



*55th Annual  
Commencement*

*Saturday, May 9, 2026*

# Commencement Greetings



**Jesse H. Ruiz**

**Chairman, University of Illinois Board of Trustees**

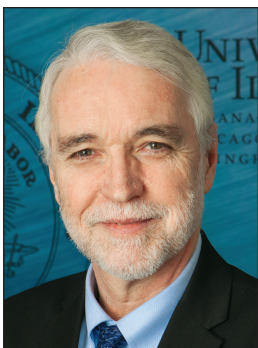
On behalf of the University of Illinois Board of Trustees, it is my distinct honor to extend heartfelt congratulations to the University of Illinois Springfield Class of 2026. Your dedication, resilience, and hard work have brought you to this remarkable milestone. As you step into the next chapter of your lives, remember that you carry with you the knowledge, skills, and values that will empower you to make a positive impact on the world.

We are incredibly proud of your achievements and excited to see the great things you will accomplish. The future holds for you countless opportunities, whether you choose to continue your education, launch your professional career, or pursue your passions and experience life in other ways. Your time at UIS and the connections you have made here in Springfield have given you a foundation that will propel you on your journey ahead.

As you venture ahead as a proud alumnus, know that you will always have a home here at the University of Illinois Springfield. You are now part of a network of alumni that is 800,000 strong, demonstrating that the University of Illinois offers a best-in-class educational experience for students like you, now ready to make your indelible mark on the future.

You are stepping into a world full of endless possibilities, and your potential to succeed is limited only by your own imagination. We encourage you to embrace the challenges and opportunities that come your way with confidence, determination, and resolve. You can rely on your experience as a Prairie Star to have prepared you for this moment, and the moments to come. We believe in you and look forward to witnessing your continued success.

Congratulations again, Class of 2026!



**Dr. Timothy L. Killeen**

**President, University of Illinois**

To the Class of 2026, congratulations!

Today is a day to be remembered for what you have achieved and for the road you traveled to arrive here as brand-new graduates of the University of Illinois Springfield.

You have made memories, no doubt, as well as friends and colleagues who now are part of the fabric of your lives. Through them and through your own hard work and discovery, you have grown, you have been transformed and you have earned the tools to navigate all that lies ahead.

You will take with you all of your many accomplishments. You will carry a

well-developed ability to adapt and innovate, as well what I hope is a sense of civic engagement—a sense of responsibility that compels you to contribute to a society that counts on you.

But know that you have also earned the right to look around and to reflect, both on this remarkable day and all that led to it.

Commencement is a time of joy, so do not let the day go by without enjoying this milestone with a well-earned sense of pride and achievement.

Savor it.

And celebrate with the family and friends who have believed in you and supported you along the way.

This now includes your University of Illinois System alumni family, which now numbers 890,000 around the world.

In the years ahead, we hope to hear from you often. We look forward to welcoming you home to UIS and learning of your discoveries and successes.

I am deeply honored to celebrate with all of you.

Congratulations again, Class of 2026!



**Dr. Janet L. Gooch**  
**Chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield**  
**Vice President, University of Illinois**

Congratulations on reaching this important milestone. Commencement is both a celebration of your academic achievements and a recognition of the perseverance, curiosity and commitment that brought you to this moment.

At the University of Illinois Springfield, we value learning that serves a larger purpose: strengthening communities and preparing graduates to lead with integrity. During your time at UIS, you have developed not only knowledge and skills, but also a unique perspective, empathy and a sense of responsibility to others. These qualities will continue to guide you long after today and influence your approach to building relationships, careers and community.

Your accomplishments did not occur in isolation. We extend our sincere thanks to the faculty and staff whose dedication to teaching, mentoring and student support made this day possible, as well as to the family members and friends who encouraged you, believed in you and stood beside you along the way. Their contributions are an essential part of your celebration.

As you move forward into new careers, advanced study and service, know that we are proud of you. I am confident you will apply what you learned at UIS to meet challenges thoughtfully, engage diverse viewpoints and contribute meaningfully in your chosen path.

Thank you for being part of the UIS community. We celebrate your accomplishments and look forward to the many ways you will positively shape the future.

Congratulations, Class of 2026!



**Carly Hawkins, '05 CPAE**  
**Capital Scholars Honors Program Graduate**  
**Chair, University of Illinois Springfield Alumni Board**

Congratulations on your graduation and welcome to the UIS Alumni family!

Today marks far more than the end of your academic journey; it represents a remarkable achievement and the beginning of an exciting new chapter. Through dedication, resilience, and countless hours of hard work, you have forged a path uniquely your own. You are ready to embrace new horizons, and your future is filled with opportunities waiting to be discovered.

Take time today to reflect on all you have accomplished. Celebrate your perseverance, your growth, and the people who supported you along the way. This moment belongs to you—cherish it.

As you step forward into this next stage of life, strengthen the bond you now share with more than 46,000 fellow UIS alumni. Let your Prairie Star pride shine from the very start!

