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2021 Commencement



UIS will not be able to hold its traditional in-person Commencement ceremonies this year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. However, the 2021 Commencement Committee is excited to announce a **hybrid version of Commencement** that will include an **optional in-person opportunity** as well as a **virtual celebration**. These celebrations will allow UIS to continue to follow United in Safety protocols while celebrating your academic accomplishments.

All 2021 degree candidates will have the option to participate in a "stage experience" on Thursday, May 13, or Friday, May 14; this opportunity can include **up to six**

guests per graduate. Additionally, all graduates, their family and friends will be able to view an [online commencement celebration](#) on Saturday, May 15, which will feature remarks from President Killeen, Chancellor Whitney and others and will include the conferral of degrees.

Details for the stage experience will be shared as plans progress. Highlights include:

- Students will be able to walk across the Sangamon Auditorium stage to be congratulated by Chancellor Whitney and Provost Papini, with up to six guests per graduate in the audience.
- Timeslots will be available between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. May 13 and 14. Each timeslot will be open to eight students and their six guests to help UIS stay compliant with Restore Illinois Guidelines, which allow 50 people—including staff and volunteers—in the auditorium at a time.
- The stage experience will be live-streamed for guests to watch, beyond the six who attend in person.

More details will be announced in the coming weeks so please watch your UIS email and this website.



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Congratulations! You're officially a graduate of the University of Illinois Springfield. We're celebrating you today, together virtually in Prairie Star spirit. You've earned this day, and we couldn't be more proud.



As you celebrate safely distanced apart, please know that faculty and staff from the University of Illinois Springfield are celebrating along with you. We are incredibly proud of the accomplishments of the Class of 2021. You persevered through academic, societal and health challenges for longer than a year, and you succeeded. Your success is a powerful testament to your

character, Prairie Stars. View or download the [UIS 2021 Commencement Program](#).

You are joining a worldwide network of more than 43,000 UIS alumni that spans professions and the globe. The benefits of being a UIS alumni are immeasurable, and welcoming you to this impressive constellation of change-makers and go-getters makes us shine even brighter. Learn more about [UIS Alumni Relations](#).

UIS 2021 Commencement - Graduate & Parent Messages



"You've persevered through the challenges of the past year and finished strong. We are so proud of your accomplishments at UIS!"

Meet our Graduates



Join the #UIS21 Graduate Celebration

Use #UIS21 when posting photos or congratulatory messages on social media and remember to follow UISedu on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat and TikTok!

Class of 2021 TikTok



Virtual Gifts for the Class of 2021

To help you virtually celebrate, UIS has created multiple AR effects available on both Instagram and Facebook. Take your photo in front of

the [colonnade](#) or try on a [graduation cap](#) and share your photos or videos with **#UIS21**.

Try out all our frames and effects by searching #UIS21 or #UISedu in the Instagram or Facebook apps.

Special Events

Below are other congratulatory events featured throughout the week of commencement.

The Diversity Center hosts additional graduation ceremonies for Black, Hispanic/LatinX, & Lavender graduates.	Congratulations on your achievements and the best wishes for your next adventure!	A special event online stream at
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The University of Illinois Springfield Graduating Class of 2021

Graduating students for the Spring 2021 semester are listed below alphabetically by last name.

A

Aarseth, David	Abdoulaye, Ali	Adelman, Alexandria	Adeolu, Moyosore
Adesina, Adeyemi	Adewuyi, Timilehin	Adeyemi, Iyanu	Adeyeni, Helen
Afolabi, Janet	Ahmad, Zain	Ahuja, Varun	Aillon, Christian

Aiyathuray, Gomathi	Ajayi, Gbemileke	Akinniranye, Ayomide	Akinsoji, Taiwo
Albrecht, Emily	Alewelt, Abigail	Alewelt, Lauren	Alexander, Courtney
Alharbi, Manal Saud M	Alino, John	Alisson, Connor	Alkabsh, Yousef
Alkhazaleh, Razan	Allen, Brooke	Allen, Ebony	Allen, Maddison
Alley, Kimberly	Al-Shafei, Hani	Altas, Ozge	Alves, Sara
Ames, Herman	Anderson, Brendan	Anderson, Erika	Anderson, Gary
Anderson, Lisa	Anderson, Sammy	Andrews, Jesse	Angell, Madison
Angerer, Eric	Aranda, Kenia	Arentzen, Robert	Arfan, Rehab
Arruda, Cibebe	Arzu, Louise	Aschemann, Saadia	Atchison, Shelby
Atla, Anirudh	Atmakur, Naveen	Austin, Chance	Aviles, Alexander
Avina, Joshua	Avula, Guna Shekar Reddy	Awoyemi, Samson	Ayele, Yonatan

