University of Illinois Springfield

51st Annual Commencement

Saturday, May 14, 2022
Greetings

Donald J. Edwards
Chairman, University of Illinois Board of Trustees

On behalf of the University of Illinois Board of Trustees, and as a proud alumnus of the U of I System, I am honored to bring greetings and congratulations to the Class of 2022!

You have been through so much to reach today’s milestone, juggling your studies with the historic challenges of a global pandemic. In the process, you have done even more than achieve your dreams. You have also helped make our universities among the safest in our nation – a model for our peers – and I am deeply grateful for your understanding, your cooperation and your sacrifice.

Although it has been a few years since I was in the seat you are in today, I still remember the mix of excitement and anxiety I felt, not knowing exactly what the future might hold. That feeling is understandable. But rest assured that the world-class education you received here, in and out of the classroom, has given you the foundation to succeed and flourish.

As you head off to make your mark on the world, know you carry a bond that forever connects you to your years on this remarkable campus. You are joining one of the world’s largest alumni networks – nearly 800,000 strong from across the U of I System’s three, best-in-class universities. As our alumni have since our founding over 150 years ago, I hope you will carry our flag with pride. Your successes will carry us forward, adding to our global reputation for excellence and attracting the new generations of students who want to follow in your footsteps.

I hope you will come back to campus often – to share your achievements, your experiences and your insights. And as you are out there changing and improving society, the entire world over, know that all of us you have left behind will be working for you, ensuring that the value and prestige of the degree you worked so hard to earn continues to grow.

Congratulations again, Class of 2022!

Dr. Timothy L. Killeen
President, University of Illinois

Congratulations, graduates!

There are a small handful of days in life that you never forget. From my own experience, I can tell you that today is one of them, so I hope you savor every minute of it.
Greetings to the Class of 2022!

I am thrilled to be celebrating this milestone moment—your commencement, and our first in-person traditional ceremony in three years—with you, your loved ones and your UIS family. You are participating in an important rite of passage that universities have honored for centuries, and throughout my 40-year career in higher education, Commencement has been an annual highlight for me. The opportunity to see years of hard work culminate in a day of joy and celebration is as equally heart-warming as it is inspiring.

YOU made today possible, and I am so proud of your hard work and dedication! I’m also grateful to the faculty and staff of UIS and to the family and friends who helped you get to this momentous day. We are all here to honor you and celebrate your achievements.

The vision of UIS is to provide a pathway to opportunity, a catalyst for change and a space of possibility where as graduates you transform your local and global communities. Wherever you go and whatever you do, I hope the lessons of leadership you have learned at UIS will serve you well.

Please accept my heartfelt best wishes to you and to all who are celebrating with you today. Congratulations on earning your degree!
Rikeesha V. Phelon, ’99 PAA, MA ’05 LAS
Chair, University of Illinois Springfield Alumni Board

Welcome to the UIS Alumni Association! This supportive and global alumni community of more than 45,000 graduates is united by rich traditions of loyalty, excellence and service to society.

Your graduation is just the beginning of an exciting journey. It’s a time to celebrate and give thanks to those who have supported or helped you along the way. It’s a time to embrace the opportunities before you. Your degree will open doors which you never knew existed, and allow you to pursue your life’s dreams, passions and ambitions.

Be confident in knowing you share a connection with over 810,000 living graduates of the University of Illinois System, a powerhouse for education and discovery, and widely recognized as among the most innovative university systems in the world. Wherever life takes you, you’ll be among those who share the common bond of the University of Illinois degree, and who are making a difference in their neighborhoods, communities and the world.

Make sure to display your diploma! You earned it – be proud and show the world you’re a graduate of UIS, and what it means to you. Education is to be celebrated.

Help recruit a new student to UIS! You know exactly what it takes to succeed. The value of our degree will continue to grow with intelligent, hardworking students from diverse backgrounds coming through the doors of our alma mater.

Finally, join UIS Unite! It’s our brand new online community connecting alumni and students for career success and community. Expand your professional network, learn new skills, find your next great hire or your next great job at unite.uis.edu.

