TO OUR GRADUATES

Today you are graduates of the University of Illinois. It is a remarkable achievement, and we hope that you celebrate the occasion with loved ones. Commencement is a joyous and deeply symbolic event for all, including the faculty members and staff who have supported you on your journey. It is profoundly disappointing that we are unable to celebrate it together this spring. The Class of 2021 will long be remembered, however, for not only what was lost, but for your resilience and determination as you finished your degree in the face of one of the greatest challenges in our nation’s history. Congratulations, and we look forward to learning of your future success.
ORDER OF EXERCISES

WELCOME
John Caughlin
Professor and Department Head

ALUMNI CONVOCATION SPEAKER
Lindsey Dunn Burgstahler (BA, '04; MA, '08)

STUDENT CONVOCATION SPEAKER
James Fort

SINGING OF “HAIL TO THE ORANGE”
Hail to the Orange,
Hail to the Blue,
Hail Alma Mater,
Ever so true.
We love no other,
So let our motto be,
Victory, Illinois, Varsity!
LAS ADMINISTRATION
Gene E. Robinson, Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Swanlund Chair in Entomology
Angela Graham, Assistant to the Dean
Barbara Hancin-Bhatt, Associate Dean for Student Academic Affairs
Robert Kessler, Assistant Dean for Finance and Resource Planning
Kelly A. Ritter, Associate Dean for Curricula and Academic Policy
David H. Tewksbury, Executive Associate Dean of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Area Centers
Matthew A. Ando, Associate Dean for Life and Physical Sciences
Clare Haru Crowston, Associate Dean for Humanities and Interdisciplinary Programs
Joan M. Volkmann, Associate Dean for Advancement
Isabel Molina-Guzmán, Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion
W. Brad Petersen, Executive Director of Communications and Marketing
Derek Fultz, Director of Facilities
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Travis Dixon
Cara Finnegan
Benjamin Gailey
Grace Giorgio
Brooklyne Gipson
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Shawn Hannan
Billy Huff
Sally Jackson
C. Scott Jacobs
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John Murphy
Ned O’Gorman
Marshall Scott Poole
Brian Quick
Mary Ramey
Charee Thompson
Emily Van Duyn
Lauren Weiner
Trina Wright-Dixon
JungHwan Yang
ACADEMIC DRESS

Academic dress, consisting of cap, gown, and hood, originated about the twelfth century and was worn primarily for warmth. Subsequently, the material of the gown and lining, and the shape of the hood, represented the economic and social, as well as academic status of the wearer.

In the United States, the great majority of the academic costumes now worn are in accordance with the general provisions of the Intercollegiate Code of 1895, which was revised in 1932 and again in 1960. Under this code, the bachelor’s gown has pointed sleeves, the master’s gown has oblong sleeves with an arc at the bottom, and the doctor’s gown has bell-shaped sleeves. All gowns are black, although the adoption of colored gowns by individual institutions in the United States is becoming more prevalent.

The bachelor’s and master’s gowns are untrimmed. The doctor’s gown is faced down the front with velvet and has three bars of velvet across the sleeves. The facing and bars may be black or may be the color of the subject to which the degree pertains. The bachelor’s gown is worn closed; the master’s and doctor’s gowns may be worn open or closed. Women may wear white collars with the bachelor’s gown when no hood is worn.

Hoods are also black. The bachelor’s hood is 3 feet in length, the master’s is 3 ½ feet, and the doctor’s is 4 feet. Hoods are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring the degree. At the University of Illinois, the lining is orange and blue. The colored velvet border of the hood, which is 2 inches, 3 inches, and 5 inches wide for the bachelor’s, master’s, and doctor’s degree respectively, identifies the faculty or field of study to which the degree pertains.

The black mortarboard cap is standard in the United States. Usually, all tassels are black, but where the graduating seniors do not wear hoods, as at the University of Illinois, the color of the cap tassel indicates the department of study. At the University of Illinois, candidates for degrees wear tassels on the right front quadrant of their caps before degrees are conferred, and move them to the left front quadrant after degrees are conferred. Caps are considered a part of the costume and are customarily removed only during an invocation or benediction, and then by men only.

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctor’s gowns, edging of hoods, tassels of caps, and linings of banners, there are different colors associated with the different disciplines. The color for Liberal Arts & Sciences is white.

