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Commencement

IN OUR *171st Year*

— 1850 — 2021 —



May 2, 2021

SHIRK CENTER FOR ATHLETICS AND RECREATION



ILLINOIS WESLEYAN
UNIVERSITY



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 1,650 students from 34 states and 18 countries. A highly selective institution, Wesleyan offers 80 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 Shirk Center, where Commencement is taking place today, was made possible by a gift from the Russell and Betty Shirk Foundation of Bloomington, and opened in 1994. The two-level, 135,344-square foot complex seats 2,680 for sporting events in its performance arena, and contains a 200-meter track, a practice gym, four multi-use courts for tennis, volleyball, basketball, and other sports, as well as a fitness center, athletic training room, team locker rooms, classrooms, and athletic department offices. Generous gifts from the Shirk Family Foundation in 2009 and 2014 have enabled expansion and continued support for a state-of-the-art facility. The Shirk Center typically hosts more than 300 community events annually and has been the site for a number of NCAA Division III national championship tournaments.

Presiding at this year's Commencement will be S. Georgia Nugent, who was named the University's 20th president in 2019. Graduates of the Class of 2021 will join more than 23,000 Illinois Wesleyan alumni living in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and 52 countries around the world.

Commencement Speaker



Geisha J. Williams

Geisha Jimenez Williams has more than three decades of experience in the energy industry. She is an independent board member and Chair of Osmose Utility Services, Inc., member of the supervisory board of Siemens Energy, Inc., and independent director of Artera Services, LLC. She also serves on the Bipartisan Policy Center Board of Directors, a think tank in Washington, D.C.

Williams was formerly Chief Executive Officer and President of PG&E Corporation, one of the largest combined natural gas and electric energy companies in the United States. She was the first and only Latina CEO of a Fortune 200 company and has been recognized as the highest ranking Latina leader in business.

Prior to joining PG&E in 2007, Williams worked for over two decades at Florida Power and Light Company, where she was Vice President of Power Systems. She held a variety of positions of increasing responsibility in FPL's customer service, marketing, external affairs and electric operations.

Williams earned a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Miami and a master's degree in business administration from Nova Southeastern University. She currently lives in Northern California with her husband Jay Williams, an Illinois Wesleyan University Class of 1979 alumnus.

A Letter from the Alumni Association

To The Graduates of the Class of 2021:

Congratulations, you are now official graduates of Illinois Wesleyan University! On behalf of the entire Alumni Association Board of Directors, let me be one of the first to welcome you to the Illinois Wesleyan University Alumni Association. We are so proud of each of you for achieving your goal of completing your degree. You have shown the ability to adjust quickly and persevere through times that are full of uncertainty. The ability to remain focused through adversity is a strong characteristic that I hope will bolster you for the next phase of your life.

You are now part of the ever-growing network of IWU alumni who support one another, current students, and the University. As you go out into the world, whether it is into a career or to further your education, the Alumni Association is here to support you. There are Illinois Wesleyan Alumni all over the U.S. and the world who want to see you succeed and are willing to help you do so. Please utilize the many opportunities available through the Alumni Association – connect with the Young Alumni Council, volunteer with your regional committee, attend professional and social events (virtual connections and hopefully live in-person events soon!), register for Titan Talks, among many others.

We are in an unprecedented time in our nation's history. While there is uncertainty in the world, I truly believe your future is as bright as ever. Times of great change offer opportunities to help to shape the future. I look forward to seeing the impact you will make!

Lastly, we hope you'll to stay involved with Illinois Wesleyan after you graduate – assist students, become part of this great alumni community, and help keep our University the amazing educational institution it is.

Congratulations again, and I look forward to meeting all of you in the future!

Sincerely,



Molly Rollings '99

President, Alumni Association Board of Directors

“Go out into the world and do well, but more importantly, go out into the world and do good”

–Minor Myers jr



Look for our Commencement Snapchat Geofilters
as you share your proud moments!

