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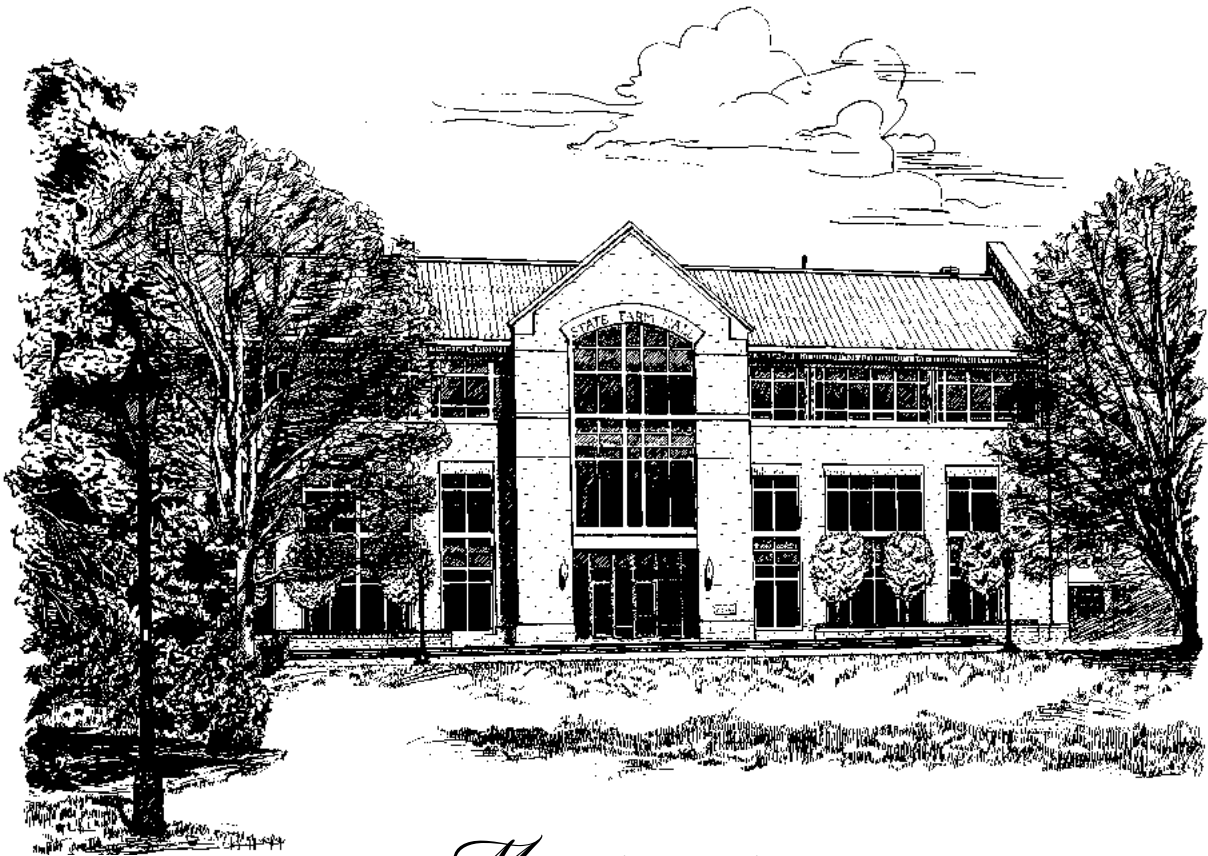
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# Commencement

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.



