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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES AND ACADEMIC HONORS CONVOCATION

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A GREETING FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Class of 2024:

Congratulations on completing your degree from Western Illinois University! I commend each of you for your achievements and accomplishments.

Today is a day of celebration! As you close this exciting and meaningful milestone, we reflect back on your time at Western and celebrate your accomplishments and your choice to become a member of the Leatherneck family.

Western Illinois has a proud history of Leatherneck success over the past 120+ years, as is evidenced in the legion of multi-faceted accomplishments of its faculty, staff, students, and alumni. Today, you are moving from being accomplished students to being proud and accomplished alumni.

As you graduate, share your Western Illinois University story to inspire others to imagine their dreams. Imagine what you can contribute to the world around you to make it an even better place. You can make anything happen, starting with a little imagination.

Congratulations, Western Illinois University Class of 2024!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristi Mindrup". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Kristi Mindrup, Ph.D.
Interim President

ACADEMIC HONORS CONVOCATION
Friday, May 10, 2024 · 2:00 p.m. in Western Hall

Prelude.....	WIU Wind Ensemble Matt Thomas, Conductor	
Processional.....	Wind Ensemble “Fanfare and Processional, from March No. 1 in D Major, Op. 39, No. 1,” by Sir Edward Elgar, arranged by James D. Ployhar	
National Anthem	Zoi Neely “The Star-Spangled Banner,” by Francis Scott Key Bachelor of Fine Arts, Class of 2024	
Master of Ceremonies	Mark Mossman Interim Provost and Academic Vice President	
Greetings from the Board of Trustees	Carin Stutz Board of Trustees Chair	
Remarks to the Graduating Class	Kristi Mindrup Interim President	
Introduction of Honors Student Speaker	Interim Provost Mossman “Making Peace with Identity”	Elizabeth Orwig Honors Scholar in Special Education
Presentation of Academic Honors		
Cum Laude	William Clow Dean, College of Fine Arts and Communication	
Magna Cum Laude	Eric Sheffield Interim Dean, College of Education and Human Services	
Summa Cum Laude	James Schmidt Interim Dean, College of Arts and Sciences	
Departmental Scholars	Craig Conrad Dean, College of Business and Technology	
Centennial Honors Scholars.....	Lorette Oden Dean, Centennial Honors College	
College Scholars.....	Richard Cangro Distinguished University Professor	
Introduction of WIU Student Laureate	Interim Provost Mossman	
Closing Remarks.....	Interim Provost Mossman	
Recessional	Wind Ensemble “Fanfare and Recessional,” by James D. Ployhar	

PROCESSIONAL INTRODUCTIONS

Renee Polubinski, Coordinator of Undergraduate Studies

MARSHALS

Cody Cornell
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Riley McAllister
Madison McCabe
Jillian Mulholland
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WIU STUDENT LAUREATE OF THE LINCOLN ACADEMY OF ILLINOIS

Jordan Rouse, a senior History major at Western Illinois University and Macomb resident, has been named WIU's 2023-2024 Student Laureate of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois. Rouse's achievements stood out amongst a pool of impressive nominees.

Throughout his time at WIU, Rouse has been an outstanding leader, serving as president of multiple organizations, including the Inter-Hall Council, National Residence Hall Honorary and WIU Food Pantry. He has also maintained a 4.0 GPA as a member of the Centennial Honors College and held leadership positions in the WIU Phi Kappa Phi honor society, WIU Phi Alpha Theta history honor society and WIU Honors Council.



Jordan Rouse

Rouse's dedication to his studies and extracurricular activities has earned him the WIU Presidential Scholarship and Eureka College Reagan Fellowship. Additionally, he has contributed to a Chicago 1919 Race Riot Commemoration Project as a student researcher and editor.

The prestigious award, presented annually to an outstanding senior from each of Illinois' four-year degree-granting institutions, honors a student's overall academic excellence and participation in extracurricular activities. This award recognizes exceptional leadership and a desire to make a difference in the world through civic engagement. The award encourages diverse fields of study to be considered for this honor. As a student laureate, the representative is recognized for outstanding contributions to campus life and beyond, in pursuit of the betterment of humanity.

COLLEGE SCHOLARS

Each of Western Illinois University's four academic colleges, the Centennial Honors College, and the University Libraries selects a graduating senior as the college's outstanding student. College Scholars receive a gold medallion on a purple and gold ribbon in recognition of their high achievement.



