly Locations
There is no rehearsal for the Commencement ceremony. Instructions for each school are available for download from www.vanderbilt.edu/commencement/graduates. Each school lines up in a different location (maps indicating line-up areas are available on the website for download).

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 put undergraduates in strict alphabetical order to receive their diplomas.
General Overview

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 bookstore at Rand.

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/sweater sets 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 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.

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: 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 rentals.
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.

Webcast
The Senior Class Day speaker on Thursday and the main Commencement ceremony and full undergraduate ceremony on Friday will be viewable live online at www.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 www.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.

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 www.vanderbilt.edu/commencement/text-message.
All of these great offerings are available online at [www.vanderbilt.edu/commencement/order](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/commencement/order).

**Regalia**
All graduating students must rent and wear regalia. The deadline to rent your regalia is Wednesday, April 6, 2011.

**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 GradTrak Photography (1-800-261-2576).

**Announcements**
Herff-Jones is the official provider of Vanderbilt's graduation announcements. There is a sample board in the university bookstore, or you can go to [www.herffjones.com/college/vanderbilt](http://www.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 15, 2011.

**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 29. Guest tables can be reserved for $200 with guaranteed seating and include ten tickets. Children 12 and under do not require a ticket.

**DVD**
A DVD of the main ceremony and full undergraduate ceremony will be available for purchase. For more information, please visit [www.vandygrads.com](http://www.vandygrads.com).

**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.

**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 Web site. For questions, please email jennifer.adams.1@vanderbilt.edu or call (615) 343-3365.

**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. There will also be a reception hosted by the Alumni Association in May for all students who purchase a ring. To order your class ring or find out more information on the reception, please visit the Commencement website.
Don’t Forget…
Almost Alumni 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 cell phone
Check the website for latest updates
Check www.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
Umbrella
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, two and a half 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 Commons
A limited amount of campus housing is available for parents and guests at Commencement. Hank Ingram House at The 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, and pillows. Housing is available for the nights of May 11, 12, and 13. For additional information, contact the Office of Conferences at (615) 343-8699.
Dear Almost Alumni and Parents:

You’re just a few short months away from a major milestone—graduation from Vanderbilt University. I want to congratulate all our seniors on their success, and all our parents for their sustained efforts on behalf of our soon-to-be graduates. You should all take great pride in this achievement and the hard work it embodies!

Seniors, while you may not be aware, you’re already members of the Vanderbilt University Alumni Association, along with all current and former students and graduates. I hope you’ve been able to participate in some of our student/alumni programs during your time on campus—programs like the Opening Dores career dinners, or the Dores Across Nashville events for students and alums with common interests.

As a graduate of Vanderbilt, you’re automatically eligible for all the services offered by the alumni association, including some very practical benefits like temporary health insurance, job postings on VUConnect, and the Abenity discount program. And I personally hope that as a new alumnus/a you’ll continue to be an active member of the Vanderbilt community through our 40 local chapters, the CoRPs student recruitment program, and other volunteer opportunities.

In closing, I’d like to point out, as I did to our incoming students at Founders Walk, that although we’re not a big school, we Commodores are a global family. Counting you, there are now nearly 130,000 Vanderbilt alumni in 141 countries around the world. So whether you’re studying or travelling or looking for work, or trying to find friends in a new city… think Vanderbilt, because we’re there. Whether you’re in Dallas or Delhi, or Korea or Kenya… think Vanderbilt, because we’re there.

Vanderbilt is everywhere you are, and everywhere you’ll go—shaping and sustaining you. That’s what it means to be a Commodore.

So make a difference. Stay Connected. Leave Your Mark. And continue to demonstrate the pursuit of excellence that defines Vanderbilt University!

Good Luck and Go ‘Dores!

John Hindle, BA ’68, PhD ’81
President, Vanderbilt University Alumni Association
London

Congratulations, Seniors!

During our college experience, we’ve left a mark on our friends, majors, student organizations, and more. Now as we graduate, we have the opportunity to leave a lasting mark on one of Vanderbilt’s many causes through the Senior Class Fund. We give for two main reasons:

To build a culture of giving back. We want to ensure future Vanderbilt students have the same opportunities that were given to us.

To improve the value of our degree. Alumni giving participation rates factor directly into U.S. News and World Report rankings.

