

CLASS OF 2024

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**GRADUATES**



ILLINOIS STATE  
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— 165TH ANNUAL —  
**COMMENCEMENT**

DECEMBER 2024

## DEAR GRADUATES,

Congratulations!

You will hear this phrase many times in the coming days from family, friends, mentors, instructors, and fellow classmates. Embrace those accolades. You have earned the title of graduate. You have earned this celebration.



Today you enter this space as a college student. You will soon cross a stage, shake some hands, and receive a diploma cover embellished with the name of Illinois State University. Then, you will turn your tassel to the other side of the mortarboard and will leave here to join the more than 239,000 Illinois State living alumni worldwide who have gone before you.

There are a few times in your life you will never forget. From experience, I can tell you this is one of those moments. Your years of study culminate today with the conferring of something very precious—your Illinois State University degree. Savor this well-deserved moment.

Take time to remember with gratitude those who supported you in your academic journey—faculty, staff, coaches and mentors, family, and friends. As you go forward to pursue new career paths, additional academic pursuits, or whatever your dreams may be, I hope you carry with you that encouragement and the enriching experiences of your time at Illinois State.

Let the dreams you sparked here guide you. Keep the fire of those dreams burning, and then pay it forward by inspiring others to be engaged and civically minded, global citizens.

Remember that your connections with your alma mater do not end here. Reach out to your fellow Redbirds. Stay in touch with your favorite professors. Attend an alumni event on campus or in your town.

Your legacy as an Illinois State graduate means you will always be a Redbird.

My best wishes to our newest graduates!

Sincerely,

Dr. Aondover Tarhule  
Illinois State University President



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## ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY'S METRICS OF EXCELLENCE

Illinois State has welcomed our largest freshman class in history. We enroll more than 21,500 students, while maintaining academic quality and small class sizes.

Illinois State is ranked among the top universities for return on investment. *U.S. News & World Report* recognized the University as one of the Best Value Schools in the nation, and *Washington Monthly* included the University on the Best Bang for the Buck list in the Midwest. In addition, the University was also ranked among the top 30% of four-year higher education institutions for graduates' return on investment.

Illinois State students complete their degrees on time. ISU's retention rate remains among the highest in the nation at over 81.3%, and our high graduation rate (66.3%) is well above the national average.

*Washington Monthly* ranked the University in the top 106 out of all public national universities for the institution's contribution to the public good through social mobility, research, and public services. Illinois State made *U.S. News & World Report's* 2024 rankings of America's top public schools, at No. 112. In addition, the University was ranked in the upper echelon of *Money's* 2024 list of Best Colleges in America for quality education and affordability.

Illinois State provides accessible opportunity and increasingly reflects the nation's changing demographics. We enrolled our most diverse freshman class in school history this year with 41% of these students and nearly 32% of the total student population coming from traditionally underrepresented groups.

Illinois State raised more than \$35.4 million in private support, reaching its third-highest private support total in university history. Through these donations, more than 4,474 scholarships were awarded last fiscal year and 85 new scholarships were created.

The University's hometown ranks as one of the top three best college towns in America based on its affordability and safety, while its entertainment scene, community, and quality of life are listed as reasons it also ranks as one of the Best Places to Live in the United States.

Illinois State supports veterans and those in the military. We are ranked as a top 10 Military Friendly School by VIQTORY.

Illinois State's campuswide commitment to our core value of civic engagement has earned us recognition with the Elective Classification for Community Engagement, as an Excellence and Innovation Award for Civic Learning and Community Engagement recipient, and as a Voter Friendly Campus.

Illinois State University holds a special place among colleges and universities in the state, having been founded in 1857 as the first public institution of higher learning in Illinois.

From humble beginnings in a rented building in Downtown Bloomington, the University today stands as a living symbol of the dreams of such individuals as Jesse Fell, who led the effort to form Illinois State University, and Abraham Lincoln, who, as an attorney, drafted the documents founding the institution.

Now in its 167th year, Illinois State University is a comprehensive institution with 128 degree programs at the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels. Since 1857, more than 277,123 degrees have been conferred by the University. As of fall 2024, Illinois State University has a total enrollment of 21,546 students.

The academic programs of Illinois State are complemented by a rich blend of offerings in the fine arts. The University is one of the leading cultural centers in the Midwest. Braden Auditorium brings to Central Illinois audiences leading performing artists, and famous speakers, adding to the excellent and diverse offerings of the University.

Enriched by the foundations of an illustrious past, Illinois State looks with confidence to a future filled with opportunity and promise.

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Undergraduate students are eligible to participate in commencement if they will have completed requirements for graduation during the fall semester prior to commencement.

Graduate students are eligible to participate in commencement if they will have completed all program requirements by the published deadlines.

The roster of candidates listed in this program is a compilation of all those eligible to participate. It should not be construed as an official list of those who have received or will receive a university degree.

Information in this program is accurate as of November 1, 2024. Students who completed the graduation application process after that date are not included in this program. All honor designations are based on the students' last graded semester prior to commencement. For example, eligibility for honor distinction for students graduating in December is based on the previous semester.

## ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic regalia of robe and hood are believed to have had their beginnings at the English universities of Oxford and Cambridge during the 12th and 13th centuries. The hoods are a carryover from the times when monks, who operated the universities, wore them to protect their shaved heads in winter or to collect alms when worn as shoulder capes.

Use of the academic robe came to the United States in 1754 with the founding of what is now Columbia University. In 1895 a commission of university officials adopted a universal code of design and color for academic garb, which has undergone various revisions, the latest in 1960.

Styling of robes varies for the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees; the width of border and length of hood increase with the type of degree. The color of the hood lining designates the colors of the institution granting the degree—in the case of Illinois State University the colors are red and white.

### HOOD BORDER COLOR DESIGNATIONS

Accounting.....	DRAB
Agribusiness.....	MAIZE
Agriculture.....	MAIZE
Anthropology.....	GOLD
Art.....	BROWN
Biological Sciences.....	GOLD
Business Administration.....	DRAB
Chemistry.....	GOLD
Chemistry Education.....	LIGHT BLUE

### College Student Personnel

Administration.....	LIGHT BLUE
Communication.....	WHITE
Creative Technologies.....	BROWN
Criminal Justice Sciences.....	PURPLE
Economics.....	COPPER
Educational Administration.....	PEACOCK
English.....	WHITE
English Education.....	LIGHT BLUE
English Studies.....	WHITE
Family and Consumer Sciences.....	MAROON
Foreign Language.....	WHITE
Geology.....	GOLD
Health.....	SAGE
History.....	WHITE
Information Technology.....	GOLD
Instructional Technology.....	LIGHT BLUE
Kinesiology and Recreation.....	SAGE
Mathematics.....	GOLD
Mathematics Education.....	LIGHT BLUE
Music.....	PINK
Nursing.....	APRICOT
Politics and Government.....	CITRON
Psychology.....	GOLD
Reading.....	WHITE
School Psychology.....	GOLD
Sociology.....	CITRON
Social Work.....	CITRON
Special Education.....	LIGHT BLUE
Speech Pathology and Audiology.....	SILVER GRAY
Teaching and Learning.....	LIGHT BLUE
Technology.....	GOLD
Theatre.....	BROWN
Writing.....	WHITE

### GRADUATE DEGREES

The colored borders of the hoods of the candidates for graduate degrees indicate the field of study. Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) candidates wear royal blue, Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) candidates wear light blue, Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) candidates wear silver gray, and Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) candidates wear apricot.

### TASSELS

The colors of the tassels on the caps of the candidates for undergraduate degrees are red and white, representing the University colors. The tassel colors for graduate degrees are black for the master's degrees and gold for the doctoral degrees.

### CORDS

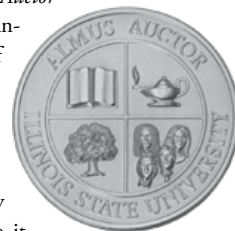
Many departments belong to national honor societies. Students belonging to these organizations receive cords of various colors. The colors of the cords received by undergraduate students who are eligible for degrees with honor distinction comprise gold (summa

cum laude), lavender (magna cum laude), white (cum laude), and red (Honors Program Scholars).

## PRESIDENT'S MEDALLION

The inscription *Almus Auctor*

is Latin for "beloved counselor," reminding us of the University's role as counselor, mentor, friend, and partner. The central symbols represent the formative part the University plays in the lives of those it touches: The upper left suggests education, the continuing goal of the University and its graduates; the lower left, the growth of the University and all who are touched by it; the upper right, research, the pursuit of truth essential to its excellence; and the lower right, the broader community and the strong influence toward better living the University exerts upon it.



## BONE SCHOLARS

Several undergraduate students are designated annually as Bone Scholars, in honor of former President Robert G. Bone. The Robert G. Bone Scholars have earned the highest honor Illinois State can bestow on an undergraduate. Only 14 Bone Scholars are selected each year across the entire university. They receive a medallion. Bone Scholars are students who combine superior academic records with full personal development through campus and community activities. Nominations to this honor are made by faculty members, and selection of new Bone Scholars is coordinated through the Honors Program. The candidates for the bachelor's degree who have received this honor are indicated in the departmental/school listings by an asterisk (\*) after their names.