Here are a few ways to stay connected and make an impact:

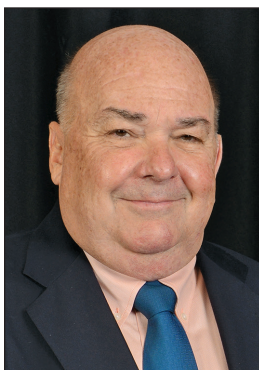
- **Proudly display your diploma**—You earned it. Share your accomplishment and show the world what being a UIS graduate means to you. Education is something to celebrate.
- **Recruit a future Prairie Star ([uis.edu](https://uis.edu))**—Help shape the next generation by encouraging talented, driven students to join our community and continue the legacy of excellence.
- **Join UIS Unite ([unite.uis.edu](https://unite.uis.edu))**—Build meaningful connections with alumni and students to support professional success and personal growth.
- **Make a gift ([uis.edu/give](https://uis.edu/give))**—Honor those who championed your journey by paying it forward for future students.
- **Join the Illinois Connection Advocacy Network ([uillinois.edu/erc/advocacy](https://uillinois.edu/erc/advocacy))**—Amplify the voice of our alumni community and help make a lasting difference.

As a graduate of the University of Illinois System, you join a global network of more than 890,000 living alumni—leaders, innovators, and changemakers who are improving their communities every day. You are now part of one of the most forward-thinking and impactful universities in the world.

Congratulations, Class of 2026! Embrace the limitless possibilities ahead.

**Work hard. Be bold. Stay true. Be UIS.**

# Honorary Degree Recipient



## W. Robert Felker

W. Robert Felker was awarded a B.A. in 1974 from Sangamon State University: Political Studies.

From 1974 to 1976 he was on the Leadership Staff of the Illinois State Senate.

In 1976, Bob joined the First National Bank of Chicago. There, he was Head-Public Finance where he underwrote bonds for state governments, municipalities, universities and hospitals.

From 1982-2000, he was President and CEO of First Chicago Futures, Inc., which traded futures and options worldwide. FCFI was based in Chicago with offices in Tokyo and London with affiliates in Singapore and NYC. In 1998, FCFI's parent was acquired by Bank One.

In 2000, Felker became President and COO of Bank One Capital Markets, a major US-based investment bank. Bank One was acquired by JP Morgan Chase in 2004.

At that point, he became Chairman- JPMorgan Futures, Inc., and President and CEO of Chase Investment Services, Inc. CISC is a US-based retail securities broker.

In 2006, he moved from CISC to Chase Capital Corp., an investment firm where he served as COO and a member of the Investment Committee. He remained Chair-JPMFI. In 2013, he retired for JPMorgan and became a partner in Gator Trading. Gator is a Chicago based futures trading firm.

During his career, he has served as board member and chair of various industry organizations including the BOTCC, the Futures Industry Association, the National Futures Association, and the Bond Club of Chicago. He has been a member of the Chicago Board of Trade, Chicago Mercantile Exchange, and the Chicago Board of Options Exchange.

Bob served as a director of the University of Illinois Foundation from 2000 to 2012 and was elected as a Life Director in 2012. He has been recognized for "Outstanding Achievement" and "Advocate Leadership" by University affiliates.

# 2026 Commencement Ceremonies

## **Processional**

*Pomp and Circumstance Nos. 1 and IV by Elgar*  
*(Graduates and audience are asked to remain seated)*  
*Dathan Powell, Grand Marshal\**  
*Platform Party*  
*Faculty*

## **Musical Selections**

*Star Spangled Banner by Francis Scott Key and*  
*Illinois, Illinois by Archibald Johnson/Charles Chamberlin*  
*performed by Jacob Laurenzana*

## **Opening Remarks**

*Janet L. Gooch, Chancellor*

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

*Tami Craig Schilling, University of Illinois Board of Trustees*

## **Greetings from the University of Illinois System**

*Paul Ellinger, Vice President, CFO and Comptroller,*  
*University of Illinois System*

## **Conferring of Honorary Degree (5:30 p.m.)**

*W. Robert Felker, Doctorate of Humane Letters*

## **Introduction of Student Commencement Speaker**

*Jamarco R. Clark, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs*

## **Remarks to Fellow Graduates**

*Quanisha Turner, Class of 2026*

## **Presentation of Graduate Degree Candidates**

*Brandon E. Schwab, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs*  
*and Provost*

# 2026 Commencement Ceremonies

## **Conferring of Graduate Degrees**

*Paul Ellinger, Vice President, CFO and Comptroller,  
University of Illinois System*

## **Presentation of Undergraduate Degree Candidates**

*Brandon E. Schwab, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs  
and Provost*

## **Conferring of Undergraduate Degrees**

*Paul Ellinger, Vice President, CFO and Comptroller,  
University of Illinois System*

## **Presentation of Graduates\*\***

*Graduates will walk across the stage and receive  
a diploma cover.*

## **Closing Remarks**

*Janet L. Gooch, Chancellor*

## **Recessional**

*Pomp and Circumstance Nos. 1 and IV by Elgar  
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Dathan Powell, 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, Broadcaster for  
Sports Radio 92.3/1450 in Springfield, and Apeksha Mallipeddi,  
Information Systems Analyst-Project Manager, Illinois State Police.*

# The Marshals

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 have been designated as program marshals and may be identified by the gold stoles they wear.

