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DEAR GRADUATES,

Congratulations!

In the coming days, you will hear this word from family, friends, mentors, instructors, and fellow graduates. Embrace it—you've earned every accolade, and today marks the culmination of your hard



work. You've earned the title of "graduate," and you also deserve the celebration.

You entered this space as a college student. Soon, you will walk across the stage, shake a few hands, and receive a diploma cover bearing "Illinois State University." You'll turn your tassel to the other side of your mortarboard and leave here as one of our alumni, joining the global community of graduates who have come before you, now totaling more than 243,000 strong.

There are only a few moments in life that are forever etched in memory, and based on my experience, I can tell you this is one of those moments. Your years of studying now culminate in the awarding of something truly precious and valuable—your degree.

Take time to savor this moment and remember, with gratitude, the many people who supported you throughout your academic journey, including your professors, coaches, mentors, family, and friends. As you move forward—whether into your career, further academic pursuits, or wherever your dreams may take you—I hope you always carry the encouragement and enriching experiences from your time at Illinois State University.

Remember, your connection to the University and the friendships you've built here are lifelong. Keep in touch with your fellow graduates and professors. Participate in campus events when you can, and stay connected to your alma mater. Your legacy as an Illinois State University graduate means you'll always be a Redbird.

Once again, congratulations!

Sincerely,

Dr. Aondover Tarhule
Illinois State University President



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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 168th year, Illinois State University is a comprehensive institution with 136 degree programs at the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels. Since 1857, more than 282,424 degrees have been conferred by the University. As of fall 2025, Illinois State University has a total enrollment of 21,994 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 October 31, 2025. 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

Accountancy.....	drab
Agriculture.....	maize
Anthropology.....	gold
Applied Economics.....	copper
Art.....	brown
Athletic Training.....	sage
Biological Sciences.....	gold
Business Administration.....	drab
Business Education.....	light blue

Chemistry.....	gold
Chemistry Education.....	light blue
Clinical-Counseling Psychology.....	gold
College Student Personnel	
Administration.....	light blue
Communication.....	white
Computer Science.....	gold
Creative Technologies.....	brown
Criminal Justice Sciences.....	purple
Economics.....	copper
Educational Administration.....	peacock
English.....	white
English Education.....	light blue
Family and Consumer Sciences.....	maroon
History.....	white
Hydrogeology.....	gold
Information Systems.....	gold
Kinesiology and Recreation.....	sage
Marketing Analytics.....	drab
Mathematics.....	gold
Mathematics Education.....	light blue
Music.....	pink
Nursing.....	apricot
Nutrition.....	maroon
Physics.....	gold
Political Science.....	citron
Psychology.....	gold
Public Health.....	salmon
Reading and Literacy.....	white
School Psychology.....	gold
Social Work.....	citron
Sociology.....	citron
Spanish.....	white
Special Education.....	light blue
Speech-Language Pathology.....	silver gray
Teaching and Learning.....	light blue
Technology.....	gold
Theatre.....	brown
Theatre Studies.....	brown

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 13, 2025
CEFCU ARENA

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

PROCESSIONAL

Performed by the Commencement Band,
conducted by Anthony C. Marinello III,
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 Kennedy Carico
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

Noah Montoya
Student body president

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Aondover Tarhule
President

PRESENTATION AND CONFERRAL OF DOCTORAL AND MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Ani Yazedjian
Aondover Tarhule

PRESENTATION AND CONFERRAL OF BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Ani Yazedjian
Aondover Tarhule

INTRODUCTION OF DOCTORAL DEGREE GRADUATES

Claudia Petrescu
*Associate vice president for graduate education and
internationalization initiatives*

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMA COVERS TO DOCTORAL DEGREE GRADUATES

Heather Dillaway
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Bryan Zugelder
Dean, College of Education
Caroline Mallory
Interim dean, Mennonite College of Nursing

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMA COVERS TO MASTER'S DEGREE GRADUATES

Heather Dillaway
Bryan Zugelder
Caroline Mallory

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMA COVERS TO BACHELOR'S DEGREE GRADUATES

Heather Dillaway
Amy Hurd
Associate vice president for undergraduate education
Bryan Zugelder
Caroline Mallory

INDUCTION CEREMONY AND CLOSING

Karyn Aguirre
President, Illinois State University Alumni Association

UNIVERSITY HYMN

Led by Kennedy Carico

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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 University'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.
- 69 bachelor's degree programs, including 11 distinct secondary teacher education programs.
- 44 master's degree programs and eight doctoral degree programs.
- The Stanley S. Marzolf Center for the Psychological Assessment and Treatment of Children and Adolescents.
- The Publications Unit, which advances the publication, dissemination, and readership of contemporary literature and scholarship while educating students in the field.
- The award-winning Geology Field Camp, which provides the capstone experience for students to apply their knowledge and skills in Wyoming.



On behalf of the faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences, congratulations to the graduating class of 2025! We are so very proud of all that you have accomplished during your time 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!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather E. Dillaway".

Dr. Heather Dillaway, Dean

DOCTORAL DEGREES

Doctor of Philosophy

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Calhoun, Austin Christian
Gautam, Liza

ENGLISH

Acevedo Fontecha, Juan Carlos
Alwehaibi, Fahad Mohammed F
Dukic, Zachary Lee
Halsey, Robin Elise Cross
Koenig, Charlotte Denise
Sanchez, Andres L. ‡

MASTER'S DEGREES

School of Biological Sciences

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Marlino, Margaret LiYin
McGinnis, Cassie Nicole
Sanford, Mason Douglas

Chemistry

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Patra, Sudarshana

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CHEMISTRY EDUCATION

McCaw, Mackenzie Patrice

School of Communication

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Butler, Mycah Jade
Valadez, David Christopher
Villegas Vera, Yesenia

Economics

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Hayford, Theresa Mensima
Monehin, Oluwatosin Anthony

English

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Blake, Kaitlyn Patricia
King Jr., Ricardo D.

