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Commencement

IN OUR 167th Year

— 1850–2017 —

May 7, 2017

The Glenn and Rozanne P. Kemp Commencement Plaza
at State Farm Hall

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY
Cover Illustration: The Glenn and Rozanne P. Kemp Commencement Plaza, which sits astride the south face of the State Farm Hall classroom building, was made possible by a gift from the Kemp Family Foundation. State Farm Hall opened for classes in the fall of 2013.
Illinois Wesleyan was founded in 1850 by 30 civic and Methodist Church leaders. During its first year, preparatory classes were taught; collegiate studies began in 1851. Today, the University is an independent, residential liberal arts university, and exclusively undergraduate. Illinois Wesleyan enrolls approximately 1,900 students from 33 states and 24 countries. A highly selective institution, Wesleyan offers 81 majors, minors and programs in a unique curriculum that combines the liberal arts and sciences with professional schools of art, music, theatre and nursing.

Illinois Wesleyan has long had a commitment to diversity and inclusion. The Board of Trustees opened the University’s enrollment to African Americans in 1867, and in 1880, Gus A. Hill became the institution’s first African American graduate. The University’s first female student, Hannah I. Shur, earned her degree in 1872. Illinois Wesleyan’s first international students, Y. Osawa and K. Tanaka, arrived from Japan in 1889.

Another hallmark of the Illinois Wesleyan experience is the way that its faculty engage students inside and outside of the classroom. This tradition of faculty collaboration and engagement dates back to the institution’s earliest days when Civil War veteran, geologist, and explorer John Wesley Powell engaged his students in exploration and fieldwork in the Rocky Mountain region. Powell, who designed the University seal and coined its Knowledge and Wisdom motto, went on to become the director of the U.S. Geological Survey and later the first director of the Smithsonian Institution’s Bureau of Ethnology.

The Eckley Quadrangle, on which Commencement takes place, honors the University’s 15th president, the late Robert S. Eckley, and his wife, Nell, who served from 1968 until 1986. Degrees are conferred on the Kemp Commencement Plaza named in honor of alumni Glenn ’22 and Rozanne P. Kemp ’27, whose family has had strong ties to the University for more than four generations.

Presiding at this year’s Commencement will be Eric R. Jensen, who was named the University’s 19th president in 2015. Graduates of the Class of 2017 will join more than 21,000 Illinois Wesleyan alumni living in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and 52 countries around the world.
America The Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!

America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

— Katherine Lee Bates
(1859–1929)

Alma Wesleyana.

From hearts aflame our love we pledge to thee,
Where'er we wander over land or sea;
Through time unending loyal we will be —
True to our Alma Mater Wesleyan.

When college days are fully past and gone,
While life endures from twilight dream till dawn,
Grandly thy soul shall with us linger on —
Star-crowned our Alma Mater Wesleyan!

— Professor W. E. Schultz
(1887–1964)
Program

President Eric R. Jensen, Presiding
Professor Rebecca Gearhart Mafazy, Mace Bearer

Prelude  Illinois Wesleyan Wind Ensemble
Lev Ivanov, Conductor and Visiting Assistant Professor of Music

Music For a Festival
Overture
Intrada

Gordon Jacob
(1895–1984)

Address  Kathleen M. Murray ’79
“The Future Belongs to Those Who Believe in the Beauty of Their Dreams” — Eleanor Roosevelt

Conferring of Degrees

President Eric R. Jensen

Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students

Karla Carney-Hall
Leslie Betz ’93
Registrar

Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Victoria N. Folse ’86
Professor and Caroline F. Rupert Chair of Nursing

Bachelor of Fine Arts
Julie Johnson
Associate Professor and Interim Director of the School of Art

Thomas Quinn
Director and Associate Professor of Theatre Arts

Bachelor of Music and Mario J. Pelusi
Bachelor of Music Education Professor and Director of the School of Music

Provost Green

Invocation
Elyse Nelson Winger
University Chaplain

Invocation (please remain standing)

President’s Welcome
Eric R. Jensen
President

Invocation (remain standing)

President’s Welcome

Trustee Greetings
George A. Vinyard ’71
Chair, Board of Trustees

Remarks of Class President
Marrisa Cozzi ’17

Remarks of Class President (please stand and join in singing)

Faculty Reflections
Carolyn Jarvis
Professor of the School of Nursing
The 2017 Student Senate Professor of the Year

Faculty Reflections (please stand and join in singing)

