

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
CONVOCATION CEREMONY

Saturday, May 13, 2017

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN



EDUCATION AT ILLINOIS



WELCOME TO THE 2017 CONVOCATION CEREMONY FOR THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

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

Interpreter provided by the Division of Disability Resources & Educational Services.

PROCESSIONAL	Music by Aduro Brass Quintet
BANNER CARRIER	Stephanie Sanders-Smith, Assistant Professor <i>Curriculum & Instruction</i>
MARSHALS	
DOCTORAL	Jennifer Cromley, Associate Professor <i>Educational Psychology</i> James Shriner, Associate Professor <i>Special Education</i>
MASTER’S & ADVANCED STUDY	K. Peter Kuchinke, Professor <i>Education Policy, Organization & Leadership</i> Eunjung Grace Oh, Assistant Professor <i>Education Policy, Organization & Leadership</i>
BACCALAUREATE	Maya Israel, Assistant Professor <i>Special Education</i> Meghan Burke, Assistant Professor <i>Special Education</i> Johnell Bentz, Clinical Associate Professor <i>Special Education</i> Barbara Hug, Clinical Associate Professor <i>Curriculum & Instruction</i>
WELCOME	Christopher Span, Associate Professor <i>Associate Dean for Academic Programs</i>
SINGING OF THE “STAR-SPANGLED BANNER”	Stephanie Rayl, <i>soprano</i>
CONVOCAATION ADDRESS	James D. Anderson, Interim Dean
RECOGNITION & HOODING OF DOCTORAL DEGREE CANDIDATES	Yoon Pak, Professor <i>Education Policy, Organization & Leadership</i>
PRESENTATION OF OUTSTANDING STUDENT MEDAL AWARD	Jay Stortzum, C.A.S ‘87 <i>Board Member, Education Alumni Association</i>
READERS	Sarah McCarthy, Professor <i>Curriculum & Instruction</i> Adrienne Dixson, Associate Professor <i>Education Policy, Organization & Leadership</i>

DOCTORAL RESPONSE	Gabriel “Joey” Merrin <i>Educational Psychology</i> Outstanding Student Medal Award Recipient
RECOGNITION OF MASTER’S DEGREE & ADVANCED CERTIFICATE CANDIDATES	Denice Hood, Teaching Associate Professor <i>Education Policy, Organization & Leadership</i>
PRESENTATION OF OUTSTANDING STUDENT MEDAL AWARD	Jay Stortzum, C.A.S ‘87 <i>Board Member, Education Alumni Association</i>
READERS	Mary-alayne Hughes, Clinical Professor <i>Special Education</i> Nancy MacGregor, Clinical Assistant Professor <i>Curriculum & Instruction</i>
MASTER’S & ADVANCED STUDY RESPONSE	Christine Rinkenberger <i>Special Education</i> Outstanding Student Medal Award Recipient
RECOGNITION OF BACCALAUREATE DEGREE CANDIDATES	Rosa Milagros Santos, Professor <i>Special Education</i>
RECOGNITION OF BRONZE TABLET & JAMES SCHOLAR HONORS	Recipients will stand and be recognized
PRESENTATION OF OUTSTANDING STUDENT MEDAL AWARD	Jay Stortzum, C.A.S ‘87 <i>Board Member, Education Alumni Association</i>
READERS	Stacy Dymond, Professor <i>Special Education</i>
BACCALAUREATE RESPONSE	Karla Möller, Associate Professor <i>Curriculum & Instruction</i> Riannon Szofer <i>Special Education</i> Outstanding Student Medal Award Recipient
SINGING OF “HAIL TO THE ORANGE”	
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

VICTORY, ILLINOIS! VARSITY!

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Rosa Milagros Santos

James Shriner

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David Zola

UNIVERSITY HONORS

BRONZE TABLET

The University of Illinois recognizes high academic achievement by inscribing on Bronze Tablets the names of students who have at least a 3.5 cumulative grade point average through the academic term prior to graduation and rank in the top three percent of students in their graduating class. The tablets hang in the Main Library.

Anna L. Bolton
Samantha C. Cherry
Olivia Noel Elkins
Sydney B. Lichten
Emily Jean Witek

JAMES SCHOLARS

The College of Education James Scholar Program recognizes the talents of outstanding students and provides unique learning opportunities to enrich their educational experience.

Cassandra Alpers	Jaime DeRuiter	Kathleen Myers
Emily Bigott	Abigail Dinges	Victoria Nasatir
Amanda Bila	Lindsay Duffy	Elizabeth Oroni
Corey Bilger	Olivia Elkins	Jenna Rio
Samantha Blumenthal	Rachel Granzin	Colleen Ross
Angie Cha	Dana Hadley	Maya Sakakibara
Samantha Cherry	Christina Japuntich	Megan Simpson
Isabel Collazo	Jennifer Jozwiak	Riannon Szofer
Mia Cudecki	Mary Madison	Kristina Wagner
Hannah Curtis	Jennifer MocarSKI	Logan Walther

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Mary Madison

Katherine Majewski
Jennifer Marin
Madeleine Moustakas
Brittney O' Grady
Courtney Payne
Michelle Ringo

Elementary Education

Kayla Adams
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Stephanie Antonioli
Kathryn Bassett
Sarah Bielec
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Corey Bilger
Nicholle Brown
Taylor Bruno
Angie Cha
Sarah Chae
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Samantha Cherry
Georgia Christus

Sarah Cohen
Mia Cudecki
Hannah Curtis
Nina Delgado
Melanie Demma
Anna Derry
Jaime DeRuiter
Madeline DiVerde

Max Dolinko
Lindsay Duffy
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Rachel Granzin
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Madeleine Payne	Grant Young	Brian Cragg
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Jenna Rio		Olivia Elkins
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Megan Simpson	Allison Steen	Elizabeth Maske
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Jin Lee	Gabriel "Joey" Merrin
Da Ye Lee	Youngshil Paek
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TO THY HAPPY CHILDREN
OF THE FUTURE
THOSE OF THE PAST
SEND GREETINGS

The Alma Mater sculpture was first unveiled by
University of Illinois artist Lorado Taft in 1929.

CELEBRATING THE SESQUICENTENNIAL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

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ILLINOIS
1867-2017

A land grant institution established in 1867, the University of Illinois has a long record of commitment to public engagement and to the discovery and application of knowledge.

In 2017 we mark the sesquicentennial anniversary of the University of Illinois. During the past 150 years, our faculty, staff, students, and alumni have transformed the social and economic landscape of our world. As a leading institution of higher learning, we will continue to expand our global presence through supporting public policies that address the grand challenges of a global society, lead advancements in information and medical technology, and catalyze economic development. A fifteen-month celebration will highlight the accomplishments of our university and the ambitious vision we have for the future. Please join us in celebrating and embracing the University of Illinois' past as we continue to shape the future through teaching, research, and public engagement.

SHAPING THE FUTURE SINCE 1867

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