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Commencement

IN OUR *168th Year*

— 1850—2018 —



May 6, 2018

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 1,700 students from 32 states and 23 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 2018 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
Victoria Noltkamper Folse '86, Mace Bearer

Prelude	Illinois Wesleyan Wind Ensemble Lev Ivanov, <i>Conductor and Visiting Assistant Professor of Music</i>	Address	Kirk S. Schroeder '84 "The Path from Farmboy to Biotech: Nature or Nurture"
Music For a Festival Overture Intrada	Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)	Conferring of Degrees	President Jensen Karla Carney-Hall <i>Vice President for Student Affairs / Dean of Students</i> Leslie Betz '93 <i>Registrar</i>
Processional (please stand)		Bachelor of Science in Nursing	Victoria N. Folse '86 <i>Director and Professor, School of Nursing Caroline F. Rupert Endowed Chair of Nursing</i>
Crown Imperial	William Walton (1902-1983) <i>arr. W.J. Duthoit</i>	Bachelor of Fine Arts	Julie Johnson <i>Associate Professor and Interim Director of the School of Art</i>
Pomp and Circumstance	Edward Elgar (1857-1934)		Thomas Quinn <i>Director and Associate Professor of Theatre Arts</i>
"America The Beautiful" (please remain standing and join in singing)	Blake Miller '18 MATERNA Samuel A. Ward (1848-1903)	Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Music Education	Mario J. Pelusi <i>Professor and Director of the School of Music</i>
Invocation (remain standing)	Elyse Nelson Winger <i>University Chaplain</i>	Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science	Provost Brodl Lynda M. Duke <i>Associate Provost</i>
President's Welcome	Eric R. Jensen <i>President</i>	Closing Remarks	President Jensen
Trustee Greetings	George A. Vinyard '71 <i>Chair, Board of Trustees</i>	Alma Wesleyana (please stand and join in singing)	Mr. Miller NATIONAL HYMN <i>George William Warren (1828-1902) arr. Peter Andrew Gilbert '98</i>
Alumni Association Welcome	Scott E. Huch '86 <i>President of Alumni Association Board of Directors</i>	Recessional (remain standing)	Illinois Wesleyan Wind Ensemble
Remarks of Class President	Alex Stogin '18	Procession of the Nobles	Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908) <i>arr. Erik W.G. Leidzén</i>
Faculty Reflections	Ellen Furlong <i>Assistant Professor of Psychology Class of 2018 Most Influential Professor</i>		
Announcement of Honors	President Jensen		
Awarding of Honorary Degree	President Jensen Mark Brodl <i>Provost</i> Mr. Vinyard		

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

Commencement Speaker



Kirk S. Schroeder '84

Life Science Technology Entrepreneur

Kirk Schroeder, the co-founder of two life science companies, graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University in 1984 with a degree in physics.

After earning a master's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in 1986 with an emphasis in optical engineering, Mr. Schroeder first worked as a research engineer with the Environmental Research Institute of Michigan (ERIM) where he contributed to Department of Defense remote sensing applications. In 1992 he, along with Brad Neagle, co-founded his first company which invented, manufactured and commercialized the first high-throughput cell-based drug screening system in the life science industry, FLIPR®. This company and technology was purchased in 1996 by Molecular Devices Inc. of Sunnyvale, California.

In 1999, Mr. Schroeder co-founded a second company, Essen Bioscience of Ann Arbor, Michigan, for which he served as president and CEO for 16 years. During that time, Mr. Schroeder oversaw the organic growth of Essen into a global company with employees and facilities in the U.S., Europe and Japan. As a leading innovator in the development of laboratory instruments and software, Essen's inventions included analytical instruments for making electrical measurements on living cells, IonWorks®, as well as the real-time imaging system IncuCyte®. Essen Bioscience was purchased by Sartorius AG of Germany in the spring of 2017.

After more than 25 years of managing his companies, Mr. Schroeder has now redirected his energy toward technical consulting in life science research. He is also actively involved in developing and sponsoring philanthropic programs to advance life science research and course curriculum at the undergraduate collegiate level.

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 analytical 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 Phi Kappa Phi Award recognizes an outstanding senior student member with exceptional promise for graduate or professional study.