B

Babington, Adeola	Babu, Babitha	Backman, Dominika	Bailey, Doris
Bails, Drew	Bainbridge, Steven	Baisya, Pranoy	Bakare, Aisha
Bakare, Aisha	Baker, Brooks	Baker, Chance	Bale, Grant
Balke, Heather	Ball, Corey	Baluch, Sherry	Balyapelli, Vaishnavi
Bamgbose, Sunday	Bamidele, Folasayo	Barber, Marisa	Barber, Yakashia
Barbic, Margaret	Barnes, Alan	Barnes, Brenda	Barnes, Caitlyn
Barnes, Lauren	Barnhill, Nicholas	Barrera, Mina	Barry, Monica
Bata, Hozefa	Bauer, Christopher	Bauman, Austin	Bayisetty, Neeha

Beauchem, Teddy	Behera, Yashraj	Bejoile-Hayes, Laquitsha	Bennett, Cambrv
Bergerud, Kirstin	Bergmann, Kyle	Bernacki, Scott	Bernardy, Jon
Berns, Mark	Bertolo, Blake	Bettinger, Darren	Bhole, Ashwini
Bierman, Kendra	Biju Joseph, Rithwik	Bin Khalid, Ahmed	Bittalli, Kampana
Black, Juliette	Black, Michelle	Blackburn, Jessamine	Blackford, Sean
Blakley, Kaylee	Blancas, Adrian	Blankenship, Emily	Blanton, Madysen
Blasioli, Nathan	Blewitt, Mary	Blickhan, Elizabeth	Blindt, Scott
Bode, Albert	Bode, Shalini	Boente, Dane	Bogumill, Nolan
Bollt, Marci	Bom, Pooja	Bortmess, Ali	Botta, Sirisha
Bowen-Fojut, Melissa	Bowers, Seth	Bowora, Tatenda	Brackett, David
Bradley, Tawni	Bragg, Madison	Brand, Kellie	Brankovich, Rumiko
Brannan, Savannah	Breon, Amanda	Brittin, Melissa	Brodts, Jacob
Brokop, Kenneth	Brown, Brendan	Brown, Flamonda	Brown, Vaughn
Bruce, Heath	Bryant, Addison	Buchanan, Amanda	Budiri, Zena
Bufole, Olivier	Bullock, Jonathan	Burden, Lindsey	Burke, Kylie
Burklow, Alex	Bursott, Jennifer	Burwell, Brad	Bush, Brianna
Butler, Francesca			

C

Cacciatore, Matthew	Cai, Jiemin	Calder, Renae	Caldera, Thomas
Callaway, Kirsten	Campos, Diana	Cantu, Derek	Capranica, Dakota

Capranica-Parrish, Damon	Carlino, Blake	Carranza, Francisco	Carrillo Frausto, Hector
Castillo, Jesus	Castro, Sadie	Catlett, Daniel	Caulk, Cody
Celis, Jennifer	Cernich, Lydia	Chadalavada, Shashank	Chan, Kwok Wing
Chappell, Ruell	Chatla, Manasa	Chen, Yingru	Cheng, Yanxin
Chiapetto, Amber	Chick, Keldan	Chiczewski, Margaret	Childers, Ethan
Chilumula, Varsha Sri	Chimata, Anusha	Chitti, Rohit Varma	Christian, Marquita
Christian, Sarah	Chun, Raymond	Clark, Adam	Clark, Alexander
Clayburn, Kenady	Clements, Jaylee	Coady, Ryne	Cochran, Mackenzie
Cokel, Natalie	Colbert, Thomas	Cole, Hailey	Cole, Desiree
Coleman, Karl	Collette, Benjamin	Collins, Bryan	Collins, Hunter
Common, Tarika	Connolly, Elizabeth	Contreras, Enrique	Contreras, Karen
Contri, Madelyne	Cooper, Kimberly	Cooper, Roni	Corley, Richard
Correa, Kortney	Correia, Bridget	Coughlin, Kerrie	Coughlin, Rebecca
Coultas, Zaylon	Courtaway, Shanda	Cowan, Ryan	Craig, William
Crawford, Justin	Crawford, Tanner	Creager, Jack	Cribbett, Cristy
Criscione, Luke	Crites, Barry	Crowder, Kaitlyn	Crumble, Tierra
Cummins, Sean	Cunningham, Andrew	Curran, Melissa	Curry, Mitchell
Curry, Tyler			

