Dear Graduates and Guests:

Today is a day of celebration. Our students are celebrating achieving a significant milestone in their lives. Their family, friends, and colleagues are celebrating their accomplishments too.

Not so long ago, the same students that are wearing such triumphant smiles were just beginning their college careers, and the smiles we saw were nervous, excited, and confused. One of the most delightful aspects of being the dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources in the Institute of Agriculture is seeing the extraordinary transformation of these hesitant but eager students into the confident, capable, and competent graduates that they are now.

We are grateful for the dedication of the faculty who not only taught them but also mentored them, placed them in internships and other opportunities, and helped them overcome the rough spots. Faculty members have given much of themselves to make sure that the education our students have received has prepared them fully for their future professional life.

Our graduates will be the ones that solve problems such as feeding the ever-increasing world population, providing for fiber and fuel needs, and safeguarding the environment in which we live. I look forward to seeing their future accomplishments, and today’s march to the stage constitutes the first steps toward that bright future.

Sincerely,

Caula A. Beyl, PhD
Dean and Professor
Congratulations, Graduate!

Commencement is a day of celebration. We congratulate you and commend you for the hard work you did to get to this day. We thank your family and friends who have supported you throughout your university career. We are proud to send you out into the world to use your knowledge and experience to work, to serve others, and to be proud ambassadors for the University of Tennessee. Today, you also become a Tennessee alumnus.

As you set out to change the world, I hope that you will honor the creed of the Torchbearer to shadow yourself to give light to others.

You will always be a member of the Volunteer family. Make plans to come back to campus and stay connected to the people and programs that helped shape your experiences. I hope you will stay engaged through our alumni activities and invest financially in your university each year in some way. Your support will help us reach our goal of becoming a Top 25 public research university.

On behalf of the University of Tennessee, I congratulate you for your accomplishments. I wish you happiness and great success in your future.

Go Vols!

Jimmy G. Cheek
Chancellor
PROGRAM OF EXERCISES

Prelude

Academic Procession

National Anthem

Welcome and Introductions
Caula Beyl

Recognition of Honor Graduates
John Stier

Introduction of Speakers
Caula Beyl

Class Challenge
Tiphani Pinheiro
Food Science and Technology

Charge to the Graduates
David Buehler
Professor, Forestry, Wildlife, and Fisheries

Keynote Speaker
Donnie Smith

Conferral of Degrees
Susan Martin

Presentation of Graduates
Caula Beyl
Respective Department Representatives
John Stier

Commissions in the United States Armed Forces
Lt. Col. Brian Delamater

Closing Remarks
Caula Beyl

The audience is requested to rise and join in singing the alma mater.

Alma Mater
The audience is requested to remain standing until the platform party exits the arena.

Recessional
Soloist: Sarah Fitch • UT School of Music Brasswind Quintet: Alex Caselman, trumpet; Dan Cloutier, trombone; Karl Kramer, horn; Cathy Leach, trumpet; Sande MacMorran, tuba • Color Guard: The University of Tennessee Air Force ROTC Detachment 800 • Interpreting services provided by the University of Tennessee Office of Disability Services.

Special thanks to Bandit Lites for their generous donation of lighting equipment.
PLATFORM PARTY

Dr. Caula A. Beyl  
Dean

Dr. Larry R. Arrington  
Chancellor, Institute of Agriculture

Dr. Susan D. Martin  
Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Dr. Keith Barber  
Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement

Dr. John Stier  
Assistant Dean

Mr. Donnie Smith  
President and Chief Executive Officer, Tyson Foods

Dr. William Brown  
Dean, Agricultural Research

Dr. Tim Cross  
Dean, UT Extension

Dr. Robert Augé  
Professor and Head, Plant Sciences

Dr. Keith Belli  
Professor and Head, Forestry, Wildlife, and Fisheries

Dr. P. Michael Davidson  
Professor and Head, Food Science and Technology

Dr. Delton C. Gerloff  
Professor and Head, Agricultural and Resource Economics and Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications

Dr. Parwinder Grewal  
Professor and Head, Entomology and Plant Pathology

Dr. Neal Schrick  
Professor and Head, Animal Science

Dr. Daniel Yoder  
Professor, Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science

Lt. Col. Brian Delamater  
Commander, Air Force ROTC Detachment 800
DONNIE SMITH’S enthusiasm for Tyson Foods is well known among the company’s 115,000 team members. Appointed to his role as president and CEO in 2009, Smith guides Tyson Foods to be a company with a conscience, focused on feeding the world great, affordable food, while also making a positive difference in people’s lives.