History

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Kirchner, Wade B.

Mathematics

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Adebiyi, Matthew Adetokunbo
Bruku, Silverius Kwasi
Jiang, Ling

Mensah, Freda Obuo
Rapoza, Prince Munyaradzi
Tobolaski, Jeremy Michael

Politics and Government

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Ahsan, Md Imran

Psychology

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Bat-Ireedui, Munkhjin
Del Valle, Ivellisse
Hatfield, MaKenna Shea
Holbrook, Lindsay A.
Trujillo, Karina

Sociology and Anthropology

MASTER OF ARTS

Ulrich, Elise McKenna

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Bryant, Paula L.
Erickson, Laura Renee
Odeh, Yasmin A.
Sciba, Sarah Anne

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

School of Biological Sciences

Arellano, Jalina Maridienne
Ayorinde, Ayomide Esther
Benjamin, Jaquan Isaiah
Buergey, Madison Reese
Daniel, Joan
Endress, Zander Paul ☆
Gomez-Snulligan, Kobi Anne
Helton, Steven Zachary
Hibbert, Cyerra Saige «
Hohman, Grace Elizabeth ★○
Ireland, Jaiana Grace
Kretzschmar, Geoffry ★
Laframboise, Nevyn Alan
Lyons, Kathleen Veronica
Mojica, Jonathan
Morgan-Kitch, Ella Rose Taloula
Morris, Jason William ☆
Niles, Renee Elizabeth
Ochoa, Brandon Lee
Rehberger, Jade ◎
Rimmey, Allison ☆
Romero, Isabel Jasmine
Roof, Ragan Alan
Sawyers, James
Seger-Held, Ian J.
Stanev, Magda-Sabina Nikolaeva
Stephens, Aiden Kevin

Velarde, Diancarlo
Venegas, Maria Guadalupe
Villagomez, Rosalinda
Wade, Violet Athena
Weiser, Alison Leigh
Wetzler, Brianna Lynn Mae

Chemistry

Baird, Andrew Thomas ◎
Fulkerson, Sabrina May ★○
Gonzalez, Grace Sofia
Jacobson, Grady D. ◎○
Kirchoff, Michaela Marie
Shahid, Michael M.
Sloan, Mia Lynn ★○
Tortorici, Julia ○
Tsialehina, Darya

School of Communication

Arnett, Riley C.
Balentyne, Miranda ann ★
Baptiste, Symone Lynn
Bindler, Sydney Paige
Carroll, Elijah Storm
Cordes, Gracy Jean ★○
Dante, Autumn Raye
Di Natale, Joshua John
Ehlers, Robert Scott
Ferriman, Alayna Rose
Garelli, Nicholas Anthony
Greenberg, Jessica Nicole
Hall, Alexis
Harris, Teon Martise
Horton, Abigail ★
Johnson, Samantha Kaye
Keys, Chloe M.
Kirby, Brant Jeffery
Kreher, Evelyn Josephine ◎
LaCroix, Victoria Mary
Maldonado, Mathew Alexander
Maxey, Jayla
Mengerink, Jenna ☆
Miglieri, Anthony Charles
Moore, Ashley Nicole
O'Malley-Molk, Breanna ☆
Polizzi, Sarina Elizabeth ‡
Powell, Noah
Prouty, Madison Rose ◎○
Reed, Makhi J.
Walsh, Saragh Jane
Warfel, Landry Paige ★
Witulski, Olivia Katherine
Yock, Andrew John ★‡
Zito, Hailey R.

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Edwards, Kaitlyn ★○
Gill, Kacey Marie ☆

Lipka, Leah ★
Marlow, Karlee Jean ☆
Moeller, Hanna ★
Morris, Jayla Marie Deniece ◎
Mulder, Tori Jean ★
Rohman, Katelyn Renee ★◆○
Schinderling, Madelynn Jeanette
Sommer, Ella Kristine
Torkelson, Kiley ☆
Wieczorek, Sara Nicole ☆

Economics

Akers, Jason
Bhambhani, Mukesh
Biagini, Gianna ☆
Gao, Haitong
Tannhauser, Alexander
Thomas ◎
Virella IV, Sean Hipolito

English

Adams, Angelina Amy
Ahmed, Selda
Anderson, Ashley
Ballard, Amariona Ny'Cole
Benefiel, Grace Alta ★○
Burton, Brianna ★
Charters, Noah ◎
Constable, Emily Rose
Craane, Emma Christine ★
Dupoy, Marissa Lynn ★
Figarelli, Isabelle Maria «
Garcia, Samantha ★
Hansen, Lydia Michelle
Hassen, Nadeen ★
Heth, Randi Lynn
Jordan, Kiersten
Kasan, Nicholas
Leisner, Hannah
Newtoff, Jodi M. ★○
Reed, Emmanuel
Sauer, Adam Patrick ☆
Scholtes, Jack William
Stoicescu, Nicole Olivia ★
Van Tassel, Elliana Grace ★○
Walters, Nicholas Patrick

Geography, Geology, and the Environment

Aupiu, Mekaila Arline
Barranca, Alejandra
Bruckner, Lucy
Daker, Boston Thomas
Durica, Devin Anthony ★
Espinosa, Abigail Christine
Gorisek, Kyle Edward
Gunn, Graham Langdon
Larsen, Gregory Richard
Mau, Thomas Robert