D

Daffron, Dawson	Damarin, Breanna	Damineni, Srilakshmi	Damm, Brian
Daniels, Haley	Darnell, Olivia	Daskalos, John	Davenport, Clarke
David, Jill	Davis, Amanda	Davis, Andrew	Davis, Connor
Davis, Jennifer	Davis, Samantha	Dawson, Catherine	Deaton, Austin
Degiorgis, Melissa	Deka, Mary	del Rosario, Sofia	Delaney, Meghan
Deloach, Ashley	Denny, Lauren	Denolo, Margarita Flora	Devlin, Tyler
Devore, Darrell	DeVore, Leslie	Dillon, Tessa	Dinello, Nicholas
Dingbaum, Leon	Dintelman, Jack	Dircks, Lauren	Dongoh, Tanobla
Dorn, Matthew	Dorr, Shannon	Dote, Katelyn	Dowell, Sydney
Dracos, Elise	Drea, Kaylee	Driver, Amanda	Duitsman, Abigayle
Duncan, Erica	Dunn, Mary	Durbin, Daniel	Dzubin, Julie

E

Eads, Jordyn	Eaton, Claire	Edukonis, Michael	Edwards, Eric
Edwards, Faith	Edwards, Jason	Elders, Whitney	Elkins, Patrik
Elliott, Katelyn	Elmore, Aaron	Epps, Scott	Erickson, Ryan
Ericson, Owen	Ermolaeva, Tatiana	Ervin, Breanna	Esarco, Glorianna
Evans, Angela	Evans, Danielle	Evermon, Blake	Ezeocha, Geraldine

F

Falvo, Victoria	Farmer, Michael	Farrar-Davis, Michael	Fatima, Fasiha
Fatima, Mehmooda	Favo, Joshua	Feeney, Andrew	Fehr, Rachel
Fields, Navie	Fitton, Matthew	Flores, Michelle	Flores, Monica

Flores, Roberto	Fluker, Amber	Flynn, Angela	Foiles, Jacob
Ford, Justin	Forman, Natalie	Foster, Ashley	Fowler, Sarah
Franks, Matthew	Franz, Kent	Freeman, Kody	Freeman, Mollie
Freeman, Wyatt	Friberg, Michael	Froidcoeur, Caleb	Frost, Patrick
Fulkerson, Thomas	Fuller, Kenadi		

G

Gagliardo, Dasha	Galloway, Austin	Galloy, Evangeline- Marie	Gandhi, Vini
Garcia, Donald	Garcia, Rebecca	Garrity, Katelyn	Gavin, Jason
Genenbacher, Breyanna	Gerdes, Anley	Gernert, Benjamin	Gibson, Jason
Gilbert, Dylan	Gilstrap, Kaitlin	Gin, Angela	Gipson, Ariel
Giron, Carlos	Giscombe, Shamarie	Gizha, Argjend	Glasscock, Kiev
Godfrey, Philip	Godithi, Ajay Rahul	Golde, Alexandra	Golladay, Elizabeth
Gonzalez Mineros, David	Goracke, Madison	Goss, Jeremy	Gossain, Vikas
Grandidier, Brittany	Green, Darius	Green, Johari	Green, Kennedy
Greer, Eleanor	Gregory, Brandon	Griffin, Lauren	Grigsby, BreAnna
Grosboll, Rebekah	Gruber, Alex	Gudise, Deepika	Guiles, Eric
Gurnsey, Dana			

H

Haas, Natalie	Haile, Jonathan	Hairgrove, Nicholas	Haji, Ayesha
Halcomb, Xiaoxu	Hall, Kelsey	Hamilton, Susan	Hammock, Curtis

Hammond, Sarah	Hanlon, Jeryn	Hanson, Jack	Harrell, Aaron
Harris, Autumn	Harris, Kailee	Harris, Meredith	Harris, Sarah
Harris, Victoria	Harrison, Grant	Hassan, Amro	Hatfield, Christine
Hecht, Rebekah	Heerman, David	Helinski, Justin	Hendon, Makenzie
Hendricks, Sydney	Hendrickson, Andrew	Hennenfent, Allison	Henry, Claude
Henson, Richard	Herman, Kylie	Herman, Thomas	Hernandez, Adoracion
Hess, Mackenzie	Heurter, Gregory	Hicks, Christopher	Higdon, Estelle
Hileman, Brenda	Hill, Bradley	Hill, Layne	Hines, Samuel
Hinsman, Kara	Hirschel, Randi	Hiserote, Tyler	Hodges, Alexander
Hoe, Lorah	Hollinshead, Madison	Hollinshead, Victoria	Homeier, Zachary
Hood, Rebecca	Hoogland, Charles	Hopp, Abby	Hornak, Johnathon
Hoskins, Ashley	Hoskins, Taylor	Howard, Ahja	Howard, Victoria
Hubbard, Shelbie	Hueneburg, Nicholas	Huff, Lauren	Hughs, Charles
Hulvey, Jack	Hunt, Shanita	Hussein, Hassan	Huynh, Bao
Hyde, Tony			

