

Commencement 2010

The 39th **UIS commencement ceremony** was held May 15, 2010, at the *Prairie Capital Convention Center* in downtown Springfield,



Illinois.

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The winner of our *Guess the Steps* contest was **Mindy Glaze!** *Grad event planner Joan Sestak's final step count was 39,312.*

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- [News release](#) about the ceremony, and a complete list of marshals.

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Karen Hasara in remarks to grads

About Commencement 2010



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Adams streets. See our [Visitors](#) page for directions and information for out of town guests.

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Speakers and Marshals

Commencement Address

The commencement address was given by **Karen Hasara**, SSU classes of 1972 and 1992. The former Springfield mayor was appointed to the U of I Board of Trustees by Governor Pat Quinn in September 2009.

[Read Ms. Hasara's remarks »](#)

Speakers

Additional speakers were: **Priyanka Navin Deo**, student representative; a representative of the Board of Trustees; the University president; a representative of the Alumni Association, and UIS Chancellor Ringeisen.

[Read Ms. Deo's remarks »](#)

[View the complete program »](#)

Marshals



Each year, the faculty and students from each academic program choose a graduating student to serve as program marshal. These students, who best exemplify the goals and spirit of their programs, are identifiable at the ceremony by the gold stoles they wear.

The grand marshal who leads the commencement procession is a faculty member, chosen each year by a vote of his or her colleagues.

- This year's grand marshal was **Ms. Mary Bohlen**.

Distance viewing



- The ceremony was [webcast live](#) on the UIS website.
- [Download the order form](#) (pdf) to purchase a DVD of the ceremony.

Tickets

Tickets are not required for admission into the ceremony.

Commencement Week Schedule of Events

Check back here frequently for updates.

<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Contact</i>
<i>Saturday, May 1</i>			
Eta Chapter of Sigma Phi Omega end of the year picnic	Lincoln Park Shelter #7	Noon – 2:00 p.m.	Carolyn Peck 206-7577
<i>Sunday, May 2</i>			
CBM – Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society Induction Ceremony	Brookens Auditorium	1:30 p.m.	Pat Sanchez 206-7872
<i>Friday, May 7</i>			
*Peoria Graduation Reception	Embassy Suites East Peoria	6:30 p.m.	Jana Wise (309)999-4250
<i>Friday, May 14</i>			
Diversity Center Reception	Diversity Center, SLB 22	4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Jeannie Capranica (217) 206-6584
<i>Saturday, May 15</i>			
*CAP Honors Graduation Breakfast Brunch	PAC Food Emporium	10:00 a.m. – Noon	Rowena Vail 206-8642
*COLRS/Office of Alumni Relations – Online Grads. Brunch	Sangamon Auditorium Lobby	10:00 a.m. – 11:30	Mary Caroline Mitchell 206-7395

Commencement Ceremony 2010

Processional

Pomp and Circumstance Nos. I and IV by Elgar
(Audience is asked to remain seated during the processional)

Grand Marshal

Ms. Mary Bohlen, Associate Professor, Communication and Chair of the
Communication Department

*Grand Marshal is an honorary title conferred each year on a professor by vote
of the University's faculty.*

National Anthem

Star Spangled Banner by Francis Scott Key
Performed by **Denise Yates**, Class of 1996 and 1999

Presiding

Chancellor **Richard D. Ringeisen**

Greetings from the University of Illinois Board of Trustees

Trustee **Karen Hasara**, Classes of 1972 and 1992

Greetings

President **Stanley O. Ikenberry**

Commencement Address

Trustee **Karen Hasara**, Classes of 1972 and 1992

Presentation of Student Commencement Speaker

Dr. **Timothy Barnett**, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs

Remarks to Fellow Graduates

Ms. **Priyanka Navin Deo**, Class of 2010

Presentation of Doctoral Degree Candidates

Provost/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs **Harry J. Berman**

Conferring of Doctoral Degrees

President **Stanley O. Ikenberry**

Presentation of Master's Degree Candidates

Provost/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs **Harry J. Berman**

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Presentation of Bachelor's Degree Candidates

Provost/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs **Harry J. Berman**

Conferring of Bachelor's Degrees

President **Stanley O. Ikenberry**

Induction to Alumni Association

Mr. **Larry Millburg**, UIS Alumni Advisory Board, Class of 1980

Presentation of Graduates

*Graduates' names are read by **Amanda Vinicky**, Statehouse Reporter, WUIS/WIPA, and **Tim Schweizer**, Public Service Administrator, Illinois Department of Natural Resources.*