Announcement of Honors
President Jensen

Announcement of Honors

Awarding of Honorary Degrees
President Jensen
Provost Green
Mr. Vinyard

Awarding of Honorary Degrees

Impromptu
Illinois Wesleyan Wind Ensemble

Recessional
Illinois Wesleyan Wind Ensemble
Procession of the Nobles
Nicolaï Rimsky-Korsakov
(1844–1908)
arr. Erik W.G. Leidzén

Recessional (remain standing)

Please turn off cell phones. Remain seated until all graduates have exited.
Kathleen M. Murray ’79
President, Whitman College, Walla Walla, Washington

Dr. Kathleen Murray, Class of 1979, is Whitman College’s 14th president and the first woman to head the liberal arts college — known for its vibrant Northwest locations and rigorous academics — since its founding in 1882. Dr. Murray began her presidency in July of 2015 and is overseeing development of a five-year strategic plan and the building of a new residence hall, as well as other major projects.

Dr. Murray has spent her career at liberal arts institutions. Before becoming Whitman’s president, she served as provost and dean of Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, from 2008 to 2015. There, she led the academic program, guiding planning for a new $70 million fine arts center, and playing a key role in the development of a new campus strategic plan. At Birmingham-Southern College in Alabama, she was provost and vice president for academic affairs, as well as a professor of music. She spent most of her professional career in academia at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin, first as a member of the piano faculty and department chair, then as the dean of the conservatory of music, and finally as dean of the faculty.

Dr. Murray graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University in 1979 with a bachelor’s degree in music. She then earned a master’s degree of music in piano performance from Bowling Green State University in 1982 and a doctorate in piano performance and pedagogy from Northwestern University in 1989.

She has authored more than a dozen articles on music and music education, has recorded on the CRI record label, was an accompanist at the Prague Spring International Music Festival, and has performed on public radio and in numerous solo piano recitals. Dr. Murray is also a clinician and adjudicator both nationally and internationally.

Please welcome Kathleen Murray, who is a passionate advocate of the liberal arts and the residential experience. She believes that her undergraduate years at Illinois Wesleyan helped lay the foundation for her career as a scholar as well as an artist, and for her life.
Samuel Porritt III ’84
Founder, Falling Forward Foundation

Sam Porritt is the founder of the Falling Forward Foundation, the only nonprofit organization in the United States addressing an issue that could affect millions of people. Virtually all medical insurance policies have a “therapy cap” — a limit on how much rehabilitation will be covered. When insurance stops paying, Falling Forward funds the continued rehabilitation of patients recovering from catastrophic medical issues such as strokes, brain injuries, and spinal cord injuries.

While on vacation in Italy in August 2011, Mr. Porritt suffered a spinal cord injury resulting from an accident. Initially, he was paralyzed from the waist down. He would need extensive rehabilitation. Fortunately, Mr. Porritt learned that his medical insurance placed no limit on rehabilitation. After two years of therapy, Mr. Porritt is now able to walk with a cane.

During his time in rehab, Mr. Porritt saw the impact of therapy caps first hand. He met hundreds of patients whose recoveries were cut short when their insurance benefits stopped, and they were unable to pay out of their own pockets. Mr. Porritt launched Falling Forward to give other patients the same opportunity he had — to continue medical rehabilitation to recover to full potential. So far, Falling Forward has supported the recovery of 69 people in Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, and Missouri. For more information, visit fallingforward.org.

Prior to his accident, Mr. Porritt spent much of his professional career as a consumer marketing executive and consultant. After graduating from Illinois Wesleyan in 1984 with a bachelor of science degree, Mr. Porritt earned an MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business and today lives in Lawrence, Kansas.

Today we honor fellow Titan Sam Porritt for his humanity and his commitment to helping those impacted by trauma or accident recover to their full potential.
Academic Distinctions

Students with excellent final cumulative grade point averages are recognized as:

- *Summa Cum Laude*—with highest honor—3.90 GPA or higher
- *Magna Cum Laude*—with great honor—3.70 GPA or higher
- *Cum Laude*—with honor—3.50 GPA or higher

National Honor Societies

Illinois Wesleyan students are eligible for membership in the nation’s two best-known honor societies, Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi. For both societies, eligibility is limited to those students whose academic performance places them in the top 10 percent of their class during their junior or senior year.