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Ikejiaku, Angelica	Inman, Jessica
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J

Jackson, Darius	Jackson, Kaitlin	Jacobs, Kaleb	Jacoby, Kaytlin
Jain, Amrit	Janas, Jennifer	Jankowski, Robert	Janneau, Leidys

Jansen, Sarah	Jaromin, Patrick	Jayaseela Rayar, Anne Amali Sunitha	Jenkins, Alexis
Jennings, Jessica	Jennings, Sarah	Jensen, Courtney	Jernagin, Kayla
Jirmasek, Ann	Johnigk, Kelly	Johnson, Emily	Johnson, Hayle
Johnson, Keymonta	Johnson, Taeveon	Johnston, Kyrianna	Joiner, Demetria
Jones, Carla	Jones, Elijah	Jones, Madison	Jones, Marissa
Jones, R'Lee	Jones, Tyler	Jordan, Alexis	

K

Kahn, Benjamin	Kambhampati, Suma	Kami Reddy, Siva Konda Reddy	Kaminska, Dominika
Kamm-Roth, Bianca	Kampfen, Kyle	Kandukuri, Sri Vaishnavi	Karlen, Allyson
Kashyap, Varun	Kasodariya, Niti Gordhanbhai	Kassaw, Jonathan	Kataram, Shalini
Kato, Eiko	Kay, Derek	Kay, Gunnar	Keegan, Alexander
Keeney, Kathleen	Kellar, Matthew	Kelley, Kevin	Kent, Lauren
Kerr, Emma	Kesinger, Kyle	Kettelkamp, Benjamin	Khalifi, Nouf
Khan, Iram	Khan, Mohammad Anas	Khoury, Christopher	Kienzler, Randa
Killen, Jordan	Killian, Brianna	Kim, John	Kimbrow, Aliah
King, Jace	Kinsel, Addam	Kirchner, Jayme	Kirkbride, Natalie
Kirsininkas, Timothy	Klatt, Seth	Kleckner, Jade	Klein, Brianna
Klein, Natalie	Knapik, Ashlee	Knouse, Kirstin	Knox, Brian

Kommerer, Udaya Sree	Konkatti, Ankitaben Devendrabhai	Kopec, Alyce	Koppolu, Prudhvi
Korbin, Donn	Korzen, Michael	Kosowski, Jason	Kotha, Vamshi Krishna
Kothmann, Margaret	Kouostas, Beth Ann	Kovac, Dustin	Krakowiecki, Nancy
Kramer, Logan	Krater, Connor	Kreisler Joly, Jaime	Krill, Veronica
Kuhl, Brandon	Kunz, Steven	Kuznetsova, Yulia	Kyser, Josiah

L

Lahood, Andrew	Lakshmi Narayanan, Aishwarya	Lambas, Trevor	Langfelder, Nathaniel
Larrison, Taylor	Larson, Andrea	Lawani, Nouriath	Lawrence, Tanya
Le, Joseph	Leake, Daniel	Lebovitz, Zachary	Lee, Brandy
Lee, Calvin	Lee, Sharon	Leeper, Jarred	Leffel, Carly
Leischner, Lauren	Lemcke, Alexandria	Leverenz, Amanda	Lin, Ting Wei
Lindo, Stephanie	Loera, Eric	Lofthouse, Michael	Lomnicki, Jonathan
London, Lynette	Looby, Molly	Lopetrone, Amanda	Lott, Rhonda
Lovewell, Andrea	Lowe, Jenna	Lowe Tchokonthieu, Teddy	Loyd, Cody
Loyola, Angelica Joyce	Luker, Gregory	Lyons, Cory	

