

# Commencement 2018

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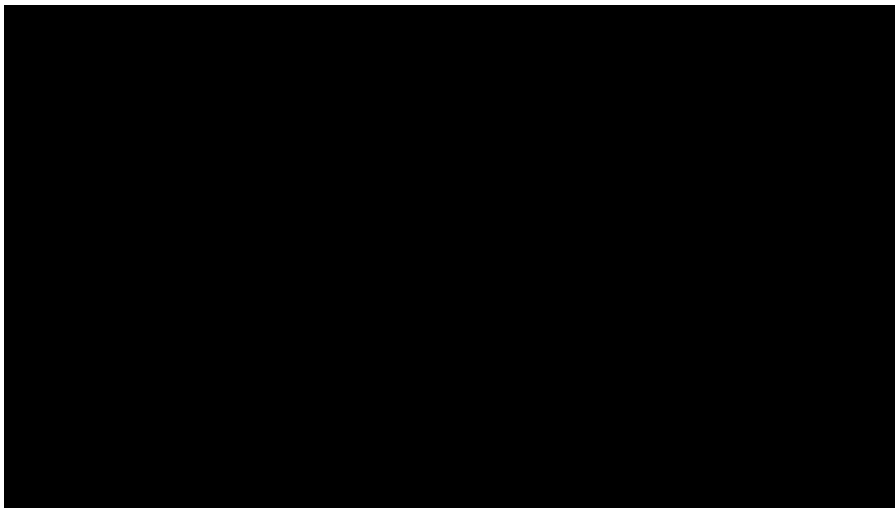
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Read more about [Commencement 2018](#) and [Commencement Ceremony](#).



## Video



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To purchase a full ceremony DVD, please complete the [Graduation Ceremony DVD Request](#).

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## From The Newsroom

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## Important Information for 2018 Graduates

All students planning to participate in commencement ARE REQUIRED to complete the following TWO steps:

1. **Confirm their participation** by submitting the online intent to participate (note: the Student Commencement Participation Form is no longer available; please see [Information for Students](#) for additional information).
2. **Purchase a cap and gown** during the “Graduate Salute” held in the UIS Bookstore on March 22, 23, and 24. Peoria students are able to purchase their caps and gowns through the UIS Peoria Center. Please see [Information for Students](#) for additional information regarding “Graduate Salute.”

## Additional Information

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

## Special Information for International Students

Commencement information for international students (including information for inviting guests) can be found on the [International Student Services](#) website.

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# About Commencement 2018

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

- [Speakers and Marshals](#)
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## Speakers and Marshals

### Speakers

Board of Trustees Representative,

**Edward L. McMillan** (5:30 ceremony)

University President,

**Timothy L. Killeen** (5:30 ceremony)

UIS Chancellor,

**Susan J. Koch**

Student Speaker,

**Christopher Vemagiri Marbaniang**

### Marshals

Each year, the faculty and students who comprise each program committee on campus select one graduating student who best exemplifies the goals and spirit of each program. Those students are

then designated as program marshals and may be identified on commencement day by the gold stoles they wear.

The procession is led by the Grand Marshal. The Grand Marshal is an honorary title conferred each year on a professor by vote of the UIS faculty. The 2018 Grand Marshal is **Charles Wheeler**.

## Distance Viewing

- The ceremonies will be [webcast live](#) on the UIS website.
- To purchase a ceremony DVD, please complete the [Graduation Ceremony DVD Request](#).

## Tickets

Tickets are not required for admission into the ceremonies.