Montano, Gabriella
Pemstein, Nolan Patrick
Richardson, Jomareun Jamel
Thibeault, Piper Delaney
Yoder, Sarah

History

Addison, Eli
Afable, Haley ☆
Alexander, Ethan Stuart
Anderson, Kevin Michael ☉
Bakii, Miranda ☉
Cubelic, Kristen Marijana ★
Dabrowski, Filip ☆
Dykes, Henry R.
Farris, Aidan J.
Ganson, Matthew Levi ★
Jirik, Ian Michael
Kile, Colton ☉
Killian, Chloe Veronica
Kopeck, Viktor ☆
Kraft, Joshua Alan ★
Lask, Jacob Robert ☆○
Lebar, Joseph
Martorano, Anthony John
McBride, Jackson Noble
Metz, Austin James
Meyer III, Wayne Raynor
Morenzoni, Jack ★
Overton, Caden Ryan
Pelphrey, Hannah ☆
Price, Hallie Marie ☆
Ramirez, Erick
Ruiz, Alexander David
Strama, Nicholas Stanley
Triplio, Kylie Marleen
Trout, Herman Angel
Updyke, Gavin Michael
Vogt, Hunter
Vuyadinov, Dimitri James ★○
Wacht, Brendan Nicholas
Wilinski, Andrew Lawrence

Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

Bradley, Adyson Eve
Dooley, Kayla JoAnn
El Houmaidi, Ghali ★
Herrera, David Anthony
Norkus, Lauren E. ☆
Price, Ayanna «
Zarate Espinoza, Anthony E.
☆○

Mathematics

Calhoun, Caleb Mikel
Calvert, James Ching Ren ☆
Fedinec, James

Osborn, Jackson James ☉○
Papcke Jr., William Edward ☉
Ramirez, Craig Robert James
Stirnman, Olivia Lynn ☉

Philosophy

Bareket, Adam ★

Physics

Baker, AJ
Butterfield, Trenten Ryan
Fitzpatrick, Brandon ☆
Sims, Samantha L.

Politics and Government

Djamba, Victalet Simba
Duffy, Alexander Erling Louis
Fazzini, Rhian C.
Fluker, Mason J.
Foehrkolb, Carlie Izabel ★
Haro, Ariana
Heinonen, Avery Ray ★○
Imbrasaitė, Karolina
McCleary, Samuel A. ★○
Moses, Marshad
Perez, Kristian Alejandro ○
Schott, Audianna Marie
Shanklin, Miranda
Velky, Eric Russell

Psychology

Anderson, Jacob Michael ☆
Brooks, Arianna Laila Lopez
Brown, Paige Elizabeth
Burton, Kaitlin Darlene
Butler, John Michael
Cain, Gracie ☆
Cichon, Natalia ☉
Contreras, McKyla Monique
Cortez, Jesse
Crafton, Abigail Elizabeth ★
Dade, Quinton Marcellus ☉
Ehman, Anabelle Mae ★○
Ford, Jessica Kira ★«
Galloway, Gregory J. ★
Gomillia, Keilana Charrelle
Grashoff, Emma Ryan ★○
Guyton Jr., Michael
Hancock-Sams, Alexandria Ann
Hibbert, Cyerra Saige «
Howard, Allison ☆
Hufnagel, Autumn
Jensen, Evan Ingvar
Knipp, David Michael ☆
Lamb, Trevor Richard
Leavitt, Natalie Jolene
Lopez III, Elias

Mansour, Noah
McNeill, Bridget Lynn
Mercier, Allisson Gooding
Nevinger, Dasha
Olson, Kady Jean
Orta, Gabrielle Alexis ★
Putterlik, Calvin ○
Reeves, Imani Monay
Rogers, Brianna Diane
Rogers, Kaleb Mitchell
Rohlicek, Caroline Marie
Salins, Molly Joan
Sapp, Madison Laci ★
Swagerty, Emma
Taft, Mason Patrick ★
Tenn, Madison Nichole
Ugalde-Rivero, Ariadna ★♦○
White, Christian Simone
Yadav, Shaan Ethan

Sociology and Anthropology

Alam, Imaad
Altpeter, Jennifer Anne
Cochran, Jackson Bleu
Coggins, Alexandria Noelle
Cortez, Tony
Crosby-Nelson, Sadayjia Victoria
Dixon, Nicholas Nygee
Dotch, Calyana Elaina Amari
Ford, Jessica Kira ★«
Louisville, Nadia Lola
Mancias, Xavier Alejandro
Manlick, Laela Leigh
Nguyen, Henry ☆
Pickett III, Alvin Jermelle
Pugh, Kaila Michelle
Schwarzentraub, Cassie ★
Sherman, Alyssa Naomi
Stephen, Neha
Sweeney, Ashley
Wells, Courtney Angela
Wiese, Nolan Charles ☆
Wilson, D'Angelo
Wilson, Samantha
Woods, Arionna Raven

Interdisciplinary Studies

Akulich, Olga
Albrecht, Margaret Rachel
Alcaro, Hannah Charmaine
Baenke, Bradley William
Bowman, Hayley Christine ★
Brodell, Samuel Nelson
Cass, Kyla Maxine ☆
Dada, Deshawn Rokeeb
Esparza, Lily Rose
Figueroa, Christian Joaquin
Flores Jr., Jose Guadalupe
Gilmore, Lawendy
Goodman, Alissa ★
Henderson, Caiyla Lonta
Hertzberg, Erik Riley
Ingoldsby, Layna Kevin
Jamison Jr., Duane
McBride, Richard Donovan
Means, Katrina Ann
Millhouse, Jacobi Sinclair
Mitchell Morrow, Donna ☆
Nasca, Jacob Richard
Omodunni, Jacquelyn
Adebusola
Richardson, Raushan
Robinson, Garret James
Robles, Joseph
Roman, Maya A.
Saldivar, Grant Robert
Segobiano, Kiely
Slehofer, Taylor
Swope, Sam
Thontteh, Gbenga M.
Walker, Ariana Anita
Wolfe, Anna Elizabeth

