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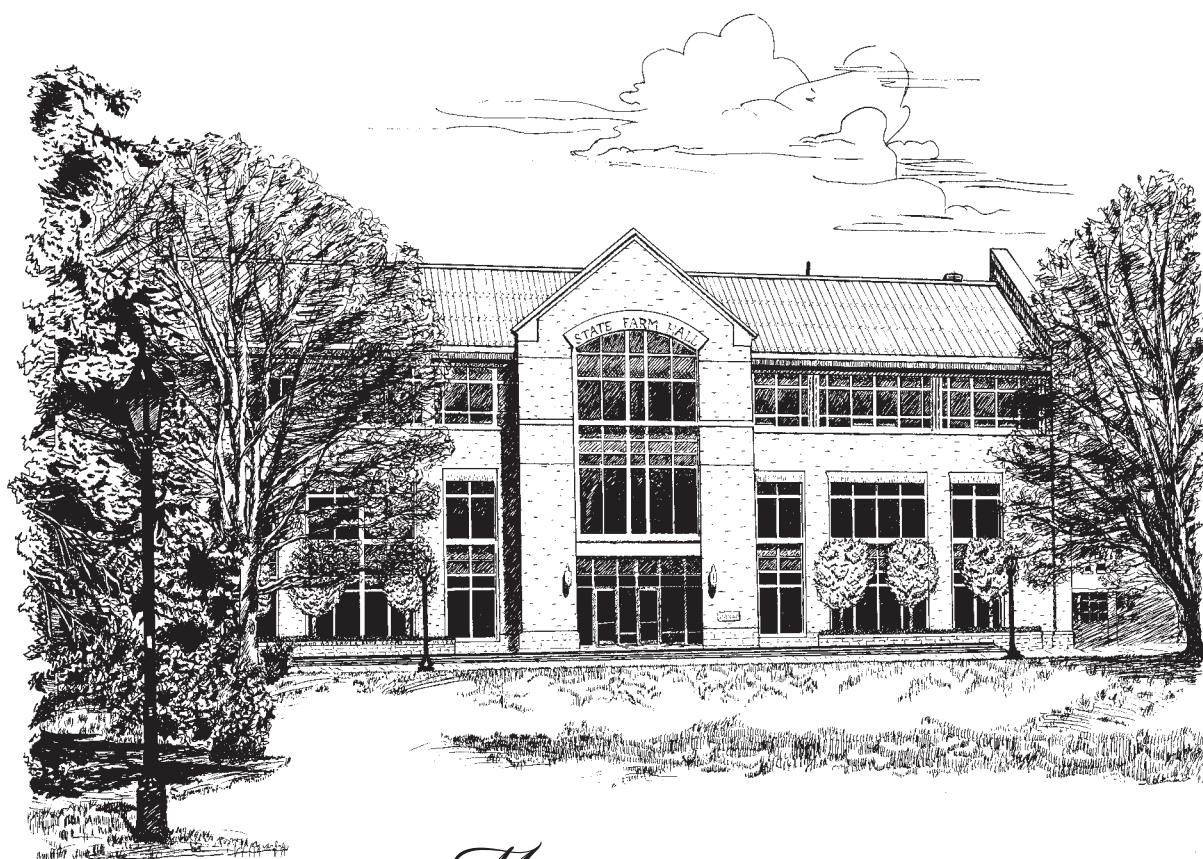
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Commencement

IN OUR *173rd Year*

— 1850 — 2023 —



May 7, 2023

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



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 1,527 students from 35 states and 30 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 2023 will join more than 24,000 Illinois Wesleyan alumni living in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and 51 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

Burke Nihill '00

Burke Nihill '00 completed his seventh season with the Tennessee Titans in 2022, and his third as the team's President and CEO. He originally joined the organization as General Counsel in 2016, was elevated to Vice President and General Counsel in 2019 and Senior Vice President – Business Operations & Chief Legal Officer in 2020.



Taking the reins in May of 2020, his first two seasons as the team President and CEO were defined by progress and change on many fronts. Among Burke's early projects was to develop a new mission statement – "Win, Serve, Entertain" – which has become a centering statement around decision-making for the franchise. The statement guides all aspects of the organization – football, ticketing, sponsorships, community impact, content creation, fan engagement, stadium management.

