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- Event:** Illinois Wesleyan University's
One Hundred Fifty Fourth Commencement
- Date:** May 2 (Sunday)
- Time:** 1 p.m.
- Location:** The Eckley Quadrangle
In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at the Shirk Center, 302 E. Emerson St., Bloomington
- Background:** Carlina Tapia-Ruano, a nationally known immigration lawyer, will be the principal speaker for Illinois Wesleyan University's Commencement on May 2.
- Tapia-Ruano, a 1977 graduate of Illinois Wesleyan, will speak on "Strength Through Diversity."
- Also addressing approximately 500 graduating seniors will be the 2004 Student Senate Professor of the Year Robert A. Kearney, who is an assistant professor of business administration at IWU, and the Class of 2004 President, Jordan Ault from Pekin, Ill. There will be welcoming remarks by Acting President Janet McNew, and Craig Hart, president of Illinois Wesleyan's Board of Trustees, will address the audience as well.
- Tapia-Ruano, currently a principal with the Chicago law firm of Minsky, McCormick & Hallagan, P.C., has practiced in the field of immigration throughout her professional career. She also holds an adjunct teaching position at the Illinois Institute of Technology-Kent College of Law, where she teaches immigration law.
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