TO: College of Agriculture and Life Sciences May 2013 or Summer 2013 Associates’ and Bachelors’ Candidates

2013 Biochemistry (BIOC) Bachelors’ Candidates (College of Science)

FROM: Susan S. Sumner, Associate Dean and Director

RE: College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Undergraduate Commencement Schedule for 11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 18, 2013

DATE: March 18, 2013

Please share this commencement information with your parents and/or relatives and friends attending

CAP AND GOWN REQUIREMENTS
All graduates participating in the academic procession and the commencement ceremonies must wear a cap and gown. Regalia for students are now on sale at the on-campus and Volume II Bookstores. All graduates with distinction should reserve honor sashes when ordering regalia from the Bookstore. The Bookstore will have a list of students who should receive an honor sash.

HONOR SASHES
If you are not on the list but you anticipate that you will have a 3.4 GPA or better and will have completed your last 60 hours at Virginia Tech once you have completed your Spring Semester, please note that we will have sashes on hand at commencement.
UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
Associates’ and Bachelors’ Candidates
(College of Agriculture and Life Sciences)
Biochemistry Bachelors’ Candidates
(College of Science)

Saturday, May 18, 2013, 11:00 a.m.
Cassell Coliseum

I. Details for the College ceremony

A. Arrival/Entrance

There will NOT be a procession of the Associates’ and Bachelors’ candidates into Cassell Coliseum. Degree candidates are asked to report to the Spring Street side of Cassell Coliseum by 10:15 a.m. and wait for security’s signal to enter the coliseum. Signs will be posted to direct you to Cassell Coliseum floor to find your seat. Departmental ushers will be on hand to help. Index cards with your name will be placed on the appropriate chair where you will sit. **ALL CANDIDATES ARE ASKED TO BE IN THEIR SEATS BY 10:45 AM.**

B. Receiving Diplomas

An usher will direct the candidates to the stage at the proper time and to assure that everyone is properly positioned in line to coincide with the reading of names. **Please hand the announcer the card with your name on it (this card will be in your seat).** If any information on the card is incorrect, please correct it. Candidates will receive their diplomas on stage, proceed across the stage, down the left side of the Cassell Coliseum floor and return to your seat by walking to the back of the Cassell Coliseum and coming down the center isle (SEE DIAGRAM). Ushers will help direct candidates.

C. Recessional

In the closing remarks, Dean Grant will instruct all guests and candidates how to exit Cassell Coliseum. The audience and graduates should remain seated until the stage party and faculty recess, led by Dean Grant. **Graduates will not recess.**

II. General Information about Commencement

A. **Website Information:** The University commencement exercise will be Friday, May 17, 2013 - 12 noon - Lane Stadium/Worsham Field - 1 Hour.
See the following websites for additional details.
http://www.vt.edu/commencement/

Details from the Registrar’s Office concerning graduation can be found at: http://www.registrar.vt.edu/graduation/

The University Commencement Brochure website is http://www.vt.edu/commencement/

An alumni informational website can be found at http://www.alumni.vt.edu/graduation/index.html

B. **Tickets:** Each candidate can expect adequate seating for parents and guests. **No tickets are required for attendance.**

C. **Student Accounts:** All accounts at Virginia Tech must be settled (including parking tickets) before the candidate can receive a diploma.

D. **Entering Cassell Coliseum:** Cassell Coliseum will be available for seating by parents and guests only AFTER 10:15 a.m. because of the preceding College of Engineering ceremony. **Engineering will have over 1000 graduates and parking will be a problem. Please plan accordingly.** To assure a smooth transition of parents and guests in and out of Cassell Coliseum, all parents and guests are to enter Cassell Coliseum from Spring Street nearest the main parking lot between McComas Hall and Cassell Coliseum. **NOTE: CASSELL COLISEUM IS NOT AIR CONDITIONED.**

E. **Commencement Photos:** GradImages will be at the ceremony to take a candid photograph of you as you receive your diploma. You may place orders or obtain answers to questions at http://www.gradimages.com or 1-800-261-2576. GradImages will offer a no fee portrait sitting for graduates Thursday, May 16th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the Holtzman Alumni Center.

F. **Accessibility, Wheelchairs, and Disability Accommodations:** If any graduates or those attending graduation need special assistance, please use the University webpage www.ssd.vt.edu or 540-231-0858 or TTY 540-231-0853 for additional information on “Accessibility, Wheelchairs, and Disability Accommodations.” If there are guests who are non-ambulatory, they and their families are to use the Spring Street entrance into the Merryman Athletic Center, follow the ramp to the left and into Cassell Coliseum. Proceed to the back of the Cassell Coliseum Floor for seating. One guest is allowed to sit in this section. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Carr jjc@vt.edu.

G. **Seating:** Parents and guests might like to sit in the Cassell Coliseum section that is close to where their graduating son/daughter or relative is seated. Refer to the attached diagram to see where the different majors are seated on the Cassell Coliseum floor.
III. Departmental Receptions

We encourage you and your guests to attend your department’s reception.

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<td>Saturday 5/18/13</td>
<td>8:45AM – 10:30AM</td>
<td>310 Hutcheson Hall</td>
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<td>Agricultural and Extension Ed.</td>
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<td>Saturday 5/18/13</td>
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COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Cassell Coliseum
11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 18, 2013

PROCessional

INvOCATION – Rev. Mike Ellerbrock, Professor, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics

WELCOME AND COMMENDATION - Dr. Alan Grant, Dean

INtroDUCtIOn OF STAGE PARTY – Dr. Alan Grant

COllEGe ALUMNI ORGANIZATION – Mr. Eric Frazier, Past President

FAculty tEACHING EXCELlENCE AWARDS - Dr. Susan Sumner, Associate Dean and Director of Academic Programs

OUTStANDING GrADUATING SENIOReS IN THE COllEGe – Dr. Susan Sumner

AWARDING OF BCHElORS’/ ASSOCIATES’ DIPLOMAS – Dr. Alan Grant

   Department Heads and Undergraduate Program Directors

   Human Nutrition, Foods, and Exercise
   Agricultural and Applied Economics
   Biochemistry (College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and College of Science)
   Food Science and Technology
   Animal and Poultry Sciences
   Horticulture
   Agricultural and Extension Education
   Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences
   Environmental Science
   Dairy Science
   Agricultural Technology

CLOsING REMARKS – Dr. Alan Grant

RECESSIONAL (Stage Party and Faculty only)