Burke was a central figure in the remodeling and additions to the team headquarters, Ascension Saint Thomas Sports Park. Overseeing a project that more than doubled the facility's size, the new building brought the vast majority of the team's employees together under one roof for the first time, which will enhance the ability of departments to collaborate and communicate more efficiently.

Additionally, Burke has been at the forefront of the discussions with Metro Nashville government and the State of Tennessee about a re-imagined stadium along the city's East Bank.

In 2020, Burke took over as President in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic and guided the franchise through an array of challenges. During 2020 season, the Titans were one of only 14 NFL teams to host fans for the majority of their games and it was the culmination of months of preparation to host fans safely.

In his previous roles with the team, Burke oversaw the club's legal and human resources functions and worked on club initiatives related to state and local government, company culture, and general business planning and strategy for both the Titans and Nissan Stadium. During his time with the Titans, he has participated in the negotiation of club contracts with team sponsors, media rights partners, stadium vendors, and major concert and event promoters. Burke was instrumental in Nashville's effort to secure and execute the 2019 NFL Draft.

Before joining the Titans, Burke worked in various legal and management roles across a range of industries, including technology, big-box retail, and professional services.

Burke received his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Illinois Wesleyan University and his law degree with honors from Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Burke lives in Franklin, Tennessee, with his wife, Holly, and their three children, Emma, Jack, and Chase.

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 S. Georgia Nugent, Presiding
Ram Mohan, Mace Bearer

Prelude	Illinois Wesleyan Wind Ensemble Logan Campbell, <i>Conductor and</i> <i>Director of Large Instrumental Ensembles</i>	Address	Burke Nihill '00 "Writing the Rest of Your Story"
A Festival Prelude	<i>Alfred Reed</i> (1921–2005)	Conferring of Degrees	President Nugent Karla Carney-Hall
Adoration	<i>Florence Price</i> (1887–1953) <i>arr. Cheldon Williams</i>	<i>Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students</i>	Leslie Betz '93 <i>Registrar</i>
Processional (please stand)		Bachelor of Science in Nursing	Noel Kerr <i>Associate Professor of the School of Nursing</i>
Pomp and Circumstance	<i>Sir Edward Elgar</i> (1857–1934)	Bachelor of Fine Arts	Julie Johnson <i>Director of the Ames School of Art and Design</i>
"America The Beautiful" (please remain standing and join in singing)	Caleb Klima '23 <i>MATERNA</i> <i>Samuel A. Ward</i> (1848–1903) <i>arr. Carmen Dragon</i>		Jean Kerr <i>Associate Professor and Director</i> <i>of the School of Theatre Arts</i>
Invocation (remain standing)	Prince Robertson <i>Dean of Students</i> <i>for Inclusion and Advocacy</i>	Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Music Education	Franklin Larey <i>Professor and Director</i> <i>of the School of Music</i>
President's Welcome	S. Georgia Nugent <i>President</i>	Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science	Provost Brodl Associate Provost Roesner
Alumni Association Welcome	Dirk L. Behrends '87 <i>President of Alumni Association Board of Directors</i>	Closing Remarks	President Nugent
Remarks of Class President	Mishwa Bhavsar '23	Alma Wesleyana (please stand and join in singing)	Caleb Klima '23 NATIONAL HYMN <i>George William Warren</i> (1828–1902) <i>arr. Peter Andrew Gilbert '98</i>
Faculty Reflections	Amanda Hopkins <i>Associate Professor of Nursing</i> <i>Class of 2023 Professor of the Year</i>	Recessional (remain standing)	Illinois Wesleyan Wind Ensemble <i>Cilfton Williams</i> (1923–1976)
Announcement of Honors	President Nugent	<i>The Sinfonians</i>	
Awarding of Honorary Degree	President Nugent Provost Brodl Rebecca A. Roesner <i>Associate Provost</i>		

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

A Trustee Greeting

To The Class of 2023:

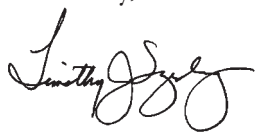
Commencement is a very special day for the entire IWU community. Today we celebrate the accomplishments of our Class of 2023. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we offer our heartiest congratulations to each of our graduates!

