COMMENCEMENT 2018

HANDBOOK

Wednesday, May 9 - Friday, May 11

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2018

Today we celebrate your achievements as a graduate of Vanderbilt University. This is a singular moment in your life, a moment when the plans you made for your education years ago are brilliantly realized. It is the end of one chapter and the beginning of another, one that will be written and informed by all that you have learned and experienced at Vanderbilt.

During your time at Vanderbilt, you have been challenged, you have been tested and you have emerged strong, prepared and ready to shape your future on a foundation grounded in knowledge, civility and awareness. You are prepared to lead with honor, integrity and intelligence and to carry forward into the world the rigorous intellectual skills and insights you developed as a member of our beloved community.

The Vanderbilt campus has been your home during some of the richest and most exciting years of your life, and it will always be home for you no matter where your life’s journey takes you.

I urge you to remain connected to the community of friends and mentors that you have built here—they can continue to be a source of support and inspiration throughout your life and career. Most of all, know of my deep sense of pride for the enormous positive impact that you have had on this university and will continue to have as a member of the global network of Vanderbilt alumni. I wish you the very best in all that awaits you.

Sincerely,

Nicholas S. Zeppos
Chancellor

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March ........................................ Grad Fair for all graduates
20-21 ........................................ (Sarratt Promenade)
April 6 ....................................... Last day to purchase custom Ph.D. or master’s regalia (cap and gown) to arrive for Commencement 2018
April 6 ....................................... Last day for students to order regalia (cap and gown)
April 13 ...................................... Final day to order announcements in time for them to arrive before Commencement 2018
May 2 ......................................... Deadline to reserve Commodore Ballroom buffet lunch
May 8 ......................................... Last day to purchase The Party tickets online
May 8 ......................................... Deadline to reserve rooms for accommodations at The Ingram Commons
May 12 ........................................ Residence halls close for all students at 1:00 p.m.
June 15 ....................................... Deadline to order Commencement video download of main ceremony
June 30 ....................................... Final day to make your Senior Gift
### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Wednesday, May 9**

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*

All tickets are available online at vanderbilt.edu/commencement/the-party (see page 4).

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**Thursday, May 10**

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<td>vanderbilt.edu/commencement/week/senior-day-speaker</td>
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<td>2:00–3:00 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Law and Business Program Reception (by invitation)</strong></td>
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<td><em>Law School</em></td>
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<td>2:00–4:00 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Graduate School Open House and Reception</strong></td>
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<td><em>Alumni Hall, Room 206</em></td>
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<td>2:00–4:15 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>FACULTY SEMINARS</strong></td>
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<td>Senior Class Day learning sessions for our guests,</td>
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<td>conducted by Vanderbilt faculty members (see pg. 6)</td>
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<td><strong>Peabody College of Education and Human Development Awards Ceremony</strong></td>
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<td><strong>M.S.N. Finning Ceremony for May 2018 M.S.N. and D.N.P. candidates</strong></td>
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<td><em>Wightman Chapel, Scarritt Bennett Center</em></td>
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<td>4:00–5:00 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>School of Medicine MD Program Class Day and Reception</strong></td>
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<td><em>Langford Auditorium &amp; North Lobby of Light Hall</em></td>
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<td>4:30–6:00 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Phi Beta Kappa Initiation Ceremony</strong></td>
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<td><em>Student Life Center, Commodore Ballroom</em></td>
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<td>5:00 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Blair School of Music Senior Showcase</strong></td>
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<td>School of Nursing Reception for degree candidates and their guests only</td>
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<td><em>Bennett Hall Social Rooms, Scarritt Bennett Center</em></td>
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<td>6:00–7:30 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Owen Awards Reception for EMBA graduates and guests</strong></td>
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**Schedule Key**

- General
- Arts and Science
- Blair
- Divinity
- Engineering
- Graduate
- Law
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Owen
- Peabody

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**Friday, May 11**

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<td>8:25 a.m.</td>
<td>Graduating students line up with their name cards, included with regalia</td>
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<td>Academic procession begins at 9:00 a.m.</td>
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<td>Ceremony on stage begins at 9:20 a.m. and ends about noon for undergraduates</td>
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<td>Graduate and professional degree recipients and their faculties will recess at approximately 10:20 a.m.</td>
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<td>10:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Graduate and Professional School</td>
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<td>3:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Army ROTC and Naval ROTC Swearing-in Ceremony</td>
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<td><em>Blair School of Music, Turner Hall</em></td>
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### Noon–1:30 p.m.

