A UIS graduate cheers on a fellow graduate during the ceremony.
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Historical Data
A Master Plan is an iterative process that is a collection of thoughts and ideas. These thoughts and ideas establish a road map that provides a foundation for future campus development; it is a look at where we have been to better understand where we are going. The plan aligns with the University’s mission, the University of Illinois System Strategic Framework and UIS Strategic Compass.

In order to look towards the future, it is imperative to look to the past to understand how UIS has grown and evolved since its humble beginning in 1970. Since that first Master Plan was completed, the University has thoughtfully planned its future at various time frames along the way. The following diagrams illustrate UIS’s thoughtful planning in 2000, 2008, 2015, and an Athletics Master Plan Update in 2017.
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Campus Buildings
(BRK) Brookens Building
(BSB) Business Services Building
(CCC) Cox Children’s Center
(DBS) Dixie Barn & Shed
(FSL) UIS Field Station on Lake Springfield
(HBC) Homer L. Butler Commons
(HRB) Human Resources Buildings
(HSB) Health & Sciences Building
(KIW) Kiwanis Building/Stadium
(KPB) Kiwanis Press box & Bleachers
(MB) Maintenance Building
(PAC) Public Affairs Center
(PDB) Police Department Building
(REC) Recreation Park
(RSL) Residential Simulation Lab
(SAB) Student Affairs Building
(SB) Storage Buildings
(SLB) Student Life Building
(SPH) Spencer House, Barn, & Garage
(SSH) Strawbridge-Shepherd House, Barn, & Garage
(TC) Tennis Complex
(TRAC) The Recreation & Athletic Center
(UHB) University Hall Building
(UNION) Student Union
(VPA) Visual & Performing Arts Building
(WUIS) WUIS Building

Student Housing
(BBL) Bluebell Court
(CLV) Clover Court
(FRH) Founders Residence Hall
(FXG) Foxglove Court
(LKR) Larkspur Court
(LRH) Lincoln Residence Hall
(MGR) Marigold Court
(PRL) Pennyroyal Court
(SFL) Sunflower Court
(TRL) Trillium Court
The last comprehensive master plan completed at UIS was adopted in 2000. At that time, the University was situated on the same 740 acres with 42 buildings representing 765,000 gross square feet (GSF). The 2000 Master Plan provided the guiding framework for long term development. The planning objectives included:

- Accommodate new campus buildings to support academic expansion and anticipated enrollment growth.
- Locate new facilities to create an easily understood and aesthetically pleasing campus spatial organization.
- Organize new residential buildings to enhance the sense of community.
- Introduce new roadways that are efficient
- Create a pedestrian friendly campus with parking at the perimeter.
- Strategically organize buildings and plantings to provide wind screens.
- Establish new central outdoor space at the heart of campus.
- Improve structure and quality of campus landscape.
2008 Master Plan

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The 2008 Master Plan reinforced many of the same guiding principles as found in the 2000 Master Plan.

This Master Plan highlights opportunities of future athletics expansion to the south, as well as identifies land reserves for future commercial development west of 11th Street and a future retirement residential community.

The following recommendations define the principal proposals of the University of Illinois Springfield Master Plan update in 2008. The primary guiding principles include:

- Locate Athletics expansion to the south of University Drive, east of 11th Street.
- Locate future possible development to the west of 11th Street.
- Locate future possible residential development of the east edge of the campus along West Lake Shore Drive.
- Locate campus storage on the west edge of campus near the existing electrical substation.
- Maintain land reserve areas for future use.
- Maintain the general land use configuration of the campus core within University Drive, as proposed in the 2000 Master Plan.
2015 Master Plan

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The 2015 Master Plan built on and expanded many of the goals and objectives of the 2008 Master Plan, with a focus on the Athletics and Campus Recreation Expansion to the south.

The following recommendations and proposed projects were represented:

- New Athletics Field House
- Football Venue
- Softball Stadium
- Track and Field Stadium
- Sports Performance Center
- MAC Gym
- Tennis Venue
- Parking Expansion
The 2017 Athletics Master Plan is an update to the 2015 Master Plan and Athletic Master Plan reports.

This update includes recommendations focused on Athletics expansion at the south edge of the campus. Recommendations include:

- Proposed Athletic Field House
- Baseball/Softball Complex
- Tennis Complex
- Practice Fields
Main Quad looking south towards UHB and the Student Union.
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