This day also brings together the many that have supported our students in their time here...family, friends as well as our dedicated faculty. Welcome! Your constant support has been invaluable in this journey and you too can proudly celebrate this accomplishment.

To our graduates, may you leave here with a great sense of pride and satisfaction in this recognition of your hard work. You have each charted your own path and succeeded in a wide array of academic challenges that are unique to a Liberal Arts education. The diversity of this experience will serve you well. Rest assured, you are well prepared for what lies ahead in whatever path you choose. You are joining the ranks of IWU Alumni that have found great success in a wide variety of endeavors in every corner of the world. We look forward to hearing about your progress in the years ahead and hope you will return to campus often.

Once again, congratulations to the Class of 2023. We wish you every happiness and success in the exciting future that awaits!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Szerlong". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "S" and "Z".

Tim Szerlong '74
Chair, IWU Board of Trustees

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 Society

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

Nina DeBoni, *English–Writing*

Fleshing Out Flash: Interconnectedness of Poetic Sensibilities in Micro Memoir

Project Advisor: Brandi Reissenweber

Catherine Drosch, *Hispanic Studies and Neuroscience*

El lenguaje del autismo: una evaluación de la terminología autista en dos libros españoles

Project Advisor: Carmela Ferradán

Madison Garofalo, *Political Science*

Policy Type and Presidential Messaging as Factors of Legislative Productivity

Project Advisor: Greg Shaw

Neal George, *Neuroscience*

Spinal Cord Stimulation for Analgesia: Measurements of Evoked Compound Action Potentials in a Rodent Model of Chronic Pain

Project Advisor: Joe Williams

Maria Harmon, *English–Literature & Marketing*

Investigating Poetry’s “Well-Made” Surprises

Project Advisor: Michael Theune

Adrianna Helstad, *Political Science & International Studies*

March 10th: The Tibetan Peoplehood Movement

Project Advisor: James Simeone

Abigail Mathis, *Nursing*

Accurate Pulse Assessment by Radial Artery Palpation: A Pilot Study

Project Advisor: Lydia Bertschi

Zihan Nie, *Mathematics*

Constructing the Spectrum for Maximum Packings of Complete Graphs with Stars of Size Six

Project Advisor: Dan Roberts

Emile Ottinger, *English–Writing & Environmental Studies*

Bird of Our Worth

Project Advisor: Michael Theune

Leah Rosen, *Greek and Roman Studies*

A Semiotic Analysis of Two Linear A Inscribed Ladles

Project Advisor: Amy Coles

Emma Stroh, *Political Science*

Motives for Independence: The Case of Spain’s Catalonia

Project Advisor: James Simeone

Rachel Williams, *Political Science*

The United States after the Third Religious Disestablishment: A Case Study of the ADF’s Strategies in Prolonging Culture Wars

Project Advisor: James Simeone

The School of Nursing

Candidates for the degree

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Logan Thomas Akre
Mason Matthew Barney
Julia Kathleen Bauer
Addison K. Bendery, *Cum Laude*
Dillon John Cherwin
Mia Gabriella Davis
Heather Nicole Dietrich
Morgan Elizabeth Drath, *Magna Cum Laude*
Nooreen Fatima
Jake Henry Garcia, *Cum Laude*
Ellen Marie Giovanini
Madeline Anne Gutierrez
Anisa Eyvonne Hall
Duke Thomas Harms
Jessica Majal Valencia Pascual Hart, *Magna Cum Laude*
Julia Elizabeth Huebner, *Cum Laude*
Dana Kristen Kiskowski
Sophia Marie Lesman
Joshua John Simoy Mabazza
Aileen Magafas
Nina Rose Mardjetko
Payton Olivia Martin, *Magna Cum Laude*
Abigail Elizabeth Mathis, *Summa Cum Laude*

