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Commencement Onn 172nd Year

— 1850-2022 —



THE GLENN AND ROZANNE P. KEMP COMMENCEMENT PLAZA
AT STATE FARM HALL





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 39 states and 22 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 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 S. Georgia Nugent, who was named the University's 20th president in 2019. Graduates of the Class of 2022 will join more than 23,500 Illinois Wesleyan alumni living in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and 30 countries around the world.

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.

Commencement Speaker

Dr. William Farrar '71

Dr. William Farrar graduated from IWU in 1971. He then completed his medical degree at the University of Virginia School of Medicine, Charlottesville, VA, followed by an internship in surgery and a residency in general surgery at the Ohio State University (OSU) Wexner Medical Center in Columbus, OH. After that, he completed a fellowship in surgical oncology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City.



Dr. Farrar is an internationally recognized leader in cancer treatment and research at The Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital at OSU, one of 45 National Comprehensive Cancer hospitals and the third largest cancer hospital in the U.S. In 2019, he was appointed CEO of the James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute. He also serves as medical director of the Stefanie Spielman Comprehensive Breast Center and director of medical credentialing at The James.

He is a surgical oncologist specializing in treatment of breast cancer, caring for patients and communicating with families with compassion and thoughtfulness. Since 1982, Bill has served as principal investigator for The Ohio State University's clinical trial group within the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project. This group has designed and conducted research that has changed the way breast cancer is treated and prevented.

His research accomplishments include studies on subjects such as genetic counseling and sentinel lymph node mapping and biopsy, a procedure to determine if cancer cells have spread from the tumor to lymph nodes in the armpit. He has authored or co-authored more than 100 scientific articles in prestigious medical journals, along with several book chapters and scientific abstracts, and he has served for more than 20 years on the editorial board for the Journal of Surgical Oncology.

Dr. Farrar has held leadership positions in many professional organizations and societies, such as serving as the medical director for the Columbus Cancer Clinic and the program committee director for the Society of Head and Neck Surgeons. He has been a member of professional organizations such as the American Society of Clinical Oncology, the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists, and the U.S. National Committee for the International Union Against Cancer, where he served as president.

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 Mesleyana

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)



President S. Georgia Nugent, Presiding Joanne Diaz, Mace Bearer

Conferring of Degrees

join in singing)

Marche Triomphale

Processional (please stand)	Kevin Chunko, organ
Pomp and Circumstance	Edward Elgar
•	(1857–1934)
"America The Beautiful"	Cameron Kidd '22
(please remain standing	MATERNA
and join in singing)	Samuel A. Ward
	(1848–1903)
Invocation	Walt Wiltschek
(remain standing)	University Chaplain
President's Welcome	S. Georgia Nugent President
Trustee Greetings	Timothy J. Szerlong'74 Chair, Board of Trustees
Alumni Association Welcome Dirk L. Behrends '87 President of Alumni Association Board of Directors	
Remarks of Class President	Julia Hilt '22
Faculty Reflections	Maggie Evans
Associate Professor of Educational Studies	
Class of 2022 Professor of the Year	
Investiture of Endowed Profe	essors President Nugent
Joanne Diaz	Mr. Szerlong
Scott Ferguson	Mark R. Brodl
Edgar Lehr Provost and Dean of Faculty	
Christopher Schumacher	
James Simeone	
Announcement of Honors	President Nugent
Awarding of Honorary Degr	ree President Nugent
	Provost Brodl

Address

"The power of passion and perseverance"

Karla Carney-Hall Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Leslie Betz '93 Registrar 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 Director of the School of Art Jean Kerr Director and Associate Professor of Theatre Arts Bachelor of Music and Franklin Larey Bachelor of Music Education Director of the School of Music Bachelor of Arts and Provost Brodl Bachelor of Science Rebecca A. Roesner Associate Provost **Closing Remarks** President Nugent Alma Wesleyana Cameron Kidd '22 (please stand and NATIONAL HYMN

Recessional (remain standing) Kevin Chunko, organ

President Nugent

George William Warren

Jaques-Nicolas Lemmens

arr. Peter Andrew Gilbert '98

(1828-1902)

(1823-1881)

Mr. Szerlong

Dr. William Farrar '71

A Letter from the Alumni Association

To The Class of 2022:

Congratulations! You are graduates of Illinois Wesleyan University! On behalf of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, let me be the first to welcome you to the Illinois Wesleyan University Alumni Association. We are proud of you! You have shown the ability to adjust quickly and persevere through times that were 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, our 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 continue to succeed and are willing to help you do so. Please utilize the many opportunities and resources available through the Alumni Association: connect with the Young Alumni Council, volunteer with your regional committee, attend professional and social virtual and onsite networking events, register for Titan Talks, come back for Homecoming, and stay connected through social media.