## DEGREES WITH HONOR DISTINCTION

A student must have completed at least 30 semester hours at Illinois State University to be eligible for a degree with distinction. Students who have an accumulated grade point average of 3.90 through 4.00 are graduated summa cum laude, those with a GPA of 3.80 through 3.89 are graduated magna cum laude, and those with a GPA of 3.65 through 3.79 are graduated cum laude. To be eligible for honor distinction recognition at

commencement, all grades earned at Illinois State University are counted in computing the grade point average except those earned during the fall semester if graduation requirements are completed in the fall. Students who qualify for honor distinction recognition at commencement receive an appropriate cord as part of their academic regalia.

Diploma and transcript notations of graduating cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude are based on the total grade point average, including the final semester.

## HONORS PROGRAM DESIGNATIONS

Students receiving Honors in the Major recognition are graduating from the Honors Program having completed special requirements within their majors. Students receiving this distinction are indicated in the departmental/school listings by a solid diamond (◆) after their names.

Students who have met the general Honors Program requirements earn the designation of Honors Program Scholar. Those receiving this distinction are indicated in the departmental/school listing by an open circle (○) after their names. They wear red cords.

## MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION

Commissioned officers are those students who have been attending Illinois State University and participated in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC). ROTC is a college program designed to prepare students in basic military matters while the students earn a degree in order for them to enter into one of the branches of service as an officer. Upon graduation from the University, students are commissioned into their chosen branch of service, attend their required additional military training, and go on to lead in the United States military.

Military veterans are those students who have already served their country. Upon completion of their contracts and earning an honorable discharge, these students attended Illinois State University and are now graduating with their degrees in their respective fields. Veterans at Illinois State University come from all of the branches of service, and their enlisted time ranged from one year to 20-plus years of service to their country.

Some students attend Illinois State University while still serving their country. Illinois State University is home to many students who are serving as active, reserve, or National Guard soldiers.

Veteran and military graduates receive red, white, and blue cords and are indicated in the departmental/school listings by a (‡) after their names.

## HONORS DESIGNATIONS

- ★ Summa cum laude
- ⊙ Magna cum laude
- ☆ Cum laude
- \* Bone Scholar
- ◆ Honors in the Major
- Honors Program Scholar
- « Earning Dual Degrees
- ‡ Military Service



# Program

9 A.M. Saturday, December 14, 2024  
CEFCU ARENA

## College of Arts and Sciences College of Education Mennonite College of Nursing Interdisciplinary Studies

### PROCESSIONAL

Performed by the Commencement Band,  
conducted by F. Mack Wood,  
*Associate director of bands*

*Pomp and Circumstance*  
By Edward Elgar

*The Sinfonians*  
By Clifton Williams

*Celebration Fanfare*  
By James Curnow

### WELCOME

Ani Yazedjian  
*Vice president for Academic Affairs and provost*

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

Led by Celie Arnett  
*School of Music student*

### INTRODUCTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Ani Yazedjian

### INTRODUCTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Ani Yazedjian

### RECOGNITION OF FACULTY, DEPARTMENT CHAIRS, AND SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Ani Yazedjian

### STUDENT WELCOME

Cobi Blair  
*Student body president*

### INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT

Ani Yazedjian

### COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Aondover Tarhule  
*President*

### PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL AND MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Ani Yazedjian

### CONFERRAL OF DOCTORAL AND MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Aondover Tarhule

### PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Ani Yazedjian

### CONFERRAL OF BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Aondover Tarhule

### INTRODUCTION OF DOCTORAL DEGREE GRADUATES

S. Gavin Weiser  
*Interim director, Graduate Studies*

### PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMA COVERS TO DOCTORAL DEGREE GRADUATES

Heather Dillaway  
*Dean, College of Arts and Sciences*

Todd McLoda  
*Interim dean, College of Education*

Judy Neubrandner  
*Dean, Mennonite College of Nursing*

### PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMA COVERS TO MASTER'S DEGREE GRADUATES

Heather Dillaway

Todd McLoda

Judy Neubrandner

### PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMA COVERS TO BACHELOR'S DEGREE GRADUATES

Heather Dillaway

Amy Hurd  
*Associate vice president for undergraduate education*

Todd McLoda

Judy Neubrandner

### INDUCTION CEREMONY AND CLOSING

Susan Nelson-Brown  
*President, Illinois State University Alumni Association*

### UNIVERSITY HYMN

Led by Celie Arnett

### RECESSIONAL

Performed by the Commencement Band



# College of Arts and Sciences

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As the University's largest and most intellectually diverse college, the College of Arts and Sciences serves as Illinois State's academic and cultural core, impacting all students through its general education program. Our commitment to teaching and learning, research, scholarly and creative activity, and service transforms thinking and knowledge. Our liberal arts foundation develops lifelong learners from diverse backgrounds who have the tools to meet the challenges of an increasingly complex and changing global society.

## The College of Arts and Sciences is the home of:

- 16 departments and schools in the humanities, social sciences, mathematics, and natural sciences.
- 28 bachelor's degree programs, including 11 distinct secondary teacher education programs.
- 19 master's degree programs and five doctoral degree programs.
- The Eckelmann Speech and Hearing Clinic in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, which provides training for students and services for patients.
- The School of Communication where students can gain professional experience through student-run media such as TV-10, WZND, and the Vidette.
- The University's award-winning Solar Car Team in the Department of Physics.



On behalf of the faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences, congratulations to the graduating class of 2024! We are so very proud of all that you have accomplished during your time in the College of Arts and Sciences at Illinois State University. We wish you the very best as you embark on your next adventure.

Your arts and sciences education has exposed you to a breadth of tools and perspectives that will prepare you for a lifetime of career choices. The natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities may employ very different methods and perspectives, but every single field within arts and sciences, in its own way, seeks answers to the same fundamental questions—about the nature of our world and our humanity. You have learned how to think critically, communicate orally and in writing, collect and analyze data, understand diverse perspectives, and ask the right questions when confronted with a problem. I ask you to use the education you have acquired to the benefit of your communities and your world.

Although you are graduating, you will always be a member of the Redbird family. We encourage you to stay connected with our college and your former professors, join the Alumni Association, and visit us on campus whenever you can. I encourage you to not only give back to the College of Arts and Sciences by supporting college activities, programs, and scholarships, but also by keeping us updated on the many achievements you will experience in your careers and personal lives. We will always take great pride in your achievements, and we will be rooting for you!

I join you in thanking families and friends who have supported you during your time with us. I also offer my sincere thanks to everyone in the College of Arts and Sciences who has contributed to your success at Illinois State University.

Please accept the college's sincerest congratulations on this amazing milestone. Your life path may take unexpected twists and turns, but I know that you can become all that you wish to be. Go ahead and set your sights on new opportunities—you are ready!

Dr. Heather Dillaway, Dean



## DOCTORAL DEGREES

### Doctor of Philosophy

#### ENGLISH

Ankomah, Edmund Hammah  
Hauser, Allison  
Larsen, Brittany  
Plevka-Jones, Helen Elizabeth  
Sanchez, Andres L.

#### PSYCHOLOGY

Brooks, Mariah Ellen  
McKinley, Jessica Ann

## MASTER'S DEGREES

### School of Biological Sciences

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE

Fazyl, Adina  
Korkor, Ebenezer

### Chemistry

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE

Patra, Sudarshana

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CHEMISTRY EDUCATION

Matthew, Stephanie Marie  
Poindexter, Sean M.

### School of Communication

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE

Allen, Amber Chantelle  
Jones, Marissa Quashay  
Martin, Tyler Evert  
Villegas Vera, Yesenia

### Communication Sciences and Disorders

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE

Aldridge, Klarissa Gayl

### Economics

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE

Hossain, Jelal  
Liyanage, Shishi  
Nipa, Mahataz Akter  
Okumu, Felix Ouma  
Yousuf, Nazia

### History

#### MASTER OF ARTS

Blood, Joshua Charles  
Hixson, Daniel James

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE

Dubrovich, Hannah Jo

### Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

#### MASTER OF ARTS

Orozco, Stephanie  
Serna Maldonado, Yaritza  
Anabeth

### Mathematics

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE

Ahmed, Gulzar  
Asare, Martin  
Baah, Eric  
Ly, Thanh Phuong  
Martin, Emma R.  
Martinez Cerceño, Roberto  
Arturo

### Psychology

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE

Ciolino, Joseph Angelo  
Del Valle, Ivellisse  
Hatfield, MaKenna Shea  
Lucero, Alessandro Michael  
Myers, Jacob Lewis  
Risen, Sydney May

### Sociology and Anthropology

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE

Bryant, Paula L.  
Durchholz, Aaron Michael  
Fleming, Fiona Therese  
Odeh, Yasmin A.  
Rosche, Melody  
Thies-Sauder, Meagan Elizabeth

## BACHELOR'S DEGREES

### School of Biological Sciences

Anderson, Gregory M. ○  
Bartholomew, Lauren Marie  
Churches, Braedon  
Colter, Benjamin Michael  
Daniel, Joan  
Dungan, Brian Patrick  
Frontier, Giulian Joseph  
Gradilla, Samantha  
Hanley, Erin Elizabeth  
Ibrahim, Miriam Temidire