M

Ma, Jack	MacKenzie, David	Madala, Aparna	Madden, Alicia
Magennis, Patrick	Mahmood, Syed Asad	Makevic, Dusan	Malone, John
Mapula, Bryan	Maras, Vincent	Markley, Rebecca	Marocco, Alessia
Marshall, Cornelius	Martin, Jeff	Martinez, Omar	Martinez, Victor
Martinez Aignasse, Tomas	Martinez Lazo, Edder	Martyn, Reilly	Marucco, Kelsey
Marushia, Sean	Marvin, Matthew	Masoud, Fahim	Massey, Alan
Mata, Juan	Matam, Sai Raj Swamy	Mathieson, Tucker	Matthews, Kallie
Matthews, Mackenzi	Matumadugu, Adeshkumar	Maxwell, Christopher	Mayes, Julia
Mayhall, Christopher	McAllister-Grum, Ryan	McBride, Janae	McClinton, Ashley
McCormick, Lacey	McDaniel-Smith, Sally	McFarland, Luke	McGill, Richard
McGraw, Christine	McKeehan, Melissa	McNulty, Mary	McRae, Jonathan
Meade, Morgan	Meadows, Julia	Medearis, Damian	Mefford, Brianna
Meier, Michael	Melendez, Daniel	Melvin, Margaret	Mercado, Oscar
Merriman, Justin	Mesick, Joshua	Messina, Gianna	Metcalf, Melissa
Meyer, Amanda	Meyer, Heather	Meyer, Kayla	Meyer, Matthew
Meyer, Nickie	Meyer, Trenten	Meza, Christian	Milla Munoz, Javier
Miller, Jacy	Miller, Janai	Miller, Jillian	Miller-Kent, Elizabeth
Minnick, Madelyn	Mishra, Ramesh	Misiewicz, John	Moallemi, Faraz
Modali, Anil	Moiz, Hussain	Moldenhauer, Ryan	Mollo, Mario

Monroe, Christopher	Moore, Brandi	Moore, Todd	Moradi Moghadam, Mohsen
Morais, Bruno	Moram, Avinash	Morgan, Noah	Morgan, Seth
Morris, Katherine	Mosley, Kyle	Moulton, Brian	Mruk, Cassandra
Mubirigi, Patricia	Mudunuri, Lohith Puneeth Varma	Mujumdar, Malavika	Murtaza, Zainab
Mwamba Mandu, Medi			

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Nabatov, Elliot	Nahle, Daniel	Nakrani, Vaibhav	Narendra Babu, Priyankha
Naumovich, Maria	Ndaye Muange, Robert	Nebel, Jade	Negron, Britany
Neill, Sarah	Nelson, Katherine	Nethercote, Niall	Newbury, Dylan
Ngwe, Chidiebere	Nichols, Margie	Nizzio, Brandon	Norman, Riley
Notz, Samuel	Nunez, Edwin	Nyman, John	

O

Oberheide, Haley	O'Connell, Brendon	Odam, Karlie	Odell, Jaime
Ogden, Amber	Oggu, Swaroop	Ogundele, Adekunle	Okbazghi, Simon
Okoro, Ediriverere	Olson, Ryan	Onyewuchi, Nnamdi	Ortega, Emily