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 shape the future. I look forward to seeing the impact you will make!

Lastly, it is my expectation that you will do well in your chosen field of continued study or career path; but, it is my sincere hope that you will stay involved with our beloved Alma Mater by giving of your time, talent and treasure to support future Titans!

Congratulations again, and welcome to our IWU Alumni Association!

Sincerely,

Dirk L. Behrends '87

Dirk L. Behrends

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



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 Tociety

Illinois Wesleyan students are eligible for membership in the oldest all-discipline honor society, Phi Kappa Phi, which was established in 1897 to recognize and encourage superior scholarship and service to others. 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.

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 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 William T. Beadles Award for Exceptional Achievement in Business Administration recognizes exceptional scholarly accomplishments and professional promise.
- The Jack C. Fields Prize for Excellence in Accounting is presented for exceptional achievement in the study of accounting.
- The Larry Shue Drama Award recognizes outstanding potential as a professional artist of the theatre.

Graduation with Research Honors

William Brown, English–Literature
All Things Counter
Project Advisor: Michael Theune

Anna Cooper, History

Korea's Explosive Declaration of Independence: Complex Influences Leading up to the March First Movement of 1919 Project Advisor: Tom Lutze

Katherine Fata, English–Writing

"The Adrenaline of Failure":
Exploring the Zaniness of Sylvia
Plath
Project Advisor: Michael Theune

Keira Hoeferle, *International Studies*The "Politics of Trauma": National
Trauma in Poland and Hungary
and the Othering of Queer
Identities

Project Advisor: William Munro

Daniel Maisch, Economics/Spanish

Assessing Happiness: An Evaluation of the Latin American Paradox in the United States Project Advisor: Michael Seeborg

Madison Monk, Psychology

An Analysis of Commentary in Men's and Women's Olympic Basketball

Project Advisor: Marie Nebel-Schwalm Paul Mucci, Mathematics/Finance

Stock Price Forecasting using a Dependence Structure Project Advisor: Seung-Hwan Lee

Dylan Propheter, *Music Education*The Saxophone in Classical and Popular Music

Project Advisor: Adriana Ponce

Viktoriya Salgalova, *Neuroscience*Effects of Traditional and

Modified Rehabilitation on Function Improvement Following Stroke in a Mouse Model

Project Advisor: Abigail Kerr

Jorri Sandage, Sociology

Parental Experiences and Perceptions of the Adoption Process

Project Advisor: Courtney Irby

Jared Schneider, Economics

The Foreign-Born and the American Dream: An Analysis of Trends in and Determinants of Immigrant Homeownership Project Advisor: Michael Seeborg

Emilija Stankute, Nursing

Accurate Methods in Pulse Rate Assessment by Palpation: Pilot Study

Project Advisor: Lydia Bertschi

Broderick Summers, Sociology

Stress and Coping: College Students' Perceptions of Coping Project Advisor: Todd Fuist

Andrew Tietz, International Studies

Ce Qui Reste: Legacies of Decolonization in Guinea and Gabon

Project Advisor: William Munro



Candidates for the degree

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Sarah Ahmed Abutaleb, Cum Laude

Nawal Mohammed Alansari

Talia Ashley Albiter, Magna Cum Laude

Sasha Alecxis Arredondo-De Lipski

Kaylee Rose Bowers

Holly Noelle Brill, Summa Cum Laude, $\Phi K\Phi$

Leticia Angelina Camacho

Zackary Francis Cesati

Lok Wah Chook, Cum Laude

Jazmin Contreras

Caitlin Convery

Riley Carol Cross

Alexis Renee Dorsey, Cum Laude

Sydney Elizabeth Fornnarino, Cum Laude

Delaney Ann Gibbons

Monischa Marggreil Tyler Hills

Julia Aleah Hilt

Kathryn Christine Hoffacker

Katie Rebecca Anna Hunsley

Makenna Rose Jacoby

Rose Julia Jensen

Bianca Lashae Jones

Emeline Katherine Kennel

Kaylah Christine Keuch, Cum Laude

Benjamin Stuart Knupp

Lauren Elizabeth Krinke, Cum Laude

Alyssa Constance Lech, Magna Cum Laude

Kristen C. Lee, Cum Laude

Jennifer Mary Lord

Christina Smara Maris

Joseluis Martinez, Jr.