Throughout his career, Smith has worked to learn every angle of the Tyson Foods business. He joined Tyson in 1980, working in poultry operations for seven years in Tennessee before moving to the company’s headquarters in Springdale, Arkansas, as a commodity buyer. After being named director of commodity purchasing in 1991, Smith went on to acquire significant new areas of responsibility over the next several years in logistics, purchasing, information systems, engineering, food safety, quality assurance, and environmental health and safety. He moved into the company’s consumer products division in 2008 and was named senior group vice president of poultry and prepared foods in early 2009, the same year he was appointed president and CEO.

A native of Tennessee, Smith graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, with a bachelor’s degree in animal science.
**ACADEMIC DRESS**

The tradition of wearing distinctive academic costume originated in the medieval universities of Europe, where regulations governing gowns, hoods, and caps were enforced from the fourteenth century onward. As standardized by twentieth-century agreements, American academic regalia indicates the highest degree earned by the wearer, the institution that conferred the degree, and the field of study in which it was obtained.

Bachelor’s gowns are designed with pointed sleeves and are worn closed. Master’s gowns have oblong pendant sleeve ends, while doctoral gowns have a velvet band facing the front opening and bell-shaped sleeves trimmed with three velvet bars. Master’s and doctoral gowns may be worn either open or closed. Hoods were probably worn originally for warmth over shaven heads but now are exclusively decorative in academic costume. Their length, lining, and trim vary. The longer the hood, the higher the degree it represents; bachelor’s hoods are not commonly worn at UT except by graduates in architecture.

The color of the velvet trim around the border of the hood corresponds to the field of study in which the degree was earned. Colors most likely to be seen at UT commencements are the following:

Maize—Agriculture
White—Arts, Letters, and Humanities
Crimson—Communication
Silver Gray—Speech
Gray—Veterinary Medicine
Copper—Economics
Brown—Fine Arts
Russet—Forestry
Maroon—Human Ecology
Crimson—Journalism
Scarlet—Theology
Pink—Music
Salmon Pink—Public Health
Orange—Engineering

Apricot—Nursing
Golden Yellow—Science
Lemon—Library Science
Citron—Social Work
Sage Green—Physical Education
Peacock Blue—Public Administration
Sapphire Blue—Business
Light Blue—Education
Dark Blue—Philosophy
Blue-Violet—Architecture
Purple—Law
The hood’s lining displays the colors of the institution from which the degree was obtained; hood linings for UT graduates are orange and white. Mortarboard caps for all academic degrees are similar, although soft velvet caps are sometimes worn by women. Black is the color used most often for American collegiate academic gowns, hoods, and caps, but there are exceptions. Graduates of Harvard, the nation’s first university, wear crimson robes, and graduates of European universities have traditional gowns whose details, colors, and trim may vary substantially from American custom.

**Academic Procession**
Commencement begins with a formal procession, led by university and college administrative officers, commencement speakers, and guests of honor. The platform party rises as the faculty enters and remains standing until faculty members are seated, at which point the commencement exercises begin. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the platform party, faculty, and graduates recess in order.