Jones, Layla K.  
Kitchen, Jared D.  
Kopca, Gary  
Lane, Kristen Marie  
Laney, Mackenzie Hunter  
Lee, William Sang Jae  
Loeffler, Cassandra Lee Hope  
Maertens, Hayley  
Mathis, Mikenzie Noelle  
Naji, Shadi  
Noel, Jady Lynnae  
Ofoedu, Jennifer N.  
Pyles, Leah Mae ★  
Reed, Eleanor  
Rodriguez, Ashley Rynne ★  
Salberg, Abigail  
Shaffer, Christian Zane  
Yaness, Hong F. ○

### Chemistry

Forkin, Maiya Madison ○  
Garcia, Carlos J.  
Gilmore, Brianna Krystyna ★○  
Kough, Joshua Ryan  
Nagel, Kaitlyn Paige ○  
Overbey, Bethany Kui Xin ○  
Rohrig, Isabella Grace ★◆○  
Sampson, Tina  
Somerlot, Annelise H.  
Welsh, Caleb Matthew ○  
Wright, Daniel Alan  
Zeller, Tricia Ann

### School of Communication

Acke, Julia Rose  
Allen, Lyndi Joy  
Andrews, Sophia Anne  
Annerino, Alissa N.  
Baumann, Kaylee D.  
Bowers, Caden Isaac ☆  
Carroll, Elijah Storm  
Carter, Khamia Mechelle  
Chapman, Timothy J.  
Davis, Jillion Marie  
Farley, Michael Patrick  
Fisher, Anthony Alanzo  
Forster, Nicholas George  
Franzen, Mackenzie  
Fulscher, Jacob Hunter  
Gaines, Jalan Iddin Lee  
Garcia, Andres  
Greer, Nathan James ★  
Guskey, Michael Joseph  
Hantz, Adison Katherine  
Heard, J'Chelle  
Howard, Marilyn Margaret  
Johnson, Catelyn Sierra  
Kennedy, Nolan Francis

Keys, Chloe M.  
Kopija, Kathryn Maya ★  
Langellier, Kyle Matthew  
Levi, Madeline Elsa ○  
Mazza, Madeline  
McCane, Amanda Lauren ○  
McMillan, Kallie Faith Julie ◀  
Mink, Austin Matthew  
Moore, Sebastian Marquis  
Morris, Kaitlyn Marie  
Muoghalu, Alexis Taylor  
Chukwukamso ○  
Noggle, Emma Ruth ☆  
Okyere, Eunice Adofoa ☆  
Orlandi, Nathan M.  
Patterson, Samantha Marie  
Ringger, Mason David ○○  
Schertz, Hannah Marie  
Schmieder, Nickolas Kevin  
Shadis, Colten Reece  
Tautolo, Leilani Sarai  
Valdez, Donovyn Victor  
Valentine, Luke D.  
Wheeler, Aaron E.  
Winchel, Glenn S. ‡  
Winters, Sa'Mone Channele ○  
Witulski, Olivia Katherine  
Wolf, Aaron Samuel ★

### Communication Sciences and Disorders

Besich, Alexis Riann Elaine ★  
Cabrera, Adriana Marie ○  
Dundas, Bailey Michelle ★  
Peterson, Olivia I. ★○  
Wilkinson, Elle Margaret  
Ziemer, Elise Lauren ☆○

### Economics

Bymun, Ahnaieh Abelina  
Cave, Eric Robert  
Pope, John Kenneth  
Thompson, Maya R.  
Watt, Brian

### English

Atkins, Cory James  
Burkhardt, Sarah L.  
Buysee, Samantha Marie ☆  
Carlock, Katherine Marie  
Cobb, Alexa Jasmyne  
Cofrin, Matthew John ☆  
Doering, Ian Stuart  
Fehr, Katherine G.  
Flanagan, Michael  
Glisan, Erin ☆  
Grier-Bain, Raven S.

Harris, Maya R.  
 Heims, Emma Lin  
 Imhof, Ian Christopher  
 Kantola, Sarah Elise ☉  
 Kath, Aaron Michael ☆  
 Kowalski, Samantha Lynn ★  
 Lara, Noemi  
 Madison, Raven Arin  
 Roper, Leah L.  
 Rosendahl, Grace Isabella  
 Schuetzle, Sarah Anne ★  
 Valle, Gissele Millie  
 Wattar, Ayah  
 Zych, Taylor Kathryn

## Geography, Geology, and the Environment

Adelman, David Michael ★  
 Belcher, Brodan P.  
 Bowe, Courtney Patricia  
 Bradford, Jack Ryan  
 Darcy, Amanda Rose ★  
 Dowdle, Caitlin L. ☉  
 Giantamidis, Alexander  
 Goldenberg, Mark Robert ★  
 Gordon, Emily  
 Heiniger, Bryce Alan ★○  
 Klauss, Noah Alexander  
 Kretz, Steven James  
 Lavelle, Julia E. ★○  
 Leatherman, Lian Rose  
 Oldenburg, Jared Madison ☆  
 Robinson, Indira Analise ★○  
 Sanchez, Sam  
 Stoll, Olivia Rose  
 Swanson, Hunter Steven

## History

Armas, Max  
 Behrens, Natasha G.  
 Campbell, Joanna Alysse ☆  
 Carr, Dejah J.  
 Ceh, Broderick James ☉  
 Coffey, Michael J.  
 Cox, Brandyn Allan  
 Cox, Christopher John  
 Diskin, Adam M.  
 Dissell, Mikensi Jo ☆  
 Dobecki, Chloe Jennifer  
 Fatlan, Baily Alvin  
 Galis, Daniel Nicholas  
 Gorzelanczyk, Tyson Mitchell  
 Hachenberger, Nathan Alan  
 Hankins, Jakob Kenneth  
 Harer, Tyrene Anne  
 Higgins, Aiden G.  
 Krueger, Alex James

Lavin, Nicholas Christian  
 Lehman, Derek William  
 Marko Jr., Thomas Jeffery ★  
 McEldowney, Ryan Patrick  
 Murton, Raphael Robert ★  
 Norris, Katherine Hong ☉○  
 O'Brien, Logan  
 Oesterlein, Jonathan Victor ☉○  
 Olbrot, Luke Allen  
 Ramsden, Jack Royce  
 Rhodes, Patrik John  
 Ridinger, Lillian Margaret  
 Roiger, Brenden K.  
 Schulz, Jason  
 Simester, Colton Elvis  
 Skinner, Nicholas Alexander ☆  
 Smith, Kyle William ‡  
 Tokar, Ryan M.  
 Torres, Jovanny  
 Ulanowski, Christina  
 Van Duyne, Rileigh Lynn ★  
 Voss, Summer Mari  
 Wheeler, Zoey P.

## Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

Norbut, Madeline Margaret ☆  
 Rosales, Adriana

## Mathematics

Berndt, Tyler Nicholas  
 Castator, David Alan  
 Dinkel, Casady R. ★  
 Ferguson, Noah ★  
 Manglani, Daniyal  
 Melosci, Olivia Marie ☆○  
 Swaggerty, Gracyn Virginia ☉

## Philosophy

Borys, Thomas Jeffrey

## Physics

MacKenzie, Quinn Matthew  
 ☆\*◆○

## Politics and Government

Alvarado, Ricardo  
 Barlow, Aleena Renee ☉  
 Carlock, Mary Ralene  
 Chavand, Mathis ☉  
 Clark, Adam Jacob  
 Frye, Reiss Nicole  
 Hahn, Loren Colleen ☆  
 Hall, John D. ★  
 High, Allie J.  
 Hill, Parker Elliott ‡

Kirimis, Panayiotis E.  
 Owoniya, Michael  
 Price, Cassidy  
 Ropp, Sidney K. ★○  
 Sassenger, Cayden Davis  
 Smith, Shane A.  
 Wiedeman, Morgan Kelley

## Psychology

Bass, Gina Rose  
 Bogicevic, Donna  
 Bullock, Aziah Edward Richard  
 Campbell, Justin Joseph  
 Cassidy, Summer F.  
 Charles, Emma Brianne ★  
 Corro, Alexia M.  
 Cusack, Milo Thomas  
 Davis, Ashontis Willa  
 Davis, Danye A.  
 Dawson, Elizabeth Marie  
 Dedicatoria, Angela Nadine  
 Donaldson, Dusty Marie  
 Dunn, Kyra J.  
 Fehr, Olivia M.  
 Fitzpatrick, Morgan Taylor  
 Frommelt, Justin Joseph  
 Hoban, Savanna ☆○  
 Kalmes, Noah D. ☉○  
 Kaplan, Mason Benjamin ★  
 Komar, Natalia  
 Kuhn, Rory ★  
 Liebhart, Zachary Adam  
 Lively, Paige Catherine  
 Nord, Inga Perdita ★  
 Paul, Joshua L.  
 Pease, Taylor Lin  
 Perez, Kimberly Stephanie ○  
 Quinones, Brianna  
 Rojas-Alberto, Brenda  
 Scarlett, Addison  
 Simons, Lydia ★  
 Stoll, Hannah  
 Strain, Audrey Jamie ☆  
 Teafoe, Brianna L.  
 Thompson, Raegen R. ★  
 Tondreau, Isabella Grace ★  
 Tunzi, Robert Spencer  
 Wells, Edward Donnell  
 White, Allante

## School of Social Work

Ingalls, Ciara A.

