TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2012,

Dear Almost Alumni,

It is hard to believe that almost four years have passed since you embarked on the unique path as the inaugural class to live and learn in The Commons. Through your enthusiastic engagement, you created and nurtured close friendships, set new paradigms for mentorships, and redefined the meaning of community at this great university.

Much has happened throughout these past few years. Carefully considering causes and issues that stirred your passion, you have demonstrated your values and defended principles of great importance. Your participation in Vanderbilt’s community introduced possibilities that would have never existed without you, and I am pleased to have this opportunity to thank you for the meaningful ways in which you have contributed to our university family.

As you have discovered, the full potential of a Vanderbilt education is realized in relationships. Learning takes place in our interactions and how we choose to respond to humanity. Thanks to your Vanderbilt experience, you will view the world through a lens that values opportunity, challenge, and the perspectives of others.

I feel fortunate to have been a part of these special years in your life. 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 this university, and I look forward to celebrating the many ways that you will carry forward this sense of community to contribute to the betterment of our greater society.

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 2012
March 27-28  Grad Fair for the Class of 2012 (Sarratt Promenade)
April 4  Last day for students to rent regalia (cap and gown)
April 13  Final day to order announcements in time for them to arrive before Commencement 2012
April 20  Deadline to reserve private dining receptions
April 27  Last day to purchase THE PARTY tickets online
May 4  Deadline to reserve rooms for housing at The Ingram Commons
May 12  Final day to order box lunches for Thursday and Friday of Commencement
May 12  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.
### Schedule of Events

#### Wednesday, May 9

**Noon**

School of Medicine Almost Alumni Favorite Faculty Luncheon

_Student Life Center_

**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.

_Student Life Center_

**Tickets required**
vanderbilt.edu/theparty

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#### Thursday, May 10

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<td><strong>2:00–4:15 p.m.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Faculty Seminars</strong>&lt;br&gt;Senior Class Day learning sessions for our guests, conducted by Vanderbilt faculty members (see pg. 6)&lt;br&gt;Wilson Hall, Rooms 103 &amp; 126&lt;br&gt;vanderbilt.edu/commencement/week/faculty-seminars</td>
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<td><strong>Law School Open House for degree candidates and their guests</strong>&lt;br&gt;Law School&lt;br&gt;Reception for MBA, M.S.F., and M.Acc. degree candidates and their guests&lt;br&gt;Management Hall</td>
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<td>Blair School of Music Senior Recognition Ceremony for degree candidates and their guests&lt;br&gt;Turner Recital Hall</td>
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<td><strong>Phi Beta Kappa Initiation Ceremony</strong>&lt;br&gt;Student Life Center, Commodore Ballroom</td>
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<td><strong>School of Engineering Awards Ceremony</strong>&lt;br&gt;for engineering award winners and their guests&lt;br&gt;University Club</td>
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<td><strong>Peabody College Awards Ceremony for award winners and their guests</strong>&lt;br&gt;Wyatt Center Rotunda and Lobby</td>
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<td><strong>4:00–5:30 p.m.</strong></td>
<td><strong>School of Medicine Class Day and Reception</strong>&lt;br&gt;Langford Auditorium &amp; North Lobby of Light Hall</td>
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<td><strong>4:30 p.m.</strong></td>
<td><strong>MSN Pinning Ceremony and DNP Recognition Ceremony</strong>&lt;br&gt;155 Nursing Annex</td>
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<td><strong>5:00 p.m.</strong></td>
<td><strong>School of Nursing Reception for Graduates and their guests</strong>&lt;br&gt;Godchaux Hall Living Room&lt;br&gt;Blair School of Music Senior Showcase&lt;br&gt;Turner Recital Hall</td>
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<td><strong>Divinity School Reception and Worship</strong>&lt;br&gt;Tillett Lounge and Benton Chapel</td>
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- **General**
- **Arts and Science**
- **Blair**
- **Divinity**
- **Engineering**
- **Graduate**
- **Law**
- **Medicine**
- **Nursing**
- **Owen**
- **Peabody**

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<td>Blair School of Music Continental Breakfast for degree candidates</td>
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<td>Graduating students line up</td>
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<td><strong>COMMENCEMENT</strong></td>
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<td>Academic procession begins at 9:00 a.m.</td>
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<td>Ceremonies on stage begin at 9:20 a.m. and end about noon for undergraduates</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>10:30 a.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 2012 and their guests</td>
<td>Bishops Common, rain or shine</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 2012 at a strawberries and champagne reception. In true Vanderbilt tradition, toast the class of 2012, 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.
THE PARTY
May 9, 2012

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 Liquid Blue, one of the hippest, hottest pop rock dance bands in the U.S. 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 9, 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 2012 Nichols-Chancellor’s Medal award recipient and Senior Class Day speaker is Tom Brokaw.

A journalistic icon whose trusted insights change the way we think about the world, Tom Brokaw has traveled the globe to cover elections, summits, political turmoil, war, the climate crisis, and major news stories of every description.