**History of the Torchbearer**
The classes of 1928 through 1932 gave $1,000 to be used as a prize for a sculpture that would capture “the spirit of university youth and its ideal of service.” The contest winner was announced on May 12, 1931—a Yale School of Fine Arts student, Theodore Andre Beck. Complaints from faculty and students caused the design to be modified. The resulting design held aloft a torch representing the maxim, “One that beareth a torch standeth in shadow to give light to others.” On his left side, partially hidden, hung a “sword of protection,” and in his left hand was held the Goddess of Winged Victory, the symbol of success. Later, the design was modified to include a globe upon which Winged Victory rested. The Depression and World War II prevented the statue from being cast and placed on campus, although the design was adopted as the official symbol of the university and copyrighted in 1932. The Class of 1967 raised funds to cast a nine-foot-tall Volunteer. The design was again modified in response to protests. The statue was finally cast, placed in Circle Park, and unveiled on April 19, 1968.
TOP GRADUATES

ANIMAL SCIENCES
Ali Caroline Martin

FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS
Billy Ray Sauls

COMMISSIONS IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
Corey David Seaton
HONORS

SUMMA CUM LAUDE
3.8–4.0 GPA

Joanna Marie Buxkemper
Timothy Stephen Estabrooks
Timothy James Grant
Chanci Nicole King
Carrie Elizabeth Lykins
Ali Caroline Martin
Sarah Elizabeth Orr
Sean Robert Panella
Maria Christine Rogers
Billy Ray Sauls
Celina Rose Scott
Wesley Cutrer Siniard
Cameron Michael Stauder
Jayme Ann Weaver

Magna Cum Laude
3.65–3.79 GPA

Ashley Christine Carter
Leah Kristina Grossart
Sarah Jane Lewter
Steven Warren McIntyre
Leah Louise Katarina Moran
Nishi Kalpesh Parikh
Rebecca Ann Plaisted
Anna Elizabeth Robinson
Elizabeth Nicole Rouse
Breanna Jayne Scott
Casey Theresa Sullivan
Natasha LaMarque Tinsley

Cum Laude
3.5–3.64 GPA

Alex Hamilton Aust
Laura Christine Bailey
Claire Elizabeth Barker
David K. Cervetti
Brittni Megan Corder
Daniel Patrick Edwards
Amanda Kelly Hardcastle
Megan Elizabeth McElheney
Lauren Tressa Nixon
Madison Elisabeth Nolen
David Michael Sapala
Megan Elizabeth Wood
THE CLASS OF SPRING 2013

The list of graduates was prepared before final grades were reported. Inclusion or exclusion from this list is based on information available on April 19, 2013.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURE WITH A MAJOR IN AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION, AND COMMUNICATIONS
Allison Anita Louise Chevalier
    Murfreesboro, TN
April Leigh Ford Peachtree City, GA
Avery Greer Howard Huntingdon, TN
Carrie Elizabeth Lykins Jonesborough, TN
Heather Alison Merritt Wray, GA
Andrew Carroll Miller New Market, TN
Joshua David White Clinton, TN
Courtney Ann Marie Winters Dandridge, TN

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURE WITH A MAJOR IN AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCE LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION, AND COMMUNICATIONS
Christopher Michael Bodary
    Downingtown, PA

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURE WITH A MAJOR IN FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS
Robert Alexander Ailshie Columbia, TN
James Henry Asbury Knoxville, TN
Jordan Taylor Campbell Maynardville, TN
Robert Caleb James Lebanon, TN
Matthew Fulton Johnson Knoxville, TN
Katherine Adelyn Parker Union City, TN
Lindsey Rebecca Rochelle Nunnely, TN
Robert Jonathan Springer Lebanon, TN

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURE WITH A MAJOR IN NATURAL RESOURCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS
Katelyn Ann Best Maryville, TN

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURAL AND RESOURCE ECONOMICS
Ashley Marie Allen Maryville, TN
Brittney Lauren Berry Jonesborough, TN
Gavin William Henry Springfield, TN
Landon Oakley Hodges Nashville, TN
Taylor Alexander Jennings Tazewell, TN
Billy Ray Sauls Knoxville, TN
Cory Joseph Vineyard Friendsville, TN
Cody Mark Wisecarver Morristown, TN