## Sociology and Anthropology

Badgley, Jamieson G.  
 Brosseau, Kayelee Rae

Brown, Malcom John  
 Bynum, Aaliyah Tatiana  
 Cox, Lillian Marie  
 Cunningham, Shaye Nicole  
 Foster, Jayla Armani Nicole  
 Garcia, Lilibeth  
 Gomez, Samantha Elizabeth  
 Haislip, Nicole Elizabeth ☉  
 Jacobs, Christopher Marcus  
 Katambayi, Aaron Ntumba  
 Kowalczyk, Austin Dima  
 Leverton, Paige Nicole  
 Luce, Marissa Ann  
 McEwen, Kennedy Kayleen  
 Morrissey, Katherine Elizabeth  
 Mulhern, Kyle James  
 Navarre, Nicholas Delaney  
 Nungaray, Daniela  
 Orogbu, Cindy U.  
 Raddatz, Mackenzie Ryann  
 Rivera, Karen Juliana  
 Tkacz, Gabriela  
 Valle, Arianna Iola  
 Weth, Jordan Elizabeth  
 Wilburn-Johnson, Jayden  
 Anthony ○\*  
 Wilson, Austin Riley ★  
 Youngman, Delaney Marie

## Interdisciplinary Studies

Abdullah, Amir  
Ames, Victoriala Marion  
Marguerite ☆  
Anderson, Andrienna Denise  
Boger, Griffin John  
Chowanec, Jacob D.  
Collins, Kevin Seamus  
Denten, Amanda Joan ☉  
Dirkans, Jamiah  
Eisenhauer, Kendall Elizabeth  
Figuerola, Luis Joshua  
Fink, Julianna  
Flaskamp, Madeline Lorraine  
Habeel, Kaila Anwulika  
Hopkins, Britney Paige  
Jackson, Keondre  
Kuchefski, Kenneth W.  
Luttrell, Cassandra J.  
Markus, Morgan Taylor  
Mendoza, Nikko  
Mowen, Avery T.  
Mykolyshyn, Vladislav Pavel  
Neaterour, Rebecca Ann ☆  
Palmore, N'Dia Anijah  
Patronski, Kylie Reese  
Phillips, Karley Nicole  
Piszcsek, Kyle A.  
Plofsky, Isaac  
Ratliff, Brandon  
Razo, Reina Valle  
Rich, Amy Nicole  
Roach III, Gregory M. ☉  
Robinson, Peyton  
Sampson, Leilah Iman  
Slayden-Figgers, Nygeria Letitia  
Stephens, Abbie L.  
Strom, Gunnar W.  
Suarez, Olivia Ruth  
Terranova, Mia Bella  
Toran, Ariennnda Cara  
Vashist, Laasya  
Way, Trevor J.  
Whitten, Ocie TJ  
Zambrano, Hunter Michael

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- ★ Summa cum laude
- ☉ Magna cum laude
- ☆ Cum laude
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- ◆ Honors in the Major
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# College of Education

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## THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AT ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY ...

Is among the largest preparers of teachers in the U.S.

Has more than 60,000 alumni serving in all 50 states and in 69 countries.

Provides more than \$908,000 in scholarships to 447 students each year to support their academic progress.

Is among the top 10 colleges offering degrees in special education in the U.S. according to *College Factual*.

Is among the top 100 best graduate schools for education according to *U.S. News and World Report*.



On behalf of the faculty and staff in the College of Education, I am extending my sincere congratulations to you on your graduation! Thank you for selecting Illinois State University for some or all of your academic preparation in pursuit of your career goals. I am also grateful to you for dedicating your career to the field of education.

As a Redbird educator or education leader, you are among more than 60,000 Illinois State alumni who are making a positive and lasting impact on the lives of thousands of students every day. You are well on your way to creating your own legacy in education as a graduate from the College of Education. We are among the largest preparers of teachers in the nation. Being large is not enough, though. You have completed a rigorous program of study from faculty who are respected experts in education and educational leadership. Our faculty engage in ongoing research to ensure that the content and methods shared and discussed in classrooms and clinical settings has prepared you for the classrooms and administrative roles of today and into the future.

Your learning does not end with your graduation from Illinois State. Continue to refine your skills and engage in professional development as you progress in your career. Remain in contact with those who have mentored you along the way, and seek additional mentors as you pursue your career.

Finally, I encourage you to express gratitude to all those who have supported you along the path of your success. You have accomplished so much to get where you are today, but I imagine you did not achieve all the accomplishments alone. Your supporters and mentors will greatly appreciate your acknowledgement.

All the best on your future professional success.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd McLoda".

Dr. Todd McLoda, Interim Dean

## DOCTORAL DEGREES

### Doctor of Philosophy

#### EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND FOUNDATIONS

Allen, Andre W.  
Fritz-Fanning, Debra Ann  
Hubbell, Jonathan Miles  
Kopca, Lavonne  
Schmidt, Amber Glorianna  
Thomas, Joseph Aaron  
Wiggins, Stacey Jean

### Doctor of Education

#### EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND FOUNDATIONS

Dugan, Daniel Todd  
Revels, Timothy Adam  
Stern, Justin Michael  
Tucker-White, Deanne J.

#### SPECIAL EDUCATION

Bacino, Joy Lynne  
Shaw, Jennifer Ellen  
Yacucci, Amy Lynn

#### SCHOOL OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

Fitzgerald, Joshua Ian  
Kerr, Ryan  
Williams, Jeritt Joseph  
Wolfe, Alex Michael

## MASTER'S DEGREES

### Special Education

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE

Beach, Takohma Rae  
Cadieux, Bailey Nicole  
Campbell, Amanda Rose  
Conway, Sara J.  
DiPietro, Maggie Marie  
McKinney, Clara Rose  
Musslewhite, Kylie E.  
Nannen, Kaitlyn  
Otten, Megan Elizabeth  
Tucker, Johnica  
Zook, Ashley Taylor

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Alcorn, Stephanie Dawn  
Andriesen, Jessica Christin  
Berger, Victoria  
Borshell, Emma C.  
Brown Miller, Kara Kristine  
Dudek, Jena Marie  
Giacomini, Alana Pickard  
Hedmark, Heather Joy  
Leonard, Leah Lucille

Luckey, Katie  
Massat, Jacqueline Gloria  
McGuiness, Caroline  
Nettesheim, Claire  
Norman, Cynthia Danielle  
ODonnell, Kailyn G.  
Oostveen, April Dawn  
Palmer, Sarah Ann  
Rich, Tiffany Noel  
Schultz, Abigail Marie  
Sedlacek, Caitlin L.  
Sironi, Megan Anne  
Sonderby, Carol  
Stablein, Erin Marie  
Strunin, Sarah Karen  
Whitfield, Jean Marie  
Wood, Christina Shayne  
Woody, Stephanie Lynn

### School of Teaching and Learning

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE

Alarcon, Maria Socorro  
Bagwell, Alyssa Kay  
Blair, Natalie Grace  
Brand, Mary Ann  
Conner, Lauren Ashlee  
Cuevas, Lakin S.  
Golden, Sara Jane  
Kreifels-Reckers, Tricia Marie  
McCormack, Kylie  
Oeder, Rachel E.  
Petsas, Christina Sophia  
Schaab, Regan Elise  
Sostaric, Jessica Ann  
Tay, Amanda Christelle  
Toth, Dylan J.  
Voss, Brooke Leah

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Lardi, Danielle Elizabeth  
Weiler, Kara Michelle

## BACHELOR'S DEGREES

### Special Education

Bland, Connor James ☆  
Borden, Rochelle Lenora  
Byer, Macy A. ★  
Cunningham, Gavin James  
Duncan-Savage, William Jaxon  
Escutia-Hernandez, Abigail  
Vanessa  
Garrett, Myah J.  
Grandsart, Madeline Elise ★  
Jao, Chloe Jacquelyne ☆  
Kennedy, Maura K.  
Kiesewetter, Kaleb J. ◎

Lamb, Claire Anne Louise ☆  
Lustig, Samantha Brie  
Montes, Victoria M. «  
Noe, Margaret Renee ★  
Nowakowski, Ellyn Grace ☆  
Pappas, Emily Elizabeth  
Perry, Emily Ann  
Price, Emma Katherine  
Rausch, Abigail Mary ★◆○  
Reno, Emma C. ★  
Sanchez, Stacey ☆  
Shannon, Angela Marrie ☆  
Spencer, Morgan Riley  
Stokes, Amber Elaine  
Toomey, Audrey Elise ☆  
Topalovic, Emily Marie ◎  
Witt, William Degener ★  
Wood, Hannah Alyssa  
Wynne, Aura Ellice

### School of Teaching and Learning

Albo, Lena Fenice  
Alfirevic, Marissa M. ★  
Austin, Anna Kate ★  
Aviles, Sierra Skye ★  
Barlow, Brittany Elizabeth ★  
Beck, Chloe May  
Bell, Colleen A.  
Bender, Rachael Lynn ☆  
Bettes, Taleesa Lashea ★  
Biggs, Emily R.  
Bland, Madison JoAnn ★  
Bloyd, Olivia Ann ◎  
Boone, Natalee Jean-Marie ◎  
Brooks, Kyle Joseph ◎  
Brumleve, Alli Elizabeth ★  
Butler, Kylie Elizabeth ◎  
Cantu, Madison R.  
Cantu Rojas, Emily ‡  
Carlson, Lydia Naomilani ★  
Carmona Diaz, Xiomara ★  
Cassidy, Madison Paige ★  
Castellanos, Dalilah ★  
Clavenna, Brianne Elaine ★  
Connor, Mikayla Katherine ★  
Costa, Kennedy J. ☆  
Cruz, Kristin  
Daw, Emily L. ★  
Deckinger, Hannah Joan ☆  
DeFosse, Alexis Marie  
Desimone, Mia McClain  
Duckett, Chloe Marie ★  
Dull, Donna J.  
Dunn, Madison Elizabeth ★  
Faford, Sydney Nicole ★  
Faltz, Jessica Nichole  
Foster, Autumn Lynn

