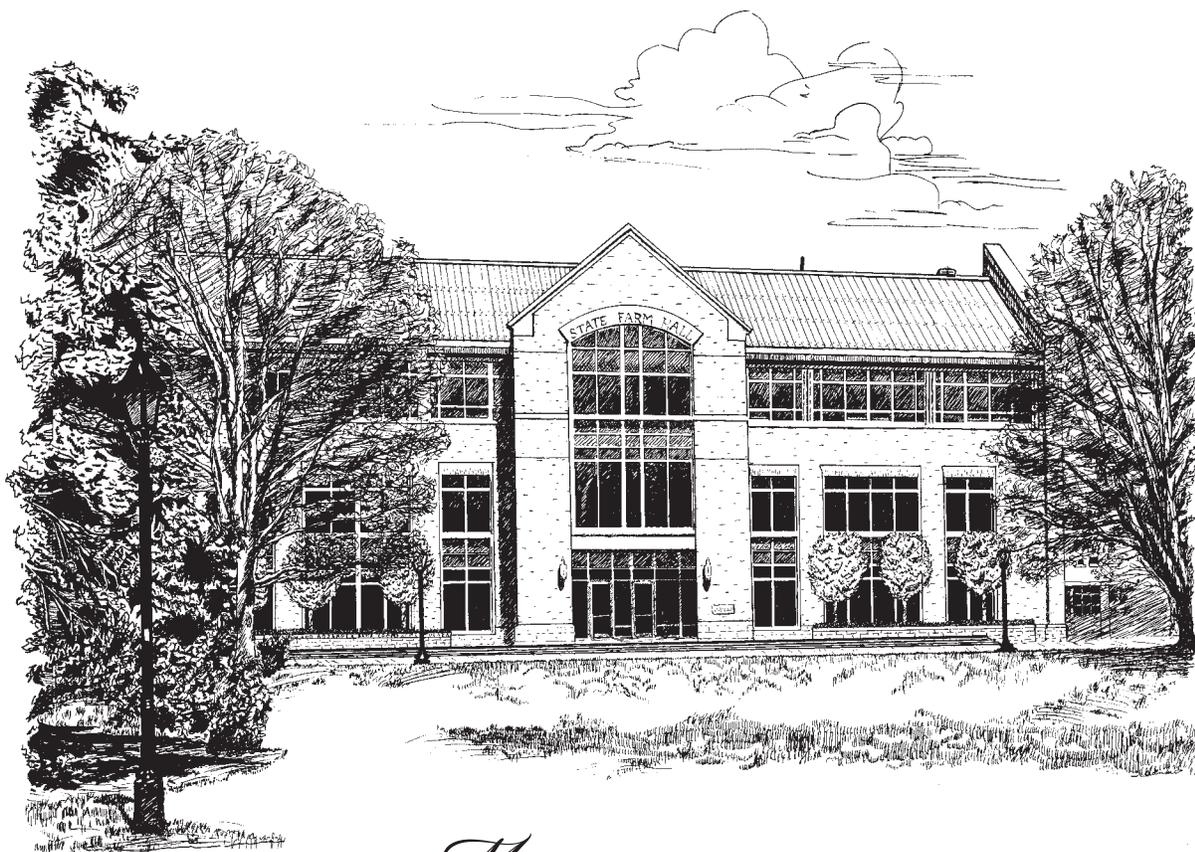


# Commencement

IN OUR *174th Year*

— 1850 — 2024 —



*May 5, 2024*

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 1,576 students from 37 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> president in 2019. Graduates of the Class of 2024 will join more than 20,000 Illinois Wesleyan alumni living in all 50 states and 24 countries around the world.