Sarah Mehmood Mehdi

Alexandra Rose Miller

Anna Mitroszewska, Cum Laude

Kaitlyn Nicole Morgan

Bridget Anne O'Malley, Cum Laude

Zachary Andrew Orpilla, Cum Laude

Jessica Marie Papierniak, Cum Laude

Hetal Patel

Annalyce Joy Perona

Nathan T. Phan

Eve Robinson

Raven Rochell Robinson, Magna Cum Laude

Dakota Paige Roper

Jessa Salvador, Magna Cum Laude

Amanda Marie Smith, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ

Colton John Ferris Smith, Cum Laude

Emilija Stankute, Magna Cum Laude

David Torres, Jr., Cum Laude

Claire Umeki

Cianna Reese Valdez

Madeline Camille Walter

Megan Nicole Wong, Magna Cum Laude



Candidates for the degree

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

ART

Zoe Orsen Saputra, *Cum Laude* Laura Anne Westpfahl, *Magna Cum Laude*

THEATRE ARTS

Veronica Laura Blumberg, Theatre Design & Technology, Magna Cum Laude

Megan Mariko Boggs, *Music Theatre, Summa Cum Laude* Julianne Geneva Cozette, *Acting, Magna Cum Laude*

Justine Karita Dacres, *Music Theatre* Richard Anthony Diamond, *Acting*

Constantine Elliott, Theatre Design & Technology

Erika Nicole Harper, Music Theatre, Magna Cum Laude

Olivia Leah Herlein, Music Theatre, Cum Laude

Dylan Harlan Holt, Music Theatre, Cum Laude

Erica Alexis Jones, *Music Theatre*, *Magna Cum Laude*Michael John Jostes, *Music Theatre*, *Magna Cum Laude*

Joshua Dale Kaiping, Acting, Magna Cum Laude

Elyjah Harold Kleinsmith, Theatre Design & Technology

Michael Davis McNeela, Music Theatre, Cum Laude

Zoey Mendoza, Acting, Summa Cum Laude

Deonta Dwayne Mitchell, Acting

Hannah Omolara Ogunnubi, Theatre Design & Technology

Julianne Louise Palczynski, Theatre Design & Technology,

Magna Cum Laude

Joel Isaac Reedy, Theatre Design & Technology,

Magna Cum Laude

Sarah Renee Roe, Acting

Joseph Richard Storti, Music Theatre, Cum Laude

Erin Duffy Sullivan, Acting

Candidates for the degree

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Isabella Ancira, Music Composition, Magna Cum Laude

Star Karolina Commanday, *Piano Performance*, Magna Cum Laude

Cameron Brittany Kidd, Vocal Performance, Cum Laude

Lidija Kutlesa, *Vocal Performance*Jasil A. Olabode, *Music Composition*

Lena Susan Smith, Instrumental Performance

Candidates for the degree

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Thomas Cassidy, Magna Cum Laude

Connor Jeffery Dewalt, Cum Laude

Leanna Joy Horton, Summa Cum Laude

Christopher Michael William Lerch

Dylan James Propheter, Summa Cum Laude, $\Phi K\Phi$

Kaylie Paige Remen



Candidates for the degree

BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Ubada Nadeem Abbasi, Finance, Magna Cum Laude