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 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

Megan Baker, *English–Literature*

Queering Little Women

Project Advisor: Molly Robey

Emma Cottrell, *English–Literature*

'Begrimed and Black:' Shakespeare's Depiction of Race in the Renaissance

Project Advisor: Joanna Diaz

Emma Garcia, *Philosophy*

Blending the Gender Binary: The Machismo-Marianismo Dyad as a Coping Mechanism

Project Advisor: Emily Kelahan

Gabrielle Ghaderi, *Theatre Arts*

From Witch Trials to Red Scare: Arthur Miller's The Crucible and Perceptions of Women Through History

Project Advisor: Michelle Gibbs

Madeline Hanrahan, *Music*

The Paradox of Womanhood: Gender Roles and The Representation of Women in Puccini's Tosca

Project Advisor: Adrianna Ponce

Chase Ochsner, *Economics*

The Effect of Female Protagonists and Non-Sexist Dialogue on Domestic Box Office Revenue for Films Released Between 1995 to 2018

Project Advisor: Michael Seeborg

Ethan Schuller, *Music*

The Politics of Music: Examining Political Motivations of John Adams' Nixon in China

Project Advisor: Adriana Ponce

Bonnie Smith, *English–Writing*

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Project Advisor: Mike Thuene

Kelsey Wyman, *Neuroscience*

The Effects of Training Intensity on Functional Outcome in a Mouse Model of Stroke

Project Advisor: Abby Kerr

The School of Nursing

Candidates for the degree

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Megan Michelle Amato	McKinna Lee Molln
Sarah Eleni Astudillo	Stephanie Morales
Mikayla Jayne Blankenship	Hannah Lavonne Mueller, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Riley Belle Brovelli	Julia Rose Nelson
Kelly Anne Byrne	Mimi Thuy Nguyen
Justin D’Nard Correll	Tori Lynn Olomon
Elizabeth Cortez	Anna Shay Peters
Hannah Noelle Cunningham	Anna Maria Pirozynski
Erin Patrice Doyle	Taylor Matthew Robinson
Sierra Nicole Eidsmoe	Rebecca Ann Rochacz, <i>Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ</i>
Claire Faith Geier	Amanda Dorothy Rogers
Kaitlyn Grace Geier, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Jennipher Sanchez
Michael Thomas Good	Lizbeth Sanchez
Emily Joy Gutzwiler	Stephanie Michelle Schragger, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Cameron Elizabeth Hindel, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Tania Silva Vivas, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Quinn Cameron Johnson	Bonnie Colleen Smith
Payton Marie Koranda	Breanna Nicole Soto, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Nicole Jeannette LaPapa	Brianna Louise Teeter
Meghan Sue Lehmann, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Toni Suad Tortorella
Lauryn Diwa Lingad	Ashley Jordan Tortorich
Anna Elise Lowis	Rylie Cassandra Winterland
Jenny Ly	Chantiera Jazmine-Monique Wortham
Kelli Alyssa McCarthy	

College of Fine Arts

Candidates for the degree

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

ART

Lizette Aurora Toto

THEATRE ARTS

Haylie Marie Aeschliman, *Theatre, Design & Technology*,
Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ

Ciara Marie Bates, *Acting, Magna Cum Laude*

Angela Grace Cornwell, *Music Theatre*,
Magna Cum Laude

Richard William Ehrhart, *Music Theatre*

Matthew J. Fecko, *Music Theatre, Cum Laude*

Jared Nathaniel Garner, *Music Theatre*

Andrew Jackson Jump, *Music Theatre*

Pearlie Leaf, *Acting, Magna Cum Laude*

Elizabeth June Maguire, *Music Theatre*

Liliya Moldovanska, *Acting, Cum Laude*

Kieran John O'Connor, *Acting, Cum Laude*

Sloane Elizabeth Polisner, *Acting*

Cheron Demares Whittley, *Music Theatre*,
Cum Laude

Candidates for the degree

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Christopher James Callahan, *Music Composition*