- College of Business and Management
- College of Education and Human Services
- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- College of Public Affairs and Administration

Closing Music

Illinois, Illinois by Archibald Johnston/Charles Chamberlin
Performed by **Denise Yates**, Class of 1996 and 1999

Recessional

Pomp and Circumstance Nos. I and IV by Elgar

Commencement Address 2010 - Karen Hasara



Trustee Karen Hasara

Commencement Remarks
University of Illinois Springfield
May 15, 2010

“When I think about commencement speeches, I think about one of the most famous ones that was NEVER given. It started in 1997 with a Chicago Tribune column written by Mary Schmich. She described in her regular column what she would say in a commencement speech if given the chance.

It was titled “Wear Sunscreen.”

She started by writing, “If I could offer you only one tip for the future, sunscreen would be it. The long-term benefits of sunscreen have been proved by scientists, whereas the rest of my advice has no basis more reliable than my own meandering experience.”

Then she continued with a series of cute one-liners, such as “Floss.”

“Sing.”

“Remember compliments you receive. Forget the insults. If you succeed in doing this, tell me how.”

And:

“Do one thing every day that scares you.”

She concluded by saying be careful where you get your advice, “but trust me on the sunscreen.”

Within two or three months, those words were flying around the Internet. The trouble was, everybody was relaying it as the commencement speech delivered at MIT by the novelist Kurt Vonnegut. But it wasn't Vonnegut. It was the work of Mary Schmich, and it wasn't even a speech. Given the nature of the Internet, where nothing ever dies, I would bet that some people are still saying Kurt Vonnegut gave a wonderful speech at MIT in 1997, even though he wasn't even there. Well, today I AM here, not really expecting you to remember much of today's ceremony except that you are each receiving a wonderful award – a college degree from a great university, and no one can EVER take that away from you. It is yours to look at and enjoy its benefits forever.

What a great privilege it is for me to stand before you today. I already have brought the official greetings of the Board of Trustees, but this will be more personal.

I want to tell you a part of my own story, which connects with yours,

And offer one just piece of advice.

I grew up in Springfield. I remember when there was no university here. There were some great farm fields on the southeastern edge of the city, out of which sprung the dreams of local leaders, some who are still with us, still full of pride in what they have helped create. They convinced the legislature to create an upper level university in the capital city. They called it Sangamon State University, and SSU's establishment was a great moment of pride in Springfield.

I truly believe this school has changed our community for the better more than any other event of our time.

In 1970, I was twenty-nine years old when they announced we could sign up for classes at the new university. I had four children ranging in age from two to eight, and I wanted to be an elementary school teacher. I was so excited, and it turns out I was the second person in line to register for classes. My life would change for the better forever.

My family helped a lot, and there I was, in the first graduating class in 1972, having earned my degree in psychology. I mention that because I think it's helpful to take you all the way back to the beginning. Commencement is, after all, a beginning. We had the ceremony outdoors on the grounds of the Highway Administration Building – now called the Illinois Department of Transportation better known to us as IDOT — on South Dirksen Parkway.

Let me fast forward. Since getting my degree:

I did indeed become a teacher and I loved it.

Then I got interested in politics, and I was appointed to the Sangamon County Board. I was the only woman among the twenty-nine county board members at the time.

Five years later, I was elected Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, and later, as a state representative. In my first big race, big geographically, that is — they're all big emotionally when you're running for office — I used to hear people say, "Here come the girls" when I would be on the campaign trail. That's how unusual a woman in political office was around these parts!

While serving in public office along the way, I worked on my master's here, too, and was able to connect what I was studying to my work as a clerk of the court and a legislator. I had a big interest in the adoption issue, which I researched for my master's thesis, and I fought to get adoption reform legislation passed.

Then the people of this area voted me in as their state senator.

Then mayor of Springfield.

In my first month of holding office as mayor, I was also able to serve as Senator, and there it was again — my life intertwined with our university. I proudly voted for Sangamon State to become the University of Illinois-Springfield before the legislature adjourned.

I was mayor during those first years of transition after Sangamon State University became the third campus of the University of Illinois in 1995. That's a connection that has worked out very well for all of us. I watched with great pleasure as then-Chancellor Naomi Lynn skillfully got UIS on its feet fifteen years ago.

Last year, when I was retired, the governor appointed me to the University of Illinois Board of Trustees. What an honor —not so much to get appointed, but to be able to serve the university that has done so much for me and my hometown community.