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THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AT ILLINOIS STATE IS:

- The largest preparer of teachers among public universities in the U.S.
- Has more than 62,000 alumni serving in all 50 states and 66 countries.
- Provides more than \$1.1 million in scholarships to over 580 students each year to support their academic progress.
- Is among the top 15 schools offering bachelor's degrees in education, according to *College Factual*.
- Is among the top 100 best graduate schools for education, according to *U.S. News & World Report*.



On behalf of the faculty, staff, and leaders of the Illinois State University College of Education, I sincerely congratulate you on achieving your academic goals. You are now part of a community of educators, organizational leaders, and prestigious alumni who make a significant impact on our communities across Illinois, the United States, and world. As you begin your journey as classroom teachers or continue to grow along your professional trajectory, you have gained invaluable knowledge and skills that will shape the future of our profession for years to come.

Illinois State is the largest producer of teachers among all public universities in the United States. Our College of Education provides programs for educators at all points of their professional continuum. You are strongly encouraged to consider the College of Education's additional advanced degree programs to help you meet your professional goals.

It is no surprise that school districts and other learning organizations prefer to hire Redbird educators. You carry this legacy with you. Because you will always be part of the Redbird educator family, we welcome you to engage with us as alumni. We also want to hear from you about how your Illinois State educational experiences prepared you for success both personally and professionally.

The College of Education extends a special thank you to the family members, friends, mentors, and other support systems that contributed to your academic success. We encourage you to personally thank those who supported you throughout your journey at Illinois State.

Congratulations to you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bryan S. Zugelder".

Dr. Bryan S. Zugelder, Dean

DOCTORAL DEGREES

Doctor of Philosophy

EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND FOUNDATIONS

Ata, Deena Hussein
Crisler, Shaun Nathaniel
Dennison, Amy S.
Die, Rony
Hermann, David Paul
Murry, Jere Lynn
Perkins, Errika Tenise Baker
Reichart, Jennifer L.
Schuch, Justin Lee

Doctor of Education

EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND FOUNDATIONS

Brown, Amanda Jean
Bush, Ericka Renee'
Donath, Tracy Leigh
Guillaume-Carpenter, Patricia Anne
Jemilo Skelly, Lisa M.
Knuppel, Sarah Elizabeth Oakes
Lopez Rodriguez, Kathleen M.
Peterson, Michelle Brooks
Scherquist, Scott James

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Greene, Brandi M.
Peterson, Jeremy M.
Strausbaugh, Ashley Allison
Wirngo, Clare Nangsin

SCHOOL OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

Johnson, Deborah Ann
Kybartas, Megan
Somé, Kountiala Jean de Dieu
Turk, Wanda D.

MASTER'S DEGREES

Educational Administration and Foundations

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Pokracki, Kaitlyn Lorraine

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Paullin, Coleen Vera

Special Education

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Clark, Cameron Marie
Cooke, Emily Claire
Espinoza, Roxanne Stephanie
Groth, Kimberly

Gruenewald, Alissa J.
Hill, Molly Jean
Hoepner, Brie D.
Louis, Bridgette
Muth, Cami J.
Pantages, Erin Colleen
Ratcliff, Nicole Elise
Sanders, Erin Elizabeth

School of Teaching and Learning

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Armstrong, Jennifer Michele
Byrd, Lisa M.
Carlson, Denise
Cutter, Margaret Ciani
Doty, Heidi
Gregor, Nicole Ann
Guy, Kortney Mae
Jackson, Kailey L.
Laible, Rebecca
Lartz, Jill
Muirhead, Shanice Michelle
Nieukirk, Allison C.
Ozkaya, Emre
Poulos, Alyssa Breanne
Sherwin, Jay
VanDeWostine, Gabriel Joy

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

Special Education

Abizaid Vega, Regina ☆
Belkowski, Tessa ☆
Cap, Kailey Elizabeth ☉
Corcoran, Thomas B. ☉
Donaldson, Julia Marie
Gonzalez-Alequin, Joy
Hoge, Ashley Elisabeth
Jaeger, Jackson Elliott
Kasper, Kaylee ★
Kinney Jr., Michael Bruce
Roberts, Mea Sherri
Ruzbasan, Zoe
Slater, Abigail Grace
Soria, Amidala Angelina
Spoto, Emily Christine
Stringer, Amanda Esperancia
Trajano, Hailey Alanah
Williams, Latasha Sade
Williams, Lindsey Elaine
Zimmerman, Allison Crystal