Ambria Corynne May
Adriana Cecile Mazzocchi
Keegan Daniel McGann, *Cum Laude*
Kennedy Paige Meloy, *Cum Laude*
McKinlee Grace Miller, *Magna Cum Laude*
Rachel Katherine Moore, *Cum Laude*
Ashley Linh Nguyen
Margaret Ellyse Pavlik, *Magna Cum Laude*
Alexandra Katherine Peterson
Claire Marie Retherford
Alexandra Claire Ruff
Scout Marie Sanders
Madelyn Marie Schmitt, *Magna Cum Laude*
Megan Ann Schumacher, *Cum Laude*
Drew Alexander Smith
Carla Ann Snyder
Jessie Nicole Spivey
Andrew Christian Stange
Sydney Demirel Sümer
Renzo Antonio Sy, *Cum Laude*
Gabriella Tsarouhis, *Cum Laude*
Emily Anala Wagh
Kaylen Nicole Younan, *Cum Laude*

College of Fine Arts

Candidates for the degree

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

ART

Alexis Elizabeth Boehnke
Nomin Chuluunbaatar
Elizabeth Natalie Palacios

Emma Elizabeth Sloan
Meghan Alene Uppinghouse, *Cum Laude*

THEATRE ARTS

Halle Rose Berghoff, *Acting, Magna Cum Laude*
Celeste Kathleen Bontumasi, *Theatre Design & Technology, Magna Cum Laude*
Emily Elizabeth Canter, *Theatre Design & Technology, Magna Cum Laude*
Megan Grace Christoferson, *Acting, Summa Cum Laude*
Bryant James Cobb, *Music Theatre, Magna Cum Laude*
Josephine Grace Corrao, *Music Theatre, Magna Cum Laude*
William Benjamin Dusek, *Music Theatre, Magna Cum Laude*
Christina Giorgi, *Acting, Cum Laude*
Skylar Amanda Graham, *Theatre Design & Technology, Cum Laude*
Darraugh Maxine Griffin, *Acting, Magna Cum Laude*
Megan Danielle Iannone, *Acting*
Logan Marie Jordan, *Theatre Design & Technology, Magna Cum Laude*

Jessica I. Krol, *Theatre Design & Technology*
Fiona Maureen Collister Lazzari, *Acting, Cum Laude*
Allison Leigh McKiernan, *Acting, Magna Cum Laude*
Jacob Joseph Nuti, *Music Theatre, Magna Cum Laude*
Maura Rose Pawelko, *Music Theatre, Magna Cum Laude*
Jillian Rayes, *Acting, Summa Cum Laude*
Kameron Alexander Roberts, *Music Theatre*
Sara Kelly Schuldt, *Acting*
Ethan James Smith, *Acting, Magna Cum Laude*
Andrew Earl Taylor, *Theatre Design & Technology, Summa Cum Laude*
Lauren Mavis Taylor, *Music Theatre*
Michael Todd Votaw, *Music Theatre*
Katie Lynn Weston, *Acting, Summa Cum Laude*

Candidates for the degree

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

David John Alexander, *Piano Performance, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ*
Meghan Genevieve Griffin, *Music Composition, Summa Cum Laude*

Cameron McIntyre Merker, *Vocal Performance, Summa Cum Laude*
James Anthony Petros, *Piano Performance, Magna Cum Laude*
Maren Kathryn Torri, *Music Composition*

Candidates for the degree

BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION

Elena Valentina Gjata, *Magna Cum Laude*
Caleb John Klima, *Cum Laude*
Ryan Lyle Mack

Cassandra Anne Osborn, *Cum Laude*
Jakobe Rabor, *Magna Cum Laude*
Ryan Edward Spero, *Summa Cum Laude*