## College of Business and Management

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### Accounting

Danielle Grace Auble – B.A.  
Ayomide Deborah Daramola – M.A.

### Business Administration

McKenna Grace Gahagan – B.B.A.  
Claire Meyer – M.B.A.

### Cybersecurity Management

Krystal D. Higgins – M.S.

### Finance

Daniel Normann – M.S.

### Healthcare Informatics

Geethika Lakshmi Konathala – M.S.

### Human Resource Management

Thi Phuong Mai Nguyen – M.S.

### Management Information Systems

Kami Larissa Anders – B.S.  
Silan Demirkol – M.S.

## College of Health, Science and Technology

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### Athletic Training

Sebastian Catalan-Castrejon – M.A.T.R.

### Biochemistry

Courtney R. Maltimore – B.S.

### Biology

Lexie Danielle Vick – B.S.

### Chemistry

Mychael Javonte Overton – B.S.

### Computer Science

Josephine Kamwela – B.S.  
Max Peter Pilipovic-Kljajic – M.S.

### Data Analytics

Farida I. Akhmadullina – M.S.

### Environmental Health

Pa Seedy Jammeh – M.P.H.

### Environmental Sciences

Nikki Tera Zuber – M.S.

### Environmental Studies

Maximilian James Fuerholzer – B.A.

### Exercise Science

Carlos S. Pineda – B.S.

### Information Systems Security

Travis Jay Peters – B.S.

### Mathematical Sciences

Samantha May Acheko – B.A.

### Medical Laboratory Science

Julie K. Metcalf – B.S.

### Philosophy

Ethan Elvis Rottler – B.A.

### Psychology

Jonah S. Morsch – B.A.

### Public Health

Amber M. Weber – M.P.H.

## College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

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### **Criminology and Criminal Justice**

Tatum Olivia Trotter – B.A.

### **English**

Jordyn Kaylee Pate – B.A.

### **History**

Cameron Dane Brown – B.A.

Lilian Marjorie Georgiou – M.A.

### **Human Development Counseling**

Isabella Jane Durham – M.A.

### **Social Work**

Koral Nicole Keehner – B.S.W.

### **Sociology/Anthropology**

Paige Elaine Mathys – B.A.

### **Visual Arts**

Cheyenne Aurora Meneghetti – B.A.

## College of Public Affairs and Education

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### **Communication**

Abigail Jayne McQuinn – B.A.

Kennedy Abigail Osterman – M.A.

### **Educational Leadership**

Luke Neal Gillingham – M.A.

### **Elementary Education**

Lauren Allen – B.A.

### **Global Studies**

Dakota Blaine Carroll – B.A.

### **Human Services**

Philomena Omoyemhe Aluyor – M.A.

### **Legal Studies**

Adelyn Kay Hagy – B.A.

Reagan Grace Miles – M.A.

### **Middle Grades Education**

McKenzie Turner – B.A.

### **Political Science**

Addison Royal Rumler – B.A.

Jacob Giovanni Laurenzana – M.A.

### **Public Administration**

Tolga James Barutca – M.P.A.

### **Public Affairs Reporting**

Nikoel Hytsek – M.A.



# Graduate Honors

Ayomide Deborah Daramola	Outstanding Student in Accounting
Michaela Jane Hinderhan	Outstanding Student in Accounting
Arshia Mani	Outstanding Student in Finance
Eduardo Costa Freire	Outstanding Student in Finance
Alexis Kathleen Harms	Counseling Program Legacy Award
Patricia Walden Headman	Counseling Program Clinical Excellence Award
Hannah Gabrielle Cook	Outstanding Student in Human Services
Zainab A. Mufutau	Outstanding Student in Human Services
Matthew Adam Byron	Highest Honors in Legal Studies
Jason D. Frazier	Highest Honors in Legal Studies
Jack Ryan O'Connor	Outstanding Student in Public Affairs Reporting
Jenna Schweikert	Outstanding Student in Public Affairs Reporting
Anna K. Schurz	Outstanding Student in Environmental Sciences
Karina Cristine Davis	Outstanding Student in Environmental Sciences
David Tocila	Outstanding Student in Data Analytics
Oyenbhen Omotese	Outstanding Student in Data Analytics
Landen Dixon	Outstanding Student in Computer Science
Muhammad Awais	Outstanding Student in Computer Science
Troy Levar Jackson	Outstanding Student in Healthcare Informatics
Francisca Gagawala	Outstanding Student in Healthcare Informatics
Naga Vidya Swathi Tetali	Outstanding Student in Cybersecurity Management
Ross Boyd Lanning	Outstanding Student in Cybersecurity Management
Alfonso Garcia Valencia	Outstanding Student in Management Information Systems
Sai Pranitha Sree Gouda	Outstanding Student in Management Information Systems
Lilian Marjorie Georgiou	Outstanding Academic Achievement
Audra M. Liniger	Outstanding Academic Achievement
Manisha Attaluri	Outstanding Student in Public Health-Environmental Health
Aparna Nadhirigari	Outstanding Student in Public Health-Environmental Health
Abisola Mercy Olowofeso	Outstanding Student in Public Health-General
Oluwaseun Ayo Afolabi	Outstanding Student in Public Health-General
Valeria E. Mendoza	Exemplary Professionalism & Positivity Award
Kennedy Abigail Osterman	Outstanding Graduate Student in Communication
Julia Dianne Reagan	Outstanding Student in Human Resource Management
Brock Matthew Kennell	Outstanding Student in Business Administration
Nathan T. Goebel	Outstanding Student in Business Administration
Bradley David Silvernail	Outstanding Academic Achievement
Lauren Seliga	Outstanding Academic Achievement
Gabriel McLeod	Outstanding Student in Public Administration
Melissa Sarah Haas	Outstanding Student in Public Administration
Jaclyn Savoy Kuchy	Outstanding Student in Educational Leadership
Lindsey E. Rudd	Outstanding Student in the Certificate of Advanced Study