- Strawberries and Champagne Celebration for the Undergraduate Class of 2018 and their guests, hosted by Chancellor Zeppos
  - *Library Lawn (Arts and Science)*
  - *Bishops Common (Blair, Engineering, Peabody)*

### 10:30 a.m.

- **Divinity School**
  - *Benton Chapel reception following in the Refectory*

- **Law School**
  - *Curry Field reception following*

### 11:00 a.m.

- **School of Nursing**
  - *Brancomb Quadrangle reception following*

- **Graduate School**
  - *Magnolia Lawn reception following*

- **Owen Graduate School of Management**
  - *Vanderbilt Recreation and Wellness Center reception following*

- **Peeble College**
  - *Wyatt Center Lawn reception following*

- **School of Medicine**
  - *Langford Auditorium reception following in Light Hall Plaza*

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**Strawberries and Champagne**

Chancellor Zeppos invites graduates along with families and friends to join him in celebrating the undergraduate Class of 2018 at a strawberries and champagne reception. In true Vanderbilt tradition, toast the Class of 2018, 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.
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!

This year, Jon Mero and the Celebrity All Star Band will blow your mind. You might recognize Mero as a finalist on NBC’s smash hit *The Voice* (season 13). Combine his talents with CAB members who’ve played with Earth, Wind & Fire, Bette Midler, and Janet Jackson, and you’ll soon realize that this is not your average cover band. In other words, comfortable shoes are recommended while listening. They will have you on your feet!

Nashville DJ Brandon Rolland will be on hand for the night and we are most pleased to present Vanderbilt’s outstanding senior, Sam Edwards, as guest host for the evening.

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

All tickets for admission must be obtained online at vanderbilt.edu/commencement/the-party. Graduate tickets are complimentary. Guest tickets cost $20 each before May 9 or $25 at the door. Children 12 years of age and under do not require a ticket.

Attendees must have valid drivers license ID to purchase drinks.

Vanderbilt University invites you to celebrate all 2018 graduates at

**THE Party**

**Wednesday, May 9, 2018**
**9:00 p.m.–Midnight**
*(Doors open at 8:30 p.m.)*

The Commons Center Lawn

**The Celebrity All Star Band with Jon Mero, Finalist, The Voice.**

w/ Special Guest Host
Senior Sam Edwards
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 2018 Nichols-Chancellor’s Medal award recipient and Senior Class Day speaker is Amal Clooney.

Amal Clooney is a British human rights lawyer practicing at Doughty Street Chambers in London and specializing in international law and human rights. She is also a visiting professor at Columbia Law School, where she teaches Human Rights.

Her clients have ranged from political prisoners and ousted heads of state to WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange and the Republic of Armenia. She has appeared before the International Court of Justice, the International Criminal Court, the European Court of Human Rights and various courts in the United Kingdom and the United States.

This Oxford-educated lawyer is a frequent adviser to governments on international law and has held a number of posts within the United Nations, including senior adviser to Kofi Annan when he served as the U.N. Envoy on Syria. While in The Hague, she worked on the genocide trial of former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic. She has advised the Greek government on the return of the Parthenon Marbles, represented the Chagossians on their legal fight to return to their islands, and acted as counsel to the Armenian government in a case on the Armenian genocide. She is currently counsel to Yazidi women who have been sexually enslaved by ISIS in Iraq and Syria, working on their behalf in national and international courts.

Amal Clooney is on the U.K. government’s list of experts on international law and on the government’s panel to prevent sexual violence in conflict. She has also been named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum and serves on the forum’s Global Council on Human Rights.

In 2016, she co-founded with her husband the Clooney Foundation for Justice. One of their first projects—aiming to educate hundreds of thousands of refugee children in Lebanon—was showcased at the 2016 United Nations summit on the refugee crisis.

**AMAL CLOONEY**

The Pursuit of Justice and the Road Less Traveled

**May 10, 2018, 11:00 a.m.**

(Doors open at 9:30 a.m.)

Memorial Gymnasium

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. The wheelchair entrance and 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).
MARIAN MILAZZO:
Race, Place and Power
2:00-3:00 p.m., 103 Wilson Hall

Marzia Milazzo examines the crucial entanglement between race and place from an interdisciplinary and transnational perspective, paying attention to three different national contexts—the United States, Brazil, and South Africa and asking how and why what appear to be vastly different racial regimes and socio-political contexts produce strikingly similar dominant ideologies and socio-economic outcomes.