I feel blessed to be, so personally, somehow connected to almost every step of the development of UIS in the past forty years. Now I feel as if I've come full circle — from being that second person in line, and then in the first graduating class, and now to this day, when another one thousand two hundred people are earning their degrees from UIS. I am one of you, and I take great pride in saying that.

That's my story, and now I want to leave you with just one piece of advice. Something that HASN'T changed in forty years is that we want our students and alumni to be very active in the world.

The first president of Sangamon State University, Bob Spencer, was a political scientist. After he retired and had some time to reflect, he concluded that you cannot be a good citizen and a cynic at the same time. Why NOT? Because our form of government depends upon the conviction that we can indeed govern

ourselves. That we can work with each other and take care of ourselves. To govern well – and I would also say to live well — we have to be able to listen and compromise. But the cynic is usually self-righteous and smug, and the cynic has given up on other people. So you CAN'T be a good citizen and a cynic at the same time.

How do you avoid cynicism?

Again I turn to President Spencer, who was there on my first college graduation day. He taught that in our free society, with so much diversity, it's best to believe that even our adversaries have a basis for their argument or opinion. So we ought to listen to them, and we owe them the presumption of decency.

We owe everyone the presumption of decency, and I fear that's more and more lacking on television and in much of our public commentary today.

UIS prepared me to have the presumption of decency when working with others, and I trust it has done the same for you. I know it has for the two students here whom I have had the pleasure of working with this year — trustee Derik Felix and next year's trustee, Charles Olivier. I have watched both of them work with others with decency and dedication. I have a sense that you all do, too.

I always thought that former Congressman Ray LaHood from Peoria got it right when he organized summits on civility for members of Congress and their spouses. He got people together for the sole purpose of learning more about each other so that they could work with each other better.

Now it's your turn.

Be alert for opportunities to apply what you have learned, and to treat one another with the presumption of decency.

I am, literally, proof that you are standing on the shoulders of all who came before you at UIS.

All of our experiences are the foundation for your future: those that you plan for and those that you can't even imagine yet.

It's your time. Enjoy the ride, and best wishes for a wonderful life.

One final thought: I think you should trust Mary Schmich about the sunscreen."

by Karen Hasara

Chancellor's Commencement Remarks 2010



Chancellor Richard D.

Ringeisen

Commencement Remarks
University of Illinois Springfield
May 15, 2010

“Trustee Hasara, President Ikenberry, honored guests, distinguished faculty members, graduates, families and friends:

Welcome to the 2010 commencement ceremony of the University of Illinois Springfield. **This is the most gratifying day of the academic year.**

Graduates, you are a wonderfully diverse group of individuals in terms of age, life experience, background, race, ethnicity, and lifestyle.

Yet you share something in common.

Each of you has a different perception of yourself today than you had when you began your studies at UIS. **You have been changed by the act of being a student,** by the discipline and devotion, by the late nights, and yes, by the patience and

persistence that was required. You have been changed by what you have learned about the world, about others, and about yourselves. And you have been changed by the fun you had and the friends you have made. I hope that some of those changes even surprised you along the way. That's the college experience.

Times of war always make things different at colleges and universities. During this academic year, another seven UIS students – making a total of 82 since 9/11 of 2001 – another seven students had their educations interrupted by dropping classes or taking incompletes because they were called to active duty in the U.S. military.

To each of them, I say on behalf of the UIS community, thank you for your sacrifices, and may you return to us quickly and in good health.

We are also aware that several of you with us today still have loved ones in Iraq, Afghanistan, or on active duty in other places. Like you, we hope for their safe return, and in the meantime, they are in our thoughts today.

I ask all of you to give a round of applause to all of our students and graduates who have served our country in a special way, especially in the past nine years.

Thank you.

On this graduation day, I promise all of you here that the degrees awarded today will serve you well. **You have earned your “University of Illinois” degree, here at UIS, the public university in the state capital; it is something that you should be proud of the rest of your life,** as we will be of you.

Something that I said in my convocation address at the beginning of this academic year bears repeating today:

It's important that you know the quality of institution you have attended. UIS has received eight different kinds of major national recognitions in the past two years. Perhaps the best known is that *U.S. News and World Report* ranks UIS as the fourth best university in the Midwest among institutions like ours. **UIS continues to grow in reputation and stature.** Our strategic aspiration is to be recognized as one of the top five small public liberal arts universities in the nation, and we are on the way. **And as UIS goes up, so does the value of your degree.** We're in this together!

