

**UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT**

**College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources  
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**UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**

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**Harry A. Gampel Pavilion  
Saturday, May 6, 2017, 6:00 pm**

<b>Guests Admitted to Gampel:</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
<b>*Procession Forms in Field House:</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
<b>Procession Begins:</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>
<b>Ceremony Begins:</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>

**\* Candidates will assemble in the UConn Field House (north end).**

**TICKETS**

Guest tickets are available for the RHSA/CAHNR Commencement Ceremony at the UConn Bookstore; each student will be limited to 10 guests each. If students are in need of additional tickets please email [acadprog@uconn.edu](mailto:acadprog@uconn.edu) and give us your name, cell phone number, and amount of additional tickets you are requesting. As Commencement grows closer we will contact you regarding your request. In the past obtaining extra tickets has not been an issue.

**RECEPTION**

Graduates and their families are invited to attend our annual reception immediately prior to the ceremony. The reception will be held in the North and South Reading Rooms of the Wilbur Cross Building from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. You do not need to RSVP for this event.

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

There will be a professional photographer at the ceremony taking photographs of candidates as they receive their diploma covers (real diplomas will be mailed by the Registrar's Office in a few months). Graduates will receive proofs following Commencement and may, if they choose, order prints.

Members of the audience may take photographs from their seats. No tripods will be allowed in Gampel Pavilion. Members of the audience using hand-held cameras may take photographs during the ceremonies except from the processional paths and the presentation areas. In order to accommodate everyone, individuals will be requested to return to their seats immediately after taking the photos. Guests will not be permitted on the Pavilion floor or in the aisles below the Plaza level.

**TRAFFIC**

Traffic in the Storrs area is extraordinarily heavy on Commencement day. Please allow extra travel time and/or alternate routes to arrive on campus, park, and be seated in Gampel Pavilion. Due to other ceremonies already in session guests attending our ceremony will not be allowed to enter Gampel Pavilion before 5:00 pm.

Important Information/Instructions for Families and Friends of Candidates regarding Commencement

**PARKING**

Parking will be available at no cost in North and South parking garages on Commencement day. On May 6<sup>th</sup>, shuttle buses will run from the parking lots throughout the period of the Commencement events. For specific information please refer to <http://commencement.uconn.edu>. Some traffic areas may be restricted, particularly during the time of the processional. For a campus map please go to:

<http://maps.uconn.edu>

Parking will be available for vehicles with official permits for handicapped parking on the ground level of the North and South Parking Garages. People may be dropped off near Gampel Pavilion. All entrances to Gampel Pavilion are accessible for individuals who use wheelchairs.

**GUESTS WITH DISABILITIES**

The following accommodations will be available:

- A sign-language interpreter and special seating for people with hearing disabilities (ushers will direct you)
- Special seating area for individuals who use wheelchairs (ushers will direct you; these are available on first-come-first-served basis)
- Modified bathroom facilities
- Assistive listening system
- Parking will be available for vehicles with official permits from a state Motor Vehicle Department for handicapped parking on the ground level of the North and South Parking Garages.
- People may be dropped off near Gampel Pavilion. All entrances to Gampel Pavilion are accessible for individuals who use wheelchairs.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

Helpful information can be found on our website listed below or you may contact us at 860-486-2919.

<http://grow.uconn.edu/graduation/>

You may also consult the Commencement website at: <http://commencement.uconn.edu> and review the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for answers to specific questions.

On behalf of the faculty and staff we hope that you, your family and guests have an enjoyable day on campus as you celebrate the academic achievements of your graduate.

Sincerely,



Cameron Faustman  
Interim Dean and Director