Congratulations, Class of 2022! Work hard. Be bold. Stay true. Be UIS.
2022 Commencement Ceremonies

Processional

Pomp and Circumstance Nos. I and IV by Elgar
(Audience is asked to remain seated during the processional)
Heather Dell, Grand Marshal*
Platform Party
Faculty
Students

Musical Selections

Star Spangled Banner by Francis Scott Key
Illinois, Illinois by Archibald Johnson/Charles Chamberlin
Performed by Meredith E. Crifasi, Class of 2022 (12:30 p.m. ceremony)
Brooke Seacrist, Class of 2022
Matthew McKenney, Class of 2023 (5:30 p.m. ceremony)

Opening Remarks

Karen M. Whitney, Interim Chancellor

Greetings From the University of Illinois Board of Trustees
Sarah Phalen, Trustee, BA ’93 and MBA ’99 CBM alumna

Greetings from the President
Timothy L. Killeen, President, University of Illinois (5:30 p.m. ceremony)

Introduction of Student Commencement Speaker
Ann Comerford, Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Remarks to Fellow Graduates
Antone Evans, Jr., Class of 2022 (12:30 p.m. ceremony)
Jocelyn Nelson, Class of 2022 (5:30 p.m. ceremony)

Presentation of Doctoral Degree Candidates
Dennis Papini, Provost/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (5:30 p.m. ceremony)

Conferring of Doctoral Degrees
Timothy L. Killeen, President, University of Illinois (5:30 p.m. ceremony)
2022 Commencement Ceremonies

Presentation of Master’s Degree Candidates
Dennis Papini, Provost/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Conferring of Master’s Degrees
Karen M. Whitney, Interim Chancellor (12:30 p.m. ceremony)
Timothy L. Killeen, President, University of Illinois (5:30 p.m. ceremony)

Presentation of Bachelor’s Degree Candidates
Dennis Papini, Provost/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Conferring of Bachelor’s Degrees
Karen M. Whitney, Interim Chancellor (12:30 p.m. ceremony)
Timothy L. Killeen, President, University of Illinois (5:30 p.m. 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 p.m. ceremony)
College of Business and Management (5:30 p.m. ceremony)
College of Education and Human Services (5:30 p.m. ceremony)
College of Public Affairs and Administration (5:30 p.m. ceremony)

Closing Remarks
Karen M. Whitney, Interim Chancellor

Recessional
Pomp and Circumstance Nos. I and IV by Elgar
(Students and audience are asked to remain seated during the recessional)
Heather Dell, 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; Hannah Meisel, Statehouse Editor, NPR Illinois
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**