Marzia Milazzo, Assistant Professor of English. Her research is broadly concerned with the relationship between the poetics and the politics of racist and antiracist discourses.

DAVID A. OWENS AND ROGERS HALL:
Design Thinking, Design Doing
2:00-3:00 p.m., 126 Wilson Hall

Professors Owens and Hall introduce the practices and theories of design thinking and explore several important questions: What kind of learning takes place when people do design? What can design teach us about our values? When is it appropriate and ethical to do design? How do we generate the necessary insights to solve design problems in ways that meet the needs of the client, the context, and the designer.

David A. Owens, Professor of the Practice of Management and Innovation. He is a former designer and an authority on the innovation adoption and product development process who has lent his expertise to Fortune 500 companies, startups, and students alike.

Rogers Hall, Professor of Education and Chair, Department of Teaching and Learning. He does research on learning and teaching STEM conceptual practices, comparative studies of embodied action in these practices, and the organization and development of representational practices more generally.

Professors Hall and Owens are both senior researchers in the Space, Learning, and Mobility Lab (SLaM) in Vanderbilt Peabody College of education and human development.

BRUCE CARTER AND JOHN JANUSEK:
The History and Science of Brewing
3:15-4:15 p.m., 103 Wilson Hall

Explore a historical, cultural and religious perspective on the use and abuse of alcohol. Gain an understanding of the neuroscience of reward and addiction and the biochemical process involved in brewing and consuming beer. Learn about the practices of other religions, particularly how fermented products play into their spiritual rituals and customs, and the environmental impacts of brewing.

Bruce Carter, Professor of Biochemistry, Associate Director of Vanderbilt Brain Institute, Investigator, Vanderbilt Kennedy Center. His research specialty is molecular mechanisms of neurotrophin signaling.

John Janusek, Associate Professor of Anthropology. He is an archaeologist interested in the development of complex societies and cities in the South American Andes. His theoretical interests include political ecology, urbanism, space and landscape, ritual practice, human agency/identity, and household archeology.

KEITH WEGHORST AND GREGORY MELCHOR-BARZ:
Rhythm of Change: African Music and African Politics
3:15-4:15 p.m., 126 Wilson Hall

This faculty seminar will examine the role of music as a marker and agent of political change in Africa, focusing on the role of music in African politics across four substantive themes: political and electoral completion in democracies and dictatorships; political conflict, violence and conflict transformation; identity building and nationalism; and Western/global cultural and political influence.

Keith Weghorst, Assistant Professor of Political Science. His research focuses on the relationship between political parties, candidacy, and legislatures in sub-Saharan Africa. His current book project builds on his dissertation work and studies the decision of legislative candidates to run on opposition tickets in Africa’s electoral authoritarian regimes, given the opposition has little chance to win.

Gregory Melchor-Barz, Professor of Musicology (Ethnomusicology); Associate Professor of Religion; Chair, Department of Musicology and Ethnomusicology. His publications include Singing for Life: Music and HIV/AIDS in Uganda (Routledge), Music in East Africa (Oxford), and Performing Religion (Rodopi). This Fulbright Research Fellow has presented lectures and scholarly papers throughout the United States, Africa, Great Britain, and Canada.
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.

The Dean's Residence and all ten houses will hold receptions with light refreshments and dessert, hosted by the Office of the Dean of The Ingram Commons and the Faculty Heads of House.

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 and gifts from the Alumni Association will be provided to all attendees. The event is March 20 and 21 in the Sarratt Promenade.

August/December Graduates
Graduates of August or December 2017 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 before Commencement.

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 2018 will be invited to participate in Commencement 2019, tentatively scheduled for May 8–10, 2019.

Regalia Rental/Pick-up
All graduates must order and wear regalia. Visit oakhalla.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 9, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. and Thursday, May 10, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

The deadline to order your regalia is Friday, April 6, 2018, at midnight.
Assembly Locations for Graduates

There is no rehearsal for the Commencement ceremony. Instructions for each school are available for download at vanderbilt.edu/commencement. 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. Undergraduates will line up alphabetically based on their procession cards that MUST be picked up with regalia. 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.

All tickets for The Party are available online at vanderbilt.edu/commencement/the-party (see page 4).