College of Liberal Arts

Candidates for the degree

BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Elizabeth Acuña, <i>Political Science</i>	Steven Neil Burkett III, <i>Environmental Studies</i>
Emmett Apollo Agting, <i>English–Literature</i>	Eden Elizabeth Bushnell, <i>Business, Cum Laude</i>
David John Alexander, <i>Biochemistry, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ</i>	Jessica Rose Buttell, <i>English–Writing, Secondary Education, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ</i>
Amber Nicole Anderson, <i>Political Science, Summa Cum Laude</i>	Kelly Jean Carlson, <i>Marketing</i>
Clayton Charles Anderson, <i>Finance, Magna Cum Laude</i>	Everett Grahm Carstens, <i>Psychology</i>
Dale Brooks Appelt, <i>Design, Technology, & Entrepreneurship</i>	Alivia Jordan Clare Catey, <i>Biology</i>
Audrey Lauren Armstrong, <i>Biology, Cum Laude</i>	Fernando Chavez, <i>Design, Technology, & Entrepreneurship, Cum Laude</i>
Shea Kathleen Atkins, <i>Hispanic Studies</i>	Cyrus King Clarke, <i>Psychology</i>
Sabrina Ayala, <i>Business</i>	Emily Grace Collins, <i>Health Promotion & Fitness Management, Magna Cum Laude</i>
Zehra Tulin Bakirdan, <i>Interdisciplinary Educational Studies, Magna Cum Laude</i>	Carolyn Marie Connors, <i>Anthropology</i>
Elizabeth Louise Baranski, <i>Anthropology, Summa Cum Laude</i>	Allen M. Cook, <i>Physics</i>
Erica Dawn Barker, <i>Health Promotion & Fitness Management, Cum Laude</i>	Isaiah Maurice Crews, <i>Computer Science</i>
Gabriela Nicole Barnas, <i>Psychology, Hispanic Studies, Summa Cum Laude</i>	Bobbi Anne Davidson, <i>Psychology</i>
Brennan Michael Barrett, <i>Accounting, Cum Laude</i>	Alex K. Dawson, <i>Psychology, Magna Cum Laude</i>
John Dennis Barrett, <i>Business, Magna Cum Laude</i>	Ninetta Margherita DeBoni, <i>English–Writing, Summa Cum Laude</i>
Anna Joy Bender, <i>Biochemistry, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ</i>	Justin Ray Doellman, <i>Elementary Education, Summa Cum Laude</i>
Shannon Dorothy Berg, <i>Theatre Arts</i>	Nathan Mitchell Donaldson, <i>Business, Cum Laude</i>
Mishwa Bhavsar, <i>Computer Science, Magna Cum Laude</i>	Donald Joseph Drain, <i>Biology</i>
Connor Scott Birch, <i>Accounting, Cum Laude</i>	Catherine Hope Droesch, <i>Neuroscience, Hispanic Studies, Summa Cum Laude</i>
Emily Rose Bland, <i>French & Francophone Studies, Elementary Education, Summa Cum Laude</i>	Hayden M. Dudek, <i>Biology, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ</i>
Thomas Cooke Bleker V, <i>Health Promotion & Fitness Management, Cum Laude</i>	Eleanor Kathleen Eager, <i>Health Promotion & Fitness Management</i>
Joseph Ryan Bonelli, <i>Finance</i>	Jarret Michael Easterday, <i>Biology, Cum Laude</i>
Zachary Alan Bozarth, <i>International and Global Studies</i>	Justin Fairchild, <i>English–Writing</i>
Ariel Arianna Bradley, <i>Business</i>	Mikayla Marie Fairfield, <i>Business, Magna Cum Laude</i>
Kyle Patrick Brandtjen, <i>Computer Science</i>	Mark J. Fassler, <i>Psychology, Summa Cum Laude</i>
Carlyn Elizabeth Bratt, <i>Business</i>	Oleksandr Fedorets, <i>Business, Magna Cum Laude</i>
Hamid Bullie, <i>Business</i>	Bryanna Jean Fergus, <i>Psychology</i>
Ethan Jacob Burgh, <i>Finance</i>	Uriel Ferreira, <i>Health Promotion & Fitness Management</i>
Carter Benjamin Burk, <i>Business, Cum Laude</i>	Jordan Nicole Fields, <i>Environmental Studies</i>
	Jackson Patrick Fischer, <i>Business, Cum Laude</i>