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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

## Torri “T.J.” Newman ’06

Torri “T.J.” Newman, of Phoenix, Arizona, studied music theatre at Illinois Wesleyan University before working as a bookseller and flight attendant for Virgin Airlines. She wrote her first fiction novel, *Falling*, during red-eye flights while passengers slept. *Falling* became a publishing sensation, debuting at number two on the New York Times bestseller list in 2021. Her second novel, *Drowning*, was released in 2023 and also became an instant New York Times bestseller. Both thrillers were named best books of the year by USA Today, Esquire, and Amazon, among many others, and both have been published in thirty-five countries. After a bidding war for film rights that made headlines with seven-figure deals, each novel will soon be adapted to major motion pictures — *Falling* with Universal Pictures where Newman will write the screenplay, and *Drowning* with Warner Brothers where she will serve as executive producer. Newman recently signed with a new book publisher, Little Brown. Her third book, *Worst Case Scenario*, is set to release August 13, 2024.



## *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  
Curtis Trout, Mace Bearer

<b>Prelude</b>	Illinois Wesleyan Wind Ensemble Logan Campbell, <i>Conductor and Director of Large Instrumental Ensembles</i>	<b>Awarding of Honorary Degree</b>	President Nugent, Mr. Szerlong, Dr. Abbie Kerr <i>Interim Provost and Dean of Faculty</i>
Prelude from Prelude, Siciliano, and Rondo	<i>Malcolm Arnold</i> (1921–2006)	<b>Address</b>	Torri “T.J.” Newman ’06 “It’s Okay to Fail”
Adoration	<i>Florence Price</i> (1887–1953) <i>arr. Cheldon Williams</i>	<b>Conferring of Degrees</b>	President Nugent, Dr. Karla Carney-Hall <i>Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students,</i> Dr. Leslie Betz ’93 <i>Registrar</i>
<b>Processional</b> (please stand)		Bachelor of Science in Nursing	Dr. Amber Kujath ’97 <i>Director of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences</i>
<i>A Festival Prelude</i>	<i>Alfred Reed</i> (1921–2005)	Bachelor of Fine Arts	Julie Johnson <i>Director of the Ames School of Art and Design</i>
<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i>	<i>Sir Edward Elgar</i> (1857–1934) <i>arr. Willis Schaefer</i>		Jean Kerr <i>Associate Professor and Director of the School of Theatre Arts</i>
<b>“America The Beautiful”</b> (please remain standing and join in singing)	Madeline Johnson ’24 <i>Samuel A. Ward</i> (1848–1903)	Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Music Education	Dr. Scott Ferguson <i>Fern Rosetta Sherff Endowed Professor of Music</i>
<b>Invocation</b> (remain standing)	Rev. Dr. Prince Robertson <i>Dean of Students for Inclusion and Advocacy</i>	Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science	Interim Provost Kerr, Dr. Rebecca A. Roesner <i>Associate Provost</i>
<b>President’s Welcome</b>	Dr. S. Georgia Nugent <i>President</i>	<b>Closing Remarks</b>	President Nugent
<b>Trustee Greetings</b>	Timothy J. Szerlong ’74 <i>Chair, Board of Trustees</i>	<b>Alma Wesleyana</b> (please stand and join in singing)	Miss Johnson ’24 <i>Peter Gilbert ’98</i> (b. 1975)
<b>Alumni Association Welcome</b>	Dr. Derrick Tillman-Kelly ’09 <i>President of Alumni Association Board of Directors</i>	<b>Recessional</b>	Illinois Wesleyan Wind Ensemble (remain standing)
<b>Remarks of Class Representative</b>	Bryson Connor ’24	Rondo from Prelude, Siciliano and Rondo	<i>Malcolm Arnold</i> (1921–2006)
<b>Faculty Reflections</b>	Dr. Monica Hall ’90 <i>Assistant Professor of Nursing Class of 2024 Professor of the Year</i>	<b>Announcement of Honors</b>	President Nugent

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

# 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



# 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.

*The Hester Merwin Ayers Art Achievement Award* is presented for outstanding achievement in Art.

