Important Information/Instructions for Student Participants regarding Commencement Exercise

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources
Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture

Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony
Harry A. Gampel Pavilion
May 11, 2019

This is the only set of instructions that you will be sent concerning the details of your Commencement, please retain them.

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| Guests Admitted to Gampel: | 5:00 pm |
| *Procession Forms in Field House: | 5:00 pm |
| Procession Begins: | 5:30 pm |
| Ceremony Begins: | 6:00 pm |

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

CAPS & GOWNS
The UConn Bookstore will begin taking orders for caps and gowns on Wednesday, March 27th. If you are no longer on campus you can order your cap and gown by visiting https://uconn.shopoakhalli.com/purchasewizard/Welcome. Please note that if you order your regalia online there is a shipping charge of $15.95. Please be sure to save your receipt for the purchase of your regalia, you will be required to provide it prior to picking up guest tickets. Mortarboards should be worn straight, and men will need to remove their mortarboards for the singing of the National Anthem.

TICKETS
Guest tickets will be available for the CAHNR/RHSA Commencement Ceremony at the UConn Bookstore beginning Wednesday, March 27th. The UConn Bookstore requires you to present the receipt for the purchase of your regalia in order to pick-up guest tickets. Each student will be limited to 10 guest tickets. If students are in need of additional tickets, they must email the request to acadprog@uconn.edu and include their name, cell phone number, and the number of additional tickets being requested. All names will be added to a waitlist, and as Commencement grows closer our office will contact students regarding their additional ticket request.

Please note: Being placed on the waitlist does not guarantee extra tickets, we will however do our best to meet all reasonable requests.

RECEPTION
Our reception immediately prior to commencement is a long-standing tradition. We invite you and your family/guests to join us on the back patio/terrace of the Student Union from 3:00 pm-5:00 pm and enjoy the informal atmosphere of celebration; refreshments will be served. There is no need to RSVP for this event.

UNDERGRADUATE PROCESSIONAL
Please note that there will be no rehearsal. On Saturday, May 11th, proceed directly to the Field House (north end) for arrival no later than 5:00 pm. Please follow signage indicating the location of the Registration table and check in to receive your name/walking card. You will be directed to your department’s location. Marshals will help form lines and lead the procession.
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to Gampel Pavilion. You will be seated in a reserved section according to your Department affiliation. Students graduating with a double major will sit with the primary degree department.

Your name will be called by a department faculty member, and you will be presented your diploma cover by the Department Head (diplomas are mailed by the University within a few months). The Marshals will direct you. You will be congratulated, have your photograph taken, and returned to your seat. YOU ARE EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN YOUR SEAT UNTIL THE CEREMONY HAS CONCLUDED. THE CEREMONY IS EXPECTED TO LAST APPROXIMATELY NINETY MINUTES.

RECESSIONAL
After completion of all exercises, the Dean, Speaker, Honorary Degree Recipient(s), Platform Party, faculty, and staff will recess. You and your guests will be asked to remain in your places until all of the above personnel have exited.

PHOTOGRAPHS
There will be a professional photographer at the ceremony taking photographs of all candidates as they are presented with their diploma covers

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

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

PARKING
Parking will be available at no cost in North and South parking garages on Commencement day. On Saturday, May 11th, 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.

STUDENTS AND GUESTS WITH DISABILITIES
The following accommodations will be available:

- A sign-language interpreter and special seating for people with hearing disabilities, or those in need of assistive listening devices (please inform the staff at Gampel upon your arrival).
- Special seating area for individuals who use wheelchairs or those unable to climb stairs. To allow sufficient space for all guests who use wheelchairs or those unable to climb stairs, we ask that only one family member or friend accompany this individual in the area set aside for people needing this accommodation (ushers will direct you; these are available on first-come-first-served basis).
- Modified bathroom facilities.
- Parking is 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.
- Individuals may be dropped off near Gampel Pavilion. All entrances to Gampel Pavilion are accessible for those who use wheelchairs.
- Accessible Van Service – On Saturday, May 11th, handicapped accessible vans will be located outside of the North Parking Garage waiting to drive guests to the proper Commencement venue. Once the ceremony concludes, they will be waiting outside of the venue to return guests to the North Parking Garage. To obtain this service, please call (860) 486-4991.
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**Please note:** The University does not have wheelchairs available to loan on campus. If an individual is in need of a wheelchair, they must provide one themselves.

**ALCOHOL**

Alcohol is not permitted at the ceremonies and will be confiscated before entry into the Gampel Pavilion.

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 helpful information.

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

Sincerely,

Sandra L. Bushmich
Associate Dean and Director

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