Caps and gowns were worn for the first time at the University of Illinois Commencement ceremony of 1897. In the early 1900s the Commencement procession marched up Burrill Avenue to the old Armory. After diplomas were received, the procession marched back to the lawn south of Green Street. The seniors sang the State song and “Auld Lang Syne” before they said good-bye to each other and the campus.
AWARDS AND HONORS

DEPARTMENTAL HIGH DISTINCTION
Tayisiya Tkachuk
Thesis: “Communicating Sustainability: Applying the Extended Parallel Process Model (EPPM) to Sustainability Messages”
Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Brian Quick

DEPARTMENTAL DISTINCTION
Kacie Cusick
Meredith Gershenson
Kimberly Huizinga
Abigail Levitt
Jasmin Salaymeh
Glykeria Siozios
Allison Wasielewski

LAMBDA PI ETA – NATIONAL COMMUNICATION HONOR SOCIETY
Jazmine Arnett
Gabriela Arroyo
Alec Aurand
Aaron Beliles
Addison Burns
Quoc-Nhu Dam
Quinn Devereaux
Parker Dow
Savannah Duncan
Jakob Eldridge
Helen Eng
Catherine Everett
Emma Foley
Emily Foster
Lauren Giordano
Patrick Gorski
Morgan Hobgood
Erin Hoffman
Kimberly Huizinga
Olivia Ingold
Alexis Ivanic
Michael Jakoby
Minjoung Jang
Riho Kanomata
Madilyn Keller
Karen Ketter
Lauren Kilar
Megan Korst
Meghna Kumar
Tyler Kyburz
Claude Lee
Abigail Levitt
Lydia Lorenzo
Tessa Nykaza
Paris Pinkney
Megan Regan
Rahat Rizwan
Jasmin Salaymeh
Breeanna Schmidt
Brett Schneider
Bennett Smith
Madeline Stamas
Hannah Stanton
Madisyn Stauffer
Jacob Stock
Dennis Studniarz
Allison Wasielewski
Taylor Windt
Angelica Zdarowski
Yexin Zhu
The lists are organized by degree. Because of deadlines, lists may be incomplete.

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

- Mica Allison
- Kevin Andersen
- Ebene Anderson
- Jazmine Arnett
- Daniel Arreola
- Eric Arroyo
- Gabriela Arroyo
- Alec Aurand
- Armani Avila
- Mario Barajas
- Brian Bauer
- Christian Beal
- Brandy Beasley
- Sophie Beaulieu
- Derek Beavers
- Crystal Beck
- Alexandra Belaya
- Aaron Beliles
- Megan Bell
- Caroline Bellefontaine
- Kimberly Belser
- Abigail Bertram
- Marlene Betancourt
- Ramya Bhattiprolu
- Sarah Birchennough
- Sandra Bjerga
- Thomas Boland
- Meagan Borgsmiller
- India Borjas
- Missipsa Bouharati
- Isabelle Brookover
- Brooke Brown
- Maya Brownlow
- Tyler Burda
- Addison Burns
- Kyle Burns
- Jack Byrne
- Shuyu Cai
- Leyah Cannon
- Ryan Carroll
- Mariana Castillo
- Alexa Castino
- Marcus Cavazos
- Karen Chen

- Rebecca Ciszewski
- Zacherey Claffy
- Cyrenthia Clark
- Paige Clark
- Myles Cobb
- Andrew Cohen
- Taylor Cohn
- Paloma Isabel Cortes
- Covan Cox
- Isabelle Cozzi
- Mary Creamer
- Kathryn Cressy
- Jada Culberson
- Elinor Cullen
- Jennifer Culli
- Quinn Cunningham
- Kacie Cusick
- Payton Cuthrell
- Zaid Dababneh
- Efuatta Dadson
- Quoc-Nhu Dam
- Anthony Davis
- Rachel Anne Dela Pena
- Quinn Devereaux
- Aldo Diaz
GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

Madeline Dodge  
Sara Dolins  
Charles Donegan  
Booker Donelson  
Ethan Doran  
Tierra Dorsey  
Parker Dow  
Savannah Duncan  
Daniel Duran  
Aleksandra Ekiert  
Jakob Eldridge  
Helen Eng  
Lorena Esparza  
Julian Estrada  
Catherine Everett  
Aidan Ezgur  
Abigail Farrell  
Jason Fillingim  
Riley Fitzgerald  
Olivia Fleming  
Emma Foley  
Hannah Foley  
Estelle Forson  
James Fort  
Emily Foster  

Alexandra Gabor  
Andoni Garcia  
Lissette Garcia Mondragon  
David Garcey  
Mario Garnello  
Jordyn Gauger  
Alyson Gerdes  
Meredith Gershenson  
Alexa Gianacakos  
Lauren Giordano  
Gianni Gonzalez  
Patrick Gorski  
Elise Grande  
Yijia Guo  
Alexander Gutierrez  
Whitney Harry  
Sidney Heck  
Julian Herrera  
Jo'shawn Hill  
Annabelle Hladik  
Morgan Hobgood  
Erin Hoffman  
Colleen Hogan  
Michael Hood  
Yiming Huang  