School of Teaching and Learning

Alcantara, Abigail Jade ☉
Alcazar Galera, Lucia
Anderson, Grace Leigh ☉

Annecca, Ava Grace
Badillo, Genina Isabella ☉
Balla, Rebecca Sue ☉
Beamish, Elizabeth Grace
Bernard, Haleigh
Brus, Isabelle
Bryant, Delainey Lynn ★
Burk, Kendall Kathleen ☆
Burke, Reagen Kimberly J
Carls, Alyx June ★
Carpena, Alex
Celestino, Samantha Jean ☉
Chappell, Emily Ann ☆
Chase, Autumn Michelle ★○
Cheatham, Katie Lynn
Cheever, Ryan M.
Churchman, Ellen ★
Cleveland, Conner ☆
Cobb, Kennedy Grace
Cogan, Hayleigh Marie
Collins, Mackenzie Elizabeth
Cruz-Carrasco, Rogers
Cumberland, Madison
Kimberly ★○
Curin, Sabrina ☆
Davis, Lila Marie ★
Davis, Reece Miranda ☉
DeCosmo, Nanette S. ★
Dudley, Kyra Ranae ☉
Dyja, Olivia ★
Egger, Paige Nicole ☆
Ekstrom, Hannah Kathryn ★
Elia, Marissa Michelle
Espinoza, Ava Marie
Fedor, Evelyn ☆
Forster, Hanne ★○
Fragale, Graziella Sara
Francis, Emma Elizabeth
Freundt, Kelsie Anne ★
Freyman, Ellie Rose ★
Galindo Feliciano, Jose Carlos †
Garcia, Kimberly Ann ★
Garcia, Mariana Lizbeth ☆
Glueck, Jeanai Suzanne ☆
Graf, Mary Carmela ☆
Grawe, Raegan
Greve, Carly Mae ☆
Guderjan, Halle Michele ☉
Guevara, Stephanie Alexis
Hall, Keagan Amelia ☆
Hamilton, Ashlie Renea ★
Hanson, Jaden Faith
Harrison, Annabelle Garrity
Head, Emily Rose
Heick, Kennedy ★
Hill, Mackenzie Starr ★
Howell, Nicholas Vincent ☉
Hrdlicka, Lauren Marie ☆
Huebner, Phoebe Clare ★
Iraci, Brianna Julie ☆

Janosov, Maci Therese
Jaros, Margaret Mary ★○
Jobe, Hannah Nichole ★
Johnson, Emma
Kelley, Megan Rose
Kinsch, Christina Marie ☉
Kovach, Alexandra Rose
Krugliakovaite, Smitte
Lagacy, Anna Holleen ★
Laingen, Paige Michele ★
Lane, Nicole Mary
Leatherman, Lusi Elaine ☉
Lesko, Eric
Lewis, Sydney Kristen ★
Lockhart, Jade Kyra
Logan, Amelia Elise ★
Lowery, Margaret Rosemary
Luckman, Bree Sydney
Luetkebuenger, Kaylee Jean ☉
Mance, Kayli Sue ★
Maurer, Benjamin ★
McConnell, Madelyn M.
McDonald, Jaclyn Ryan
McDonough, Maeve Elizabeth ★
Mendenhall, Amanda S. ★
Merry, Alexis Marie ☉
Moran, Mary K.
Muccianti, Nicole Marie
Murphy, Katelyn Rose ☆
Nieves, Elissa Bella
Norlin, Tricia ☆
O'Connor, Madison Jean
O'Lone, Emma Grace ★○
Ohlund, Alyssa ☆
Perez, Danniela Miranda
Price, Ayanna «
Ramirez, Kristal Nayely
Rankins, Taylor ☉
Rehder, Sydney ☉
Riddle, Shelby ★
Roach, Joan Renee ★
Rockford, Laken Danielle ☆
Rogowski, Olivia Victoria ☉
Ronan, Patrick Henry
Rondael, Patrick Jansen Deang ☆
Ryan, Aiden Thomas ☆
Ryan, Michelle Scarlett Valerie
Santorelli, Lilly Isabella
Scheidt, Allison Evelyn ☉○
Schober, Gabriela Jean ★
Schofield, Emily R. ★
Scipta, Stephen J. ☆
Silzer, Amanda J. ☉
Simpson, Brenda Kay ★
Slutz, Jaedyn Paige ★
Smaga, Julia ★
Smith, Audrey
Spahn, Olivia Dianne ★
Steinberg, Alexa Lynn ☆
Stisser, Maggie Jo ★

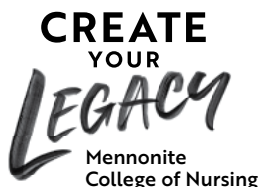
Swearingen, Rachel Elaine ☉
Taylo, Lydia Marie
Thetard, Alexis Elizabeth ☆
Toler, Alexxis Alani
Trybek, Paige Elizabeth ☆
Turner, Samaya Marie
VanderVinne, Faith Elizabeth
Verheyen, Grace Mary
Virgil, Kassandra
Wallace, Niki Lynne
Weaver, Taylor Ann ☉
Wedig, Sophie Rae
Weeks, Hannah Lucille
White, Emily Mary Ann
White, Jasmine Dessree ★
Widman, Isabella Rose ☆
Wilbur, Carolyn Nicole ☆
Wilks, Camesha
Wille, Emma Grace
Williams, Jocce Sue Lynn ★
Willis, Brett Jeffrey ☆
Wisdom, Clare Elise
Wolff, Madilyn Presley ○

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POINTS OF PRIDE

HISTORICAL LEGACY

- Founded in 1919 as the Mennonite Sanitarium Training School, the Mennonite College of Nursing (MCN) has over a century of excellence in nursing education.
- MCN became the first independent college of nursing in the nation to be accredited by the National League for Nursing in 1987.
- In 1999, MCN officially became the sixth academic college of Illinois State University.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

- Graduates of the B.S.N. and M.S.N. family nurse practitioner program pass licensure and certification exam pass rates are consistently well above the national average.
- Graduates from MCN are highly sought-after in the workplace and have a legacy of leaders in practice, research, and education.

INNOVATION AND RESEARCH

- MCN is home to nationally and internationally recognized nurse researchers, including Dr. Marilyn Prasun, who led the first clinical trial in Illinois State's history.
- The college has received millions in federal grants to support underserved populations and undergraduate and graduate education initiatives.