Galetti, Makenzie Nelson ★  
Geraghty, Colin W.  
Gerol, Kayla Mae ☆  
Gomez, Teresa Jolie  
Hatch, Jennifer Celine  
Hawksworth, Carly K. ★  
Hayden-Moore, Savannah Rae  
Heap, Isabella Mary ☆  
Henry, Taryn Nicole ★  
Hernandez, Jorie Alyssa ☆  
Hernandez, Leslie Denise ◎  
High, Paige Marie ◎  
Hu, Nan  
Huston, Mary Sullivan  
Ingebrigtsen, Kaitlyn Elizabeth  
Inselmann, Carson Leigh ◎  
Jackson, Victoria ★  
Johnson, Brianna Elizabeth ‡  
Jolliff, Ahmiyah  
Kajmowicz, Macy Claire ☆  
Kent, Alyssa Ann ☆  
Kieft, Brianna Marie  
Kornick, Maria M. ◎  
Krafft, Gracelyn M. ★  
Landree, Jenna Georgie  
Lee, Joseph J.  
Lenzi, Hillary Katherine ★  
Lewis, Skylar Marie ☆  
LoBianco, Alyssa B. ☆  
Lowe, Nicole Helen ★○  
Lucas, Olivia  
Luecke, Vanessa Amanda  
Luedloff, Emma Elizabeth  
Luptak, Kyli Helen ★  
Malley, Abigail R.  
Martinez, Sofia Nicole ◎  
Mazeika, Valerie A.  
Michaels, Mia Grace  
Mohr, Anna Rebecca  
Nash, Kylee Theanna Faye  
Oaks, Victoria Lynn ★  
Odeh, Ghada A. ★  
O'Doherty, Lauren Marie ☆  
Olson, Kerri Michelle  
Petersen, Madelyn Rae ★  
Petrella, Anna Jolane ☆  
Plake, Carissa A. ★  
Prato, Jacquilin Isabella ◎  
Prusak, Sydney Marie ◎  
Quaid, Emma Rose ★  
Ramirez III, Ruben  
Ramos, Jessica ★  
Richerme, Caitlyn Ann  
Riggins, Aliza B. ★  
Rocke, Austin Cade ★  
Romeo, Ashley Grace  
Ross, Grace Elizabeth ◎  
Ryan, Sarah Ann ◎

Ryan, Zoe Genevieve ☉  
 Salgado, Yaritza Anahi ☆  
 Schiro, Franchesca Marie ☆  
 Schmittinger, Brooke Ann ★  
 Schuetzle, Hannah Beth ★  
 Sebesta, Taylor Rose  
 Smith, Avery Elizabeth ☆  
 Smith, Siarrah Kaye  
 Snellgrove, Brandon J. ☆  
 Solorzano, Makayla Rose  
 Sorensen, Jack Henry  
 Spainhour, Libby Ann ☆  
 Stevenson, Mallory Elizabeth ☉  
 Suddeth, Maggie Kate ☉  
 Sudomirski, Natalie Ashley ☉  
 Swain, Marilyn Elise ★  
 Tabiti, Mary Oyinkansola  
 Taulbee, Mackenzie Aileen ☉  
 Taylor, Paula Goldeania ★  
 Tenaglio, Morgan Elizabeth ☉  
 Thompson, Nyla Avery ★  
 Tolliver, Audrianna Olivia ☉  
 Warfield, Shea Marie ★  
 Wasielewski, Katie Alyse  
 Webb, Ashlyn M. ★  
 White, Emily Louise ★  
 Wiebenga, Gwyneth G. ☉  
 Willis, Ashley  
 Windisch, Courtney Anne ★  
 Wise, Jonathan Alden ☆

## HONORS DESIGNATIONS

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- ☉ Magna cum laude
- ☆ Cum laude
- ✱ Bone Scholar
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# Mennonite College of Nursing

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## POINTS OF PRIDE

The Mennonite College of Nursing (MCN) is honored to open the new Nursing Simulation Center on our Normal campus. This \$18 million expansion adds 16,000 square feet to the existing 10,000-square-foot space. The center includes virtual reality, advanced simulation technology, areas for interdisciplinary collaboration, student support, research capabilities, and enhanced clinical educational settings. This new building provides a high-quality educational experience, promoting collaboration, innovation, and belonging. University reserves, federal appropriations, and private donors made the building's funding possible.

MCN is also now in Springfield. Transfer students at MCN's Springfield location follow our traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing plan of study while being immersed in Memorial Health's hospital network.

More than 140 private scholarships are awarded every year just for MCN students. Admitted nursing students can apply with one application. In 2023-24, MCN awarded \$314,950 to undergraduate and graduate students.

MCN's Ph.D. in nursing program offers a flexible online learning experience and pairs students with engaged faculty mentors.

MCN's 2023 NCLEX pass rate was 93%. Nursing students enter MCN with some of the highest GPAs at the University.



Nursing is both an art and a science. It is a unique and delicate balance of cutting-edge technology, evidence-based practice, and holistic compassionate care. And it isn't just a profession—it is a calling. You are here because you were called to care for others.

Every single patient needs and deserves quality care and kindness. Nurses provide this. They listen, think critically, advocate for all of their patients, and do not judge. They respect the dignity and religious beliefs of those for whom they care, and they do all they can to conserve life, alleviate suffering, and promote health.

You have already made an impact on your patients through your classroom and clinical experiences here. Now, you can go out and step into the world and make an even bigger impact. Remember to open your eyes, ears, and heart to a continuing pursuit of knowledge and understanding, because that will be vital to your success in achieving positive health outcomes for your patients, the surrounding community, and the world around you.

Congratulations, class of 2024! We are so proud of each of you and excited to see what the future holds for you! Please keep us informed about your accomplishments by emailing [Alumni@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:Alumni@IllinoisState.edu).

Dr. Judy Neubrandner, Dean

## DOCTORAL DEGREES

### Doctor of Philosophy

Clark, Sarah Renee  
White, Lindsay Ann

### Doctor of Nursing Practice

Chapters, Daniel Zarathustra  
Chen, Tsung-pei  
Congenie, Kari  
Corbett, Joseph Lawrence  
Finegan, Teresa Genevieve  
Heckelman, Lauren Dianne  
Meier, Steven A.  
Olcott-Smith, Lisa Gale  
Suvacarov, Maria  
Thoppil, Deepa Jose

## MASTER'S DEGREES

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Aeschleman, Hayley Marie  
Fiaush, Morgan Elizabeth  
Henton, Mallory Elizabeth  
Mielczarek, Robert  
Miller, Jill Ansley  
Reichel, Kaitlin Mary  
Sanchez, Rocio  
Steil, Lisa