ΦΒΚ, Phi Beta Kappa was founded at the College of William and Mary in 1776. It is the nation’s oldest national academic honorary society. The society’s motto, “Love of learning is the guide of life,” represents the society’s commitment to the liberal arts and sciences. Now found on 300 college and university campuses, the Illinois Wesleyan chapter was granted a charter in 2001.

ΦΚΦ, Phi Kappa Phi was founded at the University of Maine in 1897 and is the oldest all-discipline academic honor society. The society’s mission is “to recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others.” With chapters on over 300 campuses, the Illinois Wesleyan chapter was chartered in 1922.

Commencement Honors

- The *Hope Ellen Pape President’s Club Award in the Fine Arts* is awarded for outstanding accomplishment in Art or Music or Theatre Arts.
- The *Annabelle Scroggin Anderson ’36 Award* recognizes distinguished achievement in multiple fields of study.
- The *John L. Clark Award in Literary Studies* honors outstanding academic performance, particularly in historical and theory courses, and evidenced by scholarly ability and participation in the creative activities of the School of Theatre Arts.
- The *Nikki Kaye Pape President’s Club Award for Excellence in Writing* is presented for the best selection of writing prepared during the academic year.
- The *Professor David Bailey Prize in Chemistry* honors outstanding achievement in the field of chemistry.
- The *Harold C. Hodge President’s Club Award in Natural Science and Mathematics* salutes outstanding achievement in the natural sciences and mathematics.
- The *Donald R. Koehn Memorial Award* is presented for outstanding achievement in the humanities.
- The *Robert S. Eckley President’s Club Award in Social Science* recognizes outstanding achievement in the social sciences.
- The *Caroline F. Rupert Nursing Award* salutes outstanding work during four years of undergraduate study in nursing.
- The *Katherine Riedelbauch Baker Music Award* recognizes superiority in general musicianship, including theoretical and historical fields.
- The *Hester Merwin Ayers Art Achievement Award* honors outstanding achievement during four years of undergraduate study in art.
- The *William T. Beadles Award for Exceptional Achievement in Business Administration* recognizes exceptional scholarly accomplishments and professional promise.
- The *Jack C. Fields Prize for Excellence in Accounting* is presented for exceptional achievement in the study of accounting.
- The *Larry Shue Drama Award* recognizes outstanding potential as a professional artist of the theatre.
Danny Adams, *Music Theatre*
The Golden Age Exposed: The Reality Behind This Romantic Era
Project Advisor: Scott Susong

Boryana Borisova, *International Studies*
Aesopian Language of Soviet Era Children's Literature: Translation, Adaptation, and Animation of a Western Classic
Project Advisor: Marina Balina

Elaine Coppe, *Hispanic Studies*
Teaching Spanish-Speaking: Authors for Social Justice
Project Advisor: Carmela Ferradans

Zhenghao Ding, *Physics*
Studies in Mesoscopics and Quantum Microscopies
Project Advisor: Gabriel Spalding

Carly B. Floyd, *Sociology*
Mother Goddesses and Subversive Witches: Competing Narratives of Gender Essentialism, Heteronormativity, Feminism, and Queerness in Wiccan Theology and Ritual
Project Advisor: Meghan Burke

Tanya Gupta, *Psychology*
Effects of Affective State on Neural and Behavioral Indices of Social Exclusion
Project Advisor: Jason Themanson

Grace Hanzelin, *Psychology*
Predicting Aggressive Behavior using Ego Depletion, Provocation and Dispositional Aggressiveness
Project Advisor: Marie Nebel-Schwalm

Rui Jiang, *Mathematics*
Bivariate Spline Functions by Using Barycentric Coordinates over Irregular Triangulation
Project Advisor: Tian-Xiao He

Zhiyuan Meng, *French*
Haven of Ideas: The Influence of Physical Space on Homosexuality in Post-War France
Project Advisor: James Matthews

Evan Mok-Lamme, *International Studies*
BRICS Built with STIPs
Project Advisor: William Munro

Diana Moody, *German*
The Invisible Protagonist: A Reassessment on Brecht’s *The Good Person of Szechwan*
Project Advisor: Adam Woodis

William A. O'Connor, *Mathematics*
Counting Multigraph Pairs of $\lambda K_n$
Project Advisor: Daniel Roberts

Raelynn Parmely, *Sociology & Anthropology*
Accessibility to Food Intolerance and Food Allergy Resources in McLean County, Illinois: An Interdisciplinary Pilot Study
Project Advisor: James Sikora