Caroline Amy Abenroth, Neuroscience, Cum Laude

Arnav Agarwal, Psychology

Lindsey Marie Agne, Psychology

Ryan Robert Aten, Biology, Sociology

Allison Catherine Bang, Physics

Jonathan Scott Baptist, Health Promotion & Fitness

Management

Jeffrey Alexander Barnes, Business

Orianateyor Antuanette Beard, Psychology

Evan Michael Beilfuss, Biology

Kate Cecelia Berman, Political Science

Amanda L. Bonavida, Environmental Studies, Cum Laude

Kate Carrie Bonnell, Biology, Cum Laude

Quincy Rose Boschulte, Neuroscience, Magna Cum Laude

Kaia Alexis Bowen, Psychology

Nicole Siobhan Brennan, English-Literature,

Magna Cum Laude

Jessica Brookie, *Psychology*

Hayley Noelle Brothen, Marketing

 $William\ Christopher\ Brown, \textit{English-Literature},$

Magna Cum Laude

Avalon Mist Bruno, Hispanic Studies, Magna Cum Laude

Sarah Marie Buchmann, English-Literature, Secondary

Education, Cum Laude

Bailee Anne Buckles, Biology, Cum Laude

Jacob Grant Buhe, Business

Ryan Michael Bull, Finance, Magna Cum Laude

Kameryn James Cavanaugh, Environmental Studies

Emily R. Chamernik, Environmental Studies,

Magna Cum Laude

Carlo Antonio Chavez Linares, Political Science

Carl Dalsgaard Christiansen, Business

Samantha Leanne Churchey, Biology, Cum Laude

Klara Marie Cockrell, Political Science, Cum Laude

Kyle Anthony Cole, Biology, Summa Cum Laude

Ashley Lynn Cook, History, Secondary Education,

Cum Laude

Anna Jooyoung Cooper, History, Summa Cum Laude

Carly Rose Cooper, Biology

Madison Alice Corey, Political Science

Charles Richard Coughlan, Accounting

Matthew Ryan Crosse, Biology, Magna Cum Laude

Elizabeth Emily Cummings, Business

Nicholas Joseph Cyze, Computer Science

Evan Phillip Daly, Psychology, Magna Cum Laude

Joshua Frank Dass, Mathematics

Sa'mond Davis, Business

Jack Benjamin-Corpuz Dawson, Business

Nicholas Eugene DeGregorio, Business

Griffin James DeMilt, Political Science, Magna Cum Laude

Derrick Andrew Derr, Psychology

Daniel James Dickerson, Finance

Dominic Michael Dilello, Business

Ivy Nguyen Do, Environmental Studies

Christian James Dolecki, Business

Tyja Myeia Donald, Sociology

Samantha Jordan Dooley, Psychology, Magna Cum Laude

William Dooley, Accounting, Cum Laude

Jacob M. Duffy, Business

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Hayley Danielle Earl, Marketing, Magna Cum Laude

Catherine Grace Eck, Psychology

Abigail Nicole Edwards, Psychology, Magna Cum Laude

Landry Lauren Elliott, Psychology

Yossif A. Elmadny, Physics, Mathematics, Summa Cum

Laude

Collin Dane Elvers, Business, Cum Laude

Connor William Engelman, Business

Nancy Escobar, Economics

Coleman Jordan Even, Marketing

Katherine Rose Fata, English-Writing

Maria Grace Fields, Neuroscience

Jacob Finfer, Design Technology & Entrepreneurship

Lindsey Fitch, Psychology

Brianna Elizabeth Fleury, Biology

Jessica Leticia Flores, Business, Magna Cum Laude

Kyle Francis Fox, History

Erin Foy, Environmental Studies, Magna Cum Laude

Matthew Alexander Fritsch, Physics, Magna Cum Laude

Matthew Kenneth Galvan, Political Science, Cum Laude

Allison Ganther, Psychology

Keyla Zamira Garcia, Psychology

Daniel Timothy Gibbons, Finance

Anna-Isabel Gil, Biology

Ellen Anne Gilbert, Psychology, Summa Cum Laude

Alessia Gabrielle Girardin, English-Writing

Alora Denise Gomez, International and Global Studies

Orlando D'andre Gonzalez, Finance

Aja Nicole Grant, Psychology

Cole Fraase Greer, Business

Ben M. Grunder, Marketing

Michael Joseph Gryl, Biology

Nicholas Holmes Harden, Business

Bailey Annette Harvey, Political Science

Malcolm Ellis Hedgepeth, Design Technology & Entrepreneurship

Emma Madison Helferich, Marketing, Magna Cum Laude

Diana Hernandez, Design Technology & Entrepreneurship

Robert Chapman Hicks, Jr., Physics

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Charles Robert Hildestad, Business

Evan P. Hill, Business

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Andrew Jacob Hockings, Anthropology

Keira Lehanna Hoeferle, *International Studies*, Magna Cum Laude

Shannon Lyn Hogeman, Psychology

Paris Andre Holmes, Business

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Monique Ann Isom, Music, Psychology, Cum Laude