# *Graduation with Research Honors*

Jayden Erie, Psychology

Title: Functionality Appreciation and Male Body Image: An Exploration of Expand Your Horizon, Self-Objectification, and Male Role Norms in College Men

Project Advisor: Marie Nebel-Schwalm

Zoe Hovde, International and Global Studies

Title: Unraveling Cuban Exceptionalism: Cold War Dynamics and Lobbying Strategies

Project Advisor: Carmela Ferradans

Hannah Murray, Biology

Title: An Analysis of Novel Yeasts and their Brewing Potential

Project Advisor: Lorilyn Cozy

Joshua Reed, History

Title: From King to Villain: Herod the Great's Transition from Historical Figure to Dramatic Antagonist

Project Advisor: Amy Coles

Emma Sempsrott, Hispanic Studies

Title: (Bi)Lingue, (Bi)Cultural y el Espacio Intermedio

Project Advisor: Carmela Ferradans

Samantha Wilcox, Neuroscience

Title: Transcriptomics of the L5-Dorsal Root Ganglion After Spinal Cord Stimulation in the Rat Spared Nerve Injury Model

Project Advisor: Joe Williams

Lillian Winkeler, Women and Gender Studies

Title: IWU Student Civic Engagement and Activism: Actions by Student Senate, the Religious Activities Commission, and the Methodist Student Movement

Project Advisor: Courtney Irby

Chloe Xu, Psychology

Title: The Roles of Body Positivity and Social Support in Predicting Happiness in College Students

