

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](http://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](mailto: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.

<b><u>Department Graduation Receptions</u></b>			
<b>Department</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Agricultural & Applied Economics	Saturday 5/18/13	8:45AM – 10:30AM	310 Hutcheson Hall
Agricultural and Extension Education	Friday 5/17/13	2:30PM – 4:30PM	Virginia Tech University Club
Animal & Poultry Sciences	Saturday 5/18/13	12:30PM – 2:00PM	Litton-Reaves Lobby
Agricultural Technology	Saturday 5/18/13	12:30PM – 2:00PM	1810 Litton-Reaves
Biochemistry	Saturday 5/18/13	9:00AM – 10:00AM	223 Engel Hall
Biological Systems Engineering	TBA	TBA	TBA
Crop & Soil Environmental Sciences	Thursday 5/9/13	6:00PM	Turfgrass Center
Dairy Science	Saturday 5/18/13	11:00AM – 3:00PM	1040 Litton-Reaves Student Lounge
Food, Science, & Technology	Saturday 5/18/13	9:00AM – 10:30AM	Food Science and Technology Dairy Lab
Horticulture	Saturday 5/18/13	8:30AM – 10:00AM	Hahn Pavilion
Human Nutrition, Foods, & Exercise	Saturday 5/18/13	1:00PM – 2:30PM	Wallace Hall Atrium

**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 SENIORS IN THE COLLEGE** – Dr. Susan Sumner

**AWARDING OF BACHELORS'/ 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

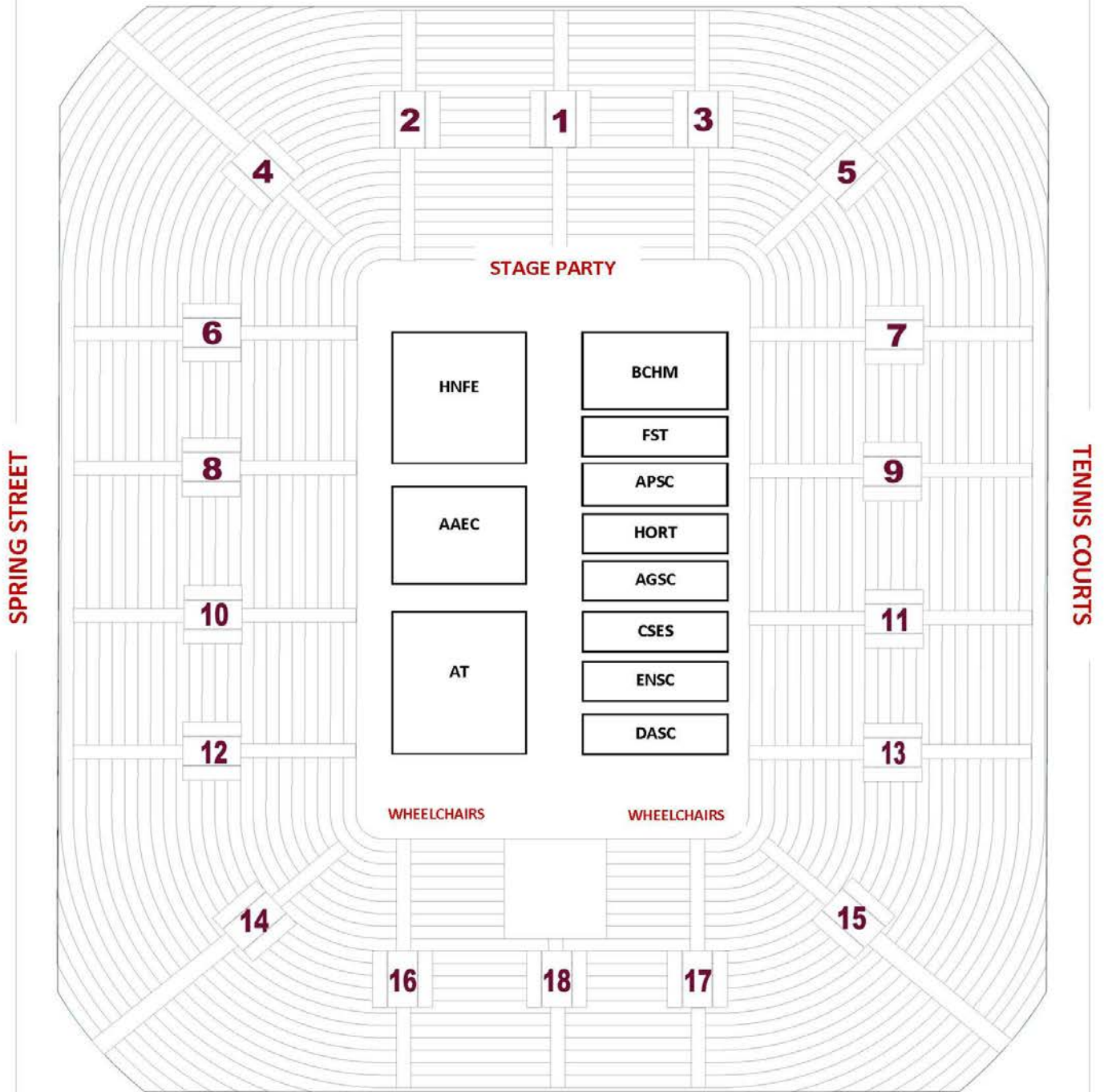
**CLOSING REMARKS** – Dr. Alan Grant

**RECESSIONAL** (Stage Party and Faculty only)

# College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Spring Commencement - Cassell Coliseum

## Procession and Approximate Seating

WASHINGTON STREET



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