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ANIMAL SCIENCE
Courtney Corrine Akers Elkhart, IL
Paige Taylor Austin West Chester, OH
Laura Christine Bailey Bristol, TN
Claire Elizabeth Barker Gray, TN
Kelsey Burke Brantley Bean Station, TN
Sydney Elizabeth Brasher Germantown, TN
Ashley Christine Carter Kingston, TN
David K. Cervetti Cordova, TN
Anna Christine Chow Knoxville, TN
Brittni Megan Corder Sevierville, TN
William Tyler Davis Hendersonville, TN
Elizabeth Marlene DeVoe Vonore, TN
Alex Michael Edwards Brownsville, TN
Daniel Patrick Edwards Clarksville, TN
Ashley Elizabeth Ellis Dayton, TN
Bradley Michael Ervin Kingsport, TN
Timothy Stephen Estabrooks Andersonville, TN
Portia Macleod Greenlee Knoxville, TN
Jerry Thomas Greenlee II Rutledge, TN
Amanda Kelly Hardcastle Lenoir City, TN
Anna Elise Harrison Dallas, TX
Heather DeAnna Ingle Knoxville, TN
Ali Caroline Martin Dyer, TN
Christina Lynn Massaro Knoxville, TN
Megan Elizabeth McElheney Chattanooga, TN
Steven Warren McIntyre Greeneville, TN
Brittany Nicole Miller Morristown, TN
James Alden Noblett Signal Mountain, TN
Sarah Elizabeth Orr Greeneville, TN
Luis Modesto Ortiz Knoxville, TN
Madison Grace Overall Covington, TN
Sean Robert Panella Knoxville, TN
Katherine Ann Parry Memphis, TN
Kasey Dawn Payne Knoxville, TN
Jessica Nicole Pittman Knoxville, TN
Rebecca Ann Plaisted Tullahoma, TN
Alexander Tipton Rich Kingsport, TN
Anna Elizabeth Robinson Knoxville, TN
Maria Christine Rogers Dayton, TN
Sarah Elizabeth Rolen Oak Ridge, TN
Elizabeth Nicole Rouse Maryville, TN
Breanna Jayne Scott Gatlinburg, TN
Nathan Isaac Suenkel Knoxville, TN
Amanda Nichole Suenkel Knoxville, TN
Natasha LaMarque Tinsley Bartlett, TN
Emily Ann Tuttle Morristown, TN
Matthew D. Vandergriff Hixson, TN
Jayme Ann Weaver Murfreesboro, TN
Lashley Grace Webb Chattanooga, TN
Thomas Hardeman West Smithville, TN
Megan Elizabeth Wood Corryton, TN
Rebecca Suzanne Wyatt Aiken, SC

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOSYSTEMS ENGINEERING
Robert Thomas Baldus Powell, TN
Ryan Lee Hodges Maryville, TN
Calvin Charles Howard Louisville, TN
Chanci Nicole King Bristol, TN
Ronald Brandon Massengill Jonesborough, TN
Brittani Nikole Perez Dandridge, TN
Matthew Blake Sewell Talbott, TN
Andrew Douglas Whisler Seymour, TN

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOIL SCIENCE
Alex Hamilton Aust Hendersonville, TN
Jaime Jacinda Call Knoxville, TN
Lauren Hope Colby Apison, TN
Halley A Coleman Philadelphia, TN
Bryan Lee Dickey Nashville, TN
Timothy James Grant Heiskell, TN
Leah Kristina Grossart Knoxville, TN
William Mack Hodges Portland, TN

Lauren Tressa Nixon Knoxville, TN
Andrew Jackson Patrick Kingsport, TN
Corey David Seaton Knoxville, TN
Casey Theresa Sullivan Signal Mountain, TN
Jason Allen Utley Clinton, TN
Jennifer Renee Wheeler Knoxville, TN

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN FOOD SCIENCE
Molly Louise Albin Collierville, TN
Robbie Leigh Allen Knoxville, TN
Matthew Charles Brown Memphis, TN
Joanna Marie Buxkemper Lenoir City, TN
James Charles Farmer III Morristown, TN
Ashley Lavette Featherson Memphis, TN
Autumn Kristin Floyd Hillsboro, TN
Jessica Lynn Gonsewski Gallatin, TN
Natalia Maria Hayes Knoxville, TN
Anika Lashay Johnson Memphis, TN
John Patrick Johnstone Lawrenceburg, TN
Sarah Jane Lewter Murfreesboro, TN
Laura Anne Martin Clarksville, TN
Madison Elisabeth Nolen Bells, TN
Nishi Kalpesh Parikh Knoxville, TN
Tiphani Shontel Pinheiro Hixson, TN
Amber Lynne Parham Renix Memphis, TN
David Michael Sapala Hixson, TN
Henna Mahesh Vazirani Sevierville, TN
Jasmine Nicole Wheeler Ooltewah, TN
Tedros M. Yohannes Nashville, TN