Emma Gilliland (Macomb, IL) graduates with a B.A. degree in English, with highest academic distinction, Summa Cum Laude.

**Arts and Sciences
College Scholar**



Lauren Hall (Macomb, IL) graduates with a B.B. degree in Accountancy, with highest academic distinction, Summa Cum Laude. She is also the Accountancy Departmental Scholar.

**Business and
Technology College
Scholar**



Elizabeth Orwig, (Ohio, IL) graduates with a B.S.Ed. degree in Special Education, with highest academic distinction, Summa Cum Laude. She is also the Special Education Departmental Scholar and a Centennial Honors Scholar.

**Education and
Human Services
College Scholar**



Alexis Danner-Clark (Macomb, IL) graduates with a B.F.A. in Art Education. She is also the Art Departmental Scholar.

**Fine Arts and
Communication
College Scholar**



Emma Luzadder (Flora, IL) graduates with a B.S.W. degree, with highest academic distinction, Summa Cum Laude. She is also the Social Work Departmental Scholar and a Centennial Honors Scholar.

**College Scholar of the
Centennial Honors
College**



Samantha Roch (Mahomet, IL) graduates with a B.A. degree in General Studies.

**University Libraries
College Scholar**

CENTENNIAL HONORS SCHOLARS

A Centennial Honors Scholar is a student in Western's Centennial Honors College who has completed Honors coursework and has achieved a grade point average of at least 3.40. These candidates wear a gold medallion on a light blue ribbon.

DEPARTMENTAL SCHOLARS

Departmental Scholars are the outstanding undergraduate degree candidates in an academic major as determined by the faculty in the major department. These candidates wear a gold medallion on a sapphire blue ribbon.

ACADEMIC DISTINCTION

Candidates for the baccalaureate degree, who have earned a minimum 60 semester hours of graded courses at Western, are eligible for graduation with academic distinction. Coursework completed at WIU, and all transferable hours, are calculated to determine honors. The academic distinction of Cum Laude is awarded to students with a grade point average of 3.60-3.74 on a 4.00 scale. These candidates wear a silver medallion on a gold ribbon. The academic distinction of Magna Cum Laude is awarded to students with a grade point average of 3.75-3.89. These candidates wear a silver medallion on a purple ribbon. The academic distinction of Summa Cum Laude is awarded to students with a grade point average of 3.90 or higher. These candidates wear a silver medallion on a red ribbon.



COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM
SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES
Friday, May 10, 2024 · 5:00 p.m. in Western Hall

Prelude.....	WIU Wind Ensemble Matt Thomas, Conductor
Processional	Wind Ensemble “Fanfare and Processional, from March No. 1 in D Major, Op. 39, No. 1,” by Sir Edward Elgar, arranged by James D. Ployhar
National Anthem	Izzy Maxwell “The Star Spangled Banner,” by Francis Scott Key Bachelor of Fine Arts, Class of 2024
Master of Ceremonies	Mark Mossman Interim Provost and Academic Vice President
Greetings from the Board of Trustees	Carin Stutz Board of Trustees Chair
Distinguished University Professor.....	Interim Provost Mossman Recipient: Dr. Richard Cangro, School of Music
Remarks to the Graduating Class	Kristi Mindrup “Imagine the Possibilities” Interim President
Presentation of Candidates, Doctoral Degrees	Kishor Kapale Interim Coordinator of Graduate Studies
Conferring of Doctoral Degrees.....	Interim President Mindrup
Hooding of Doctoral Candidates.....	Interim Provost Mossman Doctor of Education, College of Education and Human Services
Presentation of Candidates, Graduate Degrees	Interim Coordinator Kapale
Conferring of Graduate Degrees.....	Interim President Mindrup
Hooding of Graduates, College of Fine Arts and Communication	William Clow, Dean Master of Fine Arts
Hooding of Graduates, College of Arts and Sciences.....	James Schmidt, Interim Dean
Hooding of Graduates, College of Education and Human Services.....	Eric Sheffield, Interim Dean
Hooding of Graduates, College of Fine Arts and Communication	Dean Clow
Hooding of Graduates, Illinois Institute of Rural Affairs.....	Christopher Merrett, Dean
Hooding of Graduates, College of Business and Technology	Craig Conrad, Dean

Welcome to Alumni Association.....Eldon Brown, Class of 1996
Alumni Council President