**Accountancy**
- Allie N. Fry – B.A.
- Jessica A. Simmons – M.A.

**Business Administration**
- Menno Servaes – B.B.A.
- Olivia N. Klein – M.B.A.

**Economics**
- Rommel C. Shaw – B.A.

**Management Information Systems**
- Kairlyn J. Kemper – B.S.
- Apoorva Acharya Lingachar – M.S.

**College of Education and Human Services**

**Education**
- Ellen Linderman – M.A.

**Educational Leadership**
- Paula Marie Stewart – M.A.

**Elementary Education**
- Nyla Y. Cooper – B.A.

**Middle Grades**
- Grace Negron – B.A.

**Human Development Counseling**
- Ashley Pruitt – M.A.

**College of Liberal Arts and Sciences**

**Athletic Training**
- Malcolm Taylor – M.A.

**Biology**
- Angelina M. Einert – B.S.

**Biochemistry**
- Becky Lynn Rose – B.S.

**Chemistry**
- Matthew Joseph Lapsley – B.S.

**Communication**
- April Bergman – B.A.
- Claire Starling – M.A.

**Computer Science**
- Zelal S. Mustafaoglu – B.S.
- Antone J. Evans, Jr. – M.S.

**Data Analytics**
- Adam S. Avalos – M.S.

**English**
- Alison W. Pfaff – B.A.
- Cindy M. Daugherty – M.A.

**Exercise Science**
- Daniel J. Mahony – B.S.

**History**
- Anna M. Curry – B.A.
- Katie L. Brethorst – M.A.

**Information Systems Security**
- Meredith M. Niermann – B.S.

**Liberal and Integrative Studies**
- Amilyn M. Gabbard – M.A.

**Liberal Studies**
- Michelle J. De Sutter – B.A.

**Mathematical Sciences**
- Rachel Nicole Huls – B.A.

**Medical Laboratory Sciences**
- Mildred L. Wallace – B.S.

**Philosophy**
- Kathleen Conlon Wasik – B.A.

**Psychology**
- Christa Cheyenne Willoughby – B.A.

**Sociology/Anthropology**
- Skye Williams – B.A.

**Visual Arts**
- Hasani A. Cannon – B.A.

**College of Public Affairs and Administration**

**Criminology and Criminal Justice**
- Yelixa Lopez – B.A.

**Environmental Sciences**
- Grace DeCarlo – M.S.

**Environmental Studies**
- Abigail Way – B.A.

**Global Studies**
- Angelica M. Linaries – B.A.

**Legal Studies**
- Claire E. Oettel – B.A.
- Abigail R. Smallman – M.A.

**Political Science**
- Taryn M. Christy – B.A.
- True Merritt – M.A.

**Public Administration**
- Danielle P. Kyle – M.P.A.
- Joseph J. Schweickert – D.P.A.

**Public Affairs Reporting**
- Taylor A. Vidmar – M.A.

**Public Health**
- Benjamin C. Fletcher – M.P.H.
Graduate Academic Honors Awards

Andrew J. Adams ........................... Outstanding Student in Public Affairs Reporting
Caitlin K. Anderson ........................ Outstanding Graduate Student in Political Science
Queen Doreen Bassey ........................ Outstanding Academic Achievement
David Bone ................................. Outstanding Student in Accounting
Karlee Brimberry ............................ Outstanding Student in Human Development Counseling
Paige V. Brogan ............................. Outstanding Legal Studies Student
Seth T. Carlton ............................... Outstanding Student in Computer Science
Jesus Castillo ............................... Outstanding Masters of Business
Jonathan D. Clement ....................... Outstanding Student in Computer Science
Susan DeBoer ............................... Outstanding Graduate Student in Human Services
Kate Dumstroff ............................. Service to the Program
Jawad S. Hussein ............................ Outstanding Student in Management Information Systems
Chelsea A. McGlothlin ..................... Outstanding Capstone in Education
Frank B. Policht ............................ Outstanding Student in Data Analytics
Aimee J. Rabeler ............................. Outstanding Masters of Business
Mohammad Rashed ........................ Outstanding Student in Management Information Systems
Edward Rose ................................. Scholarship to the Discipline
Denise C. Sagendorph ..................... Outstanding Student in Data Analytics
Elizabeth L. Seils .......................... Outstanding Student in Public Affairs Reporting
Stanley J. Sharkey ........................ Outstanding Graduate Student in Political Science
Abigail R. Smallman ....................... Outstanding Legal Studies Student
Jocie Steinke ................................. Outstanding Student in Environmental Sciences
Paula Marie Stewart ...................... Outstanding Capstone in Educational Leadership
Andrew J. Stokes .......................... Outstanding Student in Environmental Sciences
Kaitlyn M. Thornhill ....................... Outstanding Student in Accounting
Catherine J. Weightman-Moore .......... Outstanding Graduate Student in Human Services
Susan Zwiebel .............................. Outstanding Academic Achievement
Student Walk Order

Students will be grouped by program (degree/major) within their respective college as indicated below.

12:30 p.m. Ceremony

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

*Dr. Lan Dong, Interim Dean*

- Athletic Training (Master’s)
- Biochemistry (Bachelor’s)
- Biology (Bachelor’s)
- Chemistry (Bachelor’s)
- Communication (Master’s, Bachelor’s)
- Computer Science (Master’s, Bachelor’s)
- Data Analytics (Master’s)
- English (Master’s, Bachelor’s)
- Exercise Science (Bachelor’s)
- History (Master’s, Bachelor’s)
- Information Systems Security (Bachelor’s)
- Liberal & Integrative Studies (Master’s)
- Liberal Studies (Bachelor’s)
- Mathematical Sciences (Bachelor’s)
- Medical Laboratory Science (Bachelor’s)
- Philosophy (Bachelor’s)
- Psychology (Bachelor’s)
- Sociology/Anthropology (Bachelor’s)
- Visual Arts (Bachelor’s)

5:30 p.m. Ceremony

COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND ADMINISTRATION

*Dr. Robert Smith, Dean*

- Public Administration (Doctoral)
- Criminology and Criminal Justice (Bachelor’s)
- Environmental Sciences (Master’s)
- Environmental Studies (Bachelor’s)
- Global Studies (Bachelor’s)
- Legal Studies (Master’s, Bachelor’s)
- Political Science (Master’s, Bachelor’s)
- Public Administration (Master’s, Bachelor’s)
- Public Affairs Reporting (Master’s)
- Public Health (Master’s)
- Public Policy (Bachelor’s)

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

*James Ermatinger, Interim Dean*

- Education (Master’s)
- Educational Leadership (Post-Master’s, Master’s)
- Elementary Education (Bachelor’s)
- Human Development Counseling (Master’s)
- Human Services (Master’s)
- Middle Grades (Bachelor’s)
- Social Work (Bachelor’s)

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

*Dr. Somnath Bhattacharya, Dean*

- Accountancy (Master’s, Bachelor’s)
- Business Administration (Master’s, Bachelor’s)
- Economics (Bachelor’s)
- Management Information Systems (Master’s, Bachelor’s)
Honors are a means of recognizing and encouraging superior academic achievement among baccalaureate candidates. Final designation of honors is subject to change due to final semester grades.