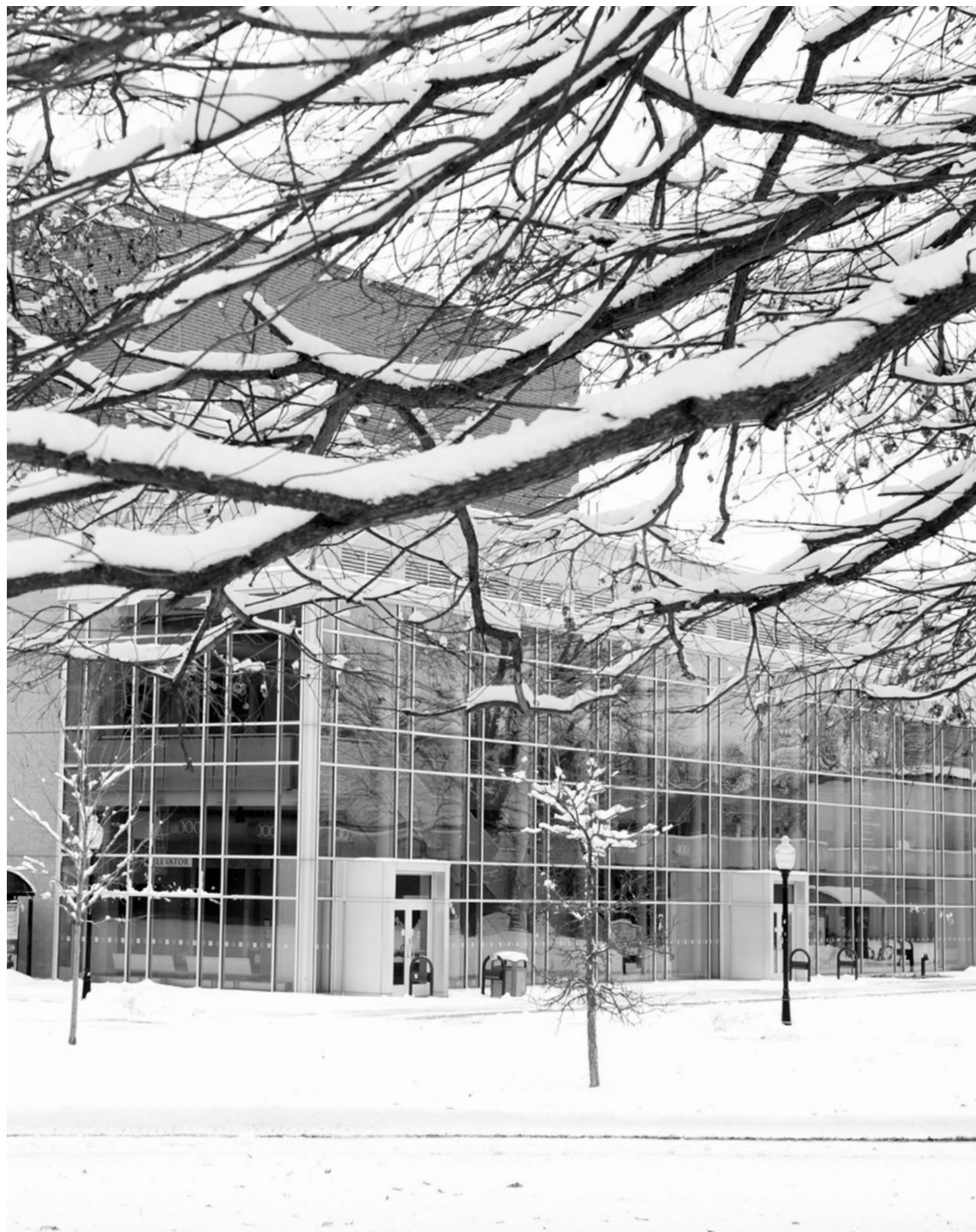
## BACHELOR'S DEGREES

Delsasso, Isabella Angelie  
Gdulewicz, Dorota ★  
Moore, Michelle Marie ★  
Ries, Sophie A. ☆  
Standish, Jayden Elizabeth  
Sudlow, Alisa Michelle ★  
Villagomez, Juan ☆

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# Program

**1 P.M.** Saturday, December 14, 2024

CEFCU ARENA

## College of Applied Science and Technology College of Business Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts

### **PROCESSIONAL**

Performed by the Commencement Band,  
conducted by F. Mack Wood,  
*Associate director of bands*

*Pomp and Circumstance*

By Edward Elgar

*The Sinfonians*

By Clifton Williams

*Celebration Fanfare*

By James Curnow

### **WELCOME**

Ani Yazedjian

*Vice president for Academic Affairs and provost*

### **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Led by Celie Arnett

*School of Music student*

### **INTRODUCTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Ani Yazedjian

### **INTRODUCTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

Ani Yazedjian

### **RECOGNITION OF FACULTY, DEPARTMENT CHAIRS, AND SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

Ani Yazedjian

### **STUDENT WELCOME**

Cobi Blair

*Student body president*

### **INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT**

Ani Yazedjian

### **COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

Aondover Tarhule

*President*

### **PRESENTATION OF MASTER OF FINE ARTS AND MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES**

Ani Yazedjian

### **CONFERRAL OF MASTER OF FINE ARTS AND MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES**

Aondover Tarhule

### **PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES**

Ani Yazedjian

### **CONFERRAL OF BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES**

Aondover Tarhule

### **INTRODUCTION OF MASTER OF FINE ARTS GRADUATES**

S. Gavin Weiser

*Interim director, Graduate Studies*

### **PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMA COVERS TO MASTER OF FINE ARTS GRADUATES**

Scott Irelan

*Dean, Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts*

### **PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMA COVERS TO MASTER'S DEGREE GRADUATES**

Chad McEvoy

*Dean, College of Applied Science and Technology*

Ajay Samant

*Dean, College of Business*

Scott Irelan

### **PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMA COVERS TO BACHELOR'S DEGREE GRADUATES**

Chad McEvoy

Ajay Samant

Scott Irelan

### **INDUCTION CEREMONY AND CLOSING**

Susan Nelson-Brown

*President, Illinois State University Alumni Association*

### **UNIVERSITY HYMN**

Led by Celie Arnett

### **RECESSIONAL**

Performed by the Commencement Band

# College of Applied Science and Technology

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## THE COLLEGE OF APPLIED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AT ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY ...

Is home to eight departments and schools housed in 13 buildings on campus, plus the University Farm at Lexington and the Horticulture Center.

Has 4,896 students and approximately 250 faculty and staff members.

Has over 70 majors or sequences.

Has 23 nationally accredited programs.

Includes Gamma Phi Circus, the oldest collegiate circus in the United States.

Is home to over 40 active registered student organizations.



Congratulations, graduates, on behalf of the entire College of Applied Science and Technology (CAST) faculty and staff across our academic units—Department of Agriculture, Department of Criminal Justice Sciences, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, Department of Health Sciences, Department of Military Science, Department of Technology, School of Information Technology, and School of Kinesiology and Recreation.

Today, we are proud to celebrate your accomplishments at Illinois State University with your family and friends at this commencement ceremony. While we tend to think of this ceremony as the end of your academic journey at Illinois State, the term “commencement” means a beginning, or refers to blazing a new trail. Today is a perfect day to celebrate the culmination of your degree, and our CAST faculty and staff are also excited today to consider with you the great journeys that lay ahead as you pursue your future professional goals and aspirations.

One of the ties that binds our academic programs together in CAST is the “A” in that acronym, the term “Applied.” With the applied and experiential learning you have experienced during your time at Illinois State, you are well-prepared to make meaningful contributions to society and to make a difference in your chosen field. We are confident in your abilities to apply yourself to solve the real-world problems confronting us today and in the future. You have been challenged academically to move from theoretical concepts to applied learning, and you are prepared to take on the new challenges that await you.

We are proud of all you have accomplished, and I am confident that you will make Illinois State University and the College of Applied Science and Technology even more proud during the adventures ahead. I look forward to hearing about all your accomplishments. Please come back to campus often to share your stories and successes with fellow Redbirds and share your achievements at [Alumni@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:Alumni@IllinoisState.edu). Congratulations and best wishes!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Chad McEvoy". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dr. Chad McEvoy, Dean



## MASTER'S DEGREES

### Agriculture

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE

Davis, Shelby C.  
Denault, Nathan Christopher  
Gopi, Uma Pratyusha  
Lawrence, Jayden Lynn  
Mensah, Lawrencia  
Meyer, Matthew Thomas  
Mullagur, Lahari  
Parchert, Kristen

### Criminal Justice Sciences

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE

Eisenhower, Alexa Paige  
Kube, Spencer Peter

### Family and Consumer Sciences

#### MASTER OF ARTS

Tsogtgerel, Otgonjargal

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE

Balasubramanian, Karpagam  
Brand, Alexa T.  
Buchmiller, Ashley Nicole  
Cherveny, William Tyler  
Crumley, Catarina Justice  
Gruber, Danielle N.  
Guel, Catrina Maria  
Kverkova, Michaela  
Lin, Haohan  
Loveridge, Maggie E.  
Mankirat Kaur  
Mills, Kiara  
Morris, Madison  
Rao, Ashwini Tara  
Rosado Lafontaine, Ariana Isabel  
Scuric, Brianna  
Shaik, Reshma  
Walker, Kayla Mackenzie  
Wisor, Hailey Reese  
Wrocenski, Pauline

### Health Sciences

#### MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Ashley, Katharine Naome  
Mildred  
Jackson, Mahalia Naeisa  
Pociejewski, Hanna Alec

### School of Information Technology

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE

Banda, Aneela  
Bramhadevara, Subramanyam  
Chamakura, Achyuth Reddy  
Chava, Sai Tanuja  
Chennuri, Varun Teja  
Eman, Kanz Ul  
Eruva, Ooha  
Ghola, Hareesh  
Grandhi, Sai Sahithi  
Gudipati, Rishitha  
Hadonahalli Anantharama,  
Chandana  
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Mallu, Sai Deepa  
Marri, Rachana  
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Nguyen, Nghia  
Pampati, Dinesh Raj  
Putta, Lakshmi Venkat Sai  
Rachala, Yashwanth Sai  
Rampalli, Neelima  
Robb, Farrell Joshua  
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Idiaru, Osarhiemen Kevin  
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### Technology

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Soares Gouvea, Guilherme  
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Yawson, Vivian

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Hamilton, Christian Bernard  
Harris, Ivy Miriam  
Johanpeter, Kaleb P.  
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Maurer, Noah Gorden  
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Novotny, Andrea ☉○«  
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Penland, Anabela Marie

Pliska, Madison Lynn  
Rodriguez, Julian  
Staniel-Stewart, Bree  
Sutton, Jerbria Chanel  
Thompson, Takia Imani ☉  
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Vogelzang, Nicholas A.  
Walker, Treytion Jamari  
Williams, Connor  
Wolf III, Colton D.

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Roman, Jazzmyn Jade ★  
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Tyler, Stephani Chonta  
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Wright, Jessica Ellen ☆  
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## School of Information Technology

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 Lanham, Kyle Jeffrey  
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 Lerch, Alex Scott  
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 Omar, Wail  
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 Franzen, Derek Gregory  
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 Olusoji, Deborah ☉  
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 Swanson, Thomas Michael  
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 Eddy, Aidan Dean  
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 Hess, Evan Dane  
 Huminsky, Jack Richard  
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 Lozano, Daniel Michael  
 Luchene, Keaten  
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 McCafferty, Liam Thomas  
 McCluskey, Thomas John ★  
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 Patel, Meet  
 Pearson, William Ryan  
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 Schmitt, Julian Andrew ★  
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 Smith, Shane L. ‡  
 Sowa, Stone Cameron  
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Holds the gold standard in professional accreditation: dual accreditation from AACSB International in business and in accounting, a distinction held by less than 2% of business colleges in the U.S.