Closing Remarks..... Interim Provost Mossman

Recessional..... Wind Ensemble
“Fanfare and Recessional,” by James D. Ployhar

PROCESSIONAL INTRODUCTIONS

Randy Glean, Associate Vice President for Global Studies

ACADEMIC READERS

Doctoral

Kishor Kapale, Interim Coordinator of Graduate Studies

Graduate

Randy Glean, Associate Vice President for Global Studies

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM
UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
Saturday, May 11, 2024 · 9:00 a.m. in Western Hall

Prelude.....	WIU Wind Ensemble Matt Thomas, Conductor
Processional.....	Wind Ensemble "Fanfare and Processional, from March No. 1 in D Major, Op. 39, No. 1," by Sir Edward Elgar, arranged by James D. Ployhar
National Anthem	Christopher Pettersen "The Star Spangled Banner," by Francis Scott Key Bachelor of Music, Class of 2024
Master of Ceremonies	Mark Mossman Interim Provost and Academic Vice President
Greetings from the Board of Trustees	Carin Stutz Board of Trustees Chair
Distinguished University Professor.....	Interim Provost Mossman Recipient: Dr. Richard Cangro, School of Music
Remarks to the Graduating Class	Kristi Mindrup "Imagine the Possibilities" Interim President
Distinguished Alumni Award.....	Eldon Brown, Class of 1996 Recipient: Steven J. McCann, Class of 1978 Alumni Council President
Presentation of Candidates, College of Arts and Sciences	James Schmidt, Interim Dean
Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees	Interim President Mindrup College of Arts and Sciences
Presentation of Candidates, College of Business and Technology.....	Craig Conrad, Dean
Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees	Interim President Mindrup College of Business and Technology
Presentation of Candidates, General Studies Degree Program	Héctor Maymí-Sugrañes, Dean
Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees	Interim President Mindrup General Studies Degree Program
Welcome to Alumni Association.....	Brown
Closing Remarks.....	Interim Provost Mossman
Recessional.....	Wind Ensemble "Fanfare and Recessional," by James D. Ployhar

PROCESSIONAL INTRODUCTIONS

Randy A. Glean,
Associate Vice President for Global Studies

ACADEMIC READERS

Richard M. Filipink, Professor of History
College of Arts and Sciences

James M. McQuillan, Professor of Computer Sciences
College of Business and Technology

Michelle Holschuh Simmons, Assistant Professor of Libraries
General Studies

MARSHALS

Jessica Alonso
Jayla L. Carle
Allison N. Elias
Gabriela Galindo Rubio
Lauren M. Hall
Audrey C. Narine
Jordan Wayne Rouse
Natalie Serrato

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM
UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
Saturday, May 11, 2024 · 1:30 p.m. in Western Hall

Prelude.....	WIU Wind Ensemble Matt Thomas, Conductor
Processional.....	Wind Ensemble “Fanfare and Processional, from March No. 1 in D Major, Op. 39, No. 1,” by Sir Edward Elgar, arranged by James D. Ployhar
National Anthem	Sarah Rose Lanoue “The Star Spangled Banner,” by Francis Scott Key Bachelor of Music, Class of 2024
Master of Ceremonies	Mark Mossman Interim Provost and Academic Vice President
Greetings from the Board of Trustees	Carin Stutz Board of Trustees Chair
Distinguished University Professor.....	Interim Provost Mossman Recipient: Dr. Richard Cangro, School of Music
Remarks to the Graduating Class	Kristi Mindrup “Imagine the Possibilities” Interim President
Distinguished Alumni Award.....	Eldon Brown, Class of 1996 Recipient: Scott D. Clarke, Class of 1981 Alumni Council President
Presentation of Candidates, College of Education and Human Services	Eric Sheffield, Interim Dean
Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees	Interim President Mindrup College of Education and Human Services
Presentation of Candidates, College of Fine Arts and Communication	William Clow, Dean
Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees	Interim President Mindrup College of Fine Arts and Communication
Welcome to Alumni Association.....	Brown
Closing Remarks.....	Interim Provost Mossman
Recessional.....	Wind Ensemble “Fanfare and Recessional,” by James D. Ployhar

PROCESSIONAL INTRODUCTIONS

Randy Glean,
Associate Vice President for Global Studies

ACADEMIC READERS

Benjamin C. Brewer, Assistant Professor of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration
College of Education and Human Services

William J. Buss, Instructor of Broadcasting and Journalism
College of Fine Arts and Communication