On a personal note, I want to mention that this is my tenth and last commencement as chancellor at UIS. That means I have presided over one-fourth of this still-young institution's graduation ceremonies, two-thirds of those since we became a part of the University of Illinois. And that's over 8,000 hands shaken, and over 10,000 degrees awarded, including today's. Wow!

I take great pride in that, but I do not take credit for it. **The kudos belong to you and your fellow alums, your faculty members, your mentors and all those who**

supported you to get to this day. It is a great accomplishment, and we are all very proud of you.

The day is yours. Enjoy it and celebrate.

We wish only the best, and all the best, for you.”

by Richard Ringeisen

Remarks from Alumni Association 2010



Mr. Larry Millburg

**University of Illinois Springfield Alumni Advisory
Board, Class of 1980**

Commencement Remarks
University of Illinois Springfield
May 15, 2010

“Good afternoon everyone, and *Congratulations!* to my fellow graduates. It’s an honor to share this very special moment with you. At the time of my acceptance to speaking I was unaware that I was the only speaker keeping you from your diploma.

On behalf of the University of Illinois Alumni Association, welcome to a very proud, loyal and global alumni family. Your Alma Mater is a university whose borders are “the globe.” **More than 29,000 UIS graduates live and work throughout the world – in every state of the nation and nearly 40 countries.** Your network is further strengthened by an extended family of nearly 700,000 alumni of all University of Illinois campuses.

As an alumnus, member of the Campus Alumni Advisory Board, and sustaining member of the Alumni Association, I want to share with you a rite of passage which comes with academic achievement: the responsibility all graduates have in preserving value, and inspiring excellence, in the UIS degree.

Let me explain further.

As a graduate, you represent much of all that is good and great about the University – your past accomplishments, your future achievements, the way in which you live, and the values by which you live will reflect upon the educational values of UIS.

Consequently, much of what the public will read, hear, think and believe about our Alma Mater will largely be based upon the actions and good deeds of graduates like you.

From this day forward, you'll be called upon to take on a new role – the role of graduate. And yes, being “called upon” does sometimes mean making a financial contribution. But in this instance, “called upon” also has several other meanings.

For example, you may be called upon to host internships or mentor students at your place of work, and help a current student get valuable and much needed practical work experience in their field of study.

Or, you may be called upon to serve as an Ambassador for the University, through the Illinois Connection Advocacy Network. Illinois Connection Ambassadors communicate with public officials about the importance of support for this great institution – and provide a very credible and empowered voice of support – the type of voice to which alumni and distinguished graduates can effectively offer, and which public servants will listen to. You may also get a call someday, like I did, from the UIS Alumni office, from an individual like Chuck Schrage and be asked to sit on the Campus Alumni Advisory Board. If asked to serve please consider it, because I know I am glad I said “yes.”

To help you start off on the right foot, as a UIS graduate, I'm going to ask you to complete the following **three tasks** – within the next 3 months.

First, display your diploma with pride. Display it in your home, your office or other highly visible area. Be proud and let your friends, your family and co-workers know of your University of Illinois and UIS connection.

Second, recruit a new student to UIS, and help continue a trend of record setting enrollment. The University will continue to enjoy a reputation for academic excellence with a student body which is intelligent; known as “hard working”; is motivated, and which comes from diverse backgrounds. You know what it takes to succeed here, so recruit a new student to UIS.

And third, make a gift in support of the University...this is one instance where writing a check or making a contribution online comes in.

A short time from now, you'll be asked to make a financial contribution in support of the University. Please do so and support the cause of your choice...there are many. Whether it's \$10 or \$10,000...or somewhere in between. Do so, in honor of a faculty member who inspired you...or your parents, your family or others who have supported you; Or perhaps just simply out of loyalty.

No matter what the reason, your financial contribution will help support the university and grow alumni giving participation rates – a very important factor in university national rankings.

Class of 2010, congratulations again on your graduation, and in making your dreams become reality. **And welcome to the alumni family!**

Thank you.

by Larry Millburg

Remarks to Fellow Graduates 2010



**Ms. Priyanka Navin Deo,
Class of 2010**

May 15, 2010

Never Walk Backwards

Good afternoon distinguished ladies and gentlemen and my fellow graduates. I am honored for being asked to speak before you today.