Ranks among *Bloomberg Businessweek* magazine's top 75 undergraduate business programs in the nation.

Is recognized by the Risk and Insurance Management Society (RIMS) as a Midwestern RMI Powerhouse.

Is ranked in the 2021 edition of *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the Best Part-time MBA Programs.

Ranks as one of the top accounting programs in the nation for students with advanced degrees based on the results of the uniform CPA examination.



Congratulations! The faculty and staff of the College of Business commend you on your graduation from one of the top-accredited business schools in the United States. You have successfully met the challenges of a rigorous and demanding education. We are very proud of your accomplishments.

Our college has over 40,000 alumni who serve in important positions of responsibility in businesses across the country and all over the world. Thanks to the accomplishments of our alumni, the value of a degree from the College of Business continues to rise year after year.

As you prepare to start a new chapter of your life, you are well-equipped to make meaningful and significant contributions to business and society. You have developed knowledge and skills that are highly valued in business today and that will serve you well into the future—leadership, critical thinking, communication, ethics, and deep content knowledge in your chosen area of business. College of Business graduates also understand that advanced learning does not end with this important milestone. The same curiosity for learning that brought you to the College of Business at Illinois State University will continue throughout your professional career.

In years to come, some of your fondest memories about the College of Business will be the classmates with whom you studied and the faculty and staff who contributed the extra time to ensure that you had a world-class business education. I ask that you not only maintain a personal network with your classmates but also stay in touch with the College of Business. Return often to share your knowledge, success, and professional passion with the next generation of business leaders. I ask that you “pay it forward.”

Sincere congratulations to each of you and best wishes for continued success.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ajay Samant".

Dr. Ajay Samant, Dean

## MASTER'S DEGREES

### MBA Program

#### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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Kakizoe, Madoka  
Lim, Sori Rose  
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Phan, Dan Ngoc Huynh  
Reese, Colin Ray  
Rottinghaus, Jacob Timothy  
Sheppard, Bryson  
Tran, Hoang Thanh Thuy  
Tran, Thanh Uyen  
Tubbs, Paul  
Yu, Shijie

### Accounting

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE

Bediaku, Mavis «  
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#### MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANCY

Covey, Brooke M.  
Fenlon, Thomas Chan  
Hackman, Rileigh Teresa  
Hofer, Lucas  
Mayer, Timothy Scott  
Naronowicz, Julia  
Robinson, Amanda Mae  
Tyrell, Keelyn  
Whetsell, Brandon Jeffrey  
Wilde, Justin Charles  
Wright, Cole Allen

### Marketing

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE

Baker, Raigen Paige  
Jepkoge, Juliana  
Karumuri, Bhavika Reddy  
Kharel, Jagannath  
Koesser, Emma G.  
Tailor, Akshay Pradip

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS EDUCATION

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Benner, Megan Nicole ★  
Blair, Anna M.  
Bozza, Kyle Joseph  
Cotner, Mackenzie M. ★  
Davis, Tyler  
Diaz, Amy Guadalupe  
Dundas, Payton Elise ★  
Epps Jr., Adam Katrell  
Garrett, Paige Marie  
Golaris, James T.  
Grogan IV, John Brennan  
Koepfel, Evan Chase  
Krishnakumar, Anirudh  
Kull, Kade Christopher ○○  
Kunzman, Nathan Albert  
Larson, John Wesley ○  
Lozada, Neal Dominic  
McKnabb, Thomas Fernando  
Mercer, Logan Alan ○  
Nava-Rivera, Kelly  
Ochieng, Jilna Akinyi  
Parker II, Printes James  
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Siu, Pong  
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### Business Administration

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Burgess, London Brook ○  
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Celovsky, Luke Anthony  
Chancellor, Miranda Rose  
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Fowler, Mason Tyler  
Frazier, Ashley Michelle

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Godsell, Ella G. ○  
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Kolis, James Joseph  
Lindquist, Alex Jacob  
Manning, Deion Zion  
Martys, Aiden  
McGowan, Zachary Matthew  
McManus, Connor Edward  
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Molloy, Gavin  
Moran, Gianni  
Morris, Zachary Edward  
Nixon, Briana  
Norbeck, Taylor  
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Penland, Natalie Lynn  
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Castillo, Christian F.  
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Dupuis, Hunter  
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Leyden, Connor James ☆  
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McBride, Aidan James  
Miller, Amelia Tess ☆

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Moore, Bryce Alan  
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Black, Vaughn  
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Burks, Bezaleel  
Calmes, Antoine Charles Jean ○  
Christian, Ryer James  
Contreras, Braden Lawrence  
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Jones-Morgan, JaiDen  
Keegan, Brianna Marie ★  
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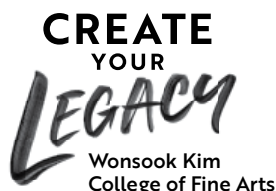




# Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts

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## POINTS OF PRIDE

Fine Arts students have participated in arts and culture study abroad experiences in Cypress, Czech Republic, Italy, Australia, China, Africa, and the UK.

Fine Arts students have successfully built careers in film and digital media, video and illustration, game design, audio and music production, VR/XR, art administration, and the music business.

Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts students excel in music, art, and theatre and dance teacher education and are considered to be exemplary role models for learning and teaching throughout Illinois schools.

The Big Red Marching Machine enrolls 400 students who play at Athletics events, Homecoming, community activities, and have competed internationally at the St. Patrick's Day Parade activities in Dublin, Ireland.

School of Theatre, Dance, and Film students are regularly recognized at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) Region 3, winning awards in the areas of directing, stage management, production design and technology, and acting.

Graphic design students participate in Design Streak Studio, a research-based social innovation lab focused on human-centered service design. The studio promotes design as an advocate for change, focusing on diversity and inclusion, design-thinking, and global issues.



Congratulations, Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts class of 2024! You have shown remarkable creativity, grit, and passion throughout your time here. Your experience with us has prepared you not only with the technical skills of your discipline but also with the ability to think critically, nurture curiosity, and innovate fearlessly. These qualities will guide you as you launch your professional careers and make your mark on the world. You have left an indelible impression on the college, and we are eager to see where life takes you next.

I want to acknowledge the important role your support networks have played in championing your journey. Their encouragement and sacrifices have been a vital part of your success. Today, all of you share in the joy of this incredible milestone. The degree you receive today is a reflection not only of your hard work, but also of the people who have stood by you. A hearty congratulations and thank you to all those who believed in your arts and design aspirations.

As graduates, you now join a distinguished group of artists, designers, performers, educators, and scholars who have made lasting contributions to their fields, their communities, and their world. We proudly welcome you into this vibrant community, confident that you will continue to inspire and lead wherever your path may take you. Please keep in touch with us, with your faculty, with your mentors, and, of course, your fellow alumni. We look forward to celebrating your future successes and impact.

What a great day to be a Fine Arts Redbird!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Scott R. Irelan".

Dr. Scott Irelan, Dean

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### School of Theatre, Dance, and Film

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Irannezhad, Zahra

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### School of Creative Technologies

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE

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Ifeoluwapo

### School of Music

#### MASTER OF MUSIC

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Pupina, Olesia  
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Burrus, Ella Grace ☆

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Garcia, Olivia  
Hershey, Brian Thomas ★◆○«  
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Moran, Michael James  
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Daugherty, Parker ★  
Davidson, Noah Nicholas  
Dietkus, Morgan Mallory  
Ferguson, Spencer Riley  
Garcia, Crystal  
Grabill, Kaitlynn E.  
Gursoy, Dilan Michelle ☆  
Lopatowski, John Daniel ☆  
Marzano, Isabella Sophia ☆  
McMillan, Kallie Faith Julie «  
McNeal, Jonathin ‡  
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Davis, Elijah Christian  
Dede, Hannah Grace  
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Kerr  
Eckert, Thomas J.  
Fraboni, Isabella Ellen  
Franz, Lindsey Anne ★  
Garneau, Natalie Nicole ★  
Godek, Abigail Grace ★

Hubbard, Katelyn Rose ☆  
Hulke, Mackenzie Delores ★«  
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Kapusta, Trevor Alan  
Keck, Evan  
Kersch, Mackenzie Faye  
King, Emily Grace  
Krygowski, Megan M.  
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Litchfield, Erin Rae  
Maas, Keiko Leialoha ○○  
McMasters, Donald Dean ○  
Mercure, Autumn M. ○  
Miller, Peyton Riley  
Najjar, Corina Caroline ★  
Rivera, Yaritza  
Rodriguez, Daniela  
Sandoval, Paola Isabel ○  
Saucedo, Imani V.  
Smith, Aleah Michelle  
Soto, Jess M.  
Teegarden, Julian ☆  
Timmer, Annastasia Grace  
Tomal, Julia Maria  
Torres, Jessica  
Townsend, Brielle Elizabeth ★  
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Vogt, Taylor Elaine  
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# College of Engineering

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## THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AT ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY ...

Is currently enrolling its first cohort for the fall of 2025 semester.

