

**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES
RATCLIFFE HICKS SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE**

**University of Connecticut
Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony
Harry A. Gampel Pavilion
May 9, 2009**

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

UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture

Saturday, May 9, 2009, 6:00 pm

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| Guests Admitted: | 5:00 pm |
| Procession Forms: | 5:00 pm |
| Procession Begins: | 5:30 pm |
| Ceremony Begins: | 6:00 pm |

❖ **CAPS & GOWNS**

The UConn Co-op will begin taking orders for caps and gowns on Monday, March 16th. Mortarboards should be worn straight. Men will remove their mortarboards for the singing of the National Anthem.

❖ **TICKETS**

No guest tickets will be necessary for the Commencement Ceremony as there is no limit to the number of guests that you may bring.

❖ **UNDERGRADUATE PROCESSIONAL**

Please note that there will be no rehearsal. On Saturday, May 9th, 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. You will be directed to your department's location. Marshals will help form lines and lead the procession 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 the Associate Dean, 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.**

Important Information/Instructions for Candidates regarding Commencement Exercise

❖ RECESSIONAL

After completion of all the 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 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. If you wish to receive a color proof, you must fill out the address card that will be provided to you at the ceremony. Proofs will be mailed to the address you provide on the card.

Fill out the card completely. Take it to the floor with you; an assistant will collect the card. You may be asked to speak your name into a tape recorder before you move forward to receive congratulations.

No tripods will be allowed in Gampel Pavilion. Members of the audience using hand-held cameras may take pictures during the ceremonies from areas reserved for that purpose. In order to accommodate everyone, individuals are requested to move to those areas for only a short interval 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 heavy on Commencement day. Please allow extra travel time 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.

❖ PARKING

Parking will be available at no cost in North and South parking garages on Commencement day. On May 9th, shuttle buses will run from the parking lots throughout the period of the Commencement events. For specific information please refer to <http://commence.uconn.edu>. Some traffic areas may be restricted, particularly during the time of the processional.

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.

❖ STUDENTS AND 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
- The closest available area for handicapped parking is on the ground level of the South Garage. The space will be available only for those vehicles with a permit from a State Motor Vehicles Department.

ALCOHOL

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

❖ **RECEPTION**

Our reception immediately prior to commencement is a long-standing tradition. We invite you and your family/guests to join us in the North and South Reading Rooms of the Wilbur Cross Building and enjoy the informal atmosphere of celebration; light fare and beverages will be served. To plan accordingly please complete the Commencement Reception response sheet by Friday, May 1st and return it to the Office of Academic Programs, Young Bldg., Room 211. ***Please note that a hard copy of the response sheet will be mailed to your family in March along with a business reply envelope if you prefer to mail the response sheet back.***

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

<http://myagrn.uconn.edu/commencement.php>

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

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,



Cameron Faustman
Associate Dean



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Academic Programs

**College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture**

**Commencement Reception
University of Connecticut
Saturday, May 9, 2009**

I will be attending the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR)/Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture (RHSA) Commencement Reception on Saturday, May 9, 2009.

Total number of individuals attending the reception (including graduate).

Name: _____
(please print)

Address: _____

Graduate of: CANR _____ RHSA _____

Major: _____

Please mail completed response to the address below, deliver to W.B. Young Building, Room 211, or phone 486-2919 by May 1st. Thank you.

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