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

Raymond Bolton, *Economics*

The Value of Green Certification on Single-Family Houses in the Chicagoland Area

Project Advisor: Ilaria Ossella-Durbal

Zoe Bouras, *Political Science*

Why the Right? Evaluating Vote Choice in Rural America

Project Advisor: Greg Shaw

Maisy Bowden, *Psychology*

Evolutionary Social History and Social Facilitation in Non-Human Animals

Project Advisor: Ellen Furlong

Hsin-Jou “Lily” Chang, *Economics*

Exploring the Contributing Factors to Labor Market Assimilation Outcomes across Refugee Groups in the United States

Project Advisor: Eric Jensen

Victoria Drake, *Nursing*

A Prefeeding Oral Motor Therapy and its Effect on Feeding Efficiency in a Thai NICU

Project Advisor: Brenda Lessen Knoll

Olivia Heffernan, *Political Science*

Right-Wing Populism Under Majoritarian Conditions: A Comparison of Support for Brexit and Trump

Project Advisor: Kathleen Montgomery

Ross Hettinger, *English*

Blood and Magic: A Novel of Arriagom

Project Advisor: Michael Theune

Paxton Johnson, *English*

I Heard a Little Birdie Softly Screaming

Project Advisor: Michael Theune

Jamie Kreppein, *English*

Blue Life

Project Advisor: Michael Theune

Wuyang Liu, *Mathematics*

New Implementations of Tabulating Pseudoprimes and Liars

Project Advisor: Andrew Shallue

Shannon Maloney, *Psychology*

The Role of Task-Specificity in Functional Outcome Following Ischemic Stroke in Mice

Project Advisor: Abigail Kerr

Grace McGovern, *English*

i pull the trigger and lilies fly out

Project Advisor: Joanne Diaz

Caroline Monsen, *Economics*

Upward Intergenerational Mobility of College Students: Does the Type of Institution Matter?

Project Advisor: Eric Jensen

Kathleen O’Shea, *Psychology*

Effects of Dogs’ (*Canis lupus familiaris*) Environment on Social Cognition

Project Advisor: Ellen Furlong

Zachary Silver, *Psychology*

Domestic Dogs Prefer Prosocial to Antisocial Humans

Project Advisor: Ellen Furlong

Ashley Sons, *Nursing*

Health Literacy and Knowledge of Female
Reproduction in Undergraduate Students

Project Advisor: Ann Eckhardt

Savanna Steck, *English*

Lady Gray: The Beginning of a Novel

Project Advisor: Michael Theune

Jacob Taitel, *Music*

The Well-Tempered Tuba

Project Advisor: Mario Pelusi

Jia “Muyi” Yang, *International Studies*

Sexual Violence against Males in Armed

Conflict: How State Masculinity Helps to Explain its
Occurrence

Project Advisor: William Munro

Yuanziyi Zhang, *Mathematics*

Algebraic Structures on Riordan Groups

Project Advisor: Tian-Xiao He

Wenting Zhao, *Computer Science*

Encoding Lexicographical Ordering Constraints in
SAT

Project Advisor: Mark Liffiton

The School of Nursing

Candidates for the degree

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Sydney Allen	Nicole Arline Young Lee
Angeline Almeroth	Morgan Elizabeth Luther
Sawyor Lorraine Ashley	Rebecca Lynn Macijunas, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Sally Buabeng	Mackenzie Nicole Marquis
Alyssa Marie Canda	Kathryn Miller, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Kathryn Jean Craft	Kaitlyn Adele Petersen, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Emily Curtis	Jennifer Marie Porzak
Michaela Nichole Drake	Lauren Ashley Roebert
Victoria Drake, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> , $\Phi K \Phi$	Hayden Sartin
Erin Catherine Fisher, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Larisa Savage, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Siobhan Bridget Geraghty	Megan Schumacher
Heather Grimmer, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Amanda G. Small, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Anthony Scott Hall	Ashley Michelle Sons, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> , $\Phi K \Phi$
Hanna Margaret Heline	Alexandria M. Spontak
Alexa Rae Huskisson	Brock Daniel Thornton, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Morgan Michelle Hussey, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Madeleine Nicole Turenne
Haley Lynn Janisch	Morgan Van Kuiken, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Emma Klimala, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Jennifer Miller White
Alisa Marie Kulhanek, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Hyeon Bin Yoon
Ashley Nicole Layman	

College of Fine Arts

Candidates for the degree

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

ART

Linh Chi Bui, *Summa Cum Laude*

Joi Stack, *Cum Laude*

THEATRE ARTS

Dana Clouser, *Music Theatre, Cum Laude*

Timothy Paul Foszcz, *Music Theatre, Cum Laude*

Holden Philip Ginn, *Music Theatre, Magna Cum Laude*

Emily Hardesty, *Music Theatre, Cum Laude*

Katherine M. Hoth, *Theatre Design/Technology*

Jeffrey Keller, *Music Theatre*

Dakota Kroes, *Theatre Design/Technology*

Cadence Lamb, *Acting, Magna Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ*