✦✦✦ Summa cum laude
✦✦ Magna cum laude
✦ Cum laude
♦ Capital Scholars Honors Student

Doctor of Public Administration

Dris El Akrich
Jacqueline Lorraine Newman

Troy Gene Scott

Master of Arts

Charles A. Aaron
Andrew James Adams
Natty A. Akpulonu
Amy Aldy
Sheila Amegan
Caitlin Kristine Anderson
Kaila Archibald
Taylor Rebecca Avery
Caitlin Rose Barrett Patton
Aji Oumie Barrow
Grant Patrick Beeler
Elise Frances Scannell Black
Sarah Blalock
David Bone
Leigh Seely Brannan
Katie L. Brethorst
Karlee Renee Brimberry

Paige Valley Brogan
Jacob Morgan Brown
Derricka T. Brownlow
Callie Marie Brunswig
Rachel Emily Kathleen Carter
Lydia Jude Cernich
Aaron Il Cha
Lulu Cheng
Cynthia Annette Cherry
Alexis Jean Coffey
Desiree Andrea Childers
Kelly Renee Collinson
Daniel John Connolly
Megan Marie Cook
Nathan Lee Cooper
Jaycee Jo Craver
Cindy Michelle Daugherty

Jonathan Wesley Davis
Tia N. Davis
Susan DeBoer
Rebecca K. Dein
Melanie Tyler Demanes
Bernard Thomas Donovan
Kate Rose Dunsorff
Lorie Angela Dwyer
Blair Desloges Egan
Katherine Farrell
Patricia Lynn Fenton
Brooke Renea Ferrer
Dustin Chavez Fletcher
Angela Noel Ford
Jacqueline R. Foster
Amilyn M. Gabbard
Maria Cristina Gardner

Certificate of Advanced Studies

Barbara Elizabeth Ballard
Terrance DeWayne Jordan

Kylee Marie Orr
Bradley John Polanin

Lisa Leigh Schuenke
Candi Jo Shaver
Jacob C. Tebbe
Carlis Lichelle Thomas
Kaitlyn Marie Thornhill
Lauren Mary Toner
Angelica Marie Torres
Carla Marie Townsend
Robin Crystal Vaughn
Deena M. Vecchiolo
Taylor Ann Marie Vidmar
Catherine Jane Weightman-Moore
Roderick A. Whiteside
Courtney Wiedeman
Jasmin Lashonda Woolfolk
Albert Zangrilli
Cameron Nathaniel Zunkel

Master of Athletic Training

Alexandra Marie Lauer
Ryan Richard Margold
Malcolm Jamison Taylor

Master of Business Administration

Fuad Bamidele Abina
Rebecca Ann Allan
Richard Alexander Anglin
Laura Lynn Arnold
Orevaoghene Ato
Jeremiah Robert Balz
James Patrick Belz
Lars Brinkman
James Robert Burke
Blake Jordon Carmichael
Jesus Castillo
David A. Choi
Ty Austin Clearwater
Kaitlin Dawn Coutsas
Kaj Braxton Days
Morgan Elizabeth Edwards
Glorianna Esarco
Gianmario David Falsone
Conal Edward Gallagher
Angela Gayle Gin
Argjend Gizha
Clayton Hamilton
Bradley Wade Harden
Erin Hartnett
Matthew David Haury
Robin Jesse Hendriks
Lanie Victoria Hicks
Sally Katherine Hixson
Sarah E. Holmes
Lauren Elizabeth Huffines
Jesse Robert Hutton
Amy S. Jenkins
Olivia Noelle Klein
Ashwin Kumar Komat Reddy
Kelsey Elaine Kottapu
Alexandra Magali Lucero
Badria Mohammed Luteify
Faiza M. Luteify
Mitchell Malcolm
Christopher G. Mathieu
Tytianna Unique Murray
Matthew Lee Nichols
Rachel G. Pace
Sydney N. Payne
Aimee Jacqueline Rabeler
Destiny Journet Ramsey
Chad Arthur Rickman
Frederick William Schaper
Clara Christine Schmidt
Cade Johnathan Sestak
Kristan Brianne Shaffer
Patrick James Shea
Madeline Claire St. Aubin
Elizabeth Rose Stehn
Ann Therese Stone
Johnathan H. Taylor
Dolores Marie Tellez
Lori-Ann Ashleigh Trusty
Alexander Lee Voigt
Chloe B. Watts
Kenton Sydne Wilson
Marvin Zott
Master of Public Administration