Being born and brought up in India, my attitude has always been to make the most of every prospect that comes my way. Due to the fierce competition among students in my country, the only way to distinguish one-self from the rest of the crowd was to be well-rounded and affect the community in a positive light. This meant not just excelling in academics, but excelling in extra-curricular activities as well- whether they are sport related or service related.

When my parents and I came to America, I remember my mother and father telling me to take make the most of the resources available to me in my school and in my community because back home in India, students only wished they could have the same things.

Today, as your student speaker, I am honored to represent all of our hard work and dedication toward scholarship and expanding ourselves. While thinking about what this honor really meant to me, I remember something that happened not too long ago.

Looking at a copy of my resume when I was in India this past December, my friend said out loud, “Wow, I wish I had all of these activities available to me when I was growing up.”

After she said that, it really made me realize just how enriching an education at UIS as well as the countless opportunities at this college have been in helping me grow and shaping me into what I am today along with my academics. It also made me realize that millions of students not just in India, but around the world, simply do not have the same clubs, the same sports teams, or the same resources that others take for granted everyday!

Ladies and gentlemen, a University of Illinois degree is representative of outstanding achievement as an all-rounded graduate. This is one of highest regarded and most recognized degrees in the United States of America and only the best and brightest of the country are sitting before me today.

What is unique to UIS is that we all really know the value of academics as well as extra-curricular activities, and truly exemplify those that make the most of every opportunity around them.

All of my fellow graduates, in a growing and competitive world, employers and companies are looking for as much experience in one person as possible. This experience comes not just by being smart in the classroom, but having an outreach towards the community simultaneously. The great Abraham Lincoln once said, **“I am a slow walker, but I never walk backwards.”**

By reflecting on the meaning of this quote, I am confident it is you young men and women seated here today who will never walk backwards but rather take our great state, our country, and the future of our world forward because of your numerous qualifications and experiences in addition to your strong academic background.

Therefore, professors, parents, families, friends: thank you for the amazing memories and the fantastic experience.....graduates....today is your day.....and I sincerely hope from my heart that you continue to walk forward and do great things for the betterment of the world around you. Here's to a great future and a new beginning!

CONGRATULATIONS Class of 2010!

by Priyanka Navin Deo

Photos

Each year the University of Illinois Springfield celebrates the many outstanding students who earn degrees through stories, video and photographs of the commencement ceremony and commencement events.

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Stories

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 - **WICS TV: Mother + daughter**
 - **Story + Video:** [Record number attend online brunch](#)
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Information for UIS Faculty 2010

UIS held its 39th Commencement Ceremony at the Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield, Illinois on May 15, 2010 at 2pm.



Faculty Regalia

If you completed the Faculty Regalia Form and requested that regalia be ordered for you, your regalia will be delivered to your deans office in late April. If your participation plans change, please contact Aleta Carlberg via email at registrar@uis.edu or phone at 217-206-8295 immediately!

Parking

If you are participating in the 2010 commencement ceremony you will be provided a complimentary parking pass for the Sangamon County Parking Lot. The Sangamon County parking lot is located at the corner of 9th and Adams Streets with the entrance to the lot off Adams Street.

Please sign the back of the parking pass and give pass to the attendant on duty.

Parking passes are valid until 1:30 p.m. on the day of commencement. After 1:30 p.m. this lot will be open to the paying public.

You may pick up your parking pass in UHB 1071 anytime between the hours of 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 3 through Noon on Friday, May 14.

Ceremony Information

Please plan to arrive in the Faculty Robing Room by 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 15, 2010. The Faculty Robing Room will be located on the lower level of Prairie Capital Convention Center (The Center) in Room B11A.

Robe return will be down the hall in Room B11B.

Information for Students 2010



The 39th UIS commencement ceremony was held on May 15, 2010, at 2pm, in the Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield, Illinois.

Important information for all graduates:

- **Stars Marching!** – [View a Flash animation](#) of the procession plan for the ceremony.
- Want to know the proper **etiquette** for Commencement? [Download the guide here](#). (pdf)
- [Download the order form](#) to purchase a DVD of the ceremony. (pdf)
- [Download the application](#) for student speaker. (pdf)

Commencement Letters

- [Commencement Letter #1](#)
- [Commencement Letter #2](#)
- [Commencement Letter #3](#)

See the [Visitors section](#) of this website for information about special needs, distance viewing, tickets, events, directions, parking, hotels, and restaurants.

Graduate Salute Days

Graduate Salute occurred on March 25, 26, and 27th. You should have purchased your cap and gown at the Graduate Salute in the UIS Bookstore (located on the first floor of Founders Hall). Peoria students should have purchased their caps and gowns through the UIS Peoria Center.