Hailey Lechelt, *Acting, Magna Cum Laude*

Hannah Audrey Sage, *Theatre Design/Technology*

Vianey Salazar, *Theatre Design/Technology, Cum Laude*

Jaclyn Salgado, *Music Theatre, Magna Cum Laude*

Juna Shai, *Music Theatre*

Megan Lynn Sperger, *Music Theatre, Magna Cum Laude*

Brooke Sarah Teweles, *Acting, Cum Laude*

Madeline Rose Wolf, *Theatre Design/Technology,
Cum Laude*

Elizabeth Zabit, *Acting, Magna Cum Laude*

Candidates for the degree

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Louisa Klemperer, *Vocal Performance*

Robert Kuntz, *Contemporary Musicianship*

Katelyn Maria Masson, *Vocal Performance,
Summa Cum Laude*

Alexander C. Riak, *Music Composition*

Genevieve Simon, *Contemporary Musicianship*

Jacob Taitel, *Instrumental Performance, Magna Cum Laude*

Elizabeth Turner, *Vocal Performance*

Candidates for the degree

BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION

Beau David Biedscheid, *Cum Laude*

Christopher Cooper, *Magna Cum Laude*

Blake Miller, *Cum Laude*

Austin Rupert

College of Liberal Arts

Candidates for the degree

BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

- Rebecca Acklin, *Art*
Julian Aguilar, *Political Science*
Joshua Akin, *Accounting*
Isaac William Albracht, *Biology*
Stephanie Alvarez, *Business Administration*
Cassidy Ancira, *Psychology*
Annika Anderson, *Biology, Magna Cum Laude, ΦBK*
Andrew Apel, *Financial Services*
Sara Hayley Apfelbaum, *Accounting*
Kristina Lynn Arns, *Business Administration, Psychology*
Elizabeth Ayala, *English–Literature, Secondary Education*
Brianna Bacigalupo, *Environmental Studies, Political Science*
William Thomas Baffes, *Business Administration*
Matthew S. Banaitis, *History, Magna Cum Laude*
Anuvrat Baruah, *Finance, Cum Laude*
David Gordon Beard, *Physics, Magna Cum Laude*
Jaylen Beasley, *Physics*
Michael Anthony Bellino, *Chemistry, Magna Cum Laude*
Lane Michael Bennett, *Political Science*
Kiersten Leah Bergquist, *Environmental Studies, Cum Laude*
Giana Biddle, *Biology, Chemistry*
Nicole Bing, *Psychology*
Morgan Bishop, *Physics, Cum Laude*
Kyleigh Jean Block, *Psychology*
Henry Bolon, *Physics*
Raymond Bolton, *Economics, Magna Cum Laude*
Shravya Bommaveddi, *Biology, Cum Laude*
Allison E. Bond, *Business Administration*
Alexandros Borodimos, *International Business*
Zoe Margaret Bouras, *International Studies, Political Science, Summa Cum Laude, ΦKΦ, ΦBK*
Maisy Dene Henderson Bowden, *Psychology, French and Francophone Studies, Summa Cum Laude, ΦKΦ, ΦBK*
Katherine Ni Bowman, *English–Writing, Magna Cum Laude*
Dennis John Bresingham, *Accounting*
Hristina Brkovic, *Business Administration*
Alexandra Margaret Brown, *Biology*
Meri-t Ua Brown, *Accounting*
Linh Chi Bui, *Computer Science, Summa Cum Laude*
Tyler L. Burdine, *Financial Services*
James Leonard Burnell, *Physics*
Caitlin Cadwalder, *Biology, Cum Laude*
Ayrren Christine Calhoun, *International Studies*
Sara Caligiuri, *Music*
Rui Cao, *Computer Science, Accounting, Cum Laude*
Matthew Michael Capone, *Music*
John Carroll, *Accounting*
Gino Cavalieri, *Financial Services*
Kathryn Ann Cevaal, *Environmental Studies*
Hsin-Jou Chang, *Economics, International Business, Summa Cum Laude, ΦBK*
Suchana Chaulagain, *Biology, Summa Cum Laude, ΦKΦ, ΦBK*
Chudan Chen, *Mathematics, Cum Laude*
Liuting Chen, *Computer Science, Magna Cum Laude*
Timur Chen, *Biology, Magna Cum Laude*
Aida Xian Yi Cheung, *International Studies, History*
Ryann Marie Chioda, *Theatre Arts*
Nicolas Chiodo, *Special Health Promotion and Fitness Management*
Nicholas Vincent Ciufia, *Business Administration*
Keziah Anne Cobden, *Music*
Christopher G. Collins, *Economics*
Kevin Connelly, *Business Administration*
Sydney Cucerzan, *Computer Science, Cum Laude*
Anne Elizabeth Cummings, *Accounting*
Michael Lawrence Cyz, *Business Administration*
Matt Van Dang, *Biology*
Alexandra Athena Daskalopoulos, *Political Science*
Stephanie Jane Day, *Mathematics*