Brianna Piro, *Psychology*
Understanding the Influence of Social Roles on Individuals with Developmental Disabilities: Providing Opportunities in Order to Assess Quality of Life
Project Advisor: Marie Nebel-Schwalm

Eric Rydell, *Psychology*
Examining the Evolution of Cognition Using a Breed Differences Approach
Project Advisor: Ellen Furlong

Kyle Serafico, *Nursing*
Nurses’ Knowledge of Alcohol-Interactive Medications
Project Advisor: Carolyn Jarvis

Jenni Tucker, *Greek and Roman Studies*
Sexual Slander in the Ancient Mediterranean from the Late Republic Through Early Christianity
Project Advisor: Amy Coles
The School of Nursing

Candidates for the degree

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Elizabeth Denise Barclay
Alyssa Marie Berry
Lindsay Leigh Bullington
Alyssa Marie Butler
Keith J. Carter
Jessica Rose Castleman
Christina E. Coderre
Gemma Marie Cozzi
Kristen Dace, Cum Laude
Brianna Minh Phuong Dao, Magna Cum Laude
Margaret Claire Devine, Magna Cum Laude
Haley Dzierzynski
Hayley Marie Gastman, Magna Cum Laude
Elena Georgiou
Danielle Elizabeth Grygiel
Matthew Evan Guimond
Emily Marie Jehle
Amanda Marie Kaiser
NuBari Gloria Kanee
Agnieszka M. Knych, Cum Laude
D. Victor Lugg

Hannah Marie Mehochko
Cara Miller
Alena S. Neuswanger
Taylor Ann Nimrick, Magna Cum Laude
Julia Mae Nykaza, Magna Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ
Sarah Platt
Ina Rama
Laura Ripley, Magna Cum Laude
Mallory Schiferl, Summa Cum Laude
Melissa Alburee Schmidt, Magna Cum Laude
Alison Elizabeth Seger
Kyle Serafico, Magna Cum Laude
Sana Fatima Shafiuddin, Magna Cum Laude
Anna Julia Sikora, Magna Cum Laude
Danielle Lacy Smith
Kaitlin Marie Springer
Dominika Szacilo
Alicia Marie Tebo
Skyler Anne Tomko, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ
Hannah Marie Wolles
College of Fine Arts

Candidates for the degree

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Art

Naijun Qu, Summa Cum Laude

Theatre Arts

Daniel Edward Adams, Music Theatre, Magna Cum Laude
Dean Carlson, Acting
Andrew Chien, Theatre Design / Technology
Lela Clark, Theatre Design / Technology
Elizabeth Noel Ferris, Acting, Magna Cum Laude
Conor Patrick Finnerty-Esmonde, Music Theatre
Trevor Gabel, Music Theatre, Magna Cum Laude

Jenia De’Prece Head, Music Theatre, Cum Laude
Elias Max Miller, Music Theatre, Magna Cum Laude
Haley Marie Miller, Music Theatre
Steven Schur, Music Theatre, Cum Laude
Yuka Sekine, Music Theatre, Cum Laude
LeeAnna Mahrie Studt, Music Theatre, Cum Laude
Kenny Tran, Music Theatre, Cum Laude

Candidates for the degree

Bachelor of Music

Contemporary Musicianship

Thomas Dean Bravos, Contemporary Musicianship, Cum Laude
Emily Claire Brink, Vocal Performance, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ
Megan H. Cherry, Music Composition, Cum Laude

Ryan Patrick Donlin, Contemporary Musicianship, Cum Laude
John Terence McHugh, Vocal Performance
Kailee Miranda Mhoon, Vocal Performance
Annie Wagner, Instrumental Performance, Cum Laude
Celia Storms Williams, Vocal Performance, Cum Laude

Candidates for the degree

Bachelor of Music Education

Ryan Andersen, Magna Cum Laude
John J. Gardner, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ
John C. Gelasi

Anna Britta Karnick, Cum Laude
Megan Margaret Koch, Magna Cum Laude
Joseph Thomas Petrando
College of Liberal Arts