MARSHALS

Molly L. Blust
Jansan L. Davis
Sarah June Eden
Piper Caroline Hill
Sarah Rose Lanoue
Emma Grace Luzadder
Christopher Reyes
Kyle A. Wittenrich

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM
COMBINED GRADUATE/UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
Sunday, May 12, 2024 · 1:00 p.m.
Vibrant Arena at The MARK, Moline

Prelude.....	WIU Brass Quintet
Processional.....	Brass Quintet
“Fanfare and Processional, from March No. 1 in D Major, Op. 39, No. 1,” by Sir Edward Elgar, arranged by James D. Ployhar	
National Anthem	Eden Beier
“The Star Spangled Banner,” by Francis Scott Key	
Music Major	
Master of Ceremonies	Mark Mossman
Interim Provost and Academic Vice President	
Greetings from the Board of Trustees	Carin Stutz
Board of Trustees Chair	
Distinguished University Professor.....	Interim Provost Mossman
Recipient: Dr Richard Cangro, School of Music	
Remarks to the Graduating Class	Kristi Mindrup
"Imagine the Possibilities"	
Interim President	
Presentation of Candidates, Doctoral Degrees	Kishor Kapale
Interim Coordinator of the School of Graduate Studies	
Conferring of Doctoral Degrees.....	Interim President Mindrup
Hooding of Doctoral Candidates.....	Interim Provost Mossman
Doctor of Education, College of Education and Human Services	
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Hooding of Graduates, College of Arts and Sciences.....	James Schmidt, Interim Dean
Hooding of Graduates, College of Business and Technology	Craig Conrad, Dean
Hooding of Graduates	Eric Sheffield, Interim Dean
College of Education and Human Services	
Hooding of Graduates	Richard Kurasz, Associate Dean
College of Fine Arts and Communication	
Hooding of Graduates, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs.....	Christopher Merrett, Dean
Presentation of Candidates, Baccalaureate Degree	Interim Provost Mossman
Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees	Interim President Mindrup

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Welcome to the Alumni Association	Eldon Brown Class of 1996 Alumni Council President
Closing Remarks.....	Interim Provost Mossman
Recessional.....	Brass Quintet
“Fanfare and Processional” by James D. Ployhar	

PROCESSIONAL INTRODUCTIONS

Jeffrey Hancks, Professor of Libraries
General Studies
WIU Quad Cities

ACADEMIC READERS

Doctoral

Dr. Kishor Kapale
Interim Coordinator of Graduate Studies

Graduate

Dr. Jeffrey Hancks, Professor of Libraries
General Studies
WIU Quad Cities

Undergraduate

Susan Stewart, Professor of Management
Management and Marketing
WIU Quad Cities

MARSHALS

Aaliyah Elfridge
Claire Henniges
Jaylin Randle
Kennedy Roggenbauer

WIU BRASS QUINTET

Thomas Arns
Zack Browning
Garrett Embree
Evan Goodson
Brady Wade

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS

Scott D. Clarke, a 1981 political science graduate, is retired from the state of Illinois' Division of Banking. Clarke worked in the division for 35 years, the last 20 of which he served as assistant director. He was responsible for the regulation of state chartered and foreign banking offices and supervision of the state's bank examiners and the regulation of the largest number of banks of any state in the country and the regulation of more than \$7 trillion in assets.



Scott D. Clarke
Class of 1981

Clarke has served on numerous commissions related to the oversight of the financial industry, including the Treasury Department's Bank Secrecy Act Committee, where he represented the nation's state banking regulators for regulation of money laundering and anti-terrorism financing. In addition, he was a member of the U.S. Secret Service Electronic Crimes Task Force, a member of the Board of Directors of the American Council of State Savings Supervisors and the Conference of State Bank Supervisors (CSBS). Clarke served as chair of the CSBS Committee, which set the accreditation standards of the nation's state banking departments. Additionally, he served as the chair of the Education Foundation of State Bank Supervisors, a non-profit foundation that oversees training for the nation's state banking regulators.

Clarke is a longtime volunteer for the American Red Cross, having served in various leadership roles, including the chair of the Illinois State Service Council. He currently serves as the American Red Cross liaison to Illinois State Government agencies and is actively involved in disaster response, including his previous assignment as the Red Cross representative at the Federal

Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) headquarters in Washington D.C. during catastrophic hurricanes. He has been the Red Cross representative for the Illinois Terrorism Task Force since its formation and has chaired several of its committees.