Kaelen Allen Ali
Brian Francis Becker
Marlene Berlan
Jennifer J. Berry
Moses Boateng
Robert Douglass Boyd
Diane Marie Boyle
Sarah Leah Boyle
Jason Dean Bradley
Wesley Edgar Bridges
Roy Lawrence Brown
Niccole D. Clements
Blake Dannehold
Samantha S. Doak
Steven B. Doggett
Christopher Jay Downey
Austin Warren Elliott
Karen Elizabeth Everingham
Mayowa Dorcas Fanu
John Charles Fermon
Ann Frederickson
Joseph Franklin Gallo
Alva Marina Gomez
Jenny Lynn Henderson
Elorm Kodzo Homawoo
Blake Cordell Hudson-Cecil
Seth P. Jansen
Aubrey Jarrett
James S. Johannsen
DeAmber Rochelle Jones
Danielle Patricia Kyle
Meghan Courtney McNamara
Cody R. Moake
Darren Thomas Monico
Taylor R. Moore
Gbenga Michael Osatuyi
Nathan Ray Painter
Aaron Keith Pearl-Cropp
Jade Elizabeth Petersen
Zachary Michael Price
Traci L. Quigg Thomas
Ryan C. Rizner
William Taylor Roark
Alfredo Martinez Rocha
Jack Ryan Roither
Amanda Lee Slack
Sravan Kumar Suryadevara
Reilly Nicole Tebrugge
Princess J. Walker
Cara Alyse Wewetzer
Nicole Elise White Jennings
Jared Young

Master of Public Health

Moyosooreoluwa Bukola Agunbiade
Olubukola Idowu Faturoti
Savannah Rae Leutz
Karissa Ann Miller
Andrea Nicastro
Chioma Nwachukwu
Waheed Oluwafemi Ogunwale
Brittani A. Provost
Susan Zwiebel