# Doctor of Public Administration

Saud Lafi Alenazi

Isaac Asamoah Amponsah

Becky Sue Dragoo

Nicha Gerrard

Jason William Kosowski

Bernina Laren Perkins

## Certificate of Advanced Study

Jaelyn Savoy Kuchy

## Master of Arts

Cale M. Adams

Philomena Omoyemhe Aluyor

Angelly Alvarez

Gina Marie Anderson

Stephen Kwame Appiah

Ella Ryane Baird

Musa Baldeh

Jennifer Ashley Banda

Tyler Anthony Bauer

Marcella Benson

Melinda Sue Bilyeu

Shyanne Nickolle Birdsell

Kole Andrew Black

Katherine Louise Blessing

Elizabeth Brago Boateng

Julie A. Boldt

Caroline Dionne Brown

Derricka T. Brownlow

Ann Elaine Burns

Matthew Adam Byron

Alexandria Patrice Carey-Sanders

Victorria Shyanne Chambers

Hannah Grace Church

Hannah Gabrielle Cook

Latia Monique Cooper

Melanie Rae Courtois

Latoya Denise Crowder

Courtney M. Cummins

Abisola Dahunsi

Claire Daly

Jordan Daniell

Ayomide Deborah Daramola

Tyshi M. Davis

Joseph Glenn Dees

Alexandria Lauren Dunn

Isabella Jane Durham

Kelsey Jean Evans

Leah Catherine Falster

Ousman Fatty

Jason D. Frazier

Amanda Marie Frye

Arya Jayesh Gadekar

Marianne Wiechowski Gaillard

Adan Galarza

Lilian Marjorie Georgiou

Luke Neal Gillingham

Rebecca Anne Goebel

Caleb Lewis Grover

Jacqueline Guzman

Rebecca Grace Hadsell

Jane M. Haltmeyer

Tracy Lynn Harmeyer

Alexis Kathleen Harms

Meghan Katherine Hawkshaw

Patricia Walden Headman

Joshua Hightower

Katherine Alianor Hilbing

Michaela Jane Hinderhan

Evan Wallace Holden

Sarah Howardamuka

Raymond Weaver Hughes

Jane Hyder

Nikoel Hytrek

Natalie Rae Inman

Brody James Johnson

Maliza Kananga

Randall Kantner

Stacie Lynn Kutzbach

Jacob Giovanni Laurenzana

Tyler Jon Lee

Alyssa Legg

Martin Adam Lessem

Audra M. Liniger

Sascha Nicole Mallicott

Amanda K. Mandeville

Jackson Daniel Manfredo

Nicholas Marquez

Jessica Rose Marsik

Anne McFarland

Valeria E. Mendoza

Reagan Grace Miles

Emma Grace Mott

Zainab A. Mufutau

Samuel James Naftzger

Anna Newby

Stacia Nordin

Elizabeth Mary Norvey

Jack Ryan O'Connor	Julio Sanchez	Dallas Michael Tucholski
Stacey Lynn Olson	Joshua Wayne Sarver	Hallie Kerrigan Urquhart
Kennedy Abigail Osterman	Jenna Schweikert	Kyle Stanley Wallbaum
Ann-Marie Mae Pauwels	Lauren Seliga	Nashae Webb
Alexandria Elizabeth Payton	Susan Shanley	Kathleen Marie Weller
Tsvetelin Ivanov Penev	Bradley David Silvernail	Megan K. Wernsing
Alexander Valerievitch Phelps	Stevi Spencer	Regan Renee Wherley
Kimberlee Pompa	Jennifer Kay Spinks	Jaden Edward White
Diego Alejandro Prats	Jean Lynn Stahl	Stephanie Wilkey
Dalton Montgomery Pratt	Dishea Strickland	Taylor Suzanne Williams
Jennifer Presnell	Christian Alexander Templeton	Jane Vanessa Omoyeme Willie
Evie Michelle Rodenbaugh	Rebekah Theilen	Sarah Rose Willson
Lindsey E. Rudd	Kasey Thelen	Mark Kevin Wykoff
Sara Stefania Ruiz Roa	Matthew Trunfio	

## Master of Athletic Training

Sebastian Catalan-Castrejon	Rebecca Marie Harms	Brooke Ann Meador
Aidan James Donohue	Emme Ann Howell	Abigail Rose Prevett
Gregory T. Downs	Corwin-Daniel Oscar Leblanc	Grant Stegman