Project Advisor: Marie Nebel-Schwalm



# The School of Nursing

*Candidates for the degree*

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Olivia Scarlett Bachar

Olivia Jo Bankston

Abigail Elyse Barattia

Alexis Danielle Barry, *Cum Laude*

Stacy Linnea Buchner, *Summa Cum Laude*

Faith Anne Patricia Burgis

Gabrielle Rosalie Burk

Tori Leanne Burke, *Magna Cum Laude*

Blanca Casique-Flores

Kelly Marie Degnan, *Cum Laude*

Sofia Emma Godinez, *Cum Laude*

Katelyn Renee Heller

Airiana Felicity Hounsve, *Cum Laude*

Katherine Marie Hudson

Maria Julia Hural

Peyton Kumpula

Nico C. Magtoto

Adriana Jolie Mauleon

Madeline Grace McManigal

Krista Marie Messer

Elizabeth Valerie Mudiandambo

Anna Christine Nelson

Taylor Ann O'Day

Emily Kelleen O'Leary, *Cum Laude*

Sydney Isabella Rotherth

Sophia Claire Sanders

Olivia K. Shell, *Cum Laude*

Lilianna Ravenna Summers, *Magna Cum Laude*

Andrea Michelle Teubel

Mackenzie Abigail Thompson

Joshua Tong, *Cum Laude*

Emily Grace Vaughn

Bianca Ventimiglia

Grace Morgan Voyles

Faith Marie Washko

Brendan Young Yi



# College of Fine Arts

*Candidates for the degree*

## BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

### ART

Kaylee Ruth Paoella, *Art*

### THEATRE ARTS

Evan Barrett Carlson, *Acting, Magna Cum Laude*

Henry Alejandro Cartaya, *Music Theatre, Magna Cum Laude*

Molly Irene Clemente, *Acting, Magna Cum Laude*

Ryan Conner Domalewski, *Music Theatre*

Samuel Adam Fahrenkrug, *Music Theatre, Magna Cum Laude*

Olivia Grace Finkelstein, *Acting, Summa Cum Laude*

Claire Elizabeth Flynn, *Music Theatre, Summa Cum Laude*

Hannah Elizabeth Freund, *Acting, Summa Cum Laude*

Taylor Olivia Glass, *Music Theatre, Summa Cum Laude*

Mason Charles Hanizeski, *Music Theatre, Magna Cum Laude*

Ethan Alexander Hart, *Music Theatre, Magna Cum Laude*

Aidan F. Herbert, *Acting*

Landon Reese Keller, *Music Theatre*

Baxter Konstans, *Acting, Cum Laude*

Kristian Sullivan LaVeque, *Music Theatre*

Grace Ophelia Lumpkin, *Acting, Magna Cum Laude*

Joseph Maltese-Miller, *Music Theatre, Magna Cum Laude*

Micah Joseph Manternach, *Acting, Magna Cum Laude*

Valerie Rose Martire, *Acting, Cum Laude*

Mars M. Mulvin, *Theatre Design & Technology, Cum Laude*

Payton James Nesci, *Acting, Magna Cum Laude*

Nikkita Parsons, *Music Theatre, Cum Laude*

Kamryn Elise Roane, *Acting, Magna Cum Laude*

Kameron Joseph Rojas-Schueneman, *Acting, Cum Laude*

Sasha Isabel Rosenbaum, *Music Theatre, Magna Cum Laude*

Keeler A. Smaistrle, *Theatre Design & Technology*

Eliana Joy Spitler, *Acting, Cum Laude*

Albert Phillip Sterner, *Music Theatre, Magna Cum Laude*

Julia Breena Strug, *Acting, Magna Cum Laude*

*Candidates for the degree*

## BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Madeline Rose Johnson, *Vocal Performance, Cum Laude*

Gillian Marie O'Donnell, *Vocal Performance*

*Candidates for the degree*

## BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION

Colby Lane Powers, *Music Education, Cum Laude*

Yingtong Wang, *Music Education, Magna Cum Laude*

# College of Liberal Arts

Candidates for the degree

## BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

- Khumoyun Abdulpattoev, *Computer Science, Cum Laude*
- Rose Lydia Abraham, *Sociology, Magna Cum Laude*
- Keegan R. Adamson, *Finance*
- Seth C. Albin, *Mathematics, Secondary Education*
- Josephine Bjerre Aldrich, *Biology, Summa Cum Laude*
- Tylah Janae Allen, *Hispanic Studies*
- Annika Jo Altekruise, *Marketing, Psychology, Magna Cum Laude*
- Rees Amartey Amarteifio, *Physics*
- Natalie Joyce Anderson, *Elementary Education, Summa Cum Laude*
- Amelia J. Arensmann, *Biology*
- Emily Nicole Arteaga, *Biology*
- Thomas George Assalley, *Environmental Studies, Cum Laude*
- Taylor Alexis Babec, *Kinesiology & Allied Health, Cum Laude*
- Jessalyn Grace Baer, *Neuroscience, Magna Cum Laude*
- Sarah Grace Baron, *Neuroscience*
- Farah Bassyouni, *English-Writing, Cum Laude*
- Brendan Sullivan Baumgarten, *Marketing, Cum Laude*
- Robert Patrick Beaubien Jr., *Marketing, Cum Laude*
- Jaz F. Belz, *Physics, Summa Cum Laude*
- Bradley Fredrick Benson, *Sociology*
- Arely Betancourt, *Psychology*
- Anusha Bhojanam, *Biology, Cum Laude*
- Konstantinos Robert Biggers, *Economics, Computer Science, Magna Cum Laude*
- Gage A. Black, *Sociology*
- Maya R. Black, *Elementary Education, Magna Cum Laude*
- Adam Francis Blackmore, *Business*
- Terriona Blackwell, *Psychology*
- Cecilia Elizabeth Blumberg, *Accounting, Summa Cum Laude*
- Bob Boone, *Psychology*
- Logan Lee Brewer, *Computer Science*
- Wyatt S. Broers, *Physics, Magna Cum Laude*
- Jack Paul Bruening, *Business, Cum Laude*
- Zachary Rolland Burhans, *Political Science, Business*
- Christopher Jon Bush-Moline, *Psychology*
- James Yale Butler, *Accounting, Magna Cum Laude*
- Isabella Calcagno, *Political Science*
- Michael John Campagna, *Business*
- Kady Ann Cawley, *Anthropology, Sociology, Magna Cum Laude*
- Leilauni Nicole Chanthaboury, *Marketing*
- Arthur William Chatt, *Finance, Cum Laude*
- Brandon Chavez-Jimenez, *History, Secondary Education*
- Sebastian Thomas Chisari, *Chemistry, Cum Laude*
- Jackson Ryan Chiszar, *Sociology*
- Joshua Michael Cohen, *Biology, Secondary Education*
- Samuel Charles Cohrs, *Biology, Magna Cum Laude*
- Bryson Erick Connor, *International Studies, Cum Laude*
- Garrett James Cooley, *Biology*
- Benjamin Alan Cortes, *Physics*
- Emily Cortez, *Psychology*
- Joshua David Cortez, *English - Writing, Psychology, Magna Cum Laude*
- Makenzie Lee Cozza, *English - Writing, Political Science, Magna Cum Laude*
- Pietro Christopher Cresci, *Marketing*
- Amanda Leigh Crisp, *Psychology*
- Samantha Lynn Curtis, *History, Art, Magna Cum Laude*
- Jacob Francis Cyrus, *Business, Cum Laude*
- Nicholas William Deaner, *Accounting*
- Lillian Rose Denney, *French & Francophone Studies, Elementary Education, Magna Cum Laude*
- Nile T'Kai Doucette, *Kinesiology & Allied Health, Magna Cum Laude*
- Madison Lee Dryfhout, *Kinesiology & Allied Health*
- Brandon Christopher D'Souza, *Finance, Cum Laude*
- Rachel Anne Ducaji, *Biology, Summa Cum Laude*