Daria Dodonova, *Instrumental Performance, Cum Laude*

Madeline Kate Hanrahan, *Vocal Performance*,
Summa Cum Laude

Braylee Mee Parry, *Instrumental Performance*

Ruth Aline Reding Hoffart, *Vocal Performance*

Ethan Kan Schuller, *Instrumental Performance, Cum Laude*

Candidates for the degree

BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION

Abigail Marie Buechel, *Music Education*

Ivette Enriquez, *Music Education, Cum Laude*

Jacob Benjamin Heerman, *Music Education*

Jonah Allan Klima, *Music Education*

Lindsay Elizabeth Ring, *Music Education, Cum Laude*

Daria Turner Van De Loo, *Music Education*,
Summa Cum Laude

College of Liberal Arts

Candidates for the degree

BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

- Andrew Gregory Abel, *Finance, Magna Cum Laude*
Ryan Andrew Abraham, *Psychology*
Shannan Abraham, *Finance, Magna Cum Laude*
Brianna K. Alexandre, *International Studies, Cum Laude*
Junaid Mehboob Ali, *Biology*
Anthony Leo Alonso, *Business*
Carolay Alvarado, *Sociology*
Morgan Jane Anderson, *Business, Hispanic Studies, Cum Laude*
Wade Michael Anderson, *Finance*
Zachary David Anderson, *Health Promotion & Fitness Management*
Philip Andrango, *Physics, Magna Cum Laude*
Jake Thomas Arthur, *Finance*
Winona J. Asher, *Accounting, Summa Cum Laude*
Charles Glen Bair, *Finance, Magna Cum Laude*
Megan Lorraine Baker, *English–Literature, Political Science, Summa Cum Laude, ΦBK*
Sam Baldorj, *Computer Science*
Gabriela Theodora Bantas, *Political Science, Philosophy, Summa Cum Laude, ΦBK*
Eric James Bennes, *Accounting, Magna Cum Laude*
Emily Ann Berry, *Biology, Magna Cum Laude*
Jackson T. Bettis, *Theatre Arts, Cum Laude*
Logan Thomas Betz, *Business Administration*
Leah M. Bieniak, *Environmental Studies, Summa Cum Laude, ΦKΦ, ΦBK*
Ayana Pearl Blair, *Biochemistry, Magna Cum Laude*
Kelsey Elizabeth Blanchard, *Psychology*
Matthew T. Blaney, *Business*
Jonathan Maxwell Bousky, *Business Administration, Cum Laude*
Meghan Ann Bowler, *Biology*
Kaylee Christine Braun, *Neuroscience*
William Michael Brinkmann, *International Studies*
Jessica Corinne Bugayong, *History, Summa Cum Laude*
Spencer Lee Burbach, *Music*
Erin Nicole Burnison, *English–Writing, Summa Cum Laude, ΦKΦ*
Leah Isabelle Carter, *Environmental Studies*
Katherine Elyse Cavender, *English–Literature, Secondary Education, Magna Cum Laude, ΦBK*
Nicholas Williams Ceko, *Marketing*
Daniel James Cerniglia, *Business Administration*
Gisela Cervantes, *Elementary Education*
Stefani Cetera, *Psychology*
Viana Chau, *Biology, International Studies, Cum Laude*
Colin Edward Cheaney, *Mathematics, Cum Laude*
Julia Lian Chen, *Biology, Psychology, Summa Cum Laude*
Alicia Hernandez Cherry, *Sociology, Magna Cum Laude*
David Samuel Claiborne, *Interdisciplinary Educational Studies*
Kathleen Taylor Connelly, *Elementary Education*
John Dell Corridon, *Business Administration*
Emma Lorraine Cottrell, *English–Literature, Magna Cum Laude*
Lauryn Jo Anne Cross, *Finance, Magna Cum Laude*
Madysen Nicole Crowder, *Political Science, Cum Laude*
Shakira Marie Cruz Gonzalez, *Political Science, Cum Laude*
Stephen Joseph Cutro, *Accounting, Cum Laude*
Jaeden Anthony Danko, *Health Promotion & Fitness Management, Hispanic Studies, Cum Laude*
John Alexander Davine, *Physics*
Jenna Catherine Demay, *Biology, Magna Cum Laude*
Zachary Allan Dettman, *Business Administration*
Jehan Mohammed Dib, *Biology*
Page Ann Dickison, *English–Literature, Secondary Education, Magna Cum Laude*
Brooke Marie Dominski, *Psychology*
Roger John Dondanville, *Finance*
Anna Catherine Eager, *Economics, Political Science, Magna Cum Laude*
Laurin Theresa Ebert, *Biology, Summa Cum Laude*
Sean Michael Farrell, *Business*
Benjamin Filo, *Business Administration*
Brianna Makenzie Fogo, *Psychology, Summa Cum Laude*
Hannah E. Foley, *Elementary Education, Magna Cum Laude*
Megan Elizabeth Frederick, *Biology, Hispanic Studies, Magna Cum Laude*
Annika R. Fuller, *Environmental Studies, Economics, Magna Cum Laude*