## *Knowledge and Wisdom*

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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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

<b>Prelude</b>	Illinois Wesleyan Wind Ensemble Lev Ivanov, <i>Conductor and Visiting Assistant Professor of Music</i>	<b>Address</b>	Kathleen M. Murray '79 "The Future Belongs to Those Who Believe in the Beauty of Their Dreams" — Eleanor Roosevelt
Music For a Festival Overture Intrada	<i>Gordon Jacob (1895–1984)</i>	<b>Conferring of Degrees</b>	President Jensen Karla Carney-Hall <i>Vice President for Student Affairs / Dean of Students</i> Leslie Betz '93 <i>Registrar</i>
<b>Processional</b> (please stand) Crown Imperial	<i>William Walton (1902–1983) arr. W.J. Duthoit</i>	Bachelor of Science in Nursing	Victoria N. Folse '86 <i>Professor and Caroline F. Rupert Chair of Nursing</i>
Pomp and Circumstance	<i>Edward Elgar (1857–1934)</i>	Bachelor of Fine Arts	Julie Johnson <i>Associate Professor and Interim Director of the School of Art</i>
<b>"America The Beautiful"</b> (please remain standing and join in singing)	Celia Williams '17 MATERNA <i>Samuel A. Ward (1848–1903)</i>		Thomas Quinn <i>Director and Associate Professor of Theatre Arts</i>
<b>Invocation</b> (remain standing)	Elyse Nelson Winger <i>University Chaplain</i>	Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Music Education	Mario J. Pelusi <i>Professor and Director of the School of Music</i>
<b>President's Welcome</b>	Eric R. Jensen <i>President</i>	Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science	Provost Green
<b>Trustee Greetings</b>	George A. Vinyard '71 <i>Chair, Board of Trustees</i>	<b>Closing Remarks</b>	President Jensen
<b>Remarks of Class President</b>	Marrisa Cozzi '17	<b>Alma Wesleyana</b> (please stand and join in singing)	Ms. Williams NATIONAL HYMN <i>George William Warren (1828–1902) arr. Peter Andrew Gilbert '98</i>
<b>Faculty Reflections</b>	Carolyn Jarvis <i>Professor of the School of Nursing The 2017 Student Senate Professor of the Year</i>	<b>Recessional</b> (remain standing)	Illinois Wesleyan Wind Ensemble Procession of the Nobles <i>Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844–1908) arr. Erik W.G. Leidzén</i>
<b>Announcement of Honors</b>	President Jensen		
<b>Awarding of Honorary Degrees</b>	President Jensen Provost Green Mr. Vinyard		

Please turn off cell phones. Remain seated until all graduates have exited.

# Commencement Speaker



## **Kathleen M. Murray '79**

President, Whitman College, Walla Walla, Washington

Dr. Kathleen Murray, Class of 1979, is Whitman College's 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

# *Honorary Degree Recipient*



## **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](http://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.

**ΦBK**, 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.

**ΦKΦ**, 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 Scrogin 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.

# Graduation with Research Honors

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*,  $\Phi\K\Phi$

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*,  $\Phi\K\Phi$

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

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 Mhoun, *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*  
Moyoninuoluwa Ajayi, *Business Administration, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ*  
Richard Max Yvon Albee Jr., *Psychology*  
Emma Margaret Alcock, *Hispanic Studies, Sociology, Magna Cum Laude, ΦBK*  
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, ΦBK*  
Brian Bollivar, *Mathematics, Magna Cum Laude*  
Jill Tayler Bookman, *International Business, Cum Laude*  
Boryana Borislavova Borisova, *International Studies, Summa Cum Laude, ΦBK*  
Faith Marie Borland, *English – Literature, Cum Laude, ΦBK*  
Kyauna Letrice Bradley, *Financial Services*  
Andrew Scott Braunlich, *Computer Science, Magna Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ, ΦBK*  
Fiona Laura Breyer, *Physics, Magna Cum Laude, ΦBK*  
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, ΦBK*  
Paige Elizabeth Buschman, *Sociology, Magna Cum Laude, ΦBK*  
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, ΦBK*  
Yige Chen, *Political Science, Magna Cum Laude, ΦBK*  
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, ΦBK*  
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, ΦBK*

Cassidy Joy Elgeness, *Economics*

Brandon Hilario Esparza, *Business Administration*

Lauren Estes, *English – Writing, French & Francophone Studies, Cum Laude*

Tyler Thomas Fahey, *Business Administration*

Giuseppi 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 Brianna Floyd, *Sociology, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ, ΦBK*