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN FORESTRY
Ivey Christine Elmore Pulaski, TN
Jack Henry Lipkin Carpinteria, CA
Catherine Lynn Nipper Knoxville, TN
Tyler Joseph Nutter Hendersonville, TN
Cameron Michael Stauder Lewisburg, TN

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PLANT SCIENCES
Jennifer Catherine Flatter Nashville, TN
James Arthur Giles Clinton, TN
Erik Ross Johnston Nashville, TN
Michael John Kontor Knoxville, TN
James Wesley Mackie *Knoxville, TN*
Ivy Leigh Renfroe *Humboldt, TN*

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES SCIENCE**
Christopher Seth Brown *Asheville, NC*
Xavier Oneal Cathey *Clarksville, TN*
Maxwell Rambeau Cox *Knoxville, TN*
Jennifer Lea DeLisle *Chattanooga, TN*
Isaac Harrison Edmonds  
*Signal Mountain, TN*
James Quentin Gaddis *Knoxville, TN*
James Edward Greenway IV *Loudon, TN*
Adam William Jaeckel *Knoxville, TN*
Jason Richard Kaitchuck *Wilmette, IL*
Joseph Clark Maples *Knoxville, TN*
Heather Marie McLaughlin *Dandridge, TN*
Leah Louise Katariina Moran *Nashville, TN*
Stephen Kyle Nelson *Maynardville, TN*
Derrick Morgan Rickels *Seymour, TN*
Andrew David Roden *Chattanooga, TN*
Christina Grace Saidak *Knoxville, TN*
Celina Rose Scott *Berlin, MD*
Glen Linton Searcy *Nashville, TN*
Cody Hugh Smithson *Knoxville, TN*
Phillip Lee Stephenson *Jackson, TN*
Robert Thornton Stinson II *Knoxville, TN*
Johannes Stephan Van Der Merwe  
*Greeneville, TN*
Seth Daniel Worley *Russellville, TN*
THE CLASS OF SUMMER 2013

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**Bachelor of Science in Agriculture with a Major in Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications**
- Laura Anne Roddy Athens, TN
- Lindsey Michelle Thomas Bybee, TN
- Austin Cole Wingate Winchester, KY

**Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Resource Economics**
- Melissa Marie Bowman Hendersonville, TN

**Bachelor of Science in Animal Science**
- Jerrick Randall Corder Knoxville, TN
- Samantha Margarete Woodruff Alamo, TN

**Bachelor of Science in Food Science**
- Jacob Kent Epperson Toledo, OH
- Aleisha Jenice Rayner Memphis, TN

**Bachelor of Science in Forestry**
- William Chance Dill Pegram, TN

**Bachelor of Science in Plant Sciences**
- Michael Lyn Brown Knoxville, TN
- Shianne Christine Kaina Knoxville, TN
- Stephen Scott Sherry Douglasville, GA
- Alex Scott Thayer Knoxville, TN
One of the many traditions at the University of Tennessee is the Senior Gift Challenge. Since its inception in 1991, each graduating class has conducted a fundraising campaign designed to leave a legacy for the students who follow, resulting in more than $425,000 in student gifts. These class gifts have benefited students, faculty, and the entire university community.

The Class of 2013 has left its mark on UT by earmarking gifts to support scholarships, academic colleges and departments, the library, and several student organizations. The Honor Roll listed below recognizes the graduating seniors who have made gifts or pledges to this year’s effort as of April 23, 2013. Graduating seniors wearing orange and white woven cords have made a gift in support of UT and the Senior Gift Challenge.
ALMA MATER

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