Moriah Elizabeth Gaines, *Finance*
Sarah Garces Rivera, *Business*
Emma Victoria Garcia, *History, Philosophy, Cum Laude*
Jacqueline Mary Garcia, *Business Administration*
Lilia Agata Garcia, *Biology, Cum Laude*
Moises Garcia, *Business, Music, Summa Cum Laude*
Gabrielle Darya Ghaderi, *English–Writing, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ*
Matthew Giannakopoulos, *Accounting, Cum Laude*
Ryan Patrick Gibbs, *International Business, Hispanic Studies*
Janaye Lynn Godfrey, *History, Summa Cum Laude*
Bradley Ross Goldasich, *Accounting*
Catherine Jean Goodwin, *Health Promotion & Fitness Management*
Amy Nicole Gourley, *Psychology, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ*
Brett Carter Grabarek, *Finance*
Mateo Grajales, *Business Administration, Psychology*
Emma Catherine Billman Gray, *Biochemistry, Summa Cum Laude*
Quinn Gallagher Gudaitis, *Business*
Richard Anthony Guingrich, *Biochemistry, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ, ΦΒΚ*
Melesa Guneyasu, *Psychology*
Kira Renee Gurovich, *Music*
Ryan Eugene Haas, *Business Administration, Religion, Magna Cum Laude*
Ashlynn Taylor Hambrecht, *Biology*
Emmett Roarke Hanold, *Design Technology & Entrepreneurship*
Caleb Richard Hansen, *Physics, Secondary Education*
William Christopher Harris, *Political Science*
Steven David Harroun, *Accounting*
Marqus Thomas Harvey, *Business Administration*
Grace Aaron Hathaway, *Psychology*
Emily Marie Heim, *Accounting, Summa Cum Laude*
Carney Thomas Herard, *Accounting*
Hannah Elizabeth Heraty, *Interdisciplinary Educational Studies, Summa Cum Laude*
Leticia Marie Hernandez, *Sociology*
Amara Starr Hess, *Biology*
Sarah Katherine Hinckley, *Neuroscience*
Luke T. Hinkamp, *Accounting*
Amelia Grace Hoffbeck, *Mathematics*
Calvin Geremias Castillo Holliday, *Marketing*
Michael R. Holtz, *Finance*
Min Ji Hong, *English–Literature*
Brayden Anthony Hough, *Business*
Peyton Howe, *Business, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ*
Alexander James Huebner, *Music*
Raven Denise Hughes, *Accounting, Cum Laude*
Timothy Alexander Edwards Hughes, *Political Science*
Cole Thomas Hundman, *Business*
Madison Olivia Hutson, *Psychology, Magna Cum Laude*
Marissa Renea Irelan, *Psychology, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ*
KeShawn Terrell Jackson, *Health Promotion & Fitness Management*
Quentin Demond Jackson, *International Studies*
Olivia Jacobs, *English–Writing*
Keagan Alexander James, *Economics, Summa Cum Laude*
Kathryn Beatrice Jefferson, *Anthropology, Psychology, Summa Cum Laude*
Kenneth Deon Johnson Jr., *Psychology*
Tyler Paul Jones, *Finance*
Rosemary Ann Josenkoski, *Biology, Cum Laude*
Giustina Ann Joyce, *English–Literature, Business, Magna Cum Laude*
Ezekial Kalmes, *Computer Science*
Samira Kathleen Kassem, *Political Science, Cum Laude*
Kibin Kim, *Psychology*
Madeline Grace Kotowske, *Business Administration*
Eric Wilfred Kozlowski, *Economics*
Cooper Timothy Kraft, *Mathematics*
Liam Krammer, *International Business*
Natalie Kuca, *International Studies, Cum Laude*
Maya Magdalena Lach, *Chemistry, Summa Cum Laude*
Danielle Rose Lagone, *English–Literature, Secondary Education, Cum Laude*
Sophia Rose LaMore, *International Business, Political Science*
Michael Joseph LaPapa, *Accounting*
Alexander G. Lawson, *Biochemistry, Cum Laude*
Nia Tarae Lee, *Psychology*
Yushan Liu, *Biology, Magna Cum Laude*
Sydney Francis Longfellow, *Psychology, Health Promotion & Fitness Management*
David Nicolas Lopez, *Computer Science, Magna Cum Laude*
William Lowery, *Finance*
Sean T. Ly, *Biology*
Alex Michael Machon, *Political Science*
Jacob Thomas Mahaffey, *Computer Science, Magna Cum Laude*
Raheel Rafiq Makhani, *Biology, Summa Cum Laude*
Aaron Michael Manuel, *Physics, Magna Cum Laude*