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, ΦBK*

Emily Nicole Haas, *Psychology, Cum Laude*

Tabitha Lynn Hadsall, *Business Administration*

Henry Raymond Haeffner, *Accounting*

Austin Hagemann, *Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude*

Jaelyn 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, ΦBK*

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, ΦBK*

Julia Jaudes, *Psychology*

Brian Jenner, *Risk Management*

Yemaya Jennings, *International Business*

Rui Jiang, *Mathematics, History, Magna Cum Laude, ΦBK*

Shiyi Jiang, *Business Administration*

Marina Elizabeth Johnson, *Accounting*

Molly Kristine Johnson, *International Studies, Political Science, Summa Cum Laude, ΦBK*

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, ΦBK*  
Andrew Kauerauf, *History*  
Makenzie Jacinta Kelley, *Philosophy, Magna Cum Laude, ΦBK*  
Amanda Marie Kelly, *Financial Services, Cum Laude*  
Margaret Elizabeth Kennelly, *English – Writing, French & Francophone Studies, Magna Cum Laude, ΦBK*  
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*  
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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:*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Biology</li> <li>B. Business &amp; Marketing Accounting &amp; Finance</li> <li>C. Chemistry</li> <li>D. Computer Science</li> <li>E. Economics</li> <li>F. Educational Studies</li> <li>G. English</li> <li>H. Environmental Studies</li> <li>I. Greek and Roman Studies</li> <li>J. Hispanic Studies</li> <li>K. History</li> <li>L. International Studies</li> <li>M. Mathematics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N. German, Russian &amp; Asian Languages French &amp; Italian</li> <li>O. Philosophy</li> <li>P. Physics</li> <li>Q. Political Science</li> <li>R. Psychology</li> <li>S. Religion</li> <li>T. Sociology / Anthropology</li> <li>U. School of Art</li> <li>V. School of Music</li> <li>W. School of Nursing</li> <li>X. School of Theatre Arts</li> <li>Y. Women's and Gender Studies</li> <li>◆ Student Affairs</li> </ul>
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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

# Academic Colors and Regalia

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 Middle 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 bachelors of divinity. An act of Henry VIII in 1533 ratified the wearing of robes of other colors. Hoods were lined with silk and miniver fur, a custom surviving until the late seventeenth Century, but over the years distinctions were created to identify the various ranks and faculties.

Caps evolved in similar manner. The round velvet cap is still worn today in the full dress of doctors (except doctors in theology); the familiar square, or mortar-board, was copied in the early sixteenth Century from the thirteenth Century cap of the University of Paris. A third style also derives from Paris: a squared cap made by sewing four pieces of cloth with seams producing ridged edges, seen in modern times in the biretta of the clergy and the squared velvet cap of doctors of theology. The "who" and "how" of the wearing of caps produced numerous rulings, restrictions, and change.

The Reformation repressed the brilliant silks, gold lace, costly furs, and extravagant cut of academic robes, and the sober and more uniform styles are for the most part what we see today.

However, *the growth* of higher education in the United States during the nineteenth Century, when the great land grant colleges and universities were established under the Morrill Act, created a confusion of conflicting styles and colors. The easy identification of one's academic status by means of cut, fabric, and color was no longer true.

In 1893 an intercollegiate commission presented a uniform code for caps, gowns, and hoods to be worn in the United States. The mortarboard caps are the same for doctoral, master's, 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, drab 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 2,000 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 The Eckley Mace, which was first carried at the 1969 inauguration of Dr. Robert S. Eckley, the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 staff of 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.

## The University Pineapple

The Commencement Pineapple was first used at the 2009 Commencement Ceremony. It was a gift to the University and President Wilson, the eighteenth president of the University, from the Class of 2008. It serves to remind future classes of the friendships forged over their four-years and the enduring welcome and hospitality that they enjoy as alumni of Illinois Wesleyan University.



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