## Commencement Week Schedule of Events

Check back here frequently for updates. \* Denotes by invitation only

<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Contact</i>
<b>Hispanic/Latinx Graduation:</b> Friday, May 4, 2018	Brookens Auditorium	4:00 p.m.	Samaryia Magee (217) 206-6333 <a href="mailto:smage2@uis.edu">smage2@uis.edu</a> Justin Rose (217) 206-6333 <a href="mailto:jrose22@uis.edu">jrose22@uis.edu</a>
<b>Black Graduation:</b> Saturday, May 5, 2018	Student Union Ballroom	2:00 p.m.	Justin Rose <a href="mailto:jrose22@uis.edu">jrose22@uis.edu</a>
<b>Lavender Graduation: A Celebration of LGBTQIA+ Students, Staff &amp; Faculty:</b> Friday, May 11, 2018	Student Union Ballroom	12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Kerry Poynter <a href="mailto:kpoynt2@uis.edu">kpoynt2@uis.edu</a>
<b>International Student Congratulatory Ceremony:</b> Friday, May 11, 2018	Student Union Ballroom	2:00 p.m.	Erika Suzuki (217) 206-8164 <a href="mailto:esuzu2@uis.edu">esuzu2@uis.edu</a>

<b>*CAP Honors Program Graduation Breakfast:</b> Saturday, May 12, 2018	Student Union Ballroom	9:00 a.m.	Rowena Vail (217) 206-8462 <a href="mailto:rvail1@uis.edu">rvail1@uis.edu</a>
<b>*COLRS Online Brunch:</b> Saturday, May 12, 2018	PAC Lower Level (Outside of Former Food Emporium)	9:00 a.m.	John Freml (217) 206-7360 <a href="mailto:jfrem2@uis.edu">jfrem2@uis.edu</a>
<b>UIS InstaGrad:</b> Saturday, May 12, 2018	Student Union	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Ann Comerford (217) 206-8611 <a href="mailto:acome2@uis.edu">acome2@uis.edu</a> Maggie Owen (217) 206-7074 <a href="mailto:mowen7@uis.edu">mowen7@uis.edu</a> Chuck Schrage (217) 206-7390 <a href="mailto:chuckschrage@uis.edu">chuckschrage@uis.edu</a>
<b>Commencement Ceremonies 2018:</b> Saturday, May 12, 2018	Bank of Springfield Center	12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.	Office of Records and Registration (217) 206-7730 <a href="mailto:registrar@uis.edu">registrar@uis.edu</a>

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## Highlighted Event for All Students

Graduates, their families and friends are all encouraged to visit UIS on Saturday, May 12, and take pictures at iconic UIS sites (The Colonnade, Shakespeare Garden and Lincoln Sculpture); and post and tag pics using @UISeduAlumni on Instagram and use #UISedu. The first 150 graduating students to stop by the Student Union that day will receive their first UIS alumni swag bag and a UIS polo shirt.

# Commencement Ceremonies 2018

## Processional

Pomp and Circumstance Nos. I and IV by Elgar  
(Audience is asked to remain seated during the processional)  
Charles Wheeler, Grand Marshal\*

Platform Party  
Faculty  
Students

### **Musical Selections**

Star Spangled Banner by Francis Scott Key  
Illinois, Illinois by Archibald Johnson/Charles Chamberlin  
Performed by Denise Yates, 1996 and 1998 Alumna

### **Opening Remarks**

Susan J. Koch, Chancellor

### **Greetings from the University of Illinois Board of Trustees**

Edward L. McMillan, Trustee (5:30 ceremony)

### **Greetings from the President**

Timothy L. Killeen, President, University of Illinois (5:30 ceremony)

### **Introduction of Student Commencement Speaker**

Clarice Ford, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

### **Remarks to Fellow Graduates**

Christopher Vemagiri Marbaniang, Class of 2018

### **Presentation of Doctoral Degree Candidates**

Dennis Papini, Provost/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (5:30 ceremony)

### **Conferring of Doctoral Degrees**

Timothy L. Killeen, President, University of Illinois (5:30 ceremony)

### **Presentation of Master's Degree Candidates**

Dennis Papini, Provost/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

### **Conferring of Master's Degrees**

Susan J. Koch, Chancellor (12:30 ceremony)

