

## COMMENCEMENT

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March 24, 2021

Dear Class of 2021 and your families,

This has been an extremely difficult year, and yet, your class of '21 has consistently demonstrated patience, caring, and leadership. You accepted the Titan Pledge and embraced the countless decisions necessary to keep our campus safe and open. I am very grateful for what we as a community have been able to do together.

I know you have been anxiously awaiting news about Commencement, and I am pleased to announce that Illinois Wesleyan University will celebrate in person on Sunday, May 2, 2021, at the close of our 171st year. Weather permitting, the ceremonies will be held outdoors in Tucci Stadium.

These plans have evolved over several months, in the attempt to balance risk factors with the importance of celebrating one of the happiest of Illinois Wesleyan experiences. Health guidance from the state about attendance at large gatherings continues to evolve, but at this point we feel confident that we will be able to host spectator attendance equal to 25% of Tucci Stadium's capacity (about 900 persons). To accommodate this reduced capacity, we will hold two ceremonies - one at 10:30 a.m. and one at 3:00 p.m. - with the graduating class divided in half, primarily by departmental major. Guests will be limited to 4 per student, with requests for additional tickets managed by my office.

Information regarding tickets, cap and gown ordering, and other important details may be found here:

[www.iwu.edu/commencement/2021/details.html](http://www.iwu.edu/commencement/2021/details.html)

Please refer to the IWU website for future updates: [www.iwu.edu/commencement](http://www.iwu.edu/commencement).

Any questions may also be directed to Julie Anderson at [janders3@iwu.edu](mailto:janders3@iwu.edu) or (309) 556-3780.

The team working on Commencement has devoted long hours and intense focus to developing a creative solution, to meet complex, multi-fold criteria. We appreciate your patience and flexibility in a process that necessarily remains fluid.

I wish you all a strong finish to the semester, and I look forward to celebrating with you at Commencement!

With best regards,

S. Georgia Nugent

President



### Illinois Wesleyan Unveils Plans for The Petrick Idea Center

The Petrick Idea Center, a new 50,000 square-foot facility on Illinois Wesleyan’s campus, will serve as a nerve center for interdisciplinary innovation, collaboration and creativity.



### Center for Engaged Learning Serves as Resource Hub in The Ames Library

Located on the first floor of The Ames Library, the newly launched Center for Engaged Learning is a central hub for key educational support services.

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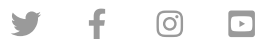
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