CUTTING-EDGE FACILITIES AND NETWORK OF CLINICAL PARTNERSHIPS

- In 2011, MCN opened a 10,000-square-foot simulation lab, and in 2024, it expanded to a 20,000-square-foot facility to enhance clinical training.
- The college has cultivated dozens of partnerships with health care systems, long-term care facilities, school districts, and public health departments across Central Illinois to support clinical education.



Congratulations, 2025 graduates of the Mennonite College of Nursing! Today, we celebrate your incredible achievement and the culmination of years of dedication, perseverance, and passion. You have faced rigorous coursework, demanding clinicals, and countless hours of study—and through it all, you have shown resilience, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to the nursing profession.

Your journey has not been walked alone. Behind each of you stands a network of support—families who cheered you on, friends who lifted you up, and faculty who mentored and guided you with care and expertise. Together, this community has helped shape you into the skilled, thoughtful, and courageous nurse you are today.

As you step into the next chapter of your careers, know that you carry forward the proud legacy of Illinois State University and the Mennonite College of Nursing. Today you join thousands of alumni around the world who are exceptional nurses. You will lead, inspire, and make a lasting impact on the lives of others.

We are so proud of you. Congratulations, class of 2025—the future of nursing is brighter because of you!

Dr. Caroline Mallory, Interim Dean

DOCTORAL DEGREES

Doctor of Philosophy

Killam, Beth A.
Peterson, Kate Marie
Rosecrans, Kelly Kathleen

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Catalano, Leslie M.
Fesi, EvaRee Bradd
Goff, Amanda L.
Halvorson, Amanda Lynn
Reyes, Mary Grace Oro
Weilbacher, Abigail

MASTER'S DEGREES

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Alex, Katelyn
Bird, Rachael
Franklin, Sarah
Huynh, Kali
Silos, Melanie Sebayon
Tortorella, Toni Suad
Williams, Elizabeth Leah

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

Brown, Dawn Marada
Carr, Evan ★
Nartey, Daniella Maabena
Olaniyi, Oluwatobi Monique
Seehuus, Abby Xiangmiao

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Mennonite College of Nursing graduates Bachelor of Science in Nursing students primarily in May.

Program

1 P.M. Saturday, December 13, 2025
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 Anthony C. Marinello III,
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 Kennedy Carico

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

Noah Montoya

Student body president

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Aondover Tarhule

President

PRESENTATION AND CONFERRAL OF MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

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PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMA COVERS TO MASTER'S DEGREE GRADUATES

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Ajay Samant

Dean, College of Business

Scott Irelan

Dean, Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts

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INDUCTION CEREMONY AND CLOSING

Karyn Aguirre

President, Illinois State University Alumni Association

UNIVERSITY HYMN

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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 5,033 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. Congratulations and best wishes!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Chad McEvoy".

Dr. Chad McEvoy, Dean

Marchese, Nicholas
 Markwell, Kaleb Andrew
 Maxwell, Jack Henry
 Maxwell, Owen David
 McElmeel, Joseph Daniel
 McKay, Brooklin Robert
 McKeough, Matthew James
 Mitchell, Ariel Marie
 Nelson, Collin Robert
 Olsen, Peyton James ★
 Olson, Brady
 Patel, Nakul «
 Prokop, Bradley Allen ★
 Raines, Dawson Gabriel ☆
 Reid, Owen
 Reynolds, Lake
 Riedel, Sheldon ‡
 Robke, Olivia Lea ★
 Rodriguez, Roberto Jesus
 Rogers, Evan ☆
 Santiago, Yaritza Marie ☆
 Schildt, Joseph
 Simova, Natalie Isabel ◎
 Simpson Jr., Lucas Scott
 Singson, Gregory Chiong
 Smith, Brandon Travis
 Soipan, Quinton Salash
 Strand, Matthew Clayton
 Stratton, Caleb Arthur
 Thomas, Aaliyah
 Uchtorff, Alexander Wayne
 Uraimov, Daniel Ravshanbek ☆
 Valdivia, Stephano ◎
 Vandegraft, Delaney Elise
 Vandermyde, John Connor
 Vashi, Vishva ◎«
 Verplaetse, Will ★◎
 Warnsing, Cole

School of Kinesiology and Recreation

Baker, Bryce William
 Beckefeld, Cody Ray
 Benziger, Katelyn Victoria
 Berdychowski, Ernest
 Bredehoeft, Corey Ryan
 Brown, Joshua D.
 Butler, Kyla Flanagan
 Cajas-Disney, Selena Mariah
 Carroll, LarQuel
 Cohen, Lauren Marie
 Conwell, Ryan James
 Daly, Aidan Frank ☆
 DiSalvo, Anthony Joseph
 Donath, Alexander H.

Erbach, Michael Joseph
 Evernden, Hayden Michael
 Fatlan, Benjamin
 Fleming, Luke Patrick
 Fortmann, Christopher John ☆
 Goyola, Emma Ruth
 Graves, Joshua Christopher
 Gritsuk, Liam ◎
 Hanson, Delaney Ann ◎
 Hertel-Pence, Andrew James
 Holdiman, Conner William
 Jackson, Ciara Marie
 Johnson, Myshawyn Markeese
 Ketter, Owen D.
 Kimbrough, Jalen Bryce
 Kodat, Kayla Jean
 Kois, Edward
 Kolzow, Tyler James
 Marquardt, Faith Elizabeth ○
 Martin, Hannah Grace ★○
 Masching, Addison Rileigh ★
 McKee, Morgan Danielle ★
 Meeks, Hannah
 Menzer, Carsten
 Meshnick, Hannah
 Natsis, Alexia ★
 Palmer, Daniele Ann
 Petrinis, Zachary William
 Quevedo, Isabel
 Rapp, Carson
 Riccelli, Mia Raffaella
 Sales, Jordan Marie ◎
 Sanford, Anthony Joseph
 Schroyer, Brandon Douglas
 Sheehan, Delaney Grace
 Stoller, Kyra Elizabeth
 Towery, Luke Dwane
 Townsell, Kairee De'Sean
 Unger, Grace Katherine
 Villarreal, David Nathanael
 Watson, Mason Nicholas
 Wells, Brevin ★
 Whelton, Tyler James
 Wills, Dalton K.