Alexis Victoria Isabelle Manuel, *Biology, Cum Laude*
 Gabriela Raquel Manzanares Jule, *Political Science, Business, Cum Laude*
 Maya Evelyn Manzonelli, *English–Literature, History*
 Christian Anthony Marino, *Biology*
 Jack Martin, *Marketing*
 Sommer Ann Martin, *Anthropology*
 Orion Matthew Marty, *Marketing*
 Grace E. McAvoy, *English–Literature, Secondary Education, Magna Cum Laude*
 Jessica Dominique McCall, *Elementary Education, Magna Cum Laude*
 Rachel Anne McCarthy, *English–Literature, Psychology, Summa Cum Laude*
 Micheal James Collins McGarrity, *History, Secondary Education*
 Maureen Elizabeth McGrath, *Biology, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ*
 Kate Y. McHugh, *Psychology, Cum Laude*
 Andrea Erin Mehrkens, *Accounting, Cum Laude*
 Andrea Pauline Meier, *Business Administration, Cum Laude*
 Caitlin Elizabeth Meyer, *Elementary Education, Cum Laude*
 Isabel Eve Michniak, *Sociology, Business, Magna Cum Laude*
 Clayton Shay Miller, *Accounting, Cum Laude*
 Collin J. Miller, *Business*
 Jovana Milosevic, *English–Writing*
 Steven Dixon Milsk, *Accounting*
 Alexandra Grace Mirasol, *Interdisciplinary Educational Studies, Magna Cum Laude*
 Zachary Ryan Mitchell, *Accounting*
 Devesh Mondal, *Finance, Cum Laude*
 Abigail June Monken, *Marketing*
 Jack Thomas Monssen, *Design Technology & Entrepreneurship*
 Jake Theodore Moran, *Mathematics, Secondary Education*
 Refugio Carlos Moreno, *Environmental Studies, Cum Laude*
 Jarlai Tiera Morris, *Computer Science*
 Joseph T. Morro, *Business, Cum Laude*
 Adna Mujović, *International Studies, German*
 Max Jacob Muller, *Health Promotion & Fitness Management, Cum Laude*
 Rory Mulvihill, *Accounting*
 Samantha Joy Munroe, *Elementary Education, Cum Laude*
 Michael Murphy, *Business Administration*
 McGuire L. Mynatt, *Finance*
 John David Nairn, *Environmental Studies*
 Tanner James Nelson, *Marketing*
 Sophia Lilova Nicolosi, *Design Technology & Entrepreneurship*
 Evan Edward Nieslawski, *Accounting, Cum Laude*
 Katherine Carr North, *Physics, Cum Laude*
 Grace Eileen Norton, *Neuroscience*
 Michael Albert Norwood, Jr., *Health Promotion & Fitness Management*
 Chase H. Ochsner, *Economics, Summa Cum Laude*
 Sargon John Odicho, *Computer Science*
 Megan Grace O’Neal, *Health Promotion & Fitness Management*
 David Kendall O’Neil, *Economics, Business, Cum Laude*
 Anne Marie Ozburn, *Music*
 Daisy Palma, *Psychology*
 Jonathan Michael Panton, *Business Administration, Cum Laude*
 Justin Park, *Accounting, Cum Laude*
 Braylee Mee Parry, *English–Writing*
 Nicholas Partipilo, *Finance, Cum Laude*
 Ria Samir Patel, *Biology, Cum Laude*
 Margarita Patino, *Anthropology, Hispanic Studies, Magna Cum Laude*
 Shruti Pattekar, *Neuroscience*
 Colin John Pfothenhauer, *Business*
 John Scott Phillip, *Biochemistry, Magna Cum Laude*
 Shaela Shanice Phillips, *Philosophy, Magna Cum Laude*
 Sydney Marie Pinder, *Psychology, Magna Cum Laude*
 Justin Ryan Piotrowski, *Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude*
 Morgan Kaeanna Marie Pirkle, *Business Administration, Cum Laude*
 Taylor Whitney Plantan, *English–Literature, Summa Cum Laude, ΦBK*
 Paul Plizga, *Business Administration*
 Maeve Anne Plunkett, *International Studies, German, Summa Cum Laude*
 Joseph Richard Prestamer, *Finance, Cum Laude*
 Destini’ Price, *Psychology*
 Nicolina Purpura, *History, French & Francophone Studies*
 Joseph Mathieu Quednau, *Economics*
 Michael Joseph Quintana, *Biology, Cum Laude*
 Matthew A. Rashid, *Biochemistry, Magna Cum Laude*
 Robert W. Reichert, *Biology*
 Kelsey Rose Robertson, *Business Administration, Cum Laude*
 Sarah Ruth Rollins, *Sociology, Magna Cum Laude*
 Oscar Romero, *Political Science, Magna Cum Laude*
 Riley Erin Rooney, *Environmental Studies, Magna Cum Laude*
 Dareana Lisbeth Roy, *Political Science*