Our goal is to get 30 percent of the senior class to donate, but we can’t do that without you. We encourage you to give $20.11, but every gift counts, no matter the amount! Remember, you can designate your gift anywhere you want on Vanderbilt’s campus.

Your Senior Class Fund Officers,

Kate Foster
Aysha Malik
Zach Pfinsgraff
Patrick Seamens
Eric Walk

www.vanderbilt.edu/seniorclassfund
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

Shuttle Schedule

**Wednesday, May 11th**
8:30 p.m.–12:30 a.m.
Garages 1 & 2
Location: C

**Thursday, May 12th**
8:00 a.m.–noon
Garages 1 & 2
Location: B

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

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.

SENIOR DAY
MEMORIAL GYMNASIUM

STUDENT SEATING

1st Floor

NORTH

1st Floor

WEST

(SOUTH) (DUDLEY FOOTBALL FIELD)

1st Floor

Bathrooms

1st Floor

Bathrooms

STAGE

(SEATING CLOSED)

WHEELCHAIR
ACCESS TUNNEL

WHEELCHAIR
SEATING

(WHEELCHAIR ACCESS TUNNEL)

1st Floor

Bathrooms

EAST

(25th Avenue)

1st Floor

Bathrooms

WHEELCHAIR
SEATING

(SEATING CLOSED)

1st Floor

Bathrooms
### By Location

1. **Alumni Lawn:** Main Commencement Ceremony
   - **Sarratt Cinema/Rand Hall:** Air-Conditioned Indoor Seating
   - **Neely Auditorium:** Air-Conditioned Indoor Seating
   - **Old Gym:** Air-Conditioned Indoor Seating
2. Shuttle Bus Drop-off
3. **Memorial Gymnasium:** Senior Class Day Speaker and Severe Weather Location for Main Ceremony
   - **Practice Gym:** Air-Conditioned Overflow Seating for 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. **Frist Hall:** School of Nursing Pinning Ceremony (140)
   - **Godchaux Hall:** School of Nursing 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
20. **Student Life Center:** Phi Beta Kappa Initiation, Black Graduates Recognition Ceremony, School of Medicine Luncheon
21. **Blair School of Music:** Blair School Senior Recognition Ceremony (Turner Recital Hall) and Continental Breakfast (Ingram Lobby)
22. **Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center:** Open House
23. **25th Avenue Garage:** Guest Parking
24. **Terrace Place Garage:** Guest Parking
25. **Wesley Place Garage:** Guest Parking
26. **Kensington Garage:** Guest Parking

### By Event

- **ROTC Graduation and Commissioning Ceremony (May 13)**
- **Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center Open House (May 13)**
- **Black Graduates Recognition Ceremony (May 12)**
- **Blair School:**
  - **Senior Recognition Ceremony (May 12)**
  - **Continental Breakfast (May 13)**
- **Commencement, Main Ceremony (May 13)**
  - **Indoor Seating**
  - **Severe Weather Location**
  - **Severe Weather Overflow Seating**
- **Divinity School:**
  - **Diploma Ceremony (May 13)**
  - **Reception and Worship (May 12)**
- **Engineering, School of:**
  - **Awards Ceremony (May 12)**
  - **M.Eng. Diploma Ceremony (May 13)**
- **Graduate School:**
  - **Diploma Ceremony and Reception (May 13)**
- **Law School:**
  - **Open House (May 12)**
  - **Diploma Ceremony and Reception (May 13)**
- **Medicine, School of:**
  - **Class Day and Reception (May 12)**
  - **Diploma Ceremony (May 13)**
  - **Luncheon (May 13)**
- **Nursing, School of:**
  - **Pinning Ceremony, Reception (May 12)**
  - **Diploma Ceremony and Reception (May 13)**
- **Owen Graduate School of Management:**
  - **Reception for MBA, M.S.F., and M.Acc. (May 12)**
  - **Diploma Ceremony (May 13)**
- **Peabody College:**
  - **Awards Ceremony and Reception (May 12)**
  - **Breakfast (May 13)**
  - **Post-Baccalaureate Ceremony (May 13)**
  - **Reception (May 13)**
- **Phi Beta Kappa Initiation (May 12)**
- **Senior Class Day Speaker (May 12)**
- **Strawberries and Champagne Celebration (May 13)**
- **Faculty Seminars (May 12)**
- **THE PARTY (May 11)**
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