Technology

Ahmad, Rasheed Sameer
 Arbutine, Cassandra ★‡
 Atkins, Cameron J.
 Badejo, Kenny
 Badejo, Tai
 Boertlein, Cody Eugene
 Bolindo, Tresor Eale
 Calderon, Brandon
 Drake, Aiden Thomas ‡

Duffy, Tyler James
 Francis, Nicholas Owen
 Fultz III, Robert L.
 Galvan, Sergio
 Gamboa, Armando
 Good, Haley N.
 Henley, Keegan Michael
 Hernandez, Fidel
 Hicklin, Gavin Max
 Howard, Carson Lane
 Jackson Jr., Demetrius C.
 Jahnke Jr., William Robert
 Jones III, Veodies
 Kozarits, Alexander Michael
 Lehman, Samuel James ☆*
 Luesing, Hunter Joseph
 Maybell, Cameron Ross
 Miesner, Kyle Louis
 Mohammed, Yaseen Syed
 Nelson, Asher Aaron ◎
 Nieslawski, Joseph Randall ☆
 Peden, Harley Francis
 Ramsey, Tony
 Revzin, Alan
 Robertson, Robert Alexander ★
 Santee, Sean Steven
 Seibert, Michael
 Steichen, Connor
 Stratton, Sierra Jade
 Szyman, Timothy Edward
 Treviño, Ismael
 Tyler, Chance William
 Vanella, Charles Joseph
 Wiechman, Joshua Richard ◎
 Wozniak, Nathan Andrew

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THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AT ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY ...

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 dark ink that reads "Ajay Samant".

Dr. Ajay Samant, Dean

MASTER'S DEGREES

MBA Program

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Calabrese, Dylan T.
Duong, Quoc Truong
Gao, Yalin
Guse, Mary Lucille
Imobekhai, Humphrey
Jackson, Connor Patrick
Jacob, Naomi Ann
Jencharoenpan, Natthapha
Kampwerth, Paul Gerard ‡
Kaur, Simran
Khan, Jia
Minogue, Haley Marie
Morn-Toro, Carlos Dennis
Myatt, Erin Jessica
Shaini, Mary
Spinelli, Donovan ‡
Tubbs, Elliott Vernest

Accounting

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Desai, Viren Chandrajeet
Diaz, Melissa
Krishnakumar, Anirudh
Kunstman, Nathan Albert
Nipa, Mahataz Akter

MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANCY

Benner, Megan Nicole
Cotner, Mackenzie M.
Dundas, Payton Elise
Krahn, Katelyn Lee
Kull, Kade Christopher
Mercer, Logan Alan
Patton, Erin Mackenzie

Marketing

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Christian, Ryer James
Popal, Stara

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

Accounting

Aldana, Jesus Alejandro
Ansere, Kofi
Aragon Castro, Kaithlyn Ruth
Baddoo, Bryan Oko
Beverly, Tyreke J.
Brummel, Cailyn Marie
Brune, Joseph Reynold ★○
Buckwalter, Jade Sophia

Christerson, Hunter R.
Diaz, Amy Guadalupe
Dubrock, Joseph Albert
Ginalick, Dylan Glenn ★○
Givins, Caleb
Green, Dominik Gabriel
Hannemann, Jeff ○
Haubein, Luke Patrick ★○
Hernandez, Edward
Hoang, Giap
Hoffman, Alicia «
Jones, Morgan ★
Kaeser, Evan
Lundstrom, Jacob ★
Lybold, Theodore
Matlock, Ethan Joseph
Mejia, Angel
Milz, Matthew Joseph
Nemeth, Nickolas Thomas
Nordstrom, Noah Scott ☆
O'Brien, Hannah Elizabeth ★
Orme, Ezekiel
Palmeri, Rei Joseph
Pfeffer, Alec Michael ★
Pinto, Aidan ○
Quigley, Alison Diane
Rochelle, Heaven L.
Rog, Julia
Roley, Cale
Roti, Salvatore Nicholas ★
Salim, Jessica ★
Sanders, Faith Elizabeth ☆
Schwartz, Paul Connor ☆
Sigler, Tillena Joyce
Thompson, Joshua Caleb
Tokarz-Deram, Morgan McKena
Tubbs, Armani Chanel
Willcoxon, Connor J. ☆
Young, Ethan Marc
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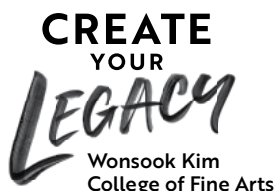
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- ☆ Cum laude
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- ◆ Honors in the Major
- Honors Program Scholar
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POINTS OF PRIDE

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

Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts students excel in art, music, 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 more than 400 students who play at Athletics events, Homecoming, community activities, and have competed internationally at the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin, Ireland, most recently in March 2025.

School of Theatre, Dance, and Film students are regularly recognized at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) Region 3.

Dancers annually attend the American College Dance Association (ACDA) where they present faculty- and student-choreographed works. In May 2025, the dance program made Illinois State University history with their first-ever appearance and performance on the national stage at the ACDA National College Dance Festival in Washington, D.C.