Natalia Victoria Duda, *Elementary Education, Cum Laude*

Sydney Helen Dunlap, *Elementary Education, Summa Cum Laude*

Michael James Eastman, *Kinesiology & Allied Health, Cum Laude*

Selen Ekinici, *Neuroscience*

Dylan Tyler Engel, *Business*

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Victor Hugo Escobedo, *Physics*

Henry Patrick Evans, *Physics*

Ethen Fagerland, *Finance*

Peyton Rene Farris Pollman, *Accounting, Magna Cum Laude*

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Lukacs P. Ferenczy, *History*

Quenten James Fisher, *Psychology*

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Logan Joseph Gelling, *Finance*

Alexis Mary Gerdes, *Chemistry*

Andrew Jeffrey Gochanour, *Finance, Summa Cum Laude*

Ryan Jeffrey Gochanour, *Finance, Summa Cum Laude*

Clayton Allan Goff, *Finance*

Mandi Nicole Goldmann, *Environmental Studies*

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Marija Dean Gosheva, *Political Science*

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Robin H. Hurst, *Biology*

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Donnie Johnson, *Business*

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Myles Moriarty Kerwin, *History, Secondary Education*

Mostafa Zakaria Khanfar, *Kinesiology & Allied Health*

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Rachel Seouen Kim, *Interdisciplinary Educational Studies*

Kaleigh Geneva Kirby, *Elementary Education, Magna Cum Laude*

Joshua R. Klein, *Physics, Entrepreneurship*

Megan Maree Knoll, *Biology*

Emma Lauren Kornak, *Elementary Education, Cum Laude*

Emma Therese Korzyniewski, *Biochemistry*

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Hallie Litton, *English - Writing*

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Nghi Phuoc Minh Mai, *Psychology, Magna Cum Laude*

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Kai Miller, *Biology*

Ryan Michael Miller, *Business*

Jade Renee Milostan, *Chemistry*

Justin Luis Mojica, *Psychology, Magna Cum Laude*

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Zachary Alexander Poolos, *Accounting*

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Benjamin Fawcett Racelis, *Physics, Summa Cum Laude*

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Joshua David Reed, *History, Computer Science, Magna Cum Laude*