Oyindamola Odunola Ajala
Marie Cecilia Green

Janet Oluwakemi Ajiboso
Tyesha Andrea Jackson

Fawn W. Ames
Abubacarr Kambi

Queen Doreen Bassey
Sri Vani Kareti

Erin Aubrey Connolly
Alina Yemi Leigh

Blake Dannehold
Cody R. Moake

Samantha S. Doak
Taylor R. Moore

Christopher Jay Downey
Gbenga Michael Osatuyi

Austin Warren Elliott
Nathan Ray Painter

Karen Elizabeth Everingham
Alfredo Martinez Rocha

Wesley Edgar Bridges
Jack Ryan Roither

Roy Lawrence Brown
Amanda Lee Slack

Niccole D. Clements
Sravan Kumar Suryadevara

Blake Dannehold
Reilly Nicole Tebrugge

Samantha S. Doak
Princess J. Walker

Steven B. Doggett
Cara Alyse Wewetzer

Christopher Jay Downey
Nicole Elise White Jennings

Austin Warren Elliott
Jared Young
Master of Science

Sohome Adhikari
Rohith Kumar Reddy Adunoori
Beenish Ahmed
Karthik Aknapuram
Imran Alam
Eladio Aldana
Ravi Teja Alli
Rayshawn Dareon Allison
Arumugam Alwarappan
Benjamin George Takyi
Anane-Asamoah
Perry Andrysczyk
Razmik Artonian
Adam Stephen Avalos
Richard E. Baba
Whitney Barnes
Edward Barry
Andrew Bates
Matthew Bem
Nathan Anfernee Bethel
Amber Elizabeth Blackert
Keven Michael Blackman
Zakara Blanding
Mehar Chaithanya Bollina
Matthew Lane Boyd
Danielle Brown
Benjamin David Burger
Caroline Elisabeth Cady
Seth Tylar Carlton
Roland James Carter
Stephen Paul Reddy Chaganti
Rithesh Raj Chakraraj
Nikhila Chalasani
Thomas Champion
Sooraj Cherikaparambil
Sundar Rajan
Sridhar Chinappa
Jyothi Chinnam
Christopher Clark
Jonathan David Clement
Kira Clouse
William Blake Condre
McKayla Morgan Conners
Kevin Jacob Cox
Shawn J. Crahen
Lee Donald Crank
Dean Dinh Dang
Kenneth Frank Daquila
Tania H. Das
Grace Elizabeth DeCarlo
Zeyad Deeb
Dipendra Dhungana
Jamie Renee Diaz
Yibo Dong
Lynette Thatcher Dooley
Temitayo Olanike Duduyemi
Adam E. Eckert
Antone Jason Evans, Jr.
Ashley Christina Fairley
Jorge Felix
Nicholas Ferraz de Oliveira
Antonio Flores
William Cole Fortner
Lakulish Prakash Gandhi
Benjamin Robert Gardner
Laura A. Hardy
Eboni R. Harris
Madalyn Rosalie Hatch
James Hockley
Joy A. Hoffman
Mila Gaylene Hose
Brandon S. Hosley
Taylor Howe
Brian Irving
Elena S. Ivanova
John Edward Jacobsma
Appala Ramu Jagarapu
Hussein Saleem Jawad
Charles Robert Jenkins
Shashank Jeripothula
Harshit Kapoor
Bounnong Khamphoumy
Danish Sukhdev Singh Khara
Christine Hana Kim
Derek F. Koch
Karthikey Kumar Kodu
Liang Kong
Tejashree Kummari
Jennifer Lynn Kunkel
Tejesh Chandra Kuppili
Lakshmi Sai Dinesh Kurumilli
Rebecca Ann Leach
Nolan Kane Legg
Bachelor of Arts