Lakshmi Sravya Jayam, Biochemistry, Summa Cum Laude

Hannah Elizabeth Johnson, *Biochemistry,* Summa Cum Laude

Wesley Gene Jolly, Accounting, Magna Cum Laude

Ryan G. Jonas, Computer Science, Summa Cum Laude

Cassandra Lee Jones, English–Literature, Secondary Education, Summa Cum Laude

Keegan Anthony Jones, Marketing

Miyka'el Immanuel Jones, Physics

Emily Christine Joos, Accounting, Summa Cum Laude

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Milly Gail Krivanek, Psychology, Cum Laude

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Brooke Alexis Lansford, Finance, Cum Laude

Janice Lee, Anthropology

Matthew Olson Leritz, Finance, Summa Cum Laude

William Robert Leslie, Business

Holly Marie Lewandowski, Business

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Mason Downes McCauley, English-Writing

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Nicholas Thomas McLawhorn, Accounting

Brady Allen McMasters, Accounting

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William Henry Nummy, Finance

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Liam Charles Owens, Marketing

Joshua Emmanuel Paine, Theatre Arts

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Ryan Thomas Reish, Environmental Studies

Nicola Matteo Rendina, Finance

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Sydney Renee Runge, Finance, Summa Cum Laude

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Robert H. Shepelak, Physics, Secondary Education

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Kylie Faith Spiegel, Neuroscience

Lea Spiers, Sociology, Magna Cum Laude

Renee Lauryn Spillers, Accounting

Brett Edward Sprengel, Economics, Cum Laude

Kayla Rose Srinivas Rao, Psychology

Caelyn Sue Steffens, Health Promotion & Fitness Management

Noah Robert Stuart, Design Technology & Entrepreneurship, Cum Laude

Broderick Edward Summers, Psychology, Sociology, Cum Laude

Peyton Oliver Swearingen, Biology

Madelynn Marlene Tabels, Business

Jasmyn Jasiri Taylor, Neuroscience

Phillip Abraham Taylor, *Health Promotion & Fitness Management*

Zachary Ryan Taylor, Finance, Cum Laude

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Prior to, during, and after the Commencement ceremony, the President's Office will sponsor a hospitality beverage tent on the west side of the Eckley Quadrangle. After the ceremony, faculty look forward to greeting the graduates and their families at the department locations denoted on the map below.

Before the ceremony, light refreshments may be purchased at the Coffee Shoppe (9 AM–1 PM) found in the Memorial Center. The University Bookstore located in the Hansen Student Center offers many items for sale (9 AM–5 PM). Alumni items will also be available for purchase at the hospitality tent on the east side of the Eckley Quadrangle.

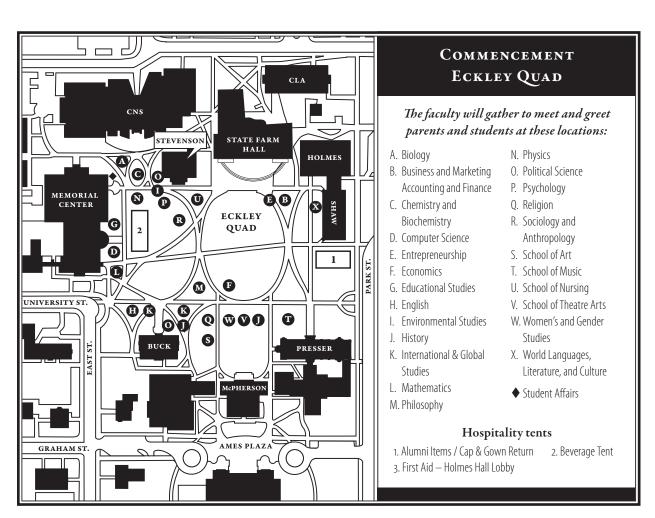
Near the Eckley Quadrangle, restrooms are located on the first floor of the following buildings: Shaw Hall, Center for Liberal Arts (wheelchair accessible), Memorial Center, and Holmes Hall. A first-aid station is located in Holmes Hall.

There will be limited seating inside the Hanson Student Center to view the livestream.

Senior marshals for the Commencement ceremony are Professors David Marvin and Adriana Ponce. Student marshals are Zehra Bakirdan '23 and JD Barrett '23 representing the Junior Class.

> Caps and gowns should be returned to the hospitality tent on the east side of the Eckley Quadrangle following the ceremony.





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 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 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.

You will also see some faculty wearing a medallion with green and white ribbon. These are professors who hold endowed professorships, which recognize extraordinary achievement in teaching, scholarly/creative work, and service.

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 Emeritus.

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.