Timothy L. Killeen, President, University of Illinois (5:30 ceremony)

## **Presentation of Bachelor's Degree Candidates**

Dennis Papini, Provost/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

## **Conferring of Bachelor's Degrees**

Susan J. Koch, Chancellor (12:30 ceremony)

Timothy L. Killeen, President, University of Illinois (5:30 ceremony)

## **Presentation of Graduates**

(See "Student Walk Order" section for the approximate sequence in which students will walk across the stage) \*\*

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (12:30 ceremony)

College of Business and Management (5:30 ceremony)

College of Education and Human Services (5:30 ceremony)

College of Public Affairs and Administration (5:30 ceremony)

## **Closing Remarks**

Susan J. Koch, Chancellor

## **Recessional**

Pomp and Circumstance Nos. I and IV by Elgar

(Students and audience are asked to remain seated during the recessional)

Charles Wheeler, Grand Marshal\*

Platform Party

Faculty

\* Grand Marshal is an honorary title conferred each year on a professor by vote of the UIS faculty.

\*\* Graduates' names are read by Tim Schweizer, Public Service Administrator, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Apeksha Mallipeddi, Senior Software Engineer, BIS Solutions (12:30 ceremony), and Brian Mackey, NPR Illinois Statehouse Reporter (5:30 ceremony).

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## **Commencement 2018 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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# Information for UIS Faculty 2018

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## Faculty Participation/Regalia

The online Faculty Participation and Regalia form is no longer available. The deadline to submit the online form was **February 26**. If you plan to participate in one or both ceremonies, please read the following notes carefully:

- If you submitted the online Faculty Participation and Regalia form indicating that you will be participating, commencement information will be sent to you prior to the ceremonies.
- If you have special needs or if your participation plans change, please contact the Office of Records and Registration ([registrar@uis.edu](mailto:registrar@uis.edu)).

## Parking

If you are a platform party or faculty member participating in the 2018 commencement ceremonies, you will be allowed to park in the 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.

## Ceremony Information

The Faculty Robing Room will be located on the lower level of Bank of Springfield Center. Please look for room signs on the day of the ceremonies.

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# Information for Students 2018

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## **How to Participate/ Graduate Salute Days for Purchasing Caps and Gowns**

Those planning to participate in commencement ARE REQUIRED to complete the following TWO steps:

1. **Confirm their participation** by submitting an online intent to participate between March 5 and March 19. Note: the Student Commencement Participation Form is no longer available. Only those who are eligible to participate were able to submit their intent to participate. Even students making special cap and gown arrangements (e.g., borrowing a black cap and gown), needed to confirm participation between the dates above. Please direct any questions regarding participation to the Office of Records and Registration ([registrar@uis.edu](mailto:registrar@uis.edu)).
2. **Purchase a cap and gown** during the “Graduate Salute” held in the UIS Bookstore on March 22, 23, and 24. Peoria students are able to purchase their caps and gowns through the UIS Peoria Center. Graduate Salute days/times are as follows:
  - Thursday, March 22 – 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
  - Friday, March 23 – 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
  - Saturday, March 24 – 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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## **Important Information for All Graduates**

- **Access to Your NetID**  
Your NetID will remain active for three (3) semesters after graduation. After that time, you will no longer be able to use your NetID to access email, Blackboard, or other campus services such as Box, lynda, Office 365, etc. Please see the [User Account Lifecycle for NetIDs](#) policy for more information.
- **Ceremony DVD**  
To purchase a ceremony DVD, please complete the [Graduation Ceremony DVD Request](#).

- **Diplomas**

On commencement day, diploma covers are presented to students by the Chancellor. On rare occasions and with the approval of the Chancellor, a current or former UIS faculty or staff member may be allowed to present a particular diploma cover on behalf of the Chancellor. Official diplomas are not given out at commencement, but are instead mailed to students separately.