Clarke has received numerous awards, including the Illinois Jaycees Ten Outstanding Young Persons, the American Legion Auxiliary Award for Excellence in Citizenship, the American Red Cross Paragon Award and

the 2017 WIU Alumni Achievement Award. He is also a member of the Benefactors Level of the WIU Foundation Fellows.

Clarke is actively involved in recruiting and retaining Leathernecks. He can frequently be found at Discover Western open house programs, has a long track record of connecting prospective students with WIU and engages frequently with current students. Clarke regularly hosts Emergency Management students in Springfield to visit the State Emergency Operations Center. Clarke was appointed by Governors Rauner and Pritzker as a Commissioner of Volunteerism and Community Service. He also serves as the Treasurer of the Evanston Township High School Educational Foundation.

Through his philanthropic support of WIU, Clarke has endowed the Scott D. Clarke Excellence in Leadership Scholarship and has been a leader in the success of the annual Western Challenge Day of Giving. His advocacy work has also benefited WIU, as he has been instrumental in securing a substantial grant for the Emergency Operations Center. Clarke currently serves on the WIU Alumni Council.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS (CONTINUED)

Steven J. McCann, a 1978 accountancy graduate, was an assurance partner with RSM US LLP until his retirement in 2017, serving a variety of closely held and family-owned businesses. Since that time, he has remained employed with the firm on a part time basis as a senior advisor in the Business & Transition Advisory Services line of business.

McCann is a graduate of the RSM CFO Program through the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management, where he received training to more effectively advise CEOs and CFOs in essential areas, including strategy, operations, marketing, organizational behavior, leadership and change management.

McCann is a Certified Public Accountant. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Illinois and Iowa Societies of Certified Public Accountants.

McCann has a decades-long history of serving the Quad Cities region on numerous non-profit boards, including stints as the chair of Gilda's Club and the John Deere Classic. He currently sits on the American



Steven J. McCann
Class of 1978

Red Cross Quad Cities and West Central Illinois Board of Directors and is president of the Board of Directors of Oakwood Country Club in Coal Valley, IL.

McCann's efforts have been recognized through multiple awards, including a Women's Connection Male Champion of Change, John Deere Classic Community Hero, WIU Accountancy Preferred Partner in Education, and the 2003 WIU Alumni Achievement Award. He is also a member of the Honors Level of the WIU Foundation Fellows.

McCann was involved in the development of the WIU-Quad Cities campus through his leadership on the Renew Moline Board of Directors. He currently serves on the WIU Foundation Board, where he is a member of both the executive and investment committees. McCann is a member of the WIU College of Business and Technology National Advisory Board, where he has served as chair since 2015. Additionally, McCann is the co-chair of the WIU-Quad Cities Planning Advisory Council and served as the Quad Cities community representative on the 2020 WIU Presidential Search Committee.

DISTINGUISHED UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR

DR. RICHARD M. CANGRO



Originally from Staten Island, NY, Richard M. Cangro, Ph. D., is a Professor and Director of Music Education at Western Illinois University. He was formerly a public school band and orchestra director for 15 years in Connecticut, as well as a youth ensemble conductor and chamber music coach for the Hartt School Community Division, University of Hartford (West Hartford, CT). While teaching in Connecticut, he also worked for 10 years as an assessor for the Connecticut State Board of Education beginning teacher licensure program and was the professional development chair for the Connecticut Music Educators Association. Dr. Cangro received a Bachelor of Music in Trumpet Performance from the Manhattan School of Music, a Master of Music Education from the Hartt School, and a Ph.D. in Music Education also from Hartt. With his dissertation focusing on applying cooperative learning strategies to instrumental music learning, Dr. Cangro continues to investigate the nature and effects of student interaction at all levels of music learning. He served for several years on the executive board for the International Association for the Study of Cooperation in Education (IASCE).

A two-time Fulbright grant recipient, Dr. Cangro is active as a presenter, curriculum consultant, adjudicator, and conductor. He has presented workshops and sessions for several school district in-services and at numerous music educator conferences throughout the US. He has guest taught at universities in Turkey,

Thailand, Puerto Rico, Philippines, Pakistan, Ecuador, Canada, and China, and has presented professional development at events in Canada, China, England, Montenegro, Myanmar, Serbia, and Taiwan (ROC). His articles on music learning and teaching have been published in journals including *Applications of Research in Music Education*, *Selected Papers from the 6th International Symposium on Assessment in Music Education*, *American Music Teacher*, and *Music Educators Journal*.