Andrew Robert Runkle, *Biology*
Dylan L. Ruskin, *Marketing*
Benjamin L. Sandefur, *Computer Science*
Lucy Elaine Saucedo, *History*
Siddhant Saxena, *Chemistry*
Emily Rose Schirmacher, *Environmental Studies, Summa Cum Laude*
Zachary Robert Schneider, *Physics*
Kira Mary Schoen, *Elementary Education, Summa Cum Laude, ΦBK*
Anna Noel Schultz-Breef, *Theatre Arts, Magna Cum Laude*
Keenan James Scott, *Political Science*
Nicholas Robert Scott, *Business Administration*
Trevor Joseph Sefcik, *Marketing, Magna Cum Laude*
Hunter Thomas Simon, *Business, Cum Laude*
Jacob Andrew Simpson, *Health Promotion & Fitness Management*
Julius A. L. Smith, *Marketing*
Jesse Smith-Prettner, *Marketing*
Wyatt Christian Soderholm, *Marketing, Cum Laude*
Kendall Nicole Sosa, *Business Administration, Summa Cum Laude*
Samuel L. Soto, *History, Secondary Education*
Hailey Marie Stephens, *English–Writing*
Joseph Whitfield Stith, Jr., *Business*
Raul Dejesus Sustaita, *Biology*
Matthew E. Sweeney, *Computer Science, Music, Magna Cum Laude*
Brandon Jordan Taylor, *Sociology*
Margaret Erin Marie Torres, *Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude*
Lexy Rose Trammell, *Biology, Magna Cum Laude*
Daniel John Trudeau III, *Biology*
Peter M. Trunk, *Marketing*
Callen F. Ussery, *Theatre Arts, Physics, Cum Laude*
Ivana Samantha Valencia, *Psychology*
Jaren D. Vance, *Anthropology*
Jory Wallace Vance, *Biology*
Nymisha Velugubantla, *Biology*
Jorge Luis Villanueva, Jr., *Mathematics*
Matthew M. Wagner, *Business Administration*
Rebecca L. Wagner, *Elementary Education*
Douglas M. Wallen, Jr., *Marketing*
Max Michael Walter, *Computer Science*
Margaret Jane Warrner, *Marketing*
Griffin Arno Wasz, *Finance, Magna Cum Laude*
Nicholas William Watson, *Marketing*
David Edward Werner, *Political Science, Economics, Magna Cum Laude*
Grant Ryan Werner, *Psychology, Cum Laude*
Kyle Joseph Wheat, *Computer Science*
Lucas Adam Wheat, *Biology, Magna Cum Laude*
Cora Lea Wilkinson, *Marketing, Summa Cum Laude*
Jude Samuel Witkowski, *Business*
Christopher Jeffrey Wojciak, *Business Administration, Cum Laude*
Grant Dawson Wolfe, *Finance, Cum Laude*
Robert Keller Wuethrich, *Accounting, Magna Cum Laude*
Kelsey Nicole Wyman, *Neuroscience, Magna Cum Laude*
Caroline Ann Wynn, *Biochemistry, Cum Laude*
Emily Ann Wynne, *Business, Magna Cum Laude*
Julie Xu, *Biology, Summa Cum Laude, ΦKΦ*
Kyle C. Yoder, *Marketing*
Julianne Jungmin Yoo, *Biology*
Shannon Nicole Young, *Business*
Alyssa Younger, *Political Science, Finance*
Haoqian Yu, *History, Cum Laude*
Xiaohan Yuan, *Chemistry, Cum Laude*
Megan Margaret Zebrowski, *Accounting, Magna Cum Laude*
Rosa Shagayeg Zhaleh, *Elementary Education*
Andrew Joseph Zienty, *Political Science, Cum Laude*
Emmett Robert Zima, *Accounting, Magna Cum Laude*