Has three initial programs of study that are being offered: electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, and general engineering.

Is developing an industry-informed and industry-involved curriculum for students to meet the needs of businesses in Illinois, nationally, and internationally.



## Greetings and welcome to the College of Engineering!

The College of Engineering is the newest college at Illinois State University. We will welcome our first group of students in the fall of 2025 and graduate our first students in the spring of 2029. I am extremely proud of the mission of the college and the programs we are building.

Our students will become the engineers of tomorrow and be career-ready on day one. The College of Engineering will emphasize project-based learning and applied research, while actively demonstrating the societal impact engineers make across broad communities. Our vision is to become a leader in educating engineers and to lead the way in transforming engineering education to graduate more students from diverse backgrounds.

We value student success, and to ensure success, we will utilize proven support systems such as: early alert programming; a state-of-the-art first-year engineering program; tutorial and supplemental instruction; facilitated study groups; support for student engineering competitions; and support for student clubs associated with professional engineering societies.

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Dr. Thomas Keyser, Dean

# Graduate School

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## POINTS OF PRIDE

There are 108 master's degree plans of study, 41 certificates, 20 doctoral degree programs, one specialist program, and 12 accelerated master's programs.

Graduate students can seek one-on-one writing support with graduate writing fellows trained in multimodal learning styles, English as a second language, and writing processes.

GradBird Scholar is a self-nominating application to showcase research or creative work and explain how it benefits society as a whole. The top application is selected each month with the student featured in a video interview on social media. It also includes a monetary award.



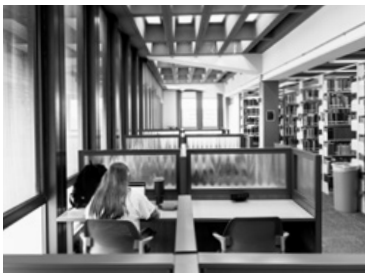
Today marks a significant milestone in your academic journey, one that you have worked tirelessly to achieve. On behalf of the Graduate School, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each and every one of you. Completing a graduate degree is a remarkable accomplishment that demonstrates your dedication and perseverance. It is a testament to your ability to set goals, overcome challenges, and push the boundaries of knowledge. As you start this next chapter in your life, I hope that you remember that you have the capacity to make a profound impact. You have been equipped with tools to address complex issues, think critically, and be innovative. No matter where your journey takes you, you are positioned to make a difference in the world. You should be proud of your accomplishments, and I am excited to see what the future holds for you! Congratulations, GradBirds!

Dr. S. Gavin Weiser, Interim Director

# Milner Library

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LEGACY**  
Milner Library



On behalf of Milner Library's faculty and staff, I commend your successful journey from students to alumni. We hope we connected you to collections and resources that inspired your imagination, sharpened your research skills, and helped prepare you for your careers as well as to be curious citizens with a love for learning. We hope, too, that you found laughter, community, and lasting friendships within our walls through programs, exhibits, and study spaces. Our librarians and staff appreciated the opportunity to work with you and share this celebration of your graduation.

When you leave campus, you need not leave Milner Library behind as we continue to be here to help. Information on resources available to alumni can be found at [Library.IllinoisState.edu/Services/Alumni](http://Library.IllinoisState.edu/Services/Alumni). Be sure to follow us on social media to stay connected to our stories and future plans. Visit our University Archives—you may be surprised to see your own stories and pictures from your college years preserved there. And as you get established in your career and begin thinking about your Redbird legacy, consider giving to Milner Library to enhance future students' experiences. We support our collections, technology, and spaces with contributions from alumni who remember how Milner Library helped make a difference in their lives.

We wish you much success in your future endeavors. We are glad that we were part of your college experience and look forward to remaining connected.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DL".

Dr. Dallas Long, Dean

# Alumni Engagement

## ALUMNI CENTER

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## ALUMNI SERVICES

Online book club, a free service where, through a private forum, alumni can discuss books related to lifelong learning while building a network. Sign up at [Alumni.IllinoisState.edu/Services](http://Alumni.IllinoisState.edu/Services).

Short-term medical and life insurance available at great group rates.

The official magazine, *State*, sent to you digitally and in print throughout the year.



More than 100 annual virtual and in-person events throughout the nation coordinated by Alumni Engagement.

A monthly electronic campus news update.



## Congratulations on your graduation!

Welcome to the Illinois State University Alumni Association. You are now one of more than 239,000 living alumni who have lifetime memberships in this organization. Your fellow alumni are excited to have you as a part of the Alumni Association, which was founded in 1863.

The Alumni Association works with the Alumni Engagement office on campus to provide benefits and services to graduates. Be sure to take advantage of the many programs and services available.

Now that you have graduated, there are a few things you need to remember:

- Keep Alumni Engagement updated with your address and career changes by visiting [Alumni.IllinoisState.edu/Update](http://Alumni.IllinoisState.edu/Update). Having an updated address will ensure that you continue to receive important news and invitations to events.
- Be a proud graduate of your alma mater; speak positively of Illinois State University and the education you received. Show your Redbird pride and educate others on the wonderful things about Illinois State.
- Encourage the next generation to attend Illinois State University. There are financial opportunities for legacy students (children of alumni). It is a great tradition to start or continue in your family.
- Join us at your campus home at the Alumni Center, 1101 North Main Street, Normal, when you return to Illinois State. For more information about the center, visit [Alumni.IllinoisState.edu](http://Alumni.IllinoisState.edu).
- Get involved in Illinois State University's long-standing tradition, Homecoming! Visit [Homecoming.IllinoisState.edu](http://Homecoming.IllinoisState.edu) or follow us on Instagram: [ISU\\_Homecoming](https://www.instagram.com/ISU_Homecoming).

# Excellence by Design:

## 2024-2029

### ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY'S STRATEGIC PLAN

*Excellence by Design: 2024-2029* is the strategic plan for Illinois State University. Strategic planning has been at the forefront of the University for several decades and has guided it through growth and success as a nationally recognized leader in higher education.

The University finds itself uniquely positioned to build and expand on the successes of our rich past to take the necessary steps to respond to the needs of future students while still providing our inimitable Redbird culture and learning experiences.

## OUR MISSION

Illinois State University prepares diverse, engaged, and informed members of society through collaborative teaching, scholarship, and service.

## OUR VISION

Illinois State University will be a national leader in student-focused education connecting teaching, research, innovation, and intercultural understanding.

## OUR VALUES

### EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING, LEARNING, AND SCHOLARSHIP

Illinois State University students, faculty, and staff excel in the pursuit of learning as an active, lifelong process through a balanced model of teaching, research, creative productivity, and experiential learning.

### INDIVIDUALIZED ATTENTION

Illinois State University provides a supportive, student-centered environment that maximizes each student's potential. The University fosters academic and personal growth, recognizes unique educational aspirations, and values each faculty and staff member's contributions to student success.

### EQUITY, DIVERSITY, ACCESS, AND BELONGING

Illinois State University upholds and models a campus culture of belonging dedicated to equity, diversity, access, and social justice for all.

### COLLABORATION

The Illinois State University community works collaboratively through shared governance to ensure a culture of success, development, and continuous improvement. The University partners with business, industry, government, and educational entities to expand outreach and provide leadership expertise in local, statewide, national, and international initiatives.

### COMMUNITY AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Illinois State University prepares students to be informed, ethical, and engaged global leaders who will shape, uphold, and advance civic engagement as a lifelong responsibility for the betterment of society.

### RESPECT

Illinois State University fosters a culture that embodies mutual respect, openness to new ideas, different cultural perspectives, and a

synergistic approach to problem-solving. Faculty, staff, and students promote understanding, acknowledge each other's rights to express differing opinions, and listen and respond to opposing views with civility.

### INTEGRITY

Illinois State University promotes the highest levels of ethical standards and accountability in personal and professional actions in all endeavors.

## OUR STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

Illinois State University's strategic plan, *Excellence by Design: 2024-2029*, was crafted with four strategic directions:

### I. CULTIVATE A CULTURE OF SUCCESS AND BELONGING

- Goal A: Champion Student Success
- Goal B: Nurture Equity, Diversity, Access, and Belonging
- Goal C: Promote a Community of Well-Being
- Goal D: Bolster Faculty and Staff Success

### II. FOSTER A CULTURE OF RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP

- Goal A: Improve Efficiencies Across Campus
- Goal B: Advance Strategic Enrollment Management Methods
- Goal C: Invest in Campus Infrastructure and Operational Resiliency
- Goal D: Expand Our Commitment to a Culture of Sustainability

### III. ELEVATE OUR INSTITUTIONAL EXCELLENCE

- Goal A: Increase the Impact of Our Scholarly and Creative Productivity
- Goal B: Meet the Needs and Aspirations of Today's Learners
- Goal C: Enhance Institutional Recognition

### IV. EXPAND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL PARTNERSHIPS

- Goal A: Foster Coordinated Internal Engagement
- Goal B: Enhance a Culture of Philanthropy
- Goal C: Target External Engagement



# THE UNIVERSITY HYMN

Glo-ry hast thou might and po-wer Proud the halls of I. S. U.

Deeds that live in song and sto-ry loy-al sons and daugh-ters true

So shalt thou in years in-creas-ing send thy grads of ho-nest worth

Forth to bear with zeal un-ceas-ing Wisdom's torch through-out the earth

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