Seating on Commencement Day

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, along with numerous others, 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, drop-off 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 Disability Services 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
Guests can expect to take candid photos with their graduates after the ceremony. During the ceremony, official photographers will take three individual photos of each graduate, before the graduate crosses the stage and while the graduate shakes hands with the chancellor (or the dean for graduate and professional schools). Proofs of these photos will be sent to the parent’s or student’s permanent address along with information about ordering prints. You can preregister on the Commencement website and receive a five dollar discount.

Webcast
The 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/TTY).

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 vanderbilt.edu/commencement.

Dining on Campus
Many on-campus dining locations are open special hours during Commencement week. Please check the Commencement website under “Guest Info” for a listing of locations and hours. Vanderbilt Dining Services and Commodore Ballroom buffet lunch are also available (see page 10).

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

If the weather is uncertain and you are unsure of the location of the event, check vanderbilt.edu/commencement, call the Vanderbilt telephone operators at (615) 322-7311 after 6:00 a.m. on the morning of the event. Direct alerts will be sent through the Commencement app. Changes will also be posted on the Commencement Facebook page (VanderbiltCommencement), Twitter (VUgraduation), and Instagram (VanderbiltCommencement).

Download the Commencement App
Vanderbilt offers a complimentary downloadable app to keep all attendees informed and updated on last minute changes. The app offers personalized schedules, maps, and parking information and will update users if ceremonies are moved or canceled due to weather. The app is available for iPhones and Androids. Search Vanderbilt Commencement 2019.
Regalia
All graduating students must order and wear regalia. The deadline to order regalia is Friday, April 6, 2018.

Pictures
Proofs of all 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
Hercfl-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 13, 2018.

The Party Tickets
Guests and graduates must obtain their tickets to The Party online at vanderbilt.edu/commencement/the-party. Guest tickets are $20 before May 9 and available at the door for $25. Graduate tickets are complimentary but must be claimed online with a valid student ID number. Children 12 years of age and under do not require a ticket (see page 4).

Main Ceremony Video
Use social media to share the excitement of Commencement Day with family and friends via the official 2018 Vanderbilt University Commencement Digital Download. To order your digital download, visit Stone Productions’ Vandy Grads site at vandygrads.com.

Commodore Yearbook
Recognize your student! Order the 2018 Commodore yearbook and your Parent Congratulatory Ad. You can also find information on yearbook and resume portrait dates and times for your student. We may be reached by email at thecommodoreyearbook@gmail.com or phone at (615) 343-3064.
Don’t Forget...
Download Commencement app for weather/location updates, schedules, maps, etc.
VU ID Card
Tickets for The Party
Parking passes if you have special needs
Check the website and app 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 for 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 9, 10, and 11. For additional information, contact the Office of Conferences at (615) 343-8699 or go to vanderbilt.edu/commencement/order/#housing.
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.

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Perry Brandt, BA’74, JD’77
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Vanderbilt Commencement Shuttle Service

