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Macomb, Illinois

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A GREETING FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Class of 2019:

Congratulations on completing your degree at Western Illinois University! We are so happy to share this day with you and your family and friends. It is with great pride that we celebrate your accomplishments, and I look forward to shaking your hand as you cross the stage today.

As a graduate of Western Illinois University, you join an elite group of individuals who hold a college degree. Approximately 21 percent of Americans age 25 or older have a bachelor's degree, while only 9 percent of adults over 25 have a master's degree. Your WIU degree puts you in a unique place and provides you with unlimited opportunities. Take advantage of that degree to benefit yourself, your family and friends, but most importantly to create a world that is better because of your contributions.

You are now an official member of the WIU Alumni Association, and as such, I ask that you serve as an ambassador for Western. I hope you leave here with pride in where you came from and remain engaged with your alma mater and be a role model for students. I hope that we see you back on campus, as well as at University events across the U.S. When you return, reach out to those faculty and staff who were a vital part of your college career. Talk to current students; help us reach future students by volunteering at recruitment events; and share your knowledge and fond memories of your time at WIU with others. Even though you're walking out our doors, you forever remain a vital part of Western Illinois University as once a Leatherneck, always a Leatherneck.

Use what you learned here, and what you'll continue to learn, wisely. Each of you has enormous potential to make the world a better place. You are well prepared to make your mark and make a difference. I wish you great success and happiness. Congratulations!

Best wishes.

Dr. Martin Abraham Interim President

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ACADEMIC HONORS CONVOCATION

Friday, December 13, 2019 • 5:30 p.m. in Western Hall

Art Martinez, Conductor			
Processional			
"Fanfare and Processional, from March No. 1 in D Major, Op. 39, No. 1,"			
by Sir Edward Elgar, arranged by James D. Ployar			
National AnthemPaige Woods			
"The Star Spangled Banner," by Francis Scott Key Bachelor of Fine Arts, Class of 2019			
WelcomeMartin Abraham			
Interim President			
Introduction of Senior Student Speaker			
Interim Provost and Academic Vice President			
"No Courage Without Fear" Leah Murphy			
Honors Scholar in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration			
Presentation of Academic Honors			
Cum LaudeWilliam G. Hoon			
Interim Dean, College of Fine Arts and Communication			
Magna Cum LaudeKatrina M. Daytner			
Interim Dean, College of Education and Human Services			
Interim Dean, College of Education and Human Services Summa Cum LaudeSusan Martinelli-Fernandez			
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Summa Cum Laude			

PROCESSIONAL INTRODUCTIONS

Kristi S. Mindrup, Assistant Vice President, Quad Cities

MARSHALS

Mariah Dicksen Nashuba Hudson Audrey Fletcher Colton Markey Nicole Hamilton-Cross Abigail Thompson

Guests may remain seated during the processional. Please stand and sing the National Anthem. Guests are asked to please remain seated until the stage party, faculty, and graduates have recessed. Your cooperation is appreciated.

COLLEGE SCHOLARS

Each of Western Illinois University's four academic colleges; the School of Global Education and Outreach; and the Centennial Honors College select 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.



Arts and Sciences Scholar

Lyndisty M. Littell (Bloomington, IL) graduates with a B.A. degree in Anthropology, with highest academic distinction, Summa Cum Laude. She is also the Anthropology Departmental Scholar and an Honors Scholar.



Business and Technology Scholar

Dakota W. Hicks (Carthage, IL) graduates with a B.B. degree in Finance, with highest academic distinction, Summa Cum Laude. He is also the Finance Departmental Scholar.



Education and Human Services Scholar

Alicia M. Dierikx (Coal Valley, IL) graduates with a B.S. degree in Recreation, Park, and Tourism Administration. She is also the Recreation, Park, and Tourism Administration Departmental Scholar.



Fine Arts and Communication Scholar

Sara A. Devine (New Berlin, IL) graduates with a BM-TED degree in Music Education, with highest academic distinction, Summa Cum Laude. She is also the Music Departmental Scholar and an Honors Scholar.



Global Education and Outreach Scholar

Troy E. Rhoads (Macomb, IL) graduates with a B.A. degree in General Studies, with highest academic distinction, Summa Cum Laude. He is also the General Studies Departmental Scholar.



Centennial Honors College Scholar

Christopher A. Wagner (Lena, IL) graduates with a B.S. degree in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration, with high academic distinction, Magna Cum Laude. He is also an Honors Scholar.