Candidates for the degree

Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science

Brett Michael Abraham, Accounting, Cum Laude
Louis Paul Acklin, Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude
Tara Adams, Business Administration
Martha Alexandra Aguirre, Hispanic Studies, Secondary Education, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ
Emmanuel Ahonkhai, Accounting, Magna Cum Laude
Moyoniuoluwa Ajayi, Business Administration, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ
Richard Max Yvon Albce Jr., Psychology
Emma Margaret Alcock, Hispanic Studies, Sociology, Magna Cum Laude, ΦΒΚ
Connor Allen, Business Administration
Austin L. Amann, Accounting, Summa Cum Laude
Avery Brian Amerson, Psychology
Steven Amoni, Business Administration
Kristen Andersen, English – Writing, Cum Laude
John Anderson, Accounting
Nathan Atkins, Economics, Cum Laude
Piotr Barnas, Biology, Cum Laude
Christopher J. Basham, Psychology
Cindy Basilio, Mathematics
Alec Daniel Bausch, Business Administration
Corbyn Justine Beck, Psychology, Cum Laude
Hayden F. Beissel, Chemistry
Matthew Biscan, Business Administration
Regina Blaskie, International Studies, Political Science, Magna Cum Laude, ΦΒΚ
Brian Bollier, Mathematics, Magna Cum Laude
Jill Taylor Bookman, International Business, Cum Laude
Boryana Borislova Borisova, International Studies, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ
Faith Marie Borland, English – Literature, Cum Laude, ΦΒΚ
Kyauna Letrice Bradley, Financial Services
Andrew Scott Braunlich, Computer Science, Magna Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ, ΦΒΚ
Fiona Laura Breyer, Physics, Magna Cum Laude, ΦΒΚ
Abigail Elise Brown, Biology
Donald D. Brown, Psychology
Emily Gail Brown, International Studies, Cum Laude