## Master of Business Administration

Zain Ahmed Abbasi	Stacza Batty	Steven Bradley Campbell
Samuel Addo	Rachal Ann Beard	Jillian Kheim Carlisle
Andrew Adjetey	Diaveyon Belmo	Diego Chavez
Iyanu Samuel Akinsiku	Malikah Shakirah Black	Naga Raju Cherukuri
Tess Shannon Alderson	Jason Cortez Blackmon	Tyler P. Chiu
Logan S. Altenberger	Lester Allen Blankenship	Ernestine Coleman
Ruth Ese Aluyor	Ann Marie Blodgett	Isaac Radai Cortes
Emike Avuedaoya Anetekhai	Jeremie Bokata	Lauren Marie Craig
Justine Lobrín Ansaldo	Autumn Hope Boliard	Kenneth Chukwuemeka Dara
Jacob Arno	Charles Bradley	Kyla Deans
Chasity Atkins	Ryan William Braner	Charles Debbas
Similoluwa Margaret Ayegbusi	Amanda Catherine Brown	Lewis Andrew Denckla
Alexandra Cristina Balaci	Arnaldo E. Buitron	Arthi Devaraj
Elizabeth U. Barkus	Pawel Bulka	Kirti Doshi
Shaun Richard Barton	Jalen Ashley Butler	Marcy Dzurisin
Christina Bate	Albert Otho Cabell	Gabriela E. Ebikeme
Janelle Batista	Brendan James Cairney	Isabella Rene Eller

Onyinye Chukwuemeka Enyioha	Kaitlin Marie Jackson McKinley Faith Jennings	Christelle Hortense Nguépi Bareng
Andrew Charles Ezard	Jessica Paola Jimenez	Ahmad Marquel Odom-Gibson
Micah Farrand	Robert David Johnson	Waheed Oluwafemi Ogunwale
John Jeffrey Fink	Tiffani Nicole Johnson	David Olufemi Oke
Amanda Marie Finnell	Ryan Robert Jones	Doreen Osei Agyemang
Joseph Richard Fitzgerald	Hannah Rose Karl	Yaw Owusu Ansa
Jason Paul Fletcher	Brock Matthew Kennell	Eileen Marie Pabst
Patrick Joseph Florey	Alexis Taylor Kipp	Kiren Paramby
Amy Therese Fowler	Garth Edward Klos	Ila Rajendra Patel
Timothy Michael Gabaree	Jacob Knofsky	Michael Paule
Ryleigh Beth Gaddie	Sree Lekha Kolluru	Gwendolyn Justine Peebles
Crystal M. Garrison	Oluwabukola Magret Komolafe	Turrie Peoples
Nathan T. Goebel	Reeta Owusuwa Korankye	Tobi Branham Philips-Adeyelu
Alexander Jerome Golembiewski	Lucas Russell Kresin	Antoinette Denise Phillips
Alejandro Gonzalez	Nami Kuniyuki	Edoardo Matteo Pinna
Justo Luis Gonzalez-Trapaga	Amanda Kurian	Reyoana Lynn Pittman
Cha-Neice Gordon	Jimena Lara	Terence John Post
Madison Grandys	Brandon Laux	Valerie Ann Powell
Giorgio W. Grivetti	Meghan Nancy Leshock	Ibrahim Mahmoud Ibrahim
Kelsey Ann Grove	Earl L. Lewis	Rashid
Jonathan George Hagmann	Donnabelle Lorenzo-Villarino	Suheel Ahad Rather
Rachel Ann Hanson	Juliann Lux	Bradley Allen Ray
Tahsina Bushra Haque	Aingel Matos	Luis F. Rebellon Zarza
Steven Daniel Harms	Breanne Hope McBride	Luis Joel Reyes Montalvo
Erika Hartman	Stephanie Lynn McBride	Andrea Ribulotta
Ayodele Hayes-Tubbs	Richard Lee McConnell	Jennifer Michelle Rosa
Julia Healy	Sharmin Member	Madison Marie Routh
Norton Kelin Helton	Cristina Alejandra Mendoza	Kenyatta Karee Ruff
Alexander Scott Hesser	Romero	Delphy Bonzo Sabu
Allison Hetzler	Karen Asiamah Mensah	Pelagie Kouaze Salami
Mitchell Wing Leun Ho	Lindsey M. Merk	Hammad Saleem
Quynh Phuong Ho	Claire Meyer	Amy Renee Schroeder
Julie Hofmanova	Evan Christopher Miller	Hunter Schulte
Neil Craig Hohenstein	Tekoa Rozia Miller	Asia Ebony Scott
Curtis Roy Homann	Nabeela Mohsen	Jami Sue Severino
Haylee Louise Hornback	Joseph Allen Monke	Somya Sharma
Alicia Howard	Jocelyn M. Morales	Patrick Deon Sheard
Zachary Hoyle	Jeffrey E. Murphy	Amanda Lee Sheppard
Adnan Imtairah	Mohamed Nawara	Nathan Thomas Shockey