Honors Scholars

An Honors Scholar is a student in Western's Centennial Honors College who has completed a set of Honors requirements 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

Saturday, December 14, 2019 • 9:30 a.m. in Western Hall

Prelude	WIU Concert Band Art Martinez, Conductor
Processional	
National Anthem	Claire Ryterski
"The Star Spangled Banner," by Francis Scott Key	Senior, Music Major
Welcome	Martin Abraham Interim President
Alumni Achievement Awards	Brian Savage, Class of 1973 President, Alumni Council
Recipients: Kim R. Ekena, Class of 1980 Phillip C. Giles, Class of 1984	
Introductions	William T. Clow st and Academic Vice President
Presentation of Candidates, Graduate Degrees	Mark A. Mossman nd Director of Graduate Studies
Conferring of Graduate Degrees	Interim President Abraham
Hooding of Graduates, College of Arts and Sciences Sus Specialist in School Psychology Master of Arts Master of Liberal Arts and Sciences Master of Science	san Martinelli-Fernandez, Dean
Hooding of Graduates, College of Business and Technology Master of Accountancy Master of Arts Master of Business Administration Master of Science	John A. Elfrink, Interim Dean
Hooding of Graduates, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs Master of Arts	Interim Provost Clow
Presentation of Candidates, General Studies and Interdisciplinary Studies degree programs Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Science	sAssociate Provost Mossman
Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees, General Studies and Interdisciplinary Studies degree programs	s Interim President Abraham

Presentation of Candidates,
College of Business and Technology Interim Dean Elfrink
Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Business
Bachelor of Science
Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees,
College of Business and Technology
Presentation of Candidates,
College of Arts and Sciences
Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Bachelor of Science
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees,
College of Arts and Sciences
Singing of the Alma MaterRyterski
"Western Loyalty"
Closing Remarks
Recessional

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ACADEMIC READERS

Graduate

Dana Sistko, Immigration Specialist School of Graduate Studies

Undergraduate

Garrett D. Hunter, Professor of Engineering Technology College of Business and Technology

> Kristine M. Kelly, Professor of Psychology College of Arts and Sciences

MARSHALS

Joshua Charles Franke Nolan Clark Groenewold Lyndisty Littell Adria Gabrielle Ramey Troy E. Rhoads Quinn Rumler Joseph Anthony Turk Madeleine Wilsey

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COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

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Processional	D Major, Op. 39, No. 1,"	
National Anthem "The Star Spangled Banner," by Francis Scott Ke		
Welcome		
Alumni Achievement Awards	President, Alumni Council	
Introductions	im Provost and Academic Vice President	
Presentation of Candidates, Doctoral DegreesMark A. Mossman Associate Provost and Director of Graduate Studies		
Conferring of Doctoral Degrees	Interim President Abraham	
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Hooding of Graduates, College of Fine Arts and Communication Master of Arts Master of Fine Arts Master of Music Master of Science	William G. Hoon, Interim Dean	

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Graduate

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Undergraduate

Jason A. Conner, Associate Professor of Theatre and Dance College of Fine Arts and Communication

Heriberto Urby, Jr., Professor of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration College of Education and Human Services

MARSHALS

Payton Marie Abbott Donna Jeanne Breedlove Diana DeFelice-Pirro Sara Anne Devine Abbie J. Heitz Pedro Luis Herrera Kelsey Anne Pudlas Payton Ranae Reed

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ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Buie, a 1987 operations management graduate, currently serves as the Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Chicago Field Office. He was appointed to the position in July 2019. Previously, Buie was the Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's El Paso (TX) Field Office. He joined the Bureau in 1992, and was assigned to the Colorado Springs Resident Agency of the Denver Field Office, where he investigated criminal

matters. Buie was promoted to Supervisory Special Agent in 1999, and was assigned to the Weapons of Mass Destruction Operations Unit in the Counterterrorism Division at FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C. He was later promoted to Senior Supervisory Resident Agent at the Fairview Heights (IL) Resident Agency, and in 2006, Buie transferred to London as



Emmerson Buie, Jr. Class of 1987

the Assistant Legal Attaché and the Acting Deputy Legal Attaché. While overseas, he was the primary point of contact for coordinating the FBI's participation in several international counterterrorism and anti-organized crime agencies. He has also served as Assistant Special Agent in Charge of criminal matters for the FBI's Springfield Field Office, and in 2014, Buie served as the Cyber Division's senior liaison to the National Cybersecurity,

Communication and Integration Center at the Department of Homeland Security. Prior to joining the FBI, Buie served four years in the U.S. Army as an Infantry Officer and Desert Storm Veteran. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge and multiple commendations for his military service.

