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Overview of Commencement Events, 2012

Main Events

Saturday, June 2: Alumni Reunions. More information about Reunions is available online.
Sunday, June 3: Baccalaureate Ceremony, Step Sing
Monday, June 4: Class Day, Departmental Receptions, Senior Prom; advanced degree candidates' hooding ceremony
Tuesday, June 5: Commencement and diploma distribution in residential colleges

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Saturday, June 2

Alumni P-rade

2 p.m. Route: Front of Nassau Hall, down Elm Drive, ending on Poe-Pardee Field

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Sunday, June 3

Baccalaureate Ceremony/Step Sing

1:15 p.m. Seniors form procession for Baccalaureate between Nassau Hall and Cannon Green and prepare to process to the University chapel.

1:30 p.m. Guests must be seated for Baccalaureate ceremony. The ceremony is held in the University chapel where seniors are seated. Seating for guests is outside the University Chapel (the ceremony is broadcast on a large-screen) or in simulcast sites located around the Chapel. Tickets are required (each senior receives **2 guest tickets**). This year's guest speaker is Michael Lewis '82.

Simulcast sites for Baccalaureate: McCormick 101, Betts Auditorium in the School of Architecture, and Richardson Auditorium in Alexander Hall--all air conditioned and have the easiest access for guests with disabilities; McCosh 10; McCosh 50. A campus map to locate these sites is at this link.

1:40 p.m. Baccalaureate procession begins.

5:30-7:00 p.m. Pan African graduation celebration, Alexander Hall, Richardson Auditorium. Participation in the ceremony is open to students whose identity is related to the Pan-African diaspora. Guests of students and members of the University community are invited to attend.

10 p.m. Senior Class Step Sing, Blair Arch; Dillon Gym in case of rain (no tickets required).

Monday, June 4

Class Day/Departmental Receptions/Hooding Ceremony for Advanced Degree Candidates/Senior Prom

9:30 a.m. Seniors assemble for Class Day held on Cannon Green (or in Jadwin Gym in the case of severe weather).

10:00 a.m. Class Day procession begins (from the Brown-Dod courtyard; no procession if Class Day is held in Jadwin Gym).

10:30 a.m. Ceremony begins. Each senior receives **4 guest tickets**. This year's guest speaker is actor and comedian Steve Carell.

Simulcast sites for Class Day held on Cannon Green: McCormick 101 and Betts Auditorium in the School of Architecture are both air conditioned and are easy to access for guests with disabilities; McCosh 10. No tickets are required for the simulcast sites. A campus map to locate these sites is at this link.

12:30 p.m. Senior class luncheon (immediately following the ceremony). Alexander Beach (or Dillon Gym if Class Day is outside but followed by severe weather). If Class Day is in Jadwin Gym because of severe weather, box lunches can be picked up is at DeNunzio Pool, next to Jadwin Gym.

1:30-6 p.m. Departmental Receptions. Times and locations for these events can be found at this link. (Locations for departments in the School of Engineering will be finalized later in April.)

5:00 p.m. Hooding Ceremony for Advanced Degree Candidates. The guest speaker is George Will *68. (His Washington Post biography is at this link: http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/opinions/biographies/george-f-will.html.)

8 p.m. Senior Prom, Jadwin Gym. Tickets required. Each senior receives **6 tickets**, one of which is for the senior.

Tuesday, June 5

Commencement

9:45 a.m. Seniors assemble between Nassau Hall and Cannon Green to process to the front lawn of Nassau Hall where the ceremony takes place (Jadwin Gym in case of severe weather).

10:15 a.m. Guests must be seated for Commencement Exercises. Seating for guests in front of Nassau Hall (Jadwin Gym in case of severe weather). Tickets required either location. Each senior receives **5 guest tickets**.

Simulcast site: Richardson Auditorium in Alexander Hall. No tickets required. This is the best option for guests who do not have tickets and is more comfortable than front campus for guests with disabilities or who may be uncomfortable because of the weather (Alexander Hall is accessible and is air conditioned; it is adjacent to the outdoor site).

10:20 a.m. Procession begins.

12:30 p.m. Exercises concluded; seniors receive diplomas in residential colleges at receptions immediately following Commencement exercises. (May advanced degree candidates receive diplomas on Cannon Green.)

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