Monica Elizabeth De Paz, *Accounting*
 John Derrig, *Physics*
 Evan Dill, *Physics*
 Kim Khanh Do, *Biology*
 Cayla J. Dole, *Psychology*
 Maria G. Dominguez, *Psychology*
 Jack Donegan, *Financial Services, Cum Laude*
 Ximing Dong, *Mathematics*
 Megan Elizabeth Donnelly, *Psychology, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ, ΦΒΚ*
 Alyssa Marie Dorning, *Elementary Education, Magna Cum Laude*
 Ronan Dorsey, *Physics*
 Corey Dullard, *Business Administration*
 Emily Grace Dunlap, *Accounting*
 Cameron D. Earley, *Interdisciplinary Educational Studies*
 James L. Eaton, *Computer Science*
 Nathaniel J. Edison, *Accounting, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ*
 James Rafael Edmond, *Psychology*
 Rebekah Marie Ehresman, *Accounting, Summa Cum Laude*
 Gates Nikolaus Ehrhart, *Business Administration*
 Spencer Eidsmoe, *Biology, Cum Laude*
 Caleb Thomas Ekstrand, *Music*
 Jordan Michael Eldridge, *Biology*
 Ryne William Elvers, *Business Administration*
 Adriana Erickson, *English–Writing*
 Otilia Elisabeta Felecan, *International Business, Cum Laude*
 Natalie Morgan Fletcher, *Elementary Education, Magna Cum Laude*
 Kasie Floden, *Psychology, Cum Laude*
 Andrea Elizabeth Flynn, *Biology, Cum Laude*
 Morgan Andrew Flynn, *Biology, Cum Laude*
 Brandon David Fricke, *Economics*
 Collen Michael Frost, *Business Administration*
 Jorge Francisco Fuentes, *History*
 Luis Enrique Garcia, *Business Administration*
 Maximiliano Luis Garcia, *Biology*
 Jackson Garrett, *Sociology*
 Stephanie Gerace, *Environmental Studies, Finance*
 Jeremy Michael Giderof, *Business Administration*
 Amelia Rose Glueck, *Special Health and Wellness Management, Summa Cum Laude*
 Colin Steven Gogoel, *Accounting, Cum Laude*
 William Timothy Golaris, *Accounting*
 Mitchell David Goll, *Financial Services*
 Citlalli Guadalupe Gonzalez, *International Studies*
 Karly Goodman, *American Studies, History*
 Megan Elizabeth Gordon, *Accounting, English–Literature, Cum Laude*
 Margaret Graham, *Accounting, Magna Cum Laude*
 Shannon Elizabeth Green, *Elementary Education*
 Faith Caroline Griffiths, *Psychology*
 Samantha Marie Hakeman, *Business Administration, Cum Laude*
 Veena Ramachandra Hamill, *Chemistry, Cum Laude*
 Maria Theresa Hanna, *Biology, Hispanic Studies, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΒΚ*
 William Connor Hanson, *Accounting*
 Emma Elizabeth Hanzelin, *Elementary Education, Cum Laude*
 Jennifer K Hart, *Business Administration, Summa Cum Laude*
 Jordan Hassan, *Business Administration, Cum Laude*
 Bridget Hathaway, *Physics*
 Jianing He, *Psychology*
 Olivia Irene Heffernan, *Political Science, Economics, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ, ΦΒΚ*
 Laurence Henderson, *Environmental Studies*
 Guadalupe Hernandez Bueno, *Hispanic Studies*
 Ross John Hettinger, *English–Writing, Magna Cum Laude, ΦΒΚ*
 Sylvia Ho, *Business Administration*
 Josef Peter Holtz, *Financial Services*
 Jordin My-linh Hopkins, *Psychology*
 Robert Houle, *Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude*
 Alexandra Marie House, *Psychology*
 Michael R. Howard, *Accounting*