Madalyn E. Browning-Perry, Political Science
Angela Marie Bruno, Business Administration
Lucy Bullock, Anthropology, French & Francophone Studies, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΒΚ
Paige Elizabeth Buschman, Sociology, Magna Cum Laude, ΦΒΚ
Quincy Butler, Business Administration
Dena Darcy Buttacavoli, Environmental Studies
Edith Caballero, Business Administration
Jennifer Carter, Accounting
Katherine Caulfield, Psychology, Magna Cum Laude
Megan Charlton, Chemistry
Deborah Chece, International Business
Hansheng Chen, Physics, Philosophy, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΒΚ
Yige Chen, Political Science, Magna Cum Laude, ΦΒΚ
Brennan Cira, Business Administration
Charlotte Coats, English – Literature, Cum Laude
Nicholas Cocorikis, International Business
John Collins, Accounting, Magna Cum Laude
Dominic Joseph Comfort, Business Administration
Sean Matthew Coonan, Financial Services
Gabriella Cooney, Psychology
Elaine Domenica Coppe, English – Literature, Secondary Education, Magna Cum Laude, ΦΒΚ
Alexa Lorraine Cornish, Biology, Cum Laude
Emily Cornwell, Biology
Adam Zev Coy, Psychology
Marissa Nicole Cozzi, Economics
Brigid Catherine Crawford, Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude
Tyler Jackson Crawford, Business Administration
Calen Crim, History, Secondary Education
Christopher Crown, Environmental Studies, Magna Cum Laude
Kyle Czeszewski, Accounting
Colin R. Daly, Business Administration
Michael Christopher Dean, Art
Alexander James David DeMont, Biology
Emily Diaz, Psychology, Cum Laude
Danielle Nicole Dicristofano, Sociology, Women's and Gender Studies, Cum Laude
Emily Kay Diehl, Business Administration, Cum Laude
Zhenghao Ding, Physics, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ
Minh T. Doan, Financial Services
Dana Denise Dray, Art
Brian Duffey, Accounting
Miles Robert Ebell, Biology
Jessica Edwards, Biology, Magna Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ, ΦΒΚ
Cassidy Joy Elgeness, Economics
Brandon Hilario Esparza, Business Administration
Lauren Estes, English – Writing, French & Francophone Studies, Cum Laude
Tyler Thomas Fahey, Business Administration
Giuseppe Anthony Faso, Business Administration
John Thomas August Fegan, Music
Savannah Florence Feher, Environmental Studies, Magna Cum Laude
John Geoffrey Ferguson, Financial Services
Ryan Michael Fisher, Theatre Arts, Cum Laude
Audrey Fitzgerald, Accounting
Carly Brianne Floyd, Sociology, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ, ΦΒΚ
Thomas A. Floyd, Economics, Accounting, Cum Laude
Kyle Fortsch, Financial Services
Jordan T. Gagnon, Political Science
Hannah E. Gallee, Psychology
DeJa Danielle Gambrell, Accounting
Ruby Garcia, Interdisciplinary Educ Studies, Hispanic Studies
Madeline Gard, Accounting, Summa Cum Laude
Sean Michael Garvey, Business Administration
Eric Gile, Accounting, Cum Laude
Macie Marie Gillis, Elementary Education
Mayra Stacy Gonzalez, Accounting
Daniel Zachary Gordon, Biology
Cody Gountounas, Business Administration
Jamie Nicole Gradishar, Biology
Sean Stafford Grady, Economics
Shelby Gray, Business Administration
Steven Bruce Gualandri, Psychology
Alexander Murphy Guess, Biology, Cum Laude
Tanya Gupta, Psychology, Magna Cum Laude, ΦΒΚ
Emily Nicole Haas, Psychology, Cum Laude
Tabitha Lynn Hadsall, Business Administration
Henry Raymond Haeffner, Accounting
Austin Hagemann, Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude
Jaclyn Halden, Accounting, Cum Laude
Daniel Wayne Hanson, History, Magna Cum Laude
Grace Hanzelin, Psychology
Annie Harb, Political Science
Austin James Harrell, Business Administration
Elizabeth Ann Hart, Elementary Education, Cum Laude
Paige Hasty, Biology
Elizabeth Amelia Hawk, Environmental Studies
Brian Henry, Accounting
Vianey Hernandez Pimental, Sociology
Baylee Paige Hoecker, Biology, Cum Laude
Jacob Hogen, Biology
Jacob Holm, Environmental Studies
Sunniva Helen Aaseng Holmlund, Theatre Arts, Cum Laude
Gabrielle Calo Holness, Art
Brandon Honig, Environmental Studies, Political Science
Alexander Michael Horwitz, Business Administration, Economics
Morgan Houk, Elementary Education, Magna Cum Laude
Cody House, Music
Claire Lee Hoverson, Business Administration
Troy David Huber Jr., Mathematics, Secondary Education, Cum Laude
Molly Elizabeth Hupp, Business Administration
Nicholas James Huskisson, Financial Services, Magna Cum Laude
Lesly Ingram, Biology, Cum Laude
Nana Kwame Ingram, Biology, Magna Cum Laude, ΦΒΚ
Tara Louise Isenberg, Accounting, Magna Cum Laude
Andrew Iwaszkiewicz, Business Administration
Jamal Jackson, Business Administration, Philosophy
Tionna Nicole Jackson, Psychology
Brigitta Jakob, Economics, Magna Cum Laude, ΦΒΚ
Julia Jaudes, Psychology
Brian Jenner, Risk Management
Yemaya Jennings, International Business
Rui Jiang, Mathematics, History, Magna Cum Laude, ΦΒΚ
Shiyi Jiang, Business Administration
Marina Elizabeth Johnson, Accounting
