February 28, 2016

Dear Graduate:

Commencement ceremonies for graduates will be held on Friday, May 13, 2016. 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 1, 2016.

A complete commencement guide titled the “Commencement Handbook” will be e-mailed to you in early March. The VU Commencement Office has a very robust website with all the information you will need: www.vanderbilt.edu/commencement. A PDF of the “Commencement Handbook” will be posted on that website. All the School of Nursing activities are included in the Schedule of Events.

There is a link on this website to order your regalia for commencement. You must have a credit card to order on-line, so please have that available when you place your order. The deadline to order your regalia is April 8, 2016

Sincerely,

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