Commencement, or Convocation, has its roots eight centuries in the European past and is based on the ancient practice of beginning life’s work at the end of an apprenticeship. The robes and caps worn by the faculty and graduating students at the University of Illinois follow the style of Oxford University in England.

The bachelor’s gown has long pointed sleeves. The master’s gown has long closed sleeves with square ends and a slit at the elbow for the arm to come through. The doctoral gown has full, round, open sleeves with three velvet stripes; it is faced with velvet.

The hood colors and tassels you will see today indicate the wearer’s field of study. At the University of Illinois, candidates for the bachelor’s degree do not wear hoods, but the color of their tassel indicates the fields in which they are receiving their degree. The color for education is light blue. The candidates for the master’s degrees wear hoods, and the color of their tassel is black. The candidates for doctoral degrees wear hoods lined with silk in the official orange and blue colors of the University. The velvet edging of the hood bears the color of the candidate’s major field. The color of the tassel used by doctoral degree candidates at the University of Illinois is black.

At the moment the degree is conferred, the graduates move the tassels from right to left to signify their changed academic status.
**Order of Exercises**

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**Processional**
- Music by Aduro Brass Quintet

**Banner Carrier**
- Stephanie Sanders-Smith, Assistant Professor
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**Marshals**

**Doctoral**
- Jennifer Cromley, Associate Professor
  Educational Psychology
- James Shriner, Associate Professor
  Special Education

**Master’s & Advanced Study**
- K. Peter Kuchinke, Professor
  Education Policy, Organization & Leadership
- Eunjung Grace Oh, Assistant Professor
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**Baccalaureate**
- Maya Israel, Assistant Professor
  Special Education
- Meghan Burke, Assistant Professor
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- Johnell Benz, Clinical Associate Professor
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- Barbara Hug, Clinical Associate Professor
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**Welcome**
- Christopher Span, Associate Professor
  Associate Dean for Academic Programs

**Singing of the “Star-Spangled Banner”**
- Stephanie Rayl, soprano

**Convocation Address**
- James D. Anderson, Interim Dean

**Recognition & Hooding of Doctoral Degree Candidates**
- Yoon Pak, Professor
  Education Policy, Organization & Leadership

**Presentation of Outstanding Student Medal Award**
- Jay Stortzum, C.A.S ’87
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**Readers**
- Karla Möller, Associate Professor
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**Recognition of Master’s Degree & Advanced Certificate Candidates**

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  Special Education
- Nancy MacGregor, Clinical Assistant Professor
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**Recognition of Master’s & Advanced Study Response**
- Christine Rinkenberger
  Special Education

**Recognition of Baccalaureate Degree Candidates**
- Rosa Milagros Santos, Professor
  Special Education

**Recognition of Bronze Tablet & James Scholar Honors**
- Recipients will stand and be recognized

**Presentation of Outstanding Student Medal Award**
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**Baccalaureate Response**
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**Singing of “Hail To The Orange”**
- James D. Anderson, Interim Dean

**Closing Remarks**
- James D. Anderson, Interim Dean

**Recessional**
- Music by Aduro Brass Quintet
Hail To The Orange
Hail to the Orange,
Hail to the Blue,
Hail Alma Mater,
Ever so true!
We love no other
So let our motto be
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