Madison Rae Fischer, *Interdisciplinary Educational Studies*
 Connor J. Fries, *Finance*
 Jacqueline Cristina Galliano, *Theatre Arts*
 Kailee Margaret Galloway, *English–Literature, Secondary Education, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ*
 Jianing Gao, *Computer Science, Magna Cum Laude*
 Madison Nicole Garofalo, *Political Science, Cum Laude*
 Aidan Philip Garrett, *Biology, Summa Cum Laude*
 Caden D. Gates, *Philosophy, Summa Cum Laude*
 James Christian Gatsos, *Neuroscience*
 Neal George, *Neuroscience, Cum Laude*
 Payton Gerald Gerberding, *Mathematics*
 Cali Jo Giertz, *Biology*
 Seth Harding Gillespey, *Finance*
 Zachary H. Gilliam, *Physics*
 Emily Katherine Gilson, *Neuroscience*
 Sarah Rose Gleason, *Elementary Education, Summa Cum Laude*
 Garrett Morgan Gloede, *Elementary Education*
 Aja Blake Golliday, *Psychology*
 Ivan Gonzalez, *Physics*
 Natalie Marie Grubczak, *Psychology*
 Hanna Louise Hagerty, *Theatre Arts, Summa Cum Laude*
 Kayleigh Elizabeth Hall, *Finance, Cum Laude*
 Madeleine Adell Hall, *Accounting, Cum Laude*
 Charles Thomas Hamilton, *Finance*
 Maria Lynn Harmon, *English–Literature, Marketing, Magna Cum Laude*
 Riley Main Haug, *Elementary Education, Magna Cum Laude*
 Lucas Samuel Heffen, *Business*
 Logan Michael Heinchon, *Sociology, Cum Laude*
 Adrianna Elizabeth Helstad, *International and Global Studies, Political Science, Magna Cum Laude*
 Halee Rae Hendel, *Psychology*
 Jaxon Hendrickson, *Marketing*
 Hayden J. Henry, *Business*
 Thomas Caden Hilliard, *Business*
 Ethan Christopher Holland, *Marketing, Magna Cum Laude*
 Sean Hong, *Finance*
 A. R. Hopp, *Environmental Studies*
 Jennie Margaret Hubbard, *Health Promotion & Fitness Management, Cum Laude*
 Lea Aide Hulsey, *Theatre Arts, Magna Cum Laude*
 Trevor John Hummel, *Finance*
 Tristan A. Hyde, *Hispanic Studies, Anthropology, Magna Cum Laude*
 Katherine Elizabeth Jackson, *Political Science, English–Literature, Cum Laude*
 Luisa Guadalupe Jhong Chung, *Art Marketing Summa Cum Laude*
 Alexander Joel Johnson, *English–Literature, Cum Laude*
 Lauren Elizabeth Johnson, *Biology, Cum Laude*
 Jackson David Joyce, *History, Magna Cum Laude*
 Gavril Marko Kainovic-Rosa, *Marketing*
 David Vasiliy Kaplan-Perkins, *Health Promotion & Fitness Management*
 Ankush Florian Kecht, *Biology, International and Global Studies, Magna Cum Laude*
 Jasmine Kee, *Finance*
 Anna Marie Keebler, *Psychology, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ*
 Ali Mustafa Khatai, *Computer Science, Physics, Summa Cum Laude*
 Cole Juris Khoury, *Business, Cum Laude*
 Carson Price Kiichle, *Design, Technology, & Entrepreneurship, Cum Laude*
 Connor Price Kiichle, *Business, Magna Cum Laude*
 Min Hyuk Kim, *Accounting, Magna Cum Laude*
 Clarissa Elizabeth King, *Biochemistry*
 Anna Catherine Kirk, *Psychology*
 Dylan Kosloskus, *Finance*
 Emily Elizabeth Kriskhke, *Biochemistry, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ*
 Ian Thomas Kroemer, *Finance*
 Randy Joseph Krygowski, *Design, Technology, & Entrepreneurship, Cum Laude*
 Donna Josephine Kurek, *Psychology*
 Maria Elizabeth Lawrence, *Psychology, Summa Cum Laude*
 Steven Lee, *English–Writing, Hispanic Studies, Cum Laude*
 Dorian Zachary Lesiuk, *Business*
 Jenna Faith Li, *Marketing, Cum Laude*