Molly Kristine Johnson, International Studies, Political Science, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΒΚ
Dana A. Jourdan, Financial Services, Cum Laude
Yolanda Juarez-Sotelo, Mathematics
Michael Julius, Business Administration
Jarrod Juskiewicz, Psychology
Andrew Paul Justl, Chemistry
Constantine N. Karas, Physics
Reilly Quinn Kasprak, Business Administration
Samuel Henry Kasten, Political Science, Magna Cum Laude, ΦΒΚ
Andrew Kauerauf, History
Makenzie Jacinta Kelley, Philosophy, Magna Cum Laude, ΦΒΚ
Amanda Marie Kelly, Financial Services, Cum Laude
Margaret Elizabeth Kennelly, English – Writing, French & Francophone Studies, Magna Cum Laude, ΦΒΚ
Anna McKinsey Kerr-Carpenter, Anthropology, Magna Cum Laude
Olivia Wynne Kief, Business Administration
Paul Daeil Kim, Accounting
Samuel Kim, Chemistry
Christopher Kincheloe, Accounting, Cum Laude
Robert J. King, Accounting, Magna Cum Laude
Michael Klein, Business Administration
Clifford Klimas, Biology
Margaret E. Krause, History
Karli Anne Kulhanek, Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude
Ryan Michael Kunzi, Business Administration
Reynaldo T. Labampa, Financial Services
Steven Michael Laduzinsky II, Financial Services, Cum Laude
Donavan Laible, Accounting, Cum Laude
Samuel James Landon, Mathematics, Risk Management
Steven David Landeweer, Chemistry, German, Cum Laude
Julia Margaret Landon, International Studies, Cum Laude
Emily Kay Landree, Biology, Cum Laude
Brooke Loraine Langley, Psychology
Adam C. Lavitola, Business Administration
Toan Huu Le, Financial Services, Physics, Magna Cum Laude
Sierra Leggett, Business Administration
Alina Lehocky, Psychology, Magna Cum Laude
Megan Ruth Lemke, International Studies, Business Administration
Kaining Li, Art, Cum Laude
Jiangcong Liang, Psychology
Lunjun Liu, Physics
Yaling Liu, Physics
Margaret LoBue, Psychology
Krystyna Natalia Lopez, Physics, Music, Cum Laude
Haley Anastasia Lower, Biology, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΒΚ
Yanfei Lu, History, Philosophy
Sam Lundquist, Political Science
Chengliang Luo, Psychology, Magna Cum Laude
Nicholas John MacDonald, Chemistry, Summa Cum Laude
Daniel Craig Maibenco, Chemistry
Kelly Elizabeth Mangan, Art, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ
Meghan Rajeshwari Manian, Psychology
Preslav Mantchev, International Studies, Political Science, Magna Cum Laude, ΦΒΚ
Emil Marie, Biology
Brenda Martinez, Spanish Studies
Elizabeth Antonia Mavrogenes, International Studies
Aaliyah Brianna Lachelle McCallister, Psychology
Kaitlyn Mary McCormack, Interdisciplinary Edu Studies
Elyse Christine McCormick, Biology
Matthew Ryan McGill, Physics, Cum Laude
Cameron C. McKe, Environmental Studies, Psychology
Kelly McMillin Muir, English – Writing
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Makenna Merritt, Art
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Evan Robert Ming-Yan Mok-Lamme, International Studies, Cum Laude
Patrick Mollo, English – Writing
Diana Renae Moody, English – Writing, German, Cum Laude
Kyle Thomas Moody, Physics
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Kayla Eileen Nowicki, Business Administration
Kaitlyn Marie O’Boye, Political Science, Magna Cum Laude, ΦΒΚ
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Adam O’Grady, Business Administration
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Stephen O’Neill, Accounting, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ
Kyle P. Orchard, Philosophy
Ryan Patrick O’Toole, Financial Services, Magna Cum Laude
Anne Ozbun, Music
Priscilla Palma, Accounting, Cum Laude
Tyra Mercedes Palmer, Accounting
Raelynn Parmely, Anthropology, Sociology, Cum Laude
Shivum Patel, Physics, Cum Laude
Robert Perez, Political Science, History, Cum Laude
Amanda Christine Perlinski, Biology, Cum Laude
Jacob Thomas Perry, Accounting
Mi Tra Pham, Biology, Financial Services, Magna Cum Laude
Landon John Picatto, History, Cum Laude
Brianna Sue Piro, Psychology, Sociology, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΒΚ
Carli R. Plank, Accounting
Sophie Popovich, History, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ, ΦΒΚ
George Maxwell Porter, Financial Services
Jordan Marie Prats, Anthropology, Cum Laude
Cortlin N. Presley, Music
Carmen R. Puchulu, English – Writing
Robert Quesenberry, English – Writing
Rajeev Rajagopalan, Accounting
Ross Randon, Biology
Tyler J. Rauwolf, Chemistry, Magna Cum Laude
Brittney Michelle Reaber, Sociology
Joshua Thomas Rhodes, Business Administration
Faith Elizabeth Richard, Elementary Education
Eleazar Rosales Jr., Computer Science
Samuel Rosenberg, Psychology
Jared Ross Rubin, Financial Services
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Prior to and during the Commencement ceremony, the Illinois Wesleyan Alumni Association will sponsor a hospitality beverage tent which is located south of Shaw Hall on the east side of the Eckley Quadrangle. A first-aid station is located in Holmes Hall. In the Shirk Center these same services will be available in the lobby.

