

VANDERBILT COMMENCEMENT



The Commencement Team



2016 Statistics

- ▣ 2908 Graduates received degrees
 - 1591 Undergraduates & 1317 Graduate/Professionals
- ▣ 18,000 programs printed
- ▣ 180+ officers, volunteers & faculty marshals to direct traffic, assist guests and organize graduates
- ▣ 29,775 chairs were set across 11 different campus locations
- ▣ 51 tents erected across campus
- ▣ 8 simultaneous diploma ceremonies
- ▣ Every 3.6 seconds a graduate's name was called to receive their diploma
 - If you added one second to each name, it would add 26 minutes to the program

2016 Statistics

- ▣ 24,000+ graduates, guests and faculty on campus
- ▣ 4200+ attendees at Wednesday night's THE PARTY
- ▣ 17,650 bottled waters
- ▣ 300+ trash cans
- ▣ 18,500 hand fans distributed
- ▣ 100+ Wheelchairs checked out
- ▣ Only 1 street closure

Schedule

▣ Wednesday, May 10

- The Ingram Commons Open House Receptions - 8pm to 9:30pm
- THE PARTY – 9pm to Midnight

▣ Thursday, May 11

- Senior Day Speaker – 11am to 12pm
- Faculty Seminars – 2pm & 3:15pm (1 hour each/2 each time)

▣ Friday, May 12

- Commencement Ceremonies – 9am to Noon
- Strawberries and Champagne – Noon to 1:30pm

▣ Saturday, May 13

- All students must be out of dorms by 1pm

THE Party

- ▣ 9:00pm – midnight
- ▣ Open to all graduates and their families or guests
- ▣ Graduates receive free admission with their student ID
- ▣ Guest tickets are \$20
- ▣ Private tables are \$225 and include 10 tickets
- ▣ All ages welcome



Senior Day

▣ Sr. Day Speaker

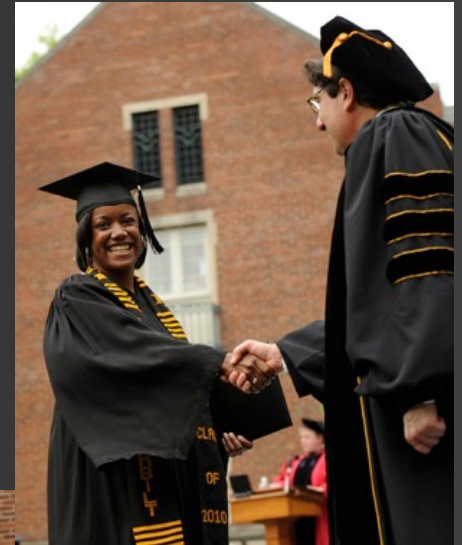
- 11am – 12pm
- Memorial Gym
- Open to all graduates and their families



▣ Faculty Seminars

- 4 seminars
- 2pm & 3:15pm

Commencement Day



Commencement Day

▣ 9:00am – Noon

- Undergraduates stay on Alumni Lawn
- Graduate/Professional depart for their diploma ceremonies around 10:20am

▣ Alumni Lawn

- Programs, hand fans & bottled water provided
- Please no saving seats
- Arrive no later than 8am
- No tickets required

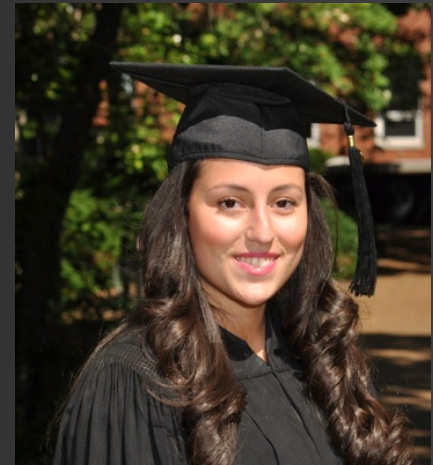


▣ Strawberries and Champagne - Undergraduate class of 2017

- Noon to 1:30pm
- A&S @ Library Lawn & Blair/Eng/Peabody @ Bishops Common

Photography and Video

- ▣ Grad Images will photograph each graduate in 3 different poses
 - Portrait – With Diploma – On stage with Chancellor
- ▣ Senior Day Speaker & Commencement (main ceremony) are both streamed live via the web.
- ▣ The entire main ceremony is also available for purchase on DVD



Shuttles & Parking

- ▣ **Shuttles run all three days of Commencement**
 - No charge
 - Schedule and maps on website
 - Shuttles run from parking garages to event site

- ▣ **Multiple parking garages open on all three days of Commencement**
 - No charge
 - Locations on website

- ▣ **Accessible parking passes available**
 - Handicap or Drop off permits
 - Register online

Rain Plan

▣ Wednesday

- Ingram Commons Open House Receptions are located indoors
- THE PARTY occurs rain or shine

▣ Thursday

- Both the Senior Day speaker and Faculty Seminars are located indoors

▣ Friday

- Commencement will move to Memorial Gym
- Can happen before or during
- Call made by 5:30am Friday morning
- No umbrellas on the lawn, ponchos only

2017 Key Dates

- ▣ **April 5th**
 - Deadline to order cap and gown
- ▣ **April 14th**
 - Last day to order Announcements for arrival before Commencement
- ▣ **April 21nd**
 - Last day to make private dining reservations
- ▣ **April 24th**
 - Last day to reserve Private Dining or Buffet Lunch options
- ▣ **May 5th**
 - Last day to purchase tickets online to THE PARTY
- ▣ **May 9th**
 - Deadline to reserve Accommodations at The Ingram Commons
 - Final day to order Express Lunches
- ▣ **June 2nd**
 - Deadline to order Commencement DVD

All dates are tentative

Website

www.vanderbilt.edu/commencement

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Four years fly by in an instant! Don't miss these deadlines to graduate...

