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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.
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, Conductor and  
Visiting Assistant Professor of Music

Music For a Festival  
Overture  
Intrada

Processional (please stand)  
Crown Imperial  
William Walton  
(1902–1983)  
arr. W.J. Duthoit

Pomp and Circumstance  
Edward Elgar  
(1857–1934)

“America The Beautiful”  
(please remain standing  
and join in singing)  
Blake Miller ’18  
Materna  
Samuel A. Ward  
(1848–1903)

Invocation  
(remain standing)  
Elyse Nelson Winger  
University Chaplain

President’s Welcome  
Eric R. Jensen  
President

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

Alumni Association Welcome  
Scott E. Huch ’86  
President of Alumni Association Board of Directors

Remarks of Class President  
Alex Stogin ’18

Faculty Reflections  
Ellen Furlong  
Assistant Professor of Psychology  
Class of 2018 Most Influential Professor

Announcement of Honors  
President Jensen

Awarding of Honorary Degree  
President Jensen  
Mark Brodl  
Provost  
Mr. Vinyard

Address  
Kirk S. Schroeder ’84  
“The Path from Farmboy to Biotech:  
Nature or Nurture”

Conferring of Degrees  
President Jensen

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

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

Bachelor of Arts and  
Provost Brodl

Bachelor of Science  
Lynda M. Duke  
Associate Provost

Closing Remarks  
President Jensen

Alma Wesleyana  
Mr. Miller  
National Hymn  
George William Warren  
(1828–1902)  
arr. Peter Andrew Gilbert ’98

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

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

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 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 Artiagom**
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 Litfiton
The School of Nursing

Candidates for the degree

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Sydney Allen
Angeline Almeroth
Sawyor Lorraine Ashley
Sally Buabeng
Alyssa Marie Canda
Kathryn Jean Craft
Emily Curtis
Michaela Nichole Drake
Victoria Drake, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ
Erin Catherine Fisher, Cum Laude
Siobhan Bridget Geraghty
Heather Grimmer, Cum Laude
Anthony Scott Hall
Hanna Margaret Heline
Alexa Rae Huskisson
Morgan Michelle Hussey, Magna Cum Laude
Haley Lynn Janisch
Emma Klimala, Cum Laude
Alisa Marie Kulhanek, Cum Laude
Ashley Nicole Layman

