

**UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT**

**College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources  
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**UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**

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**Harry A. Gampel Pavilion  
Saturday, May 6, 2023, 6:00 pm**

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

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

**TICKETS**

Guest tickets will be available for the CAHNR/RHSA Commencement Ceremony at the UConn Bookstore beginning Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Each student will be limited to 10 guest tickets. If students need additional tickets, they **must email** the request to [CAHNRAcademics@uconn.edu](mailto:CAHNRAcademics@uconn.edu) and include their name, cell phone number, and the number of additional tickets they are requesting. 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**

Graduates and their guests are invited to attend a reception immediately prior to the ceremony. The reception will be held on the back patio/terrace of the Student Union from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. There is no need to RSVP for this event.

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

There will be a professional photographer at the ceremony taking photographs of candidates as they receive their diploma covers (real diplomas will be mailed by the Registrar's Office after a few months). Graduates will receive proofs of photos taken following Commencement and may order prints if they so choose.

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. 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 is extraordinarily heavy on Commencement Day. Please allow extra travel time and/or utilize alternate routes to arrive on campus, park, and be seated in Gampel Pavilion on time. Due to other ceremonies already in session, guests attending the CAHNR/RHSA ceremony will not be allowed to enter Gampel Pavilion before 5:00 pm.

## Important Information/Instructions for Families and Friends of Candidates regarding Commencement

### **PARKING**

Parking will be available at no cost in the North and South parking garages on Commencement Day. On Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, shuttle buses will run from the parking lots to ceremony venues throughout the duration 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.

For a campus map please go to: <http://maps.uconn.edu>

### **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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Please note:** The University does not have wheelchairs available to loan on campus. If an individual needs a wheelchair, they must provide one themselves.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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

<https://cahr.uconn.edu/graduation/>

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

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

Sincerely,



Kristen E. Govoni  
Associate Dean and Director



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HUSKIES FOREVER**