May 10 - 12, 2017
Wednesday - Thursday - Friday

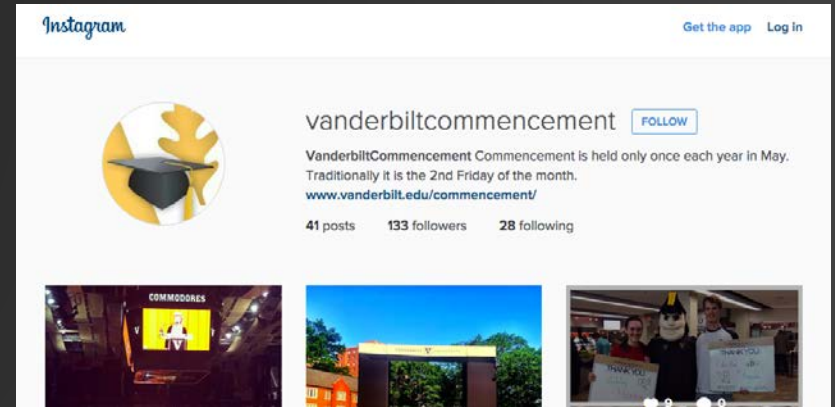
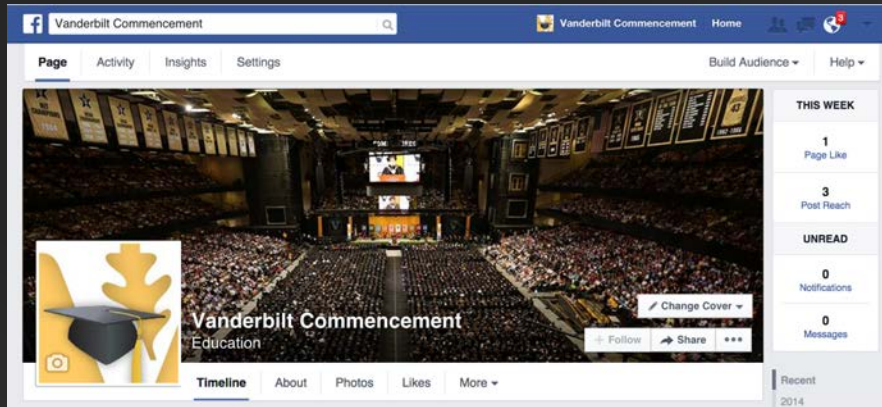
Smart Phone App

COMING SOON!

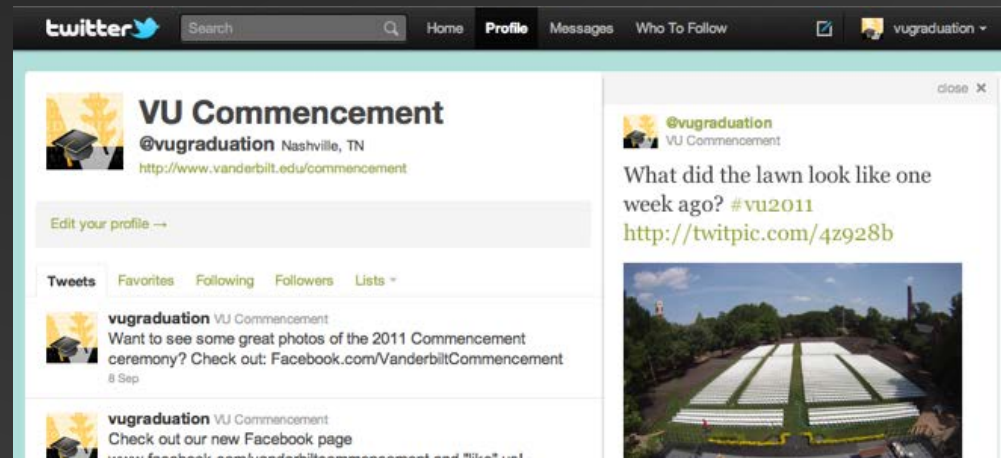
- ▣ Personalized Schedules
- ▣ Campus Maps w/ walking routes
- ▣ Emergency Notifications
 - Severe weather
 - Event change
- ▣ Parking
- ▣ Checklists
- ▣ Event descriptions
- ▣ And More...



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Miscellaneous

- ▣ All events are for the entire family and graduates.
- ▣ There are no official university events after Friday
- ▣ No tickets are required for any Commencement event EXCEPT for “The Party”
- ▣ All maps online are formatted 8 ½ x 11 for easy printing
- ▣ Hotels begin filling up a year out
 - Some require multiple night stays

Ways We Communicate

- ▣ Website – www.vanderbilt.edu/commencement
 - ▣ 2017 information posted in late November
- ▣ Smart Phone App (Coming Soon)
- ▣ Commencement Handbook
 - ▣ Mails in March
- ▣ Facebook & Instagram – VanderbiltCommencement
- ▣ Twitter - @VUgraduation
- ▣ E-mail – commencement@vanderbilt.edu
- ▣ Phone – 615-322-2870

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