Nicole Arline Young Lee
Morgan Elizabeth Luther
Rebecca Lynn Macijunas, Cum Laude
Mackenzie Nicole Marquis
Kathryn Miller, Magna Cum Laude
Kaitlyn Adele Petersen, Magna Cum Laude
Jennifer Marie Porzak
Lauren Ashley Roebert
Hayden Sartin
Larisa Savage, Cum Laude
Megan Schumacher
Amanda G. Small, Cum Laude
Ashley Michelle Sons, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ
Alexandria M. Spontak
Brock Daniel Thornton, Magna Cum Laude
Madeleine Nicole Turenne
Morgan Van Kuiken, Cum Laude
Jennifer Miller White
Hyeon Bin Yoon
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, ΦΒΚ
Andrew Apel, Financial Services
Sara Hayley Apfelbaum, Accounting
Kristina Lynn Arns, Business Administration, Psychology
Elizabeth Ayala, English – Literature, Secondary Education
Brook Ancira, 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, ΦΚΦ, ΦΒΚ
Maisy Dene Henderson Bowden, Psychology, French and Francophone Studies, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ, ΦΒΚ
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, ΦΒΚ
Suchana Chaulagain, Biology, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ, ΦΒΚ
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
Ryan 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
Citolalli 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 Grifiths, 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, ΦΒΚ
Lingyun Ji, Psychology
Kryztal Y. Jimenez, Psychology
Emani Johnson, Sociology
Paxton Johnson, English–Writing, Magna Cum Laude, ΦΒΚ
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 Krepplein, English–Writing, Theatre Arts, Cum Laude
Nicolas William Kruchko, Finance
Justin Robert Krzeczkowski, Accounting, Cum Laude
Tanner James Kuenneth, Chemistry, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΒΚ
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, ΦΒΚ
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, ΦΒΚ
Juan Mancilla-Salgado, Political Science
Michael Thomas Mannix, Financial Services, Magna Cum Laude
Gail Caroline Mar, Accounting, Magna Cum Laude
Katelyn Maria Masson, German, Summa Cum Laude
Claudia C. McGee-Morales, Elementary Education
Ian McGinnis, Business Administration
Grace McGovern, English–Writing, Magna Cum Laude, ΦΒΚ
Molly McGraw, Business Administration
Connor Melvin, Accounting
Kurt David Meyer, Economics, Finance, Cum Laude
Jordan James Miller, Biology
Megan Elizabeth Mink, Biology, Magna Cum Laude
Michael C. Misheck, Accounting, Cum Laude
Bianna Eileen Miulli, Biology
Monica Ann Mocogni, Women’s and Gender Studies, Cum Laude
Jade Cassandra Molln, Psychology
Nicholas Monferdini, Financial Services
Emilee Ann Monken, Hispanic Studies, Secondary Education, Cum Laude
Caroline Zhao Monsen, Mathematics, Economics, Cum Laude
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, ΦΒΚ
Madeleine Pagni, Business Administration
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Kirstyn Marie Petersen, Accounting
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Nivedha Poondi, Biology, Cum Laude
Andrew Posadzy, Computer Science, History
Samuel Powers, Business Administration, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ
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
Krystal Marie Remijas, Psychology
Tiffany Hope Remijas, Biology
Rachael Lynn Repplinger, Business Administration
Clarke Courtney Rich, Psychology
Jennifer Aria A. Richardson, French and Francophone Studies
Devon Frances Robbins, Accounting, Magna Cum Laude
Jacob Robbins, Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude
Isaac Daniel Roethemeyer, Accounting
Jack H. Roireau, Chemistry
Samuel Rose, Business Administration
Helena Langford Rosse, Accounting, Economics
Luke William Roth, English–Literature, Secondary Education, Cum Laude
Emily Russow, Business Administration
Cayley Jaclyn Rydzinski, Religion, Anthropology, Magna Cum Laude, ΦΒΚ
Emily Joy Saloman, Psychology, Cum Laude
Jacquelyn Schirmacher, Psychology
Amanda Catherine Schmidt, Accounting
Rachel Schneider, Biology
Katelyn Nicole Schwiderski, Economics, Political Science, Cum Laude
Anthony Sciarini, Mathematics
Sydney Nicole Seeman, Elementary Education, Magna Cum Laude
David William Shacklette, Philosophy, Magna Cum Laude
Halley Fay Shanley, Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude
Qijing Shen, History, Magna Cum Laude
Ojaswee Shrestha, Environmental Studies, Magna Cum Laude, ΦΒΚ
Zachary Silver, Psychology, Music, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ, ΦΒΚ
Hannah Michaeille Simeon, Business Administration
Jonathan Slupski, Business Administration
Audrey Mae Smith, Biology
Mariah Jean Smith, Psychology
Adrienne Snider, Biology, Magna Cum Laude
Sophia Sodolski, Psychology
Giovanni Solano, English–Writing
Sophia Staerz, Chemistry
Savanna Marie Steck, English–Writing, Magna Cum Laude
Jacob S. Stewart, Business Administration
Summer Taylor Stitt, Psychology, Magna Cum Laude
Alex C. Stogin, Political Science, Accounting, Cum Laude
Amber Rae Stringer, Elementary Education, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΒΚ
Riane Struble, Biology
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*In Memoriam*
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.

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

A. Biology
B. Business and 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 and Asian Languages
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
◆ Student Affairs

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 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 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 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 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 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.