Aidan Roy Liljehorn, *Computer Science*
 Bryce Ray Lohman, *Marketing, Summa Cum Laude*
 Erick Lopez, *Chemistry, Magna Cum Laude*
 Man (Norman) Luo, *Physics, Magna Cum Laude*
 Felix Enrique Macias, *Computer Science*
 Evthokia Makris, *Art, Psychology,*
 Francis Ryan Maloney, *Marketing, Cum Laude*
 Nicholas Keith Mansk, *Finance, Cum Laude*
 Claire Marie Martin, *Business, Political Science, Magna Cum Laude*
 Luke Thomas Martin, *Political Science, Hispanic Studies, Cum Laude*
 Margaret Sarah Mascari, *Business, Magna Cum Laude*
 Leah Frances Matlin, *Psychology, English–Writing, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ*
 Peter Michael Matteson, *Biology*
 Bailey June Mattner, *Theatre Arts, Magna Cum Laude*
 Benjamin William Maxey, *History, Secondary Education, Cum Laude*
 Logan Harold McClure, *Biology, Magna Cum Laude*
 Kierrá Lecheal McDowell, *Computer Science*
 Charles David McGee, *Physics*
 Donovan Scott McKay, *Chemistry*
 Hadley Jean McKenzie, *Environmental Studies, Magna Cum Laude*
 Paige Allyne McLaughlin, *English–Writing, Cum Laude*
 Emily Kathleen McMicken, *Psychology, Magna Cum Laude*
 Matthew Andy Milan, *Design, Technology, & Entrepreneurship, Cum Laude*
 Leah Frances Maxine Milcik, *Political Science, English–Writing, Summa Cum Laude*
 Cody Patrick Mitchell, *Marketing*
 Brynn Mary Mitoraj, *English–Writing, Magna Cum Laude*
 Joselyn M. Molinar, *Biology, Summa Cum Laude*
 Evan Benjamin Montgomery, *Anthropology*
 Megan Rilyn Moody, *Mathematics, Secondary Education, Cum Laude*
 Madison Alexis Moore, *Biology, Magna Cum Laude*
 Mya Isabella Morales, *Biology*
 Diana Laura Moreno Mora, *Computer Science*
 Molly Margaret Morrissey, *English–Writing, Summa Cum Laude*
 Chizembi Muhanga, *Economics*
 Karen Y. Muñoz, *Psychology*
 Conor Alden Murphy, *Business*
 Kevin Patrick Murphy, *Economics, Philosophy, Summa Cum Laude*
 Shannon Claire Murphy, *Biology, Summa Cum Laude*
 Blake Robert Muschewske, *Marketing*
 Edward R. Nelson, *Business*
 Thomas Robert Nelson Sr., *Finance*
 Blake Daniel Niebrugge, *Computer Science*
 Madeline Lucille Novotny, *Psychology, Summa Cum Laude*
 Reilly Elizabeth Nugent, *Finance*
 Abigail Leeanne Nytko, *English–Writing, Secondary Education, Magna Cum Laude*
 Emile Clair Ottinger, *English–Writing, Environmental Studies, Summa Cum Laude*
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 Anjali Samir Patel, *Biology, Magna Cum Laude*
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 Hannah Lynn Rahm, *History, Secondary Education, Summa Cum Laude, ΦΚΦ*
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A Letter from the Alumni Association

To The Class of 2023:

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.

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
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

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There is a long tradition in higher education of appointing faculty members to endowed professorships and chairs. At Illinois Wesleyan this honor is reserved for members of the faculty who have distinguished themselves through exemplary teaching and active engagement of students, outstanding scholarship and/or artistic achievement, and service at the very highest levels of the University. The guiding principle in awarding an endowed professorship or chair is that the individual represents our highest aspirations for faculty members on this campus.

These distinguished professorships are named in honor of the generous donors who made them possible. Listed by year established:

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The Isaac Funk Professorship, *established 1866*

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Betty Ritchie-Birrer '47 and Ivan Birrer Endowed Professorship, *established 2013*

Gabriel C. Spalding, Ph.D.

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Christopher Schumacher, M.S.

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Ben and Susan Rhodes Endowed Professorship in Peace and Social Justice, *established 2014*

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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.

