

March 4, 2008

Dear VUSN Graduate:

Commencement ceremonies for graduates will be held on Friday, May 9, 2008. I would like to extend a personal invitation to you to attend these ceremonies, which symbolize the completion of a significant educational event in your life. I hope your family and friends will be able to join you. The schedule is as follows:

- 8:25 a.m. Graduating students begin line up, Alumni Lawn.
- 9:00 a.m. Commencement Processional, Alumni Lawn.
- 10:15 a.m. Masters and doctoral candidates from all schools will depart Alumni Lawn together following the Chancellor's address and conferral of degrees. Please request that your family and friends leave Alumni Lawn with the graduate students and join you at Branscomb Quadrangle for the Investiture of the Academic Hood and Diploma Awarding Ceremony.
- 10:30 a.m. Line up at Branscomb Quadrangle. Commencement standards will be placed marking your specialty area and marshals will be on hand to assist you.
- 11:00 a.m. Investiture processional, Branscomb Quadrangle.
- 12:00 Noon Reception following Investiture, Branscomb Quadrangle Formal Lounge

In order for the information to be correct in the Investiture Program, it is most important that you return the enclosed form to the School of Nursing by April 15, 2008. Enclosed you will also find a Commencement Handbook from the University regarding Commencement activities. The University information includes information on how to order regalia on-line and response cards. **Please complete both the University response card and the School of Nursing response sheet. Both response forms are needed to ensure that Commencement and Investiture information will be accurate. Please note that there is a short time frame in which to order regalia. The first deadline is April 1st. You must have a credit card to order on-line, so please have that available when you place your order. The on-line order system will ask you for your VU Net ID. It has not changed since you were in school. It should be the first 6 characters of your last name and then your first and middle initial. If you can't remember your VU Net ID, just type in "Iforgot" and the system will look you up.** Additional information regarding Commencement can be found on Vanderbilt's web page at:

www.vanderbilt.edu/commencement

If you are a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, you are welcome to wear your honor cord with your regalia.

Free parking will be available at the 25th Avenue Garage. This garage and alternative parking areas are clearly marked on the University Commencement map. If you need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (615) 343-3334. I'm looking forward to seeing you on May 9th.

Sincerely,

Sarah B. Ramsey
Director of Student Affairs