William Starnes, Ph.D.

Dr. William “Bill” Starnes, Ph.D., ’52 made revolutionary breakthroughs in chemistry research. Through his work at the College of William and Mary, Dr. Starnes made a ground-breaking discovery. Starnes invented Esther Thiol technology for the heat stabilization of vinyl plastics. Here is why that is important: When PVC plastics are heated, they degrade. To prevent degradation, toxic heat stabilizers are added, which are harmful to the environment. Ester Thiols, however, are non-toxic and can be used to replace the hazardous heavy metal compounds.

Lodging

Barbourville
Best Western Wilderness Trail Inn • (606) 546-8500
Towne Square Place • (606) 545-7256

Corbin
Baymont Inn • (606) 523-9040
Best Western Inn • (606) 528-2100
Days Inn • (606) 528-8150
Fairfield Inn • (606) 528-7020
Knights Inn • (606) 523-1500

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Commencement

Sunday, May 4, 2014 @ 10:30 a.m.
Procession begins @ 10:10 a.m.

Graduating Seniors Lineup
9:00 a.m.
Fair Weather: Legacy Walk beside Sharp Academic Center
Foul Weather: PE Building 204, 205, and 206

Graduate Students Lineup
9:00 a.m.
Fair Weather: Legacy Walk beside Sharp Academic Center behind the undergraduate students
Foul Weather: PE Building 207

Faculty Lineup
9:50 a.m.
Fair Weather: in front of Sharp Academic Center
Foul Weather: PE Building second-floor hallway

Special Seating
Special seating arrangements are available for the physically challenged. Please speak to Lana Faulkner in the Athletic Office prior to Commencement, or to an usher in the gym that morning. Lana is available daily at 546-1236.

Packing
Please park on campus in any of the proper areas defined on a color-coded map which can be accessed online. Restricted lots include the gymnasium parking area, reserved for handicap parking, and the lot behind Centennial Hall, designated for faculty and staff. Shuttle transportation will be available. Visit www.unionky.edu/commencement for details.

Degrees
All students will receive a diploma case from President Marcia Hawkins when crossing the platform. Diplomas for students who have completed their requirements will be mailed from the Registrar’s Office after Commencement. If you are completing degree requirements during May term or the summer, your degree will be mailed in August. Be certain that your address on file with Amy Jenkins in the Registrar’s Office is the address to which you want your degree mailed.

Education Majors
The TC-1 forms will be mailed to Frankfort following completion of all program requirements, which include application for graduation, completion of a TC-1 form, Praxis exams, payment of the absentia fee for those not attending Commencement, and for graduate students, a $50 certified check or money order made payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer.

The Academic Procession
Programs will be placed on the seats of the chapel for Baccalaureate and at the gym for Commencement. The only thing you will carry with you on Saturday morning will be the card you will receive from Amy Jenkins when you arrive to line up. Lineup will begin at 9:00 a.m. Please arrive promptly.

Each year, graduates symbolically leave the campus on their way to Commencement by walking down the Legacy Walk. The class will walk up the driveway to Centennial Hall and proceed toward College Street on the Legacy Walk, the brick sidewalk paved with the names of students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

When you arrive at your place in the gym, please remain standing for the invocation. Men should remove their caps and keep them off until the Commencement speaker finishes the address. Put them back on as the speaker returns to his/her seat. Seniors should wear their tassels on the right side; graduate students should wear theirs on the left.