Before the ceremony, light refreshments may be purchased at Hattie’s and Tommy’s in the Hansen Student Center and the Coffee Shoppe in Memorial Center. The University Bookstore in the Hansen Student Center offers many items for sale.

Near the Eckley Quadrangle, restrooms are located on the first floor of the following buildings: Shaw Hall, Center for Liberal Arts (wheelchair accessible), Memorial Center, and Holmes Hall. In the Shirk Center, the restrooms are located to the north of the lobby.

Following the ceremony, the Illinois Wesleyan Alumni Association invites you to a short reception in the tents on Eckley Quadrangle. If the ceremony is in the Shirk Center, the reception will be outside of the Activity Center and in the Practice Gym. Faculty look forward to greeting the graduates and their families during the reception.

Senior marshals for the Commencement ceremony are Professor Rebecca Roesner and Associate Provost Frank Boyd. Student marshals are Alex Stogin ’18 and Hallie Shanley ’18 representing the Junior Class Officers.

Commencement Eckley Quad

The faculty will gather to meet and greet parents and students at these locations:

A. Biology
B. Business & Marketing
C. Chemistry
D. Computer Science
E. Economics
F. Educational Studies
G. English
H. Environmental Studies
I. Greek and Roman Studies
J. Hispanic Studies
K. History
L. International Studies
M. Mathematics

N. German, Russian & Asian Languages
French & Italian
O. Philosophy
P. Physics
Q. Political Science
R. Psychology
S. Religion
T. Sociology / Anthropology
U. School of Art
V. School of Music
W. School of Nursing
X. School of Theatre Arts
Y. Women’s and Gender Studies

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Hospitality and reception tents
1. Pre-ceremony Hospitality Tent
2. Reception Tent
3. Reception Tent
4. First Aid – Holmes Hall Lobby
Like judicial robes, the garments worn on academic occasions such as today’s Commencement derive from the ecclesiastical garb of medieval England. The scholar in the Middles Ages, it must be remembered, was a clerk, and therefore required to wear the clerical gown and tonsure. Certainly, at Oxford and Cambridge, at least in the earliest times, the robes were monastic in origin, although the hood was adapted from a lay garment common to both sexes and all classes.

As early as the fourteenth Century, scholars of certain colleges were required by statute to wear “a decent habit” befitting a clerk and no evidence appears that there was much differentiation among undergraduates, bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral robes. All were black, commonly of lamb’s wool; most were fur-lined for warmth or at least fur trimmed; and the only mark of difference was in the fuller cut and ankle length of the master’s gown. The cope, or closed cape, was also black and followed the style of the everyday mantle of the clergy.

Hoods were worn by all and probably had no academical significance at the beginning. By 1330–40 doctors began to adopt scarlet for their hoods, and by 1500, for their robes, with black retained by the masters of arts and baccalaureate degrees, except that doctors’ caps may be of velvet and may have a gold tassel. The bachelor’s gown is marked by pointed sleeves, reaching to the knee, while the master’s sleeve is squared at the ends, and longer. The doctoral robe is fullest, with rounded bell shaped sleeves marked by three velvet stripes.

The greatest symbolism of the academic costume is borne by the hood, which identifies the level of the degree, the faculty (or department of learning) in which it was earned, and the institution which awarded it. The size of the hood, its shape, and the width of its velvet trim identify the level of the degree, with doctoral hoods naturally being the fullest, widest, and longest. Faculty colors tell us the department.

Today’s graduates will be wearing white for the College of Liberal Arts, pink for the School of Music, apricot for the School of Nursing, golden yellow for the sciences, and brown for the fine arts. Faculty members in the processional may be wearing light blue for education, copper for economics, dark blue for business and accountancy, orange for engineering, purple for law, lemon for library science, green for medicine, apricot for nursing, dark blue for philosophy, sage green for physical sciences, cream for social sciences, and scarlet for theology, among the many available. The colors are mandatory on hoods, but may also be used on the tassels and/or the velvet on doctoral gowns.

The university or college is usually identified by the color of the hood lining. Two colors are frequently used, since there are approximately 1,000 degree-granting institutions in the United States. A few, such as Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and the University of Chicago, use a single color. Illinois Wesleyan’s green and white was adopted in 1888.

**Jensen Mace**

This use of the Jensen Mace was crafted in celebration of the inauguration of President Eric R. Jensen and the Class of 2016. The mace replaces the Eckley Mace, which was first carried at the 1969 inauguration of Dr. Robert S. Eckley, the 15th president of the University.

Made of bronze for power and endurance and of walnut for organic strength, its cupola represents the bell tower of Old North Hall, Illinois Wesleyan’s first building, which was erected in 1856 and demolished in 1967. State Farm Hall now sits on the former site of Old North. The mace was made from the walnut of Old North Hall and was used on the Eckley mace. The names of University founders’ are engraved on a band surrounding the cupola.

The mace was cast and constructed by Kevin Strandberg, Professor of Art and Director of the Ames School of Art.

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