Without your cap and gown purchase, we will not know of your intent to participate. Therefore, you MUST have purchased your cap and gown during Graduate Salute.

The final day to purchase a cap and gown from the Bookstore or to make any special cap and gown arrangements was April 9 (please note that a \$25.00 late fee will be assessed to all students who order their cap and gown after Graduate Salute).

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Graduation by calling (217) 206-7730 or by emailing registrar@uis.edu.



Jostens and Balfour reps was on hand for the purchase of [rings](#), announcements, and [other commencement items](#).

- March 25 (11 a.m. – 7 p.m.)
- March 26 (10 a.m. – 6 p.m.)
- March 27 (9 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

Starting Your Affordable Legacy

It's easy to participate:

- Congratulations on the Brilliant Future ahead of you. As you go forward, please consider helping those who follow with your contributions to the UIS program of your choice. We have many wonderful giving opportunities available at any level of giving. For more information, please go to www.uis.edu/development.
- Or Call the Development Office at 217-206-6058.
- Future graduates will thank you!

Welcome Visitors 2010



Welcome visitors, to our most cherished tradition.

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The Center is located in downtown Springfield at 9th and Adams streets.

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- [Download the order form](#) (pdf) to purchase a Video or DVD of the ceremony.

Special Needs

- **Guests** requiring special assistance should made arrangements in advance with Suzanne Woods by calling (217) 206-6666.
- Wheelchairs for transport will **not** be available at the PCCC.
- Graduating **students** who require special assistance should contact JoAnn Mumaw by calling (217) 206-7730.

Directions to the Center

The Center parking ramp is located at the corner of 7th & Washington streets.

- **Coming from the SOUTH** on I-55 (St. Louis)
Take the 6th St. Exit (#92) to Downtown Springfield. Stay on 6th St.; at Washington St. turn right. Go one (1) block.
- **Coming from the NORTH** on I-55 (Chicago)

Take the Clear Lake Avenue Exit (#98). Clear Lake Ave. merges with Jefferson St. Take a left on 7th St. Go one (1) block.

- **Coming from the EAST** on I-72 (Champaign)
Continue straight ahead on Clear Lake Ave.; it will merge with Jefferson St. Take a left on 7th St. Go one (1) block.
- **Coming from the WEST** on I-72 (Jacksonville)
Take the 6th St. Exit to Downtown Springfield. Stay on 6th St.; at Washington St. turn right. Go one (1) block.
- **Coming from the CAMPUS**
Take 11th St. to 6th St. Turn right onto 6th St; at Washington St. turn right. Go one (1) block.

[» Map it with MapQuest](#)



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Downtown Parking

Parking Ramps

- 7th & Adams – Located next to the Convention Center and Pres. A. Lincoln Hotel (50¢ per hour or \$5 per day)
- 7th & Monroe – Located next to Hilton Hotel (50¢ per hour or \$5.50 per day)
- 6th & Washington – Located below the Old State Capitol- Open 7am-7pm on weekdays, Sat. 7am-6pm, closed on Sun. (50¢ per half hour)
- 6th & Capital – (25¢ for 1st half hour, 50¢ for each additional half hour or \$3.50 per day)
- 4th & Washington- 24 hour access (\$3 per day)
- 7th & Monroe – Located below Lincoln Library (25¢ per half hour)
- Abraham Lincoln Museum – 7am – 7pm, Wed. night open until 10pm (50¢ per half hour)

Parking Lots

- 4th & Washington- (50¢ per hour or \$4 per day)

Downtown Hotels

The following hotels have agreed to extend discounted rates to family members and friends attending the UIS Commencement Ceremony. Please mention “UIS Commencement” when calling to make reservations.

- **Hilton Springfield**

700 East Adams

Springfield, IL 62701

217-789-1530 Room Rate – \$89.00 for single or double occupancy

Additional person: \$15.00 for each third or fourth person

www.hilton.com

- **The State House Inn – A Clarion Collection Hotel**

101 East Adams Street

Springfield, Illinois 62701

217-528-5100 Room Rate: – TBD

sales@thestatehouseinn.com

- For additional **hotel** information please contact the Springfield Convention and Visitor’s Bureau at (800) 545-7300.

Downtown Restaurants

- For detailed information about **restaurants** in Springfield please contact the Springfield Convention and Visitor’s Bureau at (800) 545-7300.
-