Michael Aboud
Hasan Mohammed Alhazmi
Hannah Jeanette Anderson◆◆
Kristen A. Aretos◆◆◆
Daniela Arizmendi◆
Ximena Arroyo Estrada
Jalyssa Lynn Arthurs
Stephanie Nicole Attebery
Jacob Ryan Auge
Brandon Wayne Bailey
Sudura Barber◆◆
Allison Michelle Barker
Robert Dale Barnard
Saulo Isai Barrera◆◆
Maribel Barrios
Rigoberto Bedolla◆
Kelsey Rose Bentkowski◆◆
April Lynn Bergman◆◆◆
Rashid Adam Bibb◆
Krista Michelle Barron
Bivens◆◆◆
Christopher Matthew Bollero◆◆◆
Quinn Marie Bolliger
Evan William Bolt◆◆
Stephanie Lynn Bounds◆◆◆
Amanda Kay Brenizer
Libby J. Broy
Amanda Sue Bryan◆◆
Hunter W. Buchanan◆◆◆
Kinzy L. Buhrman
Sarah Beth Burris◆
Jacob J. Cacioppo◆◆◆
Jaylon J. Cal◆◆◆
Victor Calancea
Janice L. Caldwell◆◆◆
Courtney Lynn Campbell◆◆
Hasani Aa Cannon◆
Keely Christina Cardwell
Paige Cates
Justin Cawood◆◆
Taylor Lydia Cervantes◆
Sarah Anne Chicoine◆◆◆◆
Taryn M. Christy◆◆◆◆
Olufemi Josephine Claudius-Cole
Katie A. Clayton-Hustedde
Victoria J. Clinton◆◆
Myeisha J. Collier
Mitchell Todd Colonel◆◆
Kathleen Rose Conlon Wasik◆◆◆
Lauren Elizabeth Conroy◆◆◆
Katelyn R. Cook◆
Malia K. Cook-Artis
Nyla Y. Cooper◆◆◆
Brooks Casey Crawford◆
Kristin Anne Cullen◆
Anna M. Curry◆◆◆◆
Lawrence Michael Curtin
Mary Alice Dalsin◆◆
Kareena Elizabeth Dart◆◆◆◆
Keon Michael Day
Christyna De Lude◆◆
Michelle Jean De Sutter◆◆◆
Madelynn Ann Dean◆◆◆
Baileigh Ann Dien
Caitlin Marie Donovan◆
Romeo Drey Dovrilon◆
Hailey Brooke Dryden◆◆
Alexandria Lauren Dunn
Benjamin Thomas Eaker
Carl James Ellis
Melanie Kendra Enteman◆
William Fishburn◆◆◆
Dylan Thomas Foord
Allie N. Fry◆◆
Amon Deonte Fuller-Berry
Kiara D. Gaiter
Maggie C. Galloway◆
Ali Garcia
Stephanie Lynn Garrow◆◆◆
Baylee Nicole Geist
Margaret Anne George
Isabella Fulgenzi Giacomini
Ally Gietzel
Anthony L. Giordano◆◆
Katherine L. Goethals
Colton Hunter Goings◆◆◆
Catherine Gonzalez
Hunter Michelle Gourdie◆◆◆
Shanarie T. Grant
Brittnie Lynn Granville
Keyanna Green
Ashley Nicole Greving
Christine Groth◆◆◆
Evan Tyler Newell
Jonathon Garrett Nimmo
Emily Ann Noel
Daniela Umba Ntedika
Chelsea Lora Nuss
Davy Giovanni Nyudu
Matthew Taylor O’Brien
Claire Elizabeth Oettel
Anuoluwapo A. Olaniyan
Gabrielle Marie Oldani
Isabella Marie Oliver
Elisa Orellana
Anson L. Otto
Mayra Padilla
Taylor Makana Parriott
Patryk Janusz Pasek
Noah G. Patrick
Samone M. Patterson
Steven R. Patterson
Hayley Marie Payne
Kendra Mae Peifer
Kari Ann Pender
Jesse Alexander Perez
Dajah Perkins
Alison Watson Pfaff
Amanda Jean Phelps
Hannah Lillie Ann Piel
Karan P. Pithadiya
Kaitlin Beth Pottier
Dalton Montgomery Pratt
Ashley Prell
Anika Barbara Price-Tison
Neil Kurtis Pulicicchio
Zita Elizabeth Purnell
Adriana Quevedo Ochoa
Susan Theresa Racine
Lisa Marie Rankin
Emily Carol Rasmus
Manuel Raya Santos
Steven Thomas Reddy
Vanessa V. Reddy
Benjamin Paul Reinhart
Jeremy Mathew Reynolds
Stephanie Louise Reynolds
Samantha Leigh Rickman
Sierra Michele Roberts
Joshua Lavon Rowzee
Jennifer Marie Rush
Tyler Thomas Ryan
Sherri L. Saldana
Huda Samhan
Andrew James Sanders
Chance M. Sanders
Dylan Koehler Satterly
Blake Xan Sattler
Amanda Leigh Scattergood
Lindsey Marie Scherfl
Jacob Bradley Schmidt
Hayley Elizabeth Schwappach
Evon Grant Scott
Emily Ann Scudella
Brooke Seacrist
Ayako Sekiguchi
Rita Senhaji
Rommel Christopher Shaw
Elizabeth Mei Rose Shumake
Paul Alexander Simpson
Brianna Lynae Skeeters
Miranda Smith
Patrick A. Sogunro
Claire M. Sokol
Daisy Stephanie Solorzano
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Faculty Emeritus

The status of Faculty Emeritus is an honor awarded at retirement from the University to those faculty who have served the University well. 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.

Michael J. Lemke

Michael J. Lemke received his Ph.D. in Limnology from Michigan Technological University in 1992. After conducting post-doctoral research in Alabama and Ohio, he worked at Pace University in New York as an Assistant Professor before joining UIS in 1999. Dr. Lemke excelled in his career as a professor, deftly juggling the demands of student-centered teaching, service, and a rigorous research program with heavy student involvement. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 2003, and Full Professor in 2011. He received the University Scholars Award in 2003 and the Spencer Faculty Service Award in 2012. Dr. Lemke has been a Research Associate at the American Museum of Natural History since 2006. His service beyond the university includes serving on the editorial board of the journal *Microbial Ecology* and as state representative on MWGL Society for Ecological Restoration board. He has published over 35 peer-reviewed articles and taught across all course levels, from introductory biology to advanced ecology and evolution, both online and on ground. He served as primary advisor for 16 Master of Science students and over 20 undergraduate students.