Shae Machel Simmons  
Jason Ajay Singh  
Ashley Sledge  
April Diana Smith  
Tanya Michelle Smith  
Timothy Smith  
Matthew Lon Spurgin  
Rachel Lauren Steidinger  
Susan Stellflue  
Preston Allen Stemmons  
Suzanne Stephens  
Kimberly A. Stolba  
Jason Thomas Suchon

Omar Taha  
Andrei Christopher Tarter  
Noah Arthur Tegeler  
David Edward Tennant  
Lincoln Phillip Benjamin  
Thomas  
Mridula Sara Thundathil  
Milica Topalovic  
Carlos Torres-Lopez  
Delaney Ann Tucker  
Stormy N. Udell  
Bryan Dalton Vance  
Alexander John Vergara

Nathan Stephen Volpe  
Michelle C. Ware  
Merritt Lee Weese  
Justin Weinert  
Lucas Wengler  
Bethany Rae Wescott  
Jasmine T. Whitt  
Brinton Geoffrey Wilkey  
Lataghia Tatyana Williams  
Jack Dylan Winterbauer  
Justin T. Wood  
Cynthia Amlan Yao Gnahore  
Syed Javed Hasan Zaidi

## Master of Public Administration

Daniel Adjei-Mantey  
Tolga James Barutcu  
Alexandria Bishop  
Andrew Boylson  
Zachary Michael Broughton  
Paul Philip Brown  
Allison D. Bundy  
Jennifer Carlson  
Avangelina Victoria Cazares  
Barbara Crankson  
Madaline Rose Cunningham-Reidy  
Ayauly Daulet  
Laci Dewater

Emanuelwel Louese Edwards  
Richard Gennaro Evans  
Kevin Richard Fricke  
Jason R. Greer  
Louis Guene  
Melissa Sarah Haas  
Clarence Albert Jackson  
Joseph Daniel Lamberson  
Nancy K. Lawin  
Lauren Shanell Legaspi  
Lizette Victoria Leon  
Joshua Devon Maubach  
Gabriel McLeod  
Gameelah Mohamed

Grace Marie Nance  
Thi Tra My Nguyen  
Kenneth Chidubem Nwume  
Daniel Patterson O'Brien  
Wole Solomon Olamijulo  
Daniel Poth  
Heidi Ruehle  
Kelsey Lynn Shanle  
Amanda Ann Stosiek  
Luke Christopher Surdel  
Rachel Irene Thomas  
Susan Elizabeth Wheeler  
Geneva Wright

## Master of Public Health

Olusegun Adebolaji Adekalu  
Oluwaseun Ayo Afolabi  
Abhishekitha Sai Annavarapu  
David Otitololuwa Ariba  
Manisha Attaluri  
Casem Ballouk  
Tnya Beasley

Deepthi Virajitha Bere  
Hitankshi Bhavesh Changani  
Parth Abherajbhai Chaudhari  
Tejaskumar Rajeshbhai Chauhan  
Kushalbhai Laljibhai Gadhadara  
Srushti Ghanshyamgiri Gosai  
Aditi Prafulgiri Goswami

Gurarpan Kaur  
Joy Ene Inalegwu  
Sahreen Irshad  
Pa Seedy Jammeh  
Urja Nimitkumar Joshi  
Talent Kamchybekov  
Areeba Khan

Stacie Lynn Kutzbach	Dhruv Alkeshkumar Patel	Aniket Ketankumar Shah
Kaneesha Lewis	Krima Dipakbhai Patel	Suhani Jagdishbhai Shingala
Archanaben Gajendrasinh	Krina Maheshbhai Patel	Tesfatsion Woldetsadik
Mahida	Mahiben Dashrathbhai Patel	Shiweredo
Saadhna Tharannum	Pari Rambhai Patel	Rabiatu Siaka
Mohammed	Shikha Dharmeshkumar Patel	Vighnesh Hasit Trivedi
Satwika Muddasani	Kara G. Pattie	Harsh Chetankumar Vyas
Dhruthasree Gupta Mukka	Hinal Sureshbhai Prajapati	Amber M. Weber
Aparna Nadhirigari	Pankti Dhirenkumar Prajapati	Geneva Wright
Abisola Mercy Olowofeso	Punit Narendrakumar Raval	Zainab Yaseen
Olaitan Abiodun Olukunga	Shanmuka Rao Sanapala	Udoka Young-Onuegbu
Aditi Sanjaykumar Patel	Damilola Sherifat Shaba	

## Master of Public Policy

Emma Elizabeth Curry	Emma Lantz	April Meili Rosche
Bethany Anne Grim	Joshua Daniel Perkins	Rachael Louise Rosenstengel
Ella Kramer	Madison Elise Ratliff	

## Master of Science

Afia Abbas	Zachary Jon Alumbaugh	Asher Baca
Natnael Abebe	Omar Alzoubi	Sarath Chandra Balla
Hassan Abouelkheir	Ammar	Stacey Kathleen Baltz
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# Faculty Emeriti

The bestowal of Professor Emeritus status is a recognition of the value the University places on the experience, knowledge, and ability of its retiring faculty. This status is awarded in accordance with the University of Illinois statutes and University of Illinois Springfield policy. The following individuals have been selected to receive Faculty Emeritus status this year.

