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
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
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
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
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 21st**
  - 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

May 10 - 12, 2017
Wednesday - Thursday - Friday
COMING SOON!

- Personalized Schedules
- Campus Maps w/ walking routes
- Emergency Notifications
  - Severe weather
  - Event change
- Parking
- Checklists
- Event descriptions
- And More…
Facebook, Instagram & Twitter

/VanderbiltCommencement

@VUgraduation
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
Questions?

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