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)

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Thomas Lutze, Mace Bearer

— 10:30 AM Ceremony —

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Ivana Valencia ’21, <i>Multifaith Ambassador</i>			Jean Kerr <i>Director and Associate Professor of Theatre Arts</i>
President’s Welcome	S. Georgia Nugent <i>President</i>	Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Music Education	Franklin Larey <i>Director</i> <i>of the School of Music</i>
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Remarks of Class President	Jarlai Morris ’21	Alma Wesleyana	Miss Hanrahan NATIONAL HYMN <i>George William Warren</i> (1828–1902)
Faculty Reflections	Amanda Hopkins <i>Associate Professor of Nursing Education</i> <i>Class of 2021 Professor of the Year</i>	(please stand and join in singing)	
Announcement of Honors	President Nugent	Recessional (remain standing)	Illinois Wesleyan Wind Ensemble <i>John Philip Sousa</i> (1854–1932)
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Sierra Nicole Eidsmoe
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Kaitlyn Grace Geier
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Cameron Elizabeth Hindel
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Jenny Ly
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Kieran John O’Connor
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Madeline Kate Hanrahan
Braylee Mee Parry
Ethan Kan Schuller

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Jacob Benjamin Heerman
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Lindsay Elizabeth Ring
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Zachary David Anderson
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Sam Baldorj
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Ayana Pearl Blair
Kelsey Elizabeth Blanchard
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Viana Chau
Julia Lian Chen
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Jehan Mohammed Dib
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Laurin Theresa Ebert
Brianna Makenzie Fogo
Megan Elizabeth Frederick
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Lilia Agata Garcia
Moises Garcia
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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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