## **Beverly Bunch**

Beverly Bunch earned a doctorate in public policy analysis from Carnegie-Mellon University in 1988. She joined the University of Illinois Springfield faculty in 2001 as tenured Associate Professor in the Department of Public Administration (now the School of Public Management and Policy) with a joint appointment in the Center for State Policy and Leadership. She was promoted to professor in 2012. Professor Bunch primarily taught graduate courses in public budgeting, capital budgeting and intergovernmental relations. Her scholarship focused on state and local government finance and community action, resulting in approximately 25 journal articles, a coauthored book, “Community Action Leaders: Rooting Out Poverty at the Local Level” (Routledge, 2017), and applied research conducted in partnership with organizations including the Volcker Alliance.

Dr. Bunch contributed extensively to university leadership and service, including 3.5 years as a Faculty Associate in the Provost’s Office and Chancellor’s Office. She served on numerous committees at the university level, including the University Planning and Budget Committee; the Committee on Belonging, Dignity, and Justice; the Graduate Student Recruiting Committee; the Center for Faculty Excellence Advisory Board; and the Search Committee for the UIS Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration. Her professional and civic engagement includes service on the Board of Trustees for the Citizens Club of Springfield and as a board member of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program.

## **Vickie Cook**

Vickie Cook earned a doctorate in higher education administration from Capella University in 2004 and joined UIS as an adjunct faculty member. She was appointed assistant professor of educational leadership in 2006 and—when her full-time responsibilities took her elsewhere—continued to teach for UIS part-time until her return in 2013. Over the course of her administrative career, Dr. Cook held an appointment as associate research professor and ultimately research professor in the School of Education, receiving meritorious teaching recognition in the Department of Educational Leadership.

Dr. Cook demonstrated a sustained commitment to excellence in teaching, leadership and service through interim leadership of Educational Leadership and Teacher Education during multiple transitional periods. Her university administrative roles included executive director of the Center for Online Learning, Research and Service (COLRS) and, most recently, vice chancellor for Enrollment and Retention Management.

A nationally recognized scholar in generational learning, online education and artificial intelligence in enrollment management, Dr. Cook has earned numerous honors, including the Mildred B. and Charles A. Wedemeyer Award (2024), the Illinois Council on Continuing and Higher Education Award (2018), selection as a Fellow of the Online Learning Consortium and the University of Illinois President’s Executive Leadership Program (2017).

## **Karl McDermott**

Karl McDermott joined the faculty of the Department of Accountancy (now Accounting, Economics and Finance) in 2008. He earned his doctorate in economics from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, a master’s in public utility economics from the University of Wyoming and a bachelor’s in economics from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. During his tenure, Dr. McDermott made significant contributions to academic leadership, teaching and student engagement as the Ameren Distinguished Professor of Business and Government in the College of Business and Management.

He taught a wide range of economics courses, participated in the Capital Scholars Honors Program (CAP) and developed a 400-level Engaged Citizenship Common Experience (ECCE) course for all College of Business and Management undergraduates. At the college level, he served as chair of the Accounting, Economics and Finance Department and led the Curriculum Executive Committee. His university service included the UIS Campus Senate, the University Senates Conference, the Tenure Review Committee and the General Education Review Committee.

Dr. McDermott cofounded the Center for Business Regulation (CBR), which organized conferences and training for the public utility sector at the state, national and international levels. He also testified before state regulatory commissions and in court proceedings.

# The Academic Costume

The academic costume worn at American university exercises has its origin in medieval times. The general garment worn by all, at the time, was a gown or robe, a cape with attached hood (cowl) worn over the gown for warmth, and a cap. Color and other adornments added to the garments indicated social status or wealth. The attire worn by students and teachers was strongly influenced by the cathedrals near the center of study. As schools grew in size and diversity of subjects, teacher guilds began designating their field of study by color, and the color of the garments took on an additional designation. By the 14th century, a cap, *pileus quadratus* (four-cornered cap), became the standard head dress. Through time, these vestments changed in style but the three items, the cap, gown, and hood, remain in academic costumes.

**THE CAP:** The *pileus quadratus* went through its own changes. Originally introduced in Paris, the four corners were long and hung down over the head. Later, the corners were pointed upright and then were stiffened outward by a board (the mortar board). The mortar board, or Oxford style, is the traditional cap worn in American universities.

The cap is black in American universities and is constructed of cloth, with velvet reserved for the doctorate. Various items have been attached to the cap, but the tassel is now standard. The color of the tassel is black for any degree, with gold metallic thread restricted to doctors and governing officials. Occasionally, the color of the tassel will indicate honors.

**THE GOWN:** The cut of the gown designates the degree. The gown color in American universities—except Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Princeton, and a few others—is black. The bachelor's degree gown is relatively simple, falling in straight lines and distinguished by long pointed sleeves. The master's gown is also relatively straight, but the arm opening is at the elbow, allowing the rest of the sleeve to hang down. Until 1960, the arm emerged through a slit at the elbow, a sleeve was added which closes at the wrist. The original sleeve still hangs down to about the knee. The doctor's gown is rather elaborate, marked by bell sleeves with three velvet bars and velvet panels around the neck and down the front. The cut is also fuller than other gowns. The sleeve bars and trim may be black or of subject color.