Musically, Dr. Cangro has a wide range of performance experience as a trumpet player and conductor. He is a member of the Knox-Galesburg Symphony and the Jacksonville (IL) Symphony, performs with the Southeast Iowa Symphony, and has been an active orchestral player and chamber musician for over 30 years. He has conducted several school, festival, community, and adult ensembles, and is currently the music director/conductor of the Monmouth Civic Orchestra at Monmouth College and the Quincy Area Youth Orchestra.

At WIU, Dr. Cangro teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in music education, advises the collegiate music educators chapter, and supervises student teachers. He serves on several university committees and is the Midwest regional vice president of the national Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society, promoting and supporting internationalization efforts in the community. Dr. Cangro is the 2024 WIU Distinguished University Professor.

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THE WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CEREMONIAL MACE

The ceremonial mace, a symbol of university scholarship and integrity since the 11th century, is used to lead the academic procession at commencement and other special ceremonial occasions, signifying the importance of the event and the confirmation of the academic process.

The University's mace was designed by WIU Department of Art and Design Chair Kat Myers, and crafted by Myers in collaboration with the late Kenneth B. Epperson, Western alumnus and former WIU Admissions' community college director.

The turned walnut shaft is encircled by three engraved sterling silver bands with four pierced sterling silver fins cradling a freely moving gold sphere.



The fins represent Western Illinois University's four core values—Academic Excellence, Educational Opportunity, Personal Growth, and Social Responsibility—positioned as the four directions of the compass. The sphere, representing the student, is held and guided by the fins as it moves to find its place in the world.

The incorporated sphere was formed by raising, a 3,000-year-old metalsmithing process using steel hammers and forms to shape sheet metal. The sphere is made of 24K gold-plated brass. While the process was chosen as a representation of Western's respect for tradition, the sphere remains mobile, illustrating the University's readiness to adapt as it looks toward an ever-changing future.

ABOUT THE FLAGS

Displayed in the arena are the flags of 32 nations representing students in today's graduating class at Western Illinois University. The flags represent the following countries: Antigua, Australia, Bangladesh, Barbados, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, China, Columbia, Croatia, Dominica, France, Germany, Ghana, Grenada, India, Jamaica, Jordan, Kosovo, Mongolia, Nepal, Nigeria, Philippines, Romania, Russia, Spain, Sri Lanka, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, Sweden, United Kingdom and the United States.

Western Illinois University was home to students from 58 countries during the Spring 2024 semester.

ABOUT THE GONFALONS

Gonfalons made their inaugural appearance in Western's Fall 2009 Commencement ceremonies. The gonfalons are banners hung from a crossbar on poles, which represent the specific group immediately following the gonfalonier, the person carrying the banner.

Their origins date back to medieval Italy, when gonfalons were used to distinguish Italian republics. They have also been used in ecclesiastical processions, as well as in war; and they have evolved into bearing coats of arms for individuals and groups.

Many universities and colleges have adopted the use of gonfalons to enhance the ceremonial nature of commencement exercises.

Today's processions include gonfalons for Western Illinois University, the School of Graduate Studies, the Centennial Honors College, University Libraries and each of the four academic colleges: Arts and Sciences; Business and Technology; Education and Human Services; and Fine Arts and Communication.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The colorful regalia worn by academicians is steeped in tradition, dating back to the ecclesiastical garb of the Middle Ages. Adaptations from ecclesiastical to academic dress began in early European universities, which were founded by the church. University faculty and students wore the adapted robes for distinction and warmth. The University of Cambridge is cited as the first to use the academic gown.

Representatives of American universities met in the early 1890s and agreed upon a standard style of academic attire. The Intercollegiate Code, revised in 1932, and again in 1959, is followed today by American colleges and universities, except for a few schools, which continue to use the styles of England.

Gowns are traditionally black. However, some universities have authorized use of a color symbolic of the institution. Bachelor's gowns have pointed sleeves and are designed to be worn closed. Master's and Specialist gowns have long, closed sleeves with an arc near the bottom and an opening for the arm. Doctoral gowns are faced with wide velvet panels and have bell-shaped sleeves with three horizontal velvet bars.

Caps, originally round, are typically square mortarboards. Some universities have adopted a doctor's cap with a soft crown instead of the mortarboard.