O'Shea, Kelcie

Overstreet, Tyler

Overton

Kapusinski, Austen

P

Padilla, Alyssa

Pandit, Abhishek

Pangan, Ocean

Paradies, Annabella

Parker, Matthew

Parker, Zachary

Parks, Lindsey

Parsons-Heather,
Timothy

Partain, Joseph

Paruchuri,
Yaswanth

Pasley, Tyler

Patel, Chirag
Kumar

Patel, Komal

Patel, Parth

Patel, Punit

Patel, Vanitaben

Patel, Varsha

Pattillo, Carla

Pawar, Animesh

Payne, Taiyah

Pearson, Aaliyah

Pelluri, Venkata
Saiganesh

Peng, Shuang

Pennell, Katy

Perea, Jazlyn

Perry, Dana

Petersen, Alexis

Peterson, Sierra

Petty, Trey

Peyman, Adam

Phillips, Dawn

Pierce, Joshua

Pierson, Lauren

Pina, Izabel

Pingleton, Alicia

Pittman, Daniel

Podeschi, Richard

Podlashes, Ryan

Polepally, Abhishek

Polneni, Gayathri
Niharika

Ponte, John

Popky, Jacob

Popoca, Graciela

Pothapu, Tamrika

Potrawski, Taylor

Potterf, Emily

Potu, Prasanth

Powell, Matthew

Powers, John

Powers, Susan

Prakhya, Laxmi

Price, Libby

Kanth

Pritchett, Jacob

Pritchett, Zoey

Prout, Ryan

Pruitt, Yekaterina

Pryor, Brian

Pugh, Jack

Puli, Kavya

Punska, Sean

Puranapanda,

Sruthi

Q

Queller, Jennifer Quick, Kristi

R

Ragsdale, Dakota	Rahman, Amaan	Rajmohan, Pranai Chandran	Ralph, Truman
Ramirez, Narcedalia	Ramirez, Natalie	Ramsey, Katie	Rand, Corinne
Rank, Melissa	Rasper, Alexandra	Rauch, Hannah	Raufer, Drew
Ravipati, Sagar	Rawers, Bryce	Reddy, Mohinish Lokesh	Reed, Mary Katherine
Reese, Bryan	Reese, Quentin	Restivo, Antonio	Reyna, Omar
Reynolds, Kathryn	Reynolds, Nicolas	Rhodes, Divinity	Richards, Matthew
Richards, Shannon	Richmiller, Sarah	Richmiller, Sophia	Ritter, Joseph
Rivera, Reinaldo	Roberts, Hannah	Roberts, Megan	Roberts, William
Roderick, Sheri	Rodriguez, Briana	Rodriguez, Esmeralda	Rogers, Ashley
Rohlf's-Ladage, Ryan	Rokkam, Sneha	Romanotto, Alyssa	Romero, Nicole
Romolo, Nicholas	Roscetti, Claire	Roth, Benjamin	Roth, Zachary
Rowden, Mariah	Rowe, Richard	Rucker, William	Rude, Adam
Rudrayagari, Sravya	Ruff, Olivia	Ruiz, Michelle	Rumer, Justin
Russell, Brayden	Russell, Scott	Rutan, Aaren	Ruvunangiza, Jeremie

S

Sahli, Adam	Sakach, Danielle	Salahuddin, Surayyah	Salazar, Emmanuel
Salmon, Kylie	Samba, Rahul Raj	Sanders, Jordan	Sansone, Adam
Sathe, Rukhsana	Savell, Stephanie	Schleyhahn, Catherine	Schofield, Dylan
Schulz, Nathan	Schutte, Andrew	Schwartz, Adam	Scully, John
Seelanki, Reshma	Sestak, Cade	Sexton, Davey	Sgro, Isabella
Shadid, Margaret	Shaik, Tasneem	Shapiro, Eric	Sharma, Payal
Shaul, Nicholas	Shaver, Michelle	Shenoy, Kasaragod Sneha	Shereda, Raeann
Sidhu, Arman	Sieferman, Linnea	Silva, Cesar	Silverman, Tami
Simpson, Alexandra	Sivert, Eric	Sleeter, David	Smith, Brandon
Smith, Edward	Smith, Keyera	Smith, Kodi	Smith, La'Quisha
Smith, Megan	Smith, Paige	Smith, Peter	Smith, Precious
Smith, Sarah	Smith, Zachary	Snedeker, Michael	Sneyd, Keith
Snyder, Evan	Solis-Mullen, Joseph	Soll, Ashley	Somayajula, Venkata Rajeswari
Soquiat, Joseph	Sorto, Maria	Sostre, Alberto	Spath, Robert
Spaulding, Aaleiyah	Spence, Andrew	Spencer, Kevin	Sperry, Clayton
Spiesz, Dana	Staats, Heather	Staben, Debra	Stallworth, Collin
Standridge, Jessie	Stark, Ryan	Staten, Jack	Stavskis, Tomas
Stenger, Landon	Stewart, Ashley	Stewart, Cheryl	Stewart, Jennifer
Stezskal, Christle	Stone, Madison	Storm, Christopher	Stowers, Jason
Straight, Thomas	Strieker, Barbara	Strode, Kara	Stroschein, Erik
Strout, Lawrence	Stubblefield, Jayla	Stuckey, Paige	Stults, Robert
Stump, Heidi	Sturdy, Payton	Suddeth, Michelle	Sullender, Andrew
Sullivan, Margaret	Suzuki, Erika	Szalinski, Benjamin	Szuminski, Zachary

T

Talavera, Gilliane Mae	Tanaaz, Rafeela	Tang, Yin	Tanko, Bashir
Tarantul, Aleksandr	Taylor, Adrienne	Taylor, Shauntez	Tebrugge, Reilly
Telger, Robert	Tellez, Veronica	Tepatti, Miles	Thatheri Krishnan, Vinod
Thattarambath Naripettil, Sumesh Kumar	Thigpen, Jerry	Thoele, Alaina	Thomas, Bryce
Thomas, Jennifer	Thomas, Nicole	Thomason, Jason	Thompson, Kayla
Thompson, Marlaina	Thottathil Ramachandran, Vishwajith	Tieman, Megan	Tillman, Luke
Tod, David	Todorovic, Milos	Tolan, Hayley	Tookes, Hannah
Townsend, Nicole	Trepanier, Gary	Troemper, Austin	Truax, Duane
Trusty, Lori-Ann	Try, Angela	Turner, Sheree	