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 Evan Anders Schneider, *Finance, Data Science, Summa Cum Laude*  
 Zachary Bennett Blackman Schwartz, *Computer Science, Philosophy*  
 Brody Martin Seaton, *Finance, Magna Cum Laude*  
 Alexandra L. Seehuus, *Art*  
 Trystan John Seeley, *Physics*  
 Emma Catherine Sempstrott, *Elementary Education, Hispanic Studies, Magna Cum Laude*  
 Nathan Robert Seputis, *Finance*  
 Ethan Kai Shaw, *Environmental Studies*  
 Anna Lynn Sheaffer, *Computer Science, Magna Cum Laude*  
 Jordan Joshua Sibley-Diggs, *Political Science, Cum Laude*  
 Joshua Evan Sims, *Neuroscience, Magna Cum Laude*  
 Aiden Kenneth Smith, *Mathematics, Cum Laude*  
 Alex Nicholas Smith, *Marketing, Magna Cum Laude*  
 Avery Smith, *Kinesiology & Allied Health, Cum Laude*  
 Kathryn Elizabeth Solodar, *Political Science, Summa Cum Laude*  
 Abigail Ruthann Spiller, *Psychology, Cum Laude*  
 Ryan David Sroka, *Finance, Cum Laude*  
 Katelyn Marjorie Staroszczyk, *English - Literature, Cum Laude*  
 Joseph O. Stearns, *Computer Science, Cum Laude*  
 Garrit C. Stenerson, *Biology, Magna Cum Laude*  
 Margaret Catherine Stucko, *Biology*  
 Maddox Thomas Swanstrom, *Finance, Cum Laude*  
 Connor John Sweeney, *Business*  
 Garrett Maxwell Swingler, *Computer Science*  
 Tatiana Amor Sykes, *Psychology*  
 Taylor Naomi Tarver, *Marketing, Cum Laude*  
 Drew Tatlock, *Chemistry*  
 Emma Noreen Taylor, *Elementary Education, Magna Cum Laude*  
 Emma Grace Thorman, *English - Literature, Secondary Education, Magna Cum Laude*  
 Donald Reddington Tichy, *Accounting, Magna Cum Laude*  
 Eric Torres, *Computer Science*  
 Khanh Tran, *Computer Science*  
 Ryan Edward Tribe, *Kinesiology & Allied Health*  
 Hannah Elizabeth Trousdale, *Psychology*  
 Evan Mitchell Turnbull, *Business*  
 Bailey N. Turner, *Psychology, Cum Laude*  
 Oleksandr Tylnyy, *Business*  
 Luke Robert Uhwat, *Business, Cum Laude*  
 Mitchell John Uphoff, *Finance*  
 Amanda Villanueva, *Political Science, Computer Science*  
 Izabella Madison Villatuya, *Accounting, Cum Laude*  
 Lane Allen Wagner, *Finance, Magna Cum Laude*  
 Natalie Wajda, *Psychology*  
 Yingtong Wang, *Biology, Magna Cum Laude*  
 Alexis K. Ward, *Hispanic Studies, Secondary Education, Magna Cum Laude*  
 Ella Rose Wargo, *Psychology*  
 Hannah Leigh Warren, *Marketing, Magna Cum Laude*  
 Isabella Therese Welsch, *Biology, Cum Laude*  
 Samantha Rae Wilcox, *Neuroscience, Summa Cum Laude*  
 Amaiya Cheoni Robenicia Williams, *Hispanic Studies*  
 Amanda Maryon Wilson, *Biology, Secondary Education, Cum Laude*  
 Lillian Dee Winkeler, *History, Women's and Gender Studies, Magna Cum Laude*  
 Lauren Marie Wong, *Quantitative Finance, Cum Laude*  
 Chloe Xu, *Psychology, Interdisciplinary Educational Studies, Magna Cum Laude*  
 Hope Elizabeth Yeoman, *Psychology, Cum Laude*  
 Luke Joseph Yoder, *Kinesiology & Allied Health*  
 Mathew Anthony Young, *Marketing*

# *A Letter from the Alumni Association*

To The Class of 2024:

Congratulations! It is Commencement Sunday and you're officially alumni of Illinois Wesleyan University. While anyone who finishes college should be proud of their achievement, as a 2024 graduate, you should be doubly proud. Many of you began at IWU in the middle of a global pandemic and still made your way to today... more resilient, more connected, more aware, and hopefully more confident in your ability to succeed. Your fellow alumni are proud of you too! On behalf of the Alumni Association Board of Directors and Titan alumni everywhere, let me be the first to welcome you to the Illinois Wesleyan Alumni Association.