Faculty and students from the School of Creative Technologies collaborate on innovative interdisciplinary research, with recent projects intersecting with health care: creating educational content for patients and simulations for assessing and administering patient care for nursing students.



Congratulations, Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts class of 2025! 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!

Dr. Scott Irelan, Dean

MASTER'S DEGREES

School of Creative Technologies

MASTER OF SCIENCE

McCarthy, Sean Christopher
Zozzaro, Daniel James

School of Music

MASTER OF MUSIC

Darnell, Tori Lynne
Haan, Daniel Masato
Jin, Yutong
Kniffin, Garret Scott
Li, Xinyi

MASTER OF MUSIC EDUCATION

Bui, Nina Thi
Deck, Cassandra

Wonsook Kim School of Art

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Murphy, Tess

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

School of Creative Technologies

Burgos, Christian
Dauer, Jason
DeMonte, Aiden Anthony
Druck, Eli ★
Gresham, Sophia Lee
Leone, Dominic Anton
McEvoy III, Frederick
Meyers, Haley Rose
Morley, Katelyn
Rickard, Skyler ★
Shea, Mallory
Veverka-Cardwell, Leelynn
Westin, Benjamin Paul ★

School of Music

Botley, Darius ☉◆○«
Budlong-Brewer, Jennifer ☉«
Cancio, Lauren ★«
Dhanani, Tejas ☉○
Downing-Mims, Sja'Lell
Gehrke, Jennifer ☉
Giroux, Jack Thomas
Mussman, Zephaniah Albert «
Rhykerd, Joseph Lee ☆
Riedl, Kevin «
Smith, Wesley Theodore ★«
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Geovanes, Mia Rose
Gill, Ka'Mira Kanesha
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Romero, Brian
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- ☉ Magna cum laude
- ☆ Cum laude
- * Bone Scholar
- ◆ Honors in the Major
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THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AT ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY ...

Has officially welcomed its inaugural cohort in the fall 2025 semester.

After many years of planning, the College of Engineering opened its doors to 170 students, exceeding its enrollment target of 130. These students represent a wide range of backgrounds and experiences, embodying the college's commitment to academic excellence.

The college currently offers three programs: electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, and general engineering, with an industry-informed and industry-involved curriculum tailored to meet the needs of Illinois, the nation, and the world.



Greetings and welcome to the College of Engineering!

The College of Engineering is the newest college at Illinois State University. We proudly welcomed our first group of students in fall 2025 and will graduate our inaugural class 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 emphasizes 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 a wide range of backgrounds.

We value student success. To support it, we 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, student competitions, and vibrant engineering societies and clubs.

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

Dr. Thomas Keyser, Dean

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POINTS OF PRIDE

With over 110 master's degree sequences and 16 doctoral programs, Illinois State's Graduate School is ranked among the top 100 best master's degree colleges for the money by *College Factual*. Our students are supported by outstanding faculty, staff, and programs that provide personalized support with theses and dissertations, writing assistance, and more.

Graduate students at Illinois State produce high-quality research that is recognized within our campus community and beyond. Through initiatives such as Three Minute Thesis, GradBird Scholar, and the Fisher Outstanding Thesis Award, we are proud to celebrate our students' remarkable academic achievements.

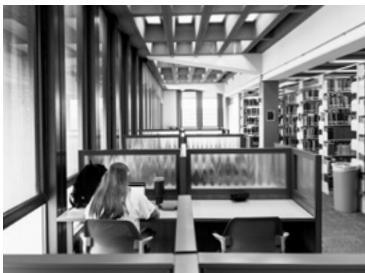


Today marks a significant milestone in your academic journey, one that you have worked tirelessly to achieve. On behalf of the Graduate School, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each and every one of you. Completing a graduate degree is a remarkable accomplishment that demonstrates your dedication 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. Claudia Petrescu, Associate vice president for graduate education and internationalization initiatives

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On behalf of Milner Library's faculty and staff, congratulations on your graduation and welcome to the Redbird alumni community! We hope Milner Library was a place where your curiosity was sparked, your research skills were honed, and your imagination was nurtured. Whether through collections, study spaces, exhibits, or programs, we hope you found inspiration, community, and lasting friendships within our walls.

As you step into your next chapter, remember that Milner Library continues to support you. Alumni can access select resources, attend public events, and explore our University Archives—where your own college memories may already be preserved. Learn more at Library.IllinoisState.edu/Services/Alumni.

Stay connected with us on social media to follow our stories and future plans. And as you build your career and reflect on your Redbird experience, consider supporting Milner Library to help future students thrive. Your contributions help us grow our collections, enhance technology, and create welcoming spaces for generations to come.

We are proud to have been part of your journey and look forward to staying connected. Congratulations again, and best wishes for all that lies ahead!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carrie J. Forbes".

Dr. Carrie Forbes, Dean

Alumni Engagement

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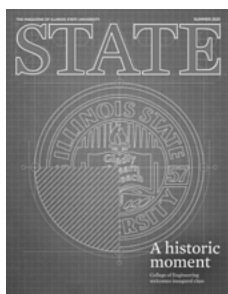
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Short-term medical and life insurance available at great group rates.

The official alumni magazine, *State*, published 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 243,000 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. 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.
- Get involved in Illinois State University's long-standing tradition, Homecoming! Visit Homecoming.IllinoisState.edu or follow us on Instagram: ISU_Homecoming.

Excellence by Design:

— 2024-2030 —

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY'S STRATEGIC PLAN

Excellence by Design: 2024-2030 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: 2024-2030*, 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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