Lucy Skye Howat, *Psychology, Cum Laude*
Tingyue Hu, *Financial Services*
Chenxi Huang, *Computer Science*
Kejie Huang, *Philosophy, Cum Laude*
Qingying Huang, *Psychology, Magna Cum Laude*
Alexandra Paige Hurth, *Elementary Education*
Brannan Edward Hutchinson, *Physics*
Ogechi Melissa Iheakam, *Biology*
Fabian J. Jano, *Biology, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ, ΦBK*
Lingyun Ji, *Psychology*
Kryzta Y. Jimenez, *Psychology*
Emani Johnson, *Sociology*
Paxton Johnson, *English–Writing, Magna Cum Laude, ΦBK*
Andrew Jones, *Accounting*
Ryan Andrew Kaplan, *Economics, Magna Cum Laude*
James B. Kase III, *Psychology*
Kelly Kaveney, *English–Literature, Secondary Education*
Daniel Arthur Kelly, *Financial Services, Magna Cum Laude*
Shin Ho Kim, *Biology*
Zachary Patrick Kinney, *Chemistry, Cum Laude*
Anna Kney, *Business Administration*
Jacob Glenn Kovacs, *Accounting, Cum Laude*
Jamie Marie Kreppein, *English–Writing, Theatre Arts, Cum Laude*
Nicolas William Kruchko, *Finance*
Justin Robert Krzeczowski, *Accounting, Cum Laude*
Tanner James Kuenneth, *Chemistry, Summa Cum Laude, ΦBK*
Joshua Kuntz, *Biology, Magna Cum Laude*
Abigail Marie Kushina, *English–Writing*
Amanda E. Lack, *Psychology, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ*
Michaela Kathren Lamczyk, *Music, Magna Cum Laude*
Dana Lasswell, *Theatre Arts*
Cassandra Jane Leishman, *History, Secondary Education, Cum Laude*
Emma Mary Lei Lewis, *Elementary Education, Cum Laude*
Yuge Li, *Financial Services*
Chen Liang, *Business Administration*
Erich J. Lieser, Jr., *English–Writing, Secondary Education, Cum Laude*
Meghan Louise Linder, *Biology, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ, ΦBK*
Jeremiah Joseph Lindquist, *Economics, Magna Cum Laude*
Yindai Ling, *Accounting, Cum Laude*
Andrew Litherland, *Computer Science*
Yi Liu, *Mathematics, Financial Services, Cum Laude*
Tyler Lovell, *Biology*
Anthony Scott Lunsford, *Art, Cum Laude*
Sijia Lyu, *Accounting, Magna Cum Laude*
Keila Magafas, *Biology, Magna Cum Laude*
James Henry Maibuecher, *Financial Services*
Shannon Maloney, *Psychology, Magna Cum Laude, ΦBK*
Juan Mancilla-Salgado, *Political Science*
Michael Thomas Mannix, *Financial Services, Magna Cum Laude*
Gail Caroline Mar, *Accounting, Magna Cum Laude*
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Matthew Montemayor, *Psychology*
Natalie Faith Moore, *Interdisciplinary Educational Studies*
Jacob Gabriel Morris, *Environmental Studies, Cum Laude*

Matthew Moser, *English–Literature*
 Kiara Mosley, *Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude*
 Xibai Mu, *Financial Services*
 Candis Amra Mueller, *Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude*
 Nghi Nguyen, *Art*
 Tung Xuan Nguyen, *International Studies, Political Science, Mathematics, Cum Laude*
 Thomas Nie, *Business Administration*
 John Nolan, *Financial Services*
 Crystal Ocampo-Fernández, *International Studies*
 Sean Larkin O’Carroll, *International Business*
 Clare Rose O’Donnell, *Psychology, Magna Cum Laude*
 Delaney Shea Olinger, *Psychology, Magna Cum Laude*
 Conner John O’Neil, *Mathematics, Cum Laude*
 Sarah O’Rourke, *Hispanic Studies, Secondary Education*
 Kathleen Walk O’Shea, *Psychology, Summa Cum Laude, ΦBK*
 Madeleine Pagni, *Business Administration*
 Gabrielle Palfenier, *Psychology*
 Mansi Patel, *Biology, Magna Cum Laude, ΦBK*
 Kirstyn Marie Petersen, *Accounting*
 Anh Pham, *Biology*
 Michael Joseph Plecki, *Accounting, Magna Cum Laude*
 Christopher Ryan Xavier Pombar, *Chemistry*
 Nivedha Poondi, *Biology, Cum Laude*
 Andrew Posadzy, *Computer Science, History*
 Samuel Powers, *Business Administration, Summa Cum Laude, ΦKΦ*
 Stephanie Lynne Prentice, *Elementary Education, Magna Cum Laude*
 Alyssa Joann Pridemore, *Psychology, Magna Cum Laude*
 Rodney Quansah, *Biology*
 Claire Margaret Quist, *Sociology, Cum Laude*
 Vandhana Rajarathnam, *Biology*
 Megan Taylor Ravnikar, *Psychology*
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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 held in the Arena.