Heather Dell

Heather Dell earned her Ph.D. in Cultural Anthropology at Duke University in 1999. She was Director of Women’s Studies at Rosemont College in Pennsylvania before joining the Department of Women and Gender Studies at UIS in 2000. Dr. Dell was awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor in 2006. She joined the Department of Sociology/Anthropology in 2021. Throughout her career at UIS, Dr. Dell was recognized as the epitome of the teacher-scholar model, integrating scholarship and teaching through a comparative approach to women’s experiences and activism in India, Nicaragua, Mexico, and other locations. Her expertise in international women’s issues, postcolonialism, and postmodern feminist theories contributed to curriculum in Women’s Studies, Sociology/Anthropology, Political Science, and the Capital Scholars Honors Program. In 2011, Dr. Dell received the Pearson Faculty Award for excellence in teaching. Her scholarship on women sex workers in India was the basis of highly regarded articles, chapters, and presentations. As a founding faculty member in Capital Scholars Honors and a member of the working group that developed UIS’ new general education curriculum in 2006, Dr. Dell helped to internationalize curriculum at UIS. Among her many contributions to the university, she served as Interim Associate Director of the Capital Scholars Honors Program, chair of Women and Gender Studies, and chair of the General Education Council.
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.
Ceremony Information

Accessible Seating is available on the Main and Mezzanine levels. Please see a Bank of Springfield Center staff member for assistance.

ATM 24-hour banking services are located throughout the downtown area.

Cell phones and electronic devices should be silenced upon entering as a courtesy to other guests and the graduating students.

Concessions will be open for your convenience. Please note concessions will close approximately 10 minutes prior to the beginning of each ceremony and will reopen after each ceremony begins.

Elevators to all levels are located in the main lobby.

Lost and Found items will be turned into the Bank of Springfield Center’s Administrative Office and may be collected after the event. Call 217-788-8800 for further information.

No Smoking In accordance with the Illinois Clean Air Act, smoking is not allowed anywhere in the Bank of Springfield Center.

Overflow Seating is available on the lower level.

Photography/Videotaping Persons wishing to videotape or take photos must remain seated.

Restrooms are located on the Main and Mezzanine levels in each corner and accessible restrooms are also located on those levels.

Webcast Each ceremony will be webcast at uis.edu.

A photograph of each graduate will be taken as the graduate meets the Chancellor. The photographer will also be available after each ceremony in the lower level of the Bank of Springfield Center.

Acknowledgments

Usher Services – The Sangamon Auditorium Volunteer Association has provided its services to assist with the ceremonies on behalf of the University of Illinois Springfield.

Volunteers – A special thank you to all of the students, faculty, staff, and alumni who have volunteered their time to help make today’s ceremonies special for graduates and their guests.
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. The campus comprises:

The 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, International Student Services, NPR Illinois radio, Illinois Issues magazine, a child care 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 College of Education and Human Services; the Center for Online Learning, Research and Service; and the Center for Academic Success.

Public Affairs Center opened in 1980. The building houses the College of Public Affairs and Administration, the university’s administrative offices, the Center for State Policy and Leadership, the Studio Theatre – home to UIS Theatre productions – and the UIS Performing Arts Center, which hosts more than 100 music, theater, and dance performances annually and is home to the Illinois Symphony Orchestra and Springfield Ballet Company.

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 UIS Visual Arts Gallery.

Lincoln Residence Hall, completed in 2001, is a state-of-the-art residential facility for freshmen and sophomores.

University Hall, opened in 2004, is home to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, College of Business and Management, and the offices within Enrollment Management, including Admission, Financial Assistance, Orientation, and Office of the Registrar.

The Recreation and Athletic Center, opened in 2007, houses a sports arena, fitness facilities, and an indoor running 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, is UIS’ second residence hall for freshmen and sophomores. The 200-bed facility also features classrooms and the offices of several student services. The hall has a green roof in order to conserve energy.

The UIS quad, located in the center of campus, features a colonnade, fountain, and the newest addition, a life-size sculpture of Abraham Lincoln, titled “The Young Lawyer.”

The UIS Student Union opened in January of 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 greater sense of community on the growing campus. It includes dining services, a coffee shop, a ballroom, a Student Leadership Center, volunteer offices and workspaces for student organizations.
About the 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 thirty 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 44,000 alumni worldwide.

UIS enrolls about 4,000 students and has 101 degree programs. UIS is a place where leadership is lived every day by faculty and students. They have an abundance of opportunities to collaborate in a very supportive community environment. The result is a graduating class comprised of 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). Photographs of today’s ceremonies will also be available on the UIS Commencement website (uis.edu/commencement).

Today’s ceremonies are also available on DVD. If you would like to purchase a ceremony DVD, contact the Office of Electronic Media at 217-206-6799.

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