ACADEMIC REGALIA (CONTINUED)

At Western, the tassel color of bachelor degree candidates indicates the college or program from which students graduate: College of Arts and Sciences, white for bachelor of arts, gold for bachelor of science, white and gold for bachelor of liberal arts and sciences, and apricot for bachelor of science in nursing; College of Business and Technology, sapphire blue; College of Education and Human Services, light blue for bachelor of science and bachelor of science in education, and citron for bachelor of social work; College of Fine Arts and Communication, brown for bachelor of arts, bachelor of fine arts, and bachelor of science, and pink for bachelor of music; General Studies Degree Program, white for bachelor of arts; and Interdisciplinary Studies, white for bachelor of arts and gold for bachelor of science. Master's tassels are black. Doctoral tassels are old gold.

Hoods, which originally were attached to the gown and could be slipped over the head for warmth, are the most colorful articles of specialist, master's, and doctor's clothing. The color of the lining of the hood represents the university awarding the degree. The color of the facing of the hood reflects the academic discipline of the wearer's highest degree. At Western, the colors awarded for doctoral and graduate degrees are: light blue, education doctorate, education specialist, master of arts in teaching, and master of science in education; gold, specialist in school psychology and master of science; sapphire blue, master of accountancy and master of business administration; white, master of arts; white and gold, master of liberal arts and sciences; pink, master of music and master of public health; and brown, master of fine arts.

Colors which may be seen among the marching faculty and their corresponding fields of study include: brown (fine arts), crimson (journalism), dark blue (philosophy), golden yellow (science), lemon yellow (library science), light blue (education), yellow brown (commerce, business, accountancy), pink (music), purple (law), sage green (physical education), scarlet (theology), gold and white (liberal arts and sciences), and white (arts, letters, humanities).

INFORMATION FOR DEGREE CANDIDATES

Undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to participate in Commencement if they anticipate completion of requirements for graduation during the spring or summer semester.

The roster of candidates listed in this program is a compilation of those eligible to participate and who have not submitted the Exclusion of Directory Information Form. It should not be construed either as a complete or official list of those who will receive a University degree. Due to publishing deadlines, names of some degree recipients may not appear, while names of degree candidates may appear even though they have not completed their degree requirements.

Undergraduate honors distinctions are based on the candidate's academic record at the time of publication.

Diplomas will be mailed approximately eight weeks after Commencement to those who have completed requirements and have no University encumbrances.

The University has arranged for a professional photographer to take individual photographs as students cross the stage. A postcard with the link to the commencement photo galleries will be mailed to the student's home address within 7-14 days of the ceremony. Photographs may be ordered from the website.

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GUEST INFORMATION

Western Illinois University is proud to recognize the accomplishments of our graduates and hopes each ceremony is a meaningful event for graduates, families, friends, faculty, and staff.

Please silence all electronic devices. For safety and decorum, aisles must remain clear during the ceremony. Guests are expected to remain seated until the stage party, faculty, and graduates have recessed.

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“The Effect of Faithful Use of Imagine Math on Elementary Student Math Growth”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Bridget Z. Sheng

Benjamin Daniel Derges

“Understanding the Factors Related to Teacher Recruitment and Retention in Rural Schools of Central Illinois”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Bridget Z. Sheng

Amy Louise Kunz

“A Study of the Impact of Intercultural Competency Training on Education Support Professionals”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Bridget Z. Sheng

Anthony Ragona

“Postsecondary Success Rates of Alternative School Students”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Monica R. Rouse

Kari Lynn Shimmin

“High School Physical Education and Its Influence on the Physical Activity of College Students”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Stuart O. Yager

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On April 24, 1899, a bill to establish Western Illinois University (then called Western Illinois State Normal School) was passed by the state legislature. Macomb was selected in 1900 as the location for the new normal school in west central Illinois, and on Tuesday, September 23, 1902, Western Illinois State Normal School opened its doors for the first official day of classes on the new campus.

In 1921, the General Assembly changed the name of Western Illinois State Normal School to Western Illinois State Teachers College, and in 1947, the school was renamed Western Illinois State College. Ten years later, the school became Western Illinois University. Illinois Gov. William G. Stratton approved the change July 5, 1957, and Western began its transformation into a university.

Today, Western offers numerous undergraduate and graduate degree programs, as well as two doctoral programs and several post-baccalaureate certificate programs, and is comprised of the main campus in Macomb, IL, and the urban Quad Cities campus in Moline, IL.





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