Even after stepping aside from two decades at the helm of NBC Nightly News, Tom Brokaw is now more engaged than ever in finding stories that show the strength, perseverance, and courage of people not only here at home but around the globe. From the turmoil of the Vietnam War and the fall of the Berlin Wall to the war zones of Iraq and Afghanistan and the hallowed ground of Normandy where he interviewed President Obama during the anniversary commemoration of D-Day, Brokaw has the journalistic acumen and global experience to help us make sense of the complex stories of our times.

Brokaw enlightens audiences with his observations on the state of the U.S. and the world, providing unmatched analysis on the important political headlines, economic challenges, and social issues in the news and the people behind the headlines. Known and beloved for his landmark work in American journalism and his New York Times bestsellers which include Boom! and The Greatest Generation, Brokaw now turns his attention to the challenges that face America in the new millennium and offers reflections on how we can restore America’s greatness in his new book, The Time of Our Lives: A Conversation About America.

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.
**Why College? Education and Citizenship in Modern America**  
*2:00–3:00 p.m., 103 Wilson Hall*

College produces good citizens, right? Yes, but not for the reasons most people think. This talk will explore the role of higher education in defining changing meanings of democratic citizenship in the twentieth century, and explain why coordinated efforts to use education to produce good citizens and to remake society during that century rarely worked as intended. As we shall see, the real genius of American higher education has been—and remains—its utter unpredictability.

**Creating Chaos in Haydn’s The Creation**  
*2:00–3:00 p.m., 126 Wilson Hall*

In 1797, Joseph Haydn completed what was immediately hailed as his greatest work, *The Creation*. This enormous piece scored for solo singers, chorus, and orchestra opens with nothing short of a musical impossibility—the sound of infinite nothingness. What follows would seem another nonstarter, especially given the elegance, balance, and symmetry of late eighteenth-century musical style—the Representation of Chaos. This talk explores the aesthetics of the impossible in Haydn’s most sublime work.

**Privacy in America: Glimpses of a Modern History**  
*3:15–4:15 p.m., 126 Wilson Hall*

Privacy has become a flashpoint of contemporary American life. But it would be a mistake to treat “privacy” as an abstraction, unmoored by time, circumstance, and place. This talk investigates one of the key terms of U.S. political culture, charting the diverse ways privacy has emerged as a public concern across the twentieth century. Precisely because privacy has been billed as a personal possession, outside the domain of the state or politics, its history offers an illuminating window onto the social strains of modern citizenship.

**Re-engineering Surgery: The Rise of Robots in the Operating Room**  
*3:15–4:15 p.m., 103 Wilson Hall*

Robots are becoming increasingly valuable surgical devices, enabling physicians to reach into the body less invasively and treat diseases more accurately than has ever before been possible. This talk will cover several examples of novel surgical robots, ranging from “tentacle-like” robots that are the diameter of needles for endonasal surgery, to swallowable endoscopic capsule robots that can accomplish surgery in the intestines, making the “fantastic voyage” foreseen by Isaac Asimov a reality.

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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 9, 8:00–9:30 p.m.

In honor of the first graduating class to have lived on The Ingram Commons, the Dean’s Residence and all ten houses will hold receptions with light refreshments and dessert, hosted by the Vanderbilt Alumni Association.

August/December Graduates

Graduates of August or December 2011 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 2012 will be invited to participate in Commencement 2013, tentatively scheduled for May 8–10, 2013.

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 4, 2012.

Grad Fair

Booths from the Commencement Office, Alumni Association, Career Center, 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 drawing for a 32-inch television will be held for all those that pick up the latest Life After Vanderbilt guide. The event is March 27 and 28 in the Sarratt Promenade.

Attendence

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.
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: 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 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.

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).

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.)

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.

Text Message Alerts for Commencement
Scan to sign up for alerts
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 4, 2012.

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 13, 2012.

THE PARTY Tickets
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DVD
A DVD of the main ceremony and full undergraduate ceremony will be available for purchase. For more information, please visit 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. Pick up box lunches at Rand Dining Center (facing Alumni Lawn).

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. 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...
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 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, 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 Ingram Commons
A limited amount of 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 9, 10, and 11. 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
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As the first class of The Ingram Commons, we have the unique opportunity to make a lasting difference on campus through the Senior Class Fund. The Senior Class Fund is about coming together as a class to “Leave Our Mark” on campus by making a gift to the university. We encourage you to give for two main reasons:

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**Shuttle Schedule**

**Wednesday, May 9th**
8:30 p.m–12:30 a.m.
Garages 1 & 2
Location: C

**Thursday, May 10th**
8:00 a.m–noon
Garages 1 & 2
Location: B

**Friday, May 11th**
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

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Alumni Lawn Seating and Graduate Procession
 Guests are invited to sit in the North and South sides of the 1st floor.
By Location
1. Alumni Lawn: Main Commencement Ceremony
1a. Sarratt Cinema/Rand Hall: Air-Conditioned Indoor Seating
1b. Neely Auditorium: Air-Conditioned Indoor Seating
1c. 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
3a. 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 (155)
   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 Luncheons
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. 25th Avenue Garage: Guest Parking
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26. Wesley Place Garage: Guest Parking
27. Kensington Garage: Guest Parking

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