**THE HOOD:** Of the three components of academic costume, the hood conveys the most information. The level of the degree is indicated by the length of the hood and the width of the trim. The bachelor's hood is three feet long with two-inch velvet trim, the master's is three and one-half feet long with three-inch trim, and the doctor's is four feet long with five-inch trim. At UIS, bachelor's degree candidates do not wear hoods.

The color of the trim indicates the subject area of the degree: white signifies Arts; peacock blue signifies Public Administration, tan for Business Administration, salmon pink for Public Health, light blue for Education, pink for Music, scarlet for Theology, lemon for Library Science, and so on. There are 35 such designations.

The final information conveyed by the hood is the institution that awarded the degree to the wearer. The color designation for UIS is a royal blue field with a white chevron. Each school has its own color designator. For example, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is a navy blue field with two orange chevrons. Although there is an attempt not to overlap color designators, a number of schools may have the same colors. For example, 39 universities in addition to UIS have royal blue field with white chevron.

**The colored cords** worn by participants identify students as scholars of distinction who have demonstrated a commitment to learning at a high level of achievement. It is believed by some historians that the wearing of honors cords is older and more traditional than the stoles that are also used by Greek honor societies since the cord recalls the teaching and contemplative orders of the Middle Ages when members of these honor societies wore knotted cords to remind them of their duties. The students who wear these honors cords in our commencement ceremonies today symbolize the University of Illinois Springfield's historical success in attracting capable students who are exemplary scholars committed to a life of learning.

# Development of the Campus

The University of Illinois Springfield is located on 746 acres on the southeast side of the capital city, near Lake Springfield.

**Legacy Campus**, built in the early 1970s, is home to the university's first buildings. Originally intended as "temporary," these buildings have been renovated for many purposes over the years. Among their current occupants are Health Services, Diversity Center, NPR Illinois radio, Cox Children's Center, art studios and music rehearsal rooms, Human Resources, and the exercise science, athletic training, and nursing academic programs.

**Norris L Brookens Library** was completed in 1975. A major learning/resource center designed to support the university's academic programs, the library also houses Brookens Auditorium; the Center for Online Learning, Research and Service; and the Center for Academic Success and Advising.

**Public Affairs Center**, opened in 1980, houses the College of Public Affairs and Education, the university's administrative offices, the Center for State Policy and Leadership, and the UIS Performing Arts Center, which hosts more than 100 music, theater and dance performances annually.

**Health and Sciences Building**, opened in 1992, houses UIS biological and physical sciences and the computer science program in high-tech labs. The building is also home to the College of Health, Science and Technology and the UIS Visual Arts Gallery.

**Lincoln Residence Hall**, completed in 2001, is a residential facility for freshmen and sophomores.

**University Hall**, opened in 2004, is home to the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, College of Business and Management, and the offices within the Division of Enrollment and Retention Management, including Admission, Financial Aid and Office of the Registrar.

**The Recreation and Athletic Center**, opened in 2007, houses a sports arena, fitness facilities, and an indoor track. The arena is home to the UIS Prairie Stars men's and women's basketball teams and the volleyball team.

**Founders Residence Hall**, opened in 2008, houses freshmen and sophomores. The 200-bed facility also features classrooms, the Esports Arena and the administrative offices of the Division of Student Affairs.

**UIS Student Union**, opened in January 2018 on the south end of the quad. The two-story, 50,000-square-foot facility is a hub for student life and fosters a sense of community on campus. It includes dining services, a coffee shop, a ballroom, the Student Leadership Center, volunteer offices and workspaces for student organizations.

**Library Commons**: Currently under construction and scheduled to open in fall 2027, this publicly funded, 52,000-square-foot building will be located on the quad between the Student Union and the Health Sciences Building. It is designed as a one-stop hub for student support, combining the library, the Center for Academic Success and Advising, the Career Development Center and Information Technology Services and will feature study spaces and a 100+ seat flexible classroom.

# About University of Illinois Springfield

The University of Illinois Springfield was established in 1970 as Sangamon State University and became the third university in the University of Illinois System in 1995. For its first 30 years, the university was an “upper division” university, enrolling only juniors, seniors and graduate students. It quickly became renowned for its focus on serving the needs of adults who wanted to finish their undergraduate degrees or earn a master’s degree.

UIS enrolled its first class of Capital Scholars Honors freshmen in 2001 and then expanded the freshman class significantly in the fall of 2006. With today’s graduating class, UIS now has over 46,000 alumni worldwide. UIS enrolls more than 4,300 students annually with more than 100 programs of study.

UIS is a place where leadership is lived every day by faculty, staff and students, who have an abundance of opportunities to collaborate in a supportive community environment. The result is a graduating class comprising today’s and tomorrow’s leaders.

## Congratulations to all of our graduates.

Professional photography was provided today by GradImages. Questions regarding photographs should be addressed directly to GradImages ([gradimages.com](http://gradimages.com)). Photographs of today’s ceremonies will also be available on the UIS Commencement website ([uis.edu/commencement](http://uis.edu/commencement)).

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