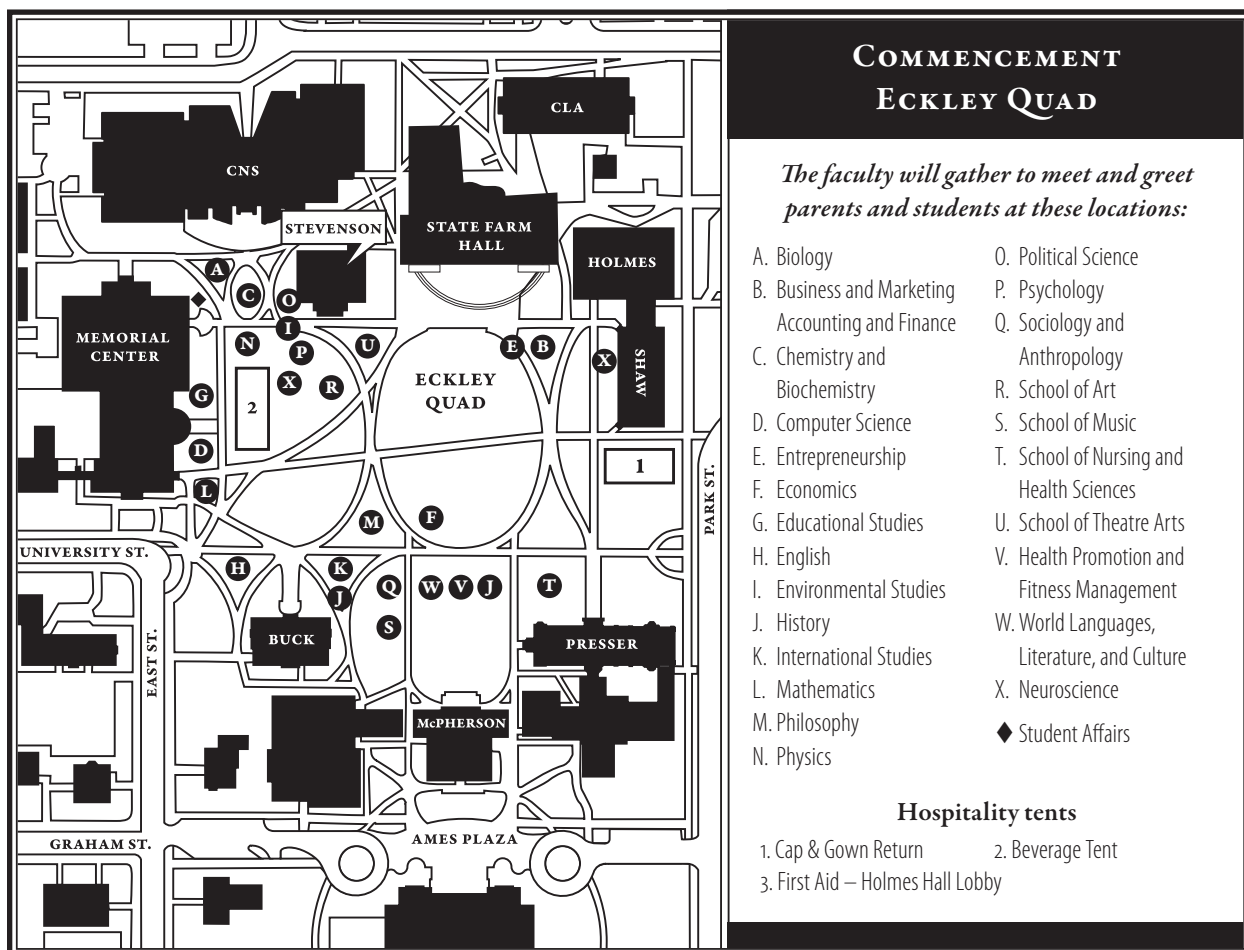
Before the ceremony, light refreshments may be purchased at the Coffee Shoppe (9 AM–1 PM) found in the Memorial Center. The University Bookstore located in the Hansen Student Center offers many items for sale (11 AM–4 PM).

*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,
Holmes Hall, and State Farm Hall.
A first-aid station is located in Holmes Hall.*

There will be limited seating inside the Welcome Center Auditorium to view the livestream.

*Senior marshals for the Commencement ceremony are Professors Zabia Drici and David Marvin.
Student marshals are Andrew Garcia '24 and Kevin Pankam '24 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 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.

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.



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