Satchel Hudson  
Kimberly Huizinga  
Teylor Hunter  
Isaiah Im  
Olivia Ingold  
Taylor Isirov  
Alexis Ivanić  
Daniel Ivice  
Kaley Jackson  
Kenyon Jackson  
Kiara Jackson  
Simran Jadhwani  
Michael Jakoby  
Brianna James  
Minjoung Jang  
Samantha Jankusky  
Riley Jasser  
Cayci Jeter  
Yolanda Johnson  
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Josiah Jurevis  
Jin-Young Kang  
Riho Kanomata
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Eric Karn
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Lauren Kilar
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Irene Kim
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Junghyun Kim
Wisdom Kinsey
Anne Kirsh
Kelsey Klovens
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Page Koerner
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Maya Kowitt
Eric Kruszynski
Meghna Kumar
Tyler Kyburz
Anna Lane
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Megan Lapham
Claude Lee

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Leonard Lee
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Claire Lim
Joseph Lopez
Lydia Lorenzo
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Luke Madden
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Catarino Martinez
Daniel Martinez
Ruben Martinez
Susan Martinez
Sophia Mastroianni
Tyler McCullar
Eric Menendez
Adriana Miranda
John Misak
Abigail Mitchell
Claire Mitchell
Ethan Mizer

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Evan Morrow
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Katherine Mulligan
Mikenzie Multack
Mikayla Murphy
Yasmeen Najjar
Grace Niezyniecki
Chantel Noggle
Austin Norem
Tessa Nykaza
Maryrose O’Donnell
Darren O’Hanlon
Marli Oleff
Sofia Olivera
Brit Omara
Isabel Orellana
Brian Ornelas Ramirez
Victoria Osaro
Natalia Pacura
Aliyah Paiz
Barrett Patton
Alexandra Pellegrini
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Siena Pieruccini
Paris Pinkney
Mira Piucci
Elizabeth Pohl
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Sadie Potvin
Carlos Puentes
Noah Radloff
Zain Rahman
Ahmad Ramahi
Ecelia Ramos
Sophia Raynal
Leyla Razo
Megan Regan
Nadya Renteria
Adrian Reynoso
Evan Rice
Samantha Riley
Rahat Rizwan
Daequan Robinson
Lissete Rodriguez
Daniel Roers
Gillian Roloff
Isabella Rosanova
Erin Rosenzweig
John Ruane
Stephanie Rush
Rickey Rushing
Imani Russell
Euikyeong Ryu
Jasmin Salaymeh
Kenneth Sanders
Breeanna Schmidt
Austin Schmohe
Brett Schneider
Bryana Serrano
Genevieve Severini
Christine Sheriff
Nicole Shields
Emily Shimanovsky
Kennedy Silverman
Glykeria Siozios
Barghav Sivaguru
Matthew Skelton
Nicholas Skorin
Bennett Smith
Ivan Snyder
Macklin Snyder
Taylor Sparacino
Jaylen Spence
Madeline Stamas
Hannah Stanton
Emily Staudt
Madisyn Stauffer
John Stein
Jacob Stock
Laurence Strickland
Brett Studer
Dennis Studniarz
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D'Anne Winston
Zongyi Yang
Maurice Young
Xiaoman Yuan
Ushna Zamir
Angelica Zdarowski
Yexin Zhu
Emma Zisook
John Zubak

MASTER OF ARTS

Sarah Bencivenga
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Katherine Bunsold
Dominique Campbell
Graciela Cantos
Victoria Fields
Rachael Gregory
Kimberlyn Harrison
Lauren Kriss
Kirsten Pool
Allison Vernon

MASTER OF SCIENCE

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Nanda Bhikhari
Kelly Campbell
Elizabeth Cohen
Donna Coleman
Carah Kucharski
Margaret Leid
Amanda Magdalenski
Katherine Moore
Erica Noel
Amanda Ruedas
Christine Sanchez
Arielle Schultz
Rachel Snyder
Paula Veith
Vincent Villalobos
Anne Wawrzyniak
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

José Izaguirre III
Dissertation: “Becoming La Raza: Chican@ Counterpublicity and Rhetorics of the Viet Nam War”
Advisor: Dr. J. David Cisneros

Marisa Smith
Dissertation: “I saw it on social media: Public opinion on race, crime, and immigration in the era of social media news consumption.”
Advisor: Dr. Travis Dixon

Kristopher Weeks
Advisor: Dr. Travis Dixon
THANK YOU

A special thank you to all who helped organize this convocation ceremony. Thank you to the family and friends who have supported the graduates throughout their time at the University of Illinois.

Degree Information

This program contains an unofficial list of degree candidates for May 2021, as well as a list of graduates who received degrees in August and December 2020. Due to printing deadlines, names of some degree recipients may not appear while names of some degree candidates who have not yet completed degree requirements may be included. The University’s official registry for conferral of degrees is the Office of the Registrar, 901 W. Illinois St., Urbana, IL 61801.