Faculty look forward to greeting the graduates and their families during the reception.

Senior marshals for the Commencement ceremony are Professors Zahia Drici and Rebecca Roesner. Student marshals are Gus Castro '19 and Kayleigh Ruffolo '19 representing the Junior Class Officers.



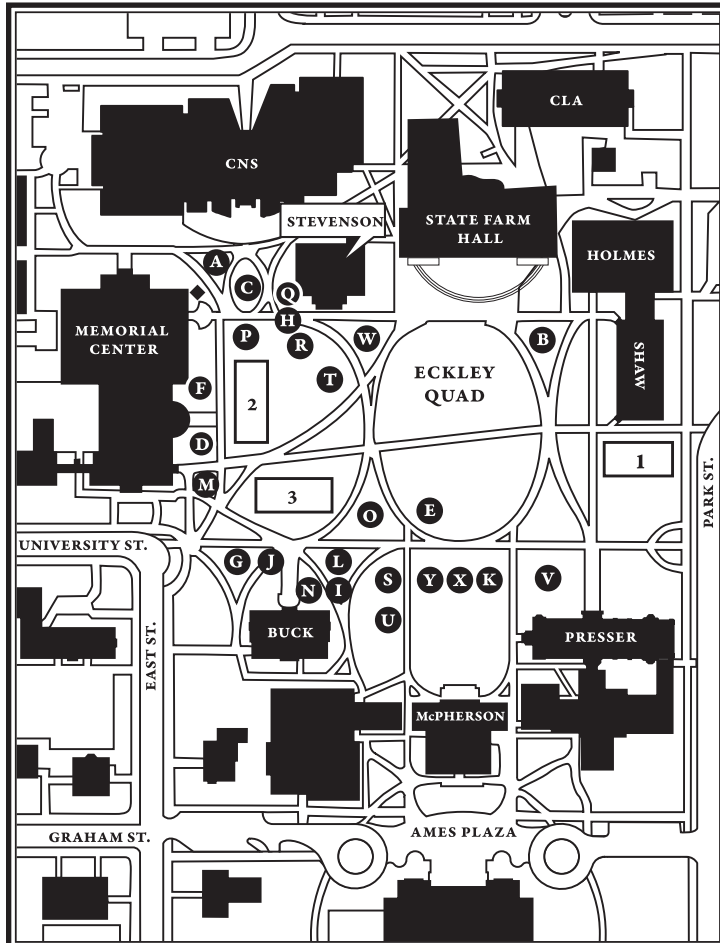
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The faculty will gather to meet and greet parents and students at these locations:

<p>A. Biology</p> <p>B. Business and Marketing Accounting and Finance</p> <p>C. Chemistry</p> <p>D. Computer Science</p> <p>E. Economics</p> <p>F. Educational Studies</p> <p>G. English</p> <p>H. Environmental Studies</p> <p>I. Greek and Roman Studies</p> <p>J. Hispanic Studies</p> <p>K. History</p> <p>L. International Studies</p> <p>M. Mathematics</p>	<p>N. German, Russian and Asian Languages French and Italian</p> <p>O. Philosophy</p> <p>P. Physics</p> <p>Q. Political Science</p> <p>R. Psychology</p> <p>S. Religion</p> <p>T. Sociology / Anthropology</p> <p>U. School of Art</p> <p>V. School of Music</p> <p>W. School of Nursing</p> <p>X. School of Theatre Arts</p> <p>Y. Women's and Gender Studies</p> <p>◆ Student Affairs</p>
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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.

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, pink for music, golden yellow for the sciences, brown for the fine arts, 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 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 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.

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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