As a new graduate, you are now part of an ever-growing network of Illinois Wesleyan alumni committed to supporting each other, our current and future students, and the university. As you go out into the world, whether it is into a career, to further your education, or to pursue a service opportunity, the Alumni Association is here to support you. Titan alumni can be found across the United States and the broader world. And they desire to connect with you and support your continued success. As you leave campus today, know that you'll never leave our Titan Family. I encourage you to leverage the opportunities and resources available through the Alumni Association: connect with our affinity groups like the Young Alumni Council, volunteer with your regional committee, attend professional and social networking events, come back for Homecoming, and stay connected through social media.

Despite the uncertainty of our current times, I am confident that you have a bright future ahead. Do as Titans before you have done: identify challenges, seek to serve, and look for opportunities to connect with others' humanity. As you go, I hope that you will stay involved with IWU, whether through your time, talent, or treasure. This investment allows us to ensure there's a Wesleyan education available for future Titans.

Congratulations again and welcome to the Illinois Wesleyan Alumni Association.

In Titan Pride,

Derrick L. Tillman-Kelly, PhD '09

President, Alumni Association Board of Directors

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# Endowed Professorships

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:

Joanne Diaz, Ph.D.

The Isaac Funk Professorship, *established 1866*

R. Given Harper, Ph.D.

The George C. and Ella Beach Lewis Chair of Biology, *established 1963*

James W. Plath, Ph.D.

The R. Forrest Colwell Chair of English, *established 1972*

Robert A. Kearney, J.D., M.B.A.

The Edward R. Telling Professorship of Business Administration, *established 1987*

J. Scott Ferguson, D.M.A.

Fern Rosetta Sherff Professor of Music, *established 1977*

Carolyn A. Nadeau, Ph.D.

The Byron S. Tucci Professorship, *established 2010*

Michael Theune, Ph.D.

Robert W. Harrington Professorship, *established 2010*

Edgar Lehr, Ph.D.

Robert W. Harrington Professorship, *established 2010*

Bryan McCannon '98, Ph.D.

Robert S. Eckley Endowed Professor of Economics, *established 1986*

Ram S. Mohan, Ph.D.

Wendell and Loretta Hess Professorship of Chemistry, *established 2012*

William Munro, Ph.D.

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

Gabriel C. Spalding, Ph.D.

B. Charles and Joyce Eichhorn Ames Professorship, *established 2014*

James Simeone, Ph.D.

Sally A. Firestone Endowed Professorship in Peace and Social Justice, *established 2022*

Will Jaeckle, Ph.D.

Semour and Diana Galina Endowed Professorship, *established 2007*

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 will also be open 10 AM - 3 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, and Holmes Hall. A first-aid station is located in Holmes Hall.

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

Senior marshals for the Commencement ceremony are Professors Marie Nebel-Schwalm and David Marvin. Student marshals are Abbie Graue '25 and Evie Wilson '25 representing the Junior Class.



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*The faculty will gather to meet and greet parents and students at these locations:*

A. Biology	O. Political Science
B. Business and Marketing Accounting and Finance	P. Psychology
C. Chemistry and Biochemistry	Q. Sociology
D. Computer Science	R. School of Art and Design
E. Entrepreneurship	S. School of Music
F. Economics	T. School of Nursing and Health Sciences
G. Educational Studies	U. School of Theatre Arts
H. English	V. Health Promotion and Fitness Management
I. Environmental Studies	W. World Languages, Literature, and Culture
J. History	X. Neuroscience
K. International Studies	Y. Ames Library
L. Mathematics	◆ Student Affairs
M. Philosophy	
N. Physics	

**Hospitality tents**

1. Beverage Tent	2. First Aid – Holmes Hall Lobby
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# 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.

Graduates tassels are designated by the degree they are receiving: Bachelor of Arts (white), Bachelor of Science (gold), Bachelor of Fine Arts (brown), Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Music Education (pink), and Bachelor of Science in Nursing (apricot)

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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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