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Uppuluri, Srushti	Uriostegui, Joyce	Ursani, Niha	
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Vacar, Alexandru	Valencia, Pedro	Valenti, Keelin	Van Landuyt, Steven
Vanam, Abilash	Vandeventer, Laura	Varble, Abbie	Vazquez, Diana
Vesterby, Benjamin	Vidavalapati, Bhavana	Villarreal, Miguel	Viramontes, Jennifer

Voglund, Quentin	Von Behren, Benjamin	Vonderheide, Andrew	Voruganti, Pooia
Voyles, Spencer	Vroman, Kaylyn	Vu, Nguyen Cao Nguyen	Vutukuri, Krishna Prabhu Mohan

W

Wade, Julia	Waite, Paula	Walker, Jeffrey	Walker, Quinderius
Walston, Adam	Ward, Alexandra	Warnisher, McKinzi	Washimkar, Utkarsha
Watkins, Melissa	Watkins, Randa	Watson, Farris	Watts, Danielle
Watts, Priscah	Weber, Grace	Weinberg, Michael	Welbourn, Drew
Welch, Nathan	Weldy, Brian	Wendling, Matthew	West, Brock
West, Megan	Wheeler, James	Wheeler, Mark	Wheeler, Rebecca
Whitaker, Sandra	White, Gabriella	Whited, Jacob	Wickenhauser, Calla
Wieber, Hunter	Wiese, Alexa	Wiese, Justus	Wilham, Rachel
Wilkinson, Brandy	Williams, Briana	Williams, Erin	Williams, Katherine
Williams, Keena	Williamson, Greg	Williamson, Timothy	Willoughby, Milda
Wilson, Dana	Wilson, Tresa	Wimmer, Christopher	Windham, Keisha
Wiseman, Madison	Wisley, Baylie	Wood, Ashley	Woods, Meghan
Woodson, Danielle	Wright, Kory	Wu, Sean	Wubhayavedantapuram, Sai Raghavendran
Wuchte, Thomas	Wulff, Kyler		

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Xu, Hanhui

Y

Yakle, Brad

Yanamadala, Sirisha

Yarlagadda, Sai
Santhosh Nag

Yoggerst, Alexis

Yoswig, Jonathan

Young, Benjamin

Young, Charles

Z

Zeblon, Jane

Zhang, Mingda

Zhang, Teddy

Zimmerman,
Jennifer

Ziogas, Deborah

Zoll, Alexandra

Zunke, Gina



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May 15 Graduate Celebration

Our #UIS21 Graduate Celebration will launch at Noon on May 15, featuring special videos, virtual gifts, messages to and from graduates, and lots more, to celebrate our 2021 graduates for Commencement Day.

May 13 & 14 Stage Experience

The recordings of the Stage Experience are available as two separate videos.

- [Stage Experience video of May 13th](#)

- [Stage Experience video of May 14th](#)

COVID Test

Attention: New Information regarding testing.

- Given the safety protocols we have put into place for this event and with the guidance given through the UIS COVID Rapid Response Team (CRRT), a negative COVID-19 test is no longer required for participation in the Stage Experience.
- However, graduating students who live, learn, work or train on campus should continue to follow their required on-campus testing protocol.
- All graduates are still encouraged to be tested, but a test result will not be required to show at check-in.
- Our [United in Safety protocols](#), including face coverings and social distancing throughout your and your guests' time while on campus, remain in effect.

Timeslot Appointment

- You and all of your guests should check in within 10 minutes of your designated registered time. For example, if your timeslot says 2:40,

you and your guests should check in between 2:30 and 2:40. You will cross the stage approximately 20 minutes after your appointed timeslot.

- It is possible the time you sign up for could be slightly adjusted. If this occurs, you will be notified.
- If you need to change your time slot, please contact commencement@uis.edu right away.

Attire for the Stage Experience

- Black Cap and Gown must be worn

Live Webcast or FB Live

The Stage Experience will be live streamed. Friends and family can view it on the [UIS Technology website.](#)

Guests

- Limit of six guests per graduate.
- Guests do not have to provide negative Covid test.
- You may make changes to your guest list at the registration table the day of your Stage Experience.

- Regardless of age, each person, including children and infants, is considered to be one of the six guests.

Parking

- Parking will be free on May 13 & 14.
- Participants are encouraged to park in Lots D & E (except in designated reserved spots), located on the west side of the Public Affairs Center.
- Passengers may be dropped off at the main entrance to the Public Affairs Center, located in the accessible parking area.
- Accessible parking will be designated in the “Tear Drop” circle, located at the north door of PAC (end of Ernest Hemingway Drive).
- For GPS use: 2200 Ernest Hemingway Drive.
- If parking at the Student Union, please use Lot J.
- You can check out [the online map of the UIS campus](#) for lot locations.