Shuttle Schedule

**Wednesday, May 9**
7:30 p.m - 12:30 a.m.
Garage 2
Location: C

**Thursday, May 10**
9:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m.
Garages 1 & 2
Location: B

**Friday, May 11**
7:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m.
Garages 1, 2, 3 & 4
Location: A

Rain Plan

**Friday, May 11**
7:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m.
Garages 1 & 2
Location: B

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# Campus Map Key

### By Location

1. Alumni Lawn: Main Commencement Ceremony
2. Scott Cinema/Rand Hall: Air-Conditioned Indoor Seating and Box Lunch Pick-up
3. Neely Auditorium: Air-Conditioned Indoor Seating
4. Old Gym: Air-Conditioned Indoor Seating
5. Commencement Day Shuttle Bus Drop-Off
6. Memorial Gymnasium: Senior Class Day Speaker and Severe Weather Location for Main Ceremony
7. Practice Gym: Air-Conditioned Overflow Seating for Senior Day and Main Ceremony in Event of Severe Weather
8. Bishops Common: Strawberries and Champagne Celebration for Undergraduate Class of 2017, Blair, Engineering, and Peabody
9. Library Lawn: Strawberries and Champagne Celebration for Undergraduate Class of 2017, Arts and Science
10. The Ingram Commons Open Houses
11. Commons Lawn: The Party
12. Wilson Hall: Faculty Seminars
13. Curry Field: Law School Diploma Ceremony and Reception
14. Law School Reception
15. Vanderbilt Recreation and Wellness Center: Owen Graduate School of Management Diploma Ceremony
16. Management Hall: Receptions for MBA, EMBA, MSF, MAcc, MMark
17. Benton Chapel: Divinity School Diploma Ceremony and Reception
18. Magnolia Lawn: Graduate School & MEng, Diploma Ceremony and Reception
19. University Club: School of Engineering Awards Ceremony
20. Branscomb Quadrangle: School of Nursing Hooding/Diploma Ceremony and Reception
21. Wightman Chapel, Scarritt Bennett Center: School of Nursing Pinning Ceremony
22. Bennett Hall Social Rooms: School of Nursing Pinning Ceremony Reception (Living Room)
23. Wyly Center Lawn: Peabody Post-Baccalaureate Ceremony
24. Peabody Hall: Peabody College Reception (Rain location for the Post-Baccalaureate Ceremony)
25. Wyly Center Rotunda: Peabody College Awards Ceremony and Reception
26. Langford Auditorium: School of Medicine Class Day and School of Medicine Diploma Ceremony; Black Graduates Recognition Ceremony
27. Light Hall Plaza: School of Medicine Reception
28. Student Life Center: Phi Beta Kappa Initiation; School of Medicine Faculty Appreciation Luncheon
29. Blair School of Music: Blair School Senior Showcase and Senior Recognition Ceremony (Turner Recital Hall) and Continental Breakfast (Ingram Lobby); Army ROTC and Naval ROTC Swearing-in Ceremony
30. Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center Reception
31. Barnes & Noble at Vanderbilt: Regalia Pick-up/Drop-off
32. Accommodations at The Ingram Commons
33. 25th Avenue Garage: Guest Parking and Shuttle Stop
34. Terrace Place Garage: Guest Parking and Shuttle Stop
35. Wesley Place Garage: Guest Parking and Shuttle Stop
36. Kensington Garage: Guest Parking and Shuttle Stop

### By Event

- **Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center**
  - Post Commencement Reception (May 11)
- **Black Graduates**
  - Recognition Ceremony (May 10)
- **Blair School**
  - Senior Showcase (May 10)
    - Senior Recognition Ceremony (May 10)
    - Continental Breakfast (May 11)
- **Commencement, Main Ceremony (May 11)**
  - Indoor Seating
  - Severe Weather Location
  - Severe Weather Overflow Seating
- **Divinity School**
  - Diploma Ceremony (May 11)
- **Engineering, School of**
  - Awards Ceremony (May 10)
  - MEng. Diploma Ceremony (May 11)
- **Faculty Seminars (May 10)**
- **Graduate School**
  - Diploma Ceremony and Reception (May 11)
  - The Ingram Commons Open Houses (May 9)
- **Law School**
  - Graduation (May 10)
  - Diploma Ceremony and Reception (May 11)
- **Medicine, School of**
  - Almost Alumni Faculty
    - Appreciation Luncheon (May 9)
  - Program Class Day and Reception (May 10)
  - Diploma Ceremony (May 11)
  - Reception (May 11)
- **Nursing, School of**
  - Pinning Ceremony (May 10)
  - Pinning Ceremony Reception (May 10)
  - Diploma Ceremony and Reception (May 11)
- **Owen Graduate School of Management**
  - Receptions for degree candidates and guests (May 10)
  - Diploma Ceremony (May 11)
- **Peabody College**
  - Awards Ceremony and Reception (May 10)
  - Post-Baccalaureate Ceremony (May 11)
  - Reception (May 11)
  - Phi Beta Kappa Initiation (May 10)
  - Army ROTC and Naval ROTC Swearing-in Ceremony (May 11)
  - Nicholas-Chancellor's Award Ceremony and Senior Day Speaker (May 10)
  - Strawberries and Champagne Celebration (May 11)
    - Blair, Engineering, Peabody
    - Arts and Science
  - The Party (May 9)
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Thursday, May 10th
1:30 - 4:00 PM
Central Library Community Room

Mandatory Rehearsal:
Wednesday, May 9th
2:00 - 4:00 PM
Central Library Community Room

A celebration held by the Latinx community at Vanderbilt to pay "homenaje" to family, friends, faculty, staff, and administrators who have supported you in your journey. Students will receive an emailed invitation to participate in the ceremony and must sign-up by April 7th.
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