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School of Education Spring 2025 Graduates

Congratulations Future Teachers and Leaders!

Lillian Elizabeth Alderman

Preferred Pronouns: She/Her

License: Elementary Education
and LBS1

Future Plans: Elementary
Teacher for District 186



Brooke Biffar

Preferred Pronouns: She/Her

License: Bachelors of Elementary Education LBS1

Future Plans: 1st Grade Teacher

Awards: Cap Honors (2021-2025)



Asia Dillon

Preferred Pronouns: She/Her

License: Elementary Education
Professional Educator License

Future Plans: Elementary
Teacher



Mary Grubb

Preferred Pronouns: She/Her

License: Middle Grades Math Teaching License

Future Plans: Full-time Middle School Math Teacher

Awards: PATI Scholar, KDP, Frankenfeld Scholarship, Melinda and Alfred LaBarre Scholarship, Rebekha Scott Servant Leaders Scholarship, Bruce P. and Laura M. Miller Scholarship



Umu Kulsum Ibrahim

Preferred Pronouns: She/Her

License: M.A in Educational Leadership

Future Plans: Teacher-District 186 (Matheny-Withrow Elementary School)

Awards: John E. Erickson Scholarship Recipient



Lauren Ladage

Preferred Pronouns: She/Her

License: English with a minor in
Secondary Education,
Secondary English Language
Arts (PEL)

Future Plans: English III Teacher
at Auburn High



Clement Okoduwa

License: Educational Leadership

Future Plans: Workforce/pursue a second Masters degree

Awards: Masters in Educational Leadership



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Erin Parton

Preferred Pronouns: She/Her

License: Elementary Education

Future Plans:
Elementary/English Language
Arts Teacher



Sobia Paul

Preferred Pronouns: She/Her

License: Middle school ELA

Future Plans: Work in the local
School District 150

Awards: Cum Laude-NSLS



Toni L Peel

Preferred Pronouns: She/Her

License: Elementary Education

Future Plans: 1st Grade Teacher
at Little Flower School



Lauren Pumphrey

Preferred Pronouns: She/Her

License: Elementary Education (1-6)
Educational Psychology

Future Plans: 4th Grade Teacher at
Chatham Elementary School

Awards: Lincoln Merit Scholarship (4 years),
The Gordon and INa Roberts on
Scholarship (2 years), William and Mary
Schnirring Scholarship (1 year) CAST
certification



America Purdon

Preferred Pronouns: She/Her

License: Elementary Education

Future Plans: Being an
Elementary Educator



Callen Reitz

Preferred Pronouns: She/Her

License: Elementary Education LBS1

Future Plans: As of right now, I am hoping to get a job within Southern/Central Illinois in an Elementary School. I would prefer to be a 1st grade teacher but will love any ages.

Awards: Bartlett PATI Scholarship, Hurwitz PATI Scholarship, PATI Scholarship



Lindsey Rudd

Preferred Pronouns: She/Her

License: Elementary Education,
Masters in Special Education with
General Administrative
Endorsement

Future Plans: Hopes to become a
principal in the near future



Kaleb Robert Rutter

Preferred Pronouns: He/Him

License: Elementary Education
Degree. ILTS License

Future Plans: Elementary
School Teacher

Shayla Turner

Preferred Pronouns: She/Her

License: Elementary:
Secondary Education English

Future Plans: Chicago public
schools paraprofessional and
substitute

Emily VanBruwaene

Preferred Pronouns: She/Her

License: Elementary Education

Future Plans: Elementary
Teacher 1-4 Grade



Hannah Lindsay Williams

Preferred Pronouns: She/Her

License: Elementary Education with
Special Education Endorsement

Future Plans: Continue my Masters
degree in Educational Leadership at
UIS and find a teacher job in a small
town!

Awards: Deans List

Paige Williams

Preferred Pronouns: She/Her

License: Bachelors in
Elementary Education