Student Union

- Stop in the Union before or after your Stage Experience
- Give aways
- Photographer for individual and family
- Create your Shout-out

- Grab lunch
- Starbucks open 8am-4pm

Record a Short Story

- Before or after your Stage Experience, stop at Student Union to record a short story – a thank you, a highlight of your time at UIS or a greeting to a fellow student
- This will be shown after the virtual ceremony on Saturday

Photographer

- A photographer will be set up in Sangamon Auditorium to capture the moment as you cross the stage and congratulated by the Chancellor
- Graduates and possibly even their guests can have a professional picture taken in the Student Union
- Gradates will be emailed with the information on how to purchase pictures

Instructions on where to enter the Public Affairs Center (PAC)

- Students and their guests should enter PAC together

- Check-in will be in the lower level of the Public Affairs Center (near the Bookstore), Building No. 7 on [the online map of the UIS campus](#).
- Please enter using the lower, north entrance at the “Tear Drop” (end of Ernest Hemingway Drive).



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Registration March 29 – April 1

Register for Stage Experience, order Cap & Gown, and order announcements.

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Department Celebrations

<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Black/Latinx Graduation Saturday, May 8th	Student Union	1pm-2pm	Diversity Center (217) 206-6333 diversity@uis.edu
Lavender Graduation Saturday, May 8th	Virtual	Release Date: Saturday, May 8	Gender & Sexuality Student Services (217) 206-8411 LGBTQ@uis.edu
International Student Services	Virtual	Release Date:	Erika Suzuki (217) 206-6678 esuzu2@uis.edu

<p>Congratulatory Video</p> <p>Release date: Thursday, May 13th</p>		<p>Thursday, May 13</p>	
<p>TEP-Graduation Meet & Greet</p> <p>Saturday, May 15th</p>	<p>Zoom</p>	<p>1pm</p>	<p>Department of Teacher Education (217) 206-6682 tep@uis.edu</p>



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Participation

Students are responsible for knowing and adhering to all University of Illinois 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 (by sending an email to commencement@uis.edu) and must include all documentation that supports the appeal.

Important Information

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.

Student Speaker

Our student commencement speaker is an important tradition at UIS. Information regarding when and where auditions will be held will be provided on the [Audition Application Form](#). All graduating students are eligible to audition. Representatives of the faculty and the student-body will select the speaker. The chosen speaker will record their speech on campus in mid-April. The recording will be a part of the May 15 virtual ceremony. The deadline to apply is Sunday, April 4.

- [Application forms](#) must be submitted no later than **11:59 p.m. Sunday April 4** (note: Late submissions will not be accepted).
- Auditions, via Zoom, will be conducted between 2 and 4 p.m. Friday, April 9.
- The chosen speaker will be expected to speak on campus during filming for the virtual ceremony in mid-April.

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.

UIS Ring Program

The Official Ring of the University of Illinois 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.

- Details will be announced in April
- If you have questions, please feel free to contact the BookStore by calling [\(217\)-206-6766](tel:217-206-6766) or by emailing uis@bkstr.com

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Springfield Information

For information related to Springfield, please visit the website for the [**Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau**](#). They have created a landing page devoted specifically to UIS family and friends.



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Hotels



The following hotels may extend discounted rates to family members and friends attending the UIS Commencement Ceremonies. Please mention "UIS Commencement" when calling to make reservations.

- **Crowne Plaza**

3000 South Dirksen Pkwy
Springfield, IL 62703
877-227-6963

[Crowne Plaza Room Information/Rates](#)

- **Holiday Inn Express**

3050 South Dirksen Pkwy
Springfield, IL 62703
888-465-4329

Holiday Inn Express Room

Information/Rates

- **The State House Inn – An Ascend Collection**

Hotel

101 East Adams Street

Springfield, Illinois 62701

217-528-5100

The State House Inn Room

Information/Rates

- **Wyndham Springfield City Centre**

700 East Adams

Springfield, IL 62701

217-789-1530

Wyndham Springfield City Centre Room

Information/Rates

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

Restaurants

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



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Ceremony Information

- Email: Commencement@uis.edu

Eligibility to Graduate

- Office of Records and Registration (Graduation)
 - Call [217-206-7730](tel:217-206-7730)
 - Email registrar@uis.edu

Special Assistance (Guests)

- Disability Services
 - Call [217-206-6666](tel:217-206-6666)
 - Email potthast.chrisa@uis.edu

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