- **Etiquette**

Want to know the proper **etiquette** for Commencement? [Download the guide here](#). (pdf)

- **First Destination Survey (FDS)**

The First Destination Survey (FDS) is a national survey that is meant to gain knowledge about what activities students are engaging in after graduation from college. The information gained from the survey helps to determine institution effectiveness and provide data for reporting needs, to enhance UIS academic offerings, and support career exploration for current and future students. Prior to graduation day, you will receive emails with additional information and be asked to complete the Outcomes Survey. By completing the survey, you will qualify to win a variety of prizes including iPads and gift cards. For further information, you may visit the [UIS Career Development website](#).

- **Participation**

Students are responsible for knowing and adhering to all University of Illinois at Springfield (UIS) policies, deadlines, and procedures. Specific graduation and commencement-related information is available in the current catalog and must be followed. An [appeal of the commencement participation policy](#) must be made in writing (via letter or email) and must include all documentation that supports the appeal.

- **Photographs**

Professional photography on commencement day will be provided by [GradImages](#). Questions regarding photographs following the ceremony should be addressed directly to GradImages.

- **Stoles/Cords**

Program marshals have the responsibility for lining up their program's graduates, leading them in the procession to their seats, and leading them across the stage to receive their diploma covers. Because of this responsibility, it is essential that these individuals can be identified by students. **Therefore, only program marshals are allowed to wear gold stoles during commencement.** Some departments, associations, and groups have chosen to recognize their students by allowing them to wear colored cords or non-gold stoles. Those seeking approval to distribute cords or non-gold stoles to their students must do so by submitting a formal request to the Registrar in the Office of Records and Registration. The request is considered, the Registrar communicates a decision to the appropriate parties, and updates the master list of approved cords, stoles, and miscellaneous items worn at commencement.

- **Student Speaker Application Information**

The deadline to submit a Student Commencement Speaker Application for 2018 was Noon on Friday, March 23. This year's Student Commencement Speaker is **Christopher Vemagiri Marbaniang**.

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## Commencement Letters

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- [Commencement Letter #3](#) (pdf)

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



**Congratulations, Graduates!**

GradImages® will be photographing all graduates at the upcoming graduation ceremony. Visit our website, [www.gradimages.com](http://www.gradimages.com), and click on **Pre-Event Email Registration**. Enter your email and up to 4 emails of loved ones who would like to share in your accomplishment by viewing and ordering your photos.

**EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNT**  
GET \$5 OFF on orders of \$25 or more just by registering your information with us before your event!

After graduation, order online at [www.gradimages.com](http://www.gradimages.com) or call (800) 261-2578.

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The advertisement includes three photographs of graduates in caps and gowns. One photo shows a graduate holding a diploma, another shows two graduates, and a third shows a graduate with a family member.

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## Starting Your Affordable Legacy

For the sake of those who follow, start your affordable legacy.

- Congratulations on your achievement, and best wishes for the future. As you go forward, please consider helping those who follow with your contributions to the UIS program of your choice. Future graduates will thank you!
  - You can find many wonderful giving opportunities available at any level of giving on the [Office of Advancement](#) website. Use the “Choose Where to Give” tab at the top to see a list of many opportunities. The UIS Fund, which provides support for programs and students throughout campus, is always an excellent choice.
  - You’ll be receiving updates from the Office of Advancement with campus stories of students and special opportunities for giving.
  - If you have questions, please feel free to call us at (217) 206-6058.
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## UIS Ring Program and Tradition

The Official Ring of the University of Illinois at Springfield symbolizes the educational values, heritage, and traditions of the University. The University of Illinois alumni family is united by rich traditions of loyalty, excellence, and service, and we invite you to help carry on this proud legacy through active participation in the UIS Ring Program.

The UIS Ring can be ordered by phone (866/225-3687) or online ([www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com)).

Balfour, the Official UIS Ring provider, will have representatives on campus during Graduate Salute to size and order rings in-person.

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

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