Ekena, a 1980 finance graduate, is retired vice president of marketing for the American River Transportation Company (ARTCO), a division of Archer Daniels Midland (ADM) in Decatur, IL, where he was responsible for the marketing and trading of the company's barge freight, as well as for developing and growing its supply chain. Under his direction, ARTCO has been at its fiscal peak. He initiated ARTCO's outside towing program,

which maximized boat power and increased revenues. His leadership resulted in continued growth in ARTCO's supply chain, including vessels, stevedoring, barging, terminaling, containers, and tracking. Previous to that role, Ekena served as vice president at ADM/Growmark, where he supervised 20 grain terminal managers, working with them on customer relationships and growing company market share. He was also involved with the development and growth of the company's river terminals, including the acquisitions of Garnac, LDC, PV, Countrymark, and Benson



Kim R. Ekena Class of 1980

Quinn. Earlier in his career with ADM, in the early 1990s, Ekena was responsible for an agreement with the Iowa Interstate, which created competitive rates for the transportation of corn to the Peoria Corn Plant, resulting in an unprecedented capture of wider basis corn out of Iowa. Since 1990, Ekena has been a member of the National Grain and Feed Association's Trade Rules Committee, serving as

its chairperson from 2006–2008. He was designated by ADM as a Campus Champion to serve as their ADM-WIU liaison in recruiting, advocating for the relationship and supporting fundraising initiatives. He is a charter member of the Advisory Board for the Supply Chain Management program. He has been instrumental in ADM's significant financial support of more than \$350,000 for WIU's Supply Chain Management program and in hiring WIU interns and graduates, in addition to his personal support.

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS (CONTINUED)

Giles, a 1984 Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration graduate, has served as the vice president of sales and marketing for QBE North America's Accident and Health division. QBE is a 130-year-old, \$14 billion integrated specialist insurer, operating in every key insurance market. He is responsible for formulation, implementation, and management of all business development and strategic marketing initiatives. He has more than 30 years of alternative risk experience.

Prior to joining QBE in 2014, Giles spent 11 years as head of marketing for Artex Risk Solutions, the international Captive and Alternative Risk Transfer division of Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. He was named the 2019 Reinsurance Professional of the Year—Cayman Captive Insurance Market by Captive International Magazine, was presented



Phillip C. Giles Class of 1984

with the Captive Professional of the Year recognition at the U.S. Captive Awards in 2017, has been named to Captive Review's Power 50 listing of most influential individuals in the worldwide captive insurance industry and was also recognized as a Global Top 10 Employee for QBE in 2016. He is a regular content contributor to a number of different industry publications. Giles holds the Certified Employee Benefit Specialist (CEBS) professional designation from the

International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Giles actively serves on several legislative task forces within the industry and various professional associations and serves as a mentor to young professionals.

Scott, a 1970 Health, Physical Education and Recreation graduate, served as professor and coordinator of faculty and instructional development, and director of development at the College of DuPage from 1998–2007, prior to retiring. Previously, she was a professor and department chair for the fashion merchandising/design department at the college for 11 years, as well as an adjunct instructor from 1981–86. Scott has

also worked as a corporate trainer for J & J Communications in Naperville, IL. She began her career as a freelance fashion designer and physical education instructor following her graduation from Western. Scott also has served as assistant athletic director and department chair at Wheaton-Warrenville High School and as a PE instructor at Wheaton Central High School. Currently, she is a national lecturer for Knitwear Design and does freelance knitwear design for Interlacements Yarn, Misti, Alpaca Yarns, Storey Publishing (One Skein Wonders books), Knitters Edge.com, and AHA Moments Knots.com. Scott is an avid supporter of her alma mater, having attended well over 100



Carol E. Scott Class of 1970

University events and served on the Alumni Council for 10 years, and as president of the council from 2015-17. She was a WIU Leatherneck Club board member, has served on the WIU Strategic Planning Committee, spanning several years, and supports several areas of the University with her time and financially, including Alumni Programs, Athletics, Student Services, the arts, Kinesiology and scholarships. In her community,

Scott serves on the Village of Glen Ellyn Recreation Commission Board, Ed Posh Scholarship Foundation Board, Junior Women's Club of Glen Ellyn, Chicago chapter of Fashion Group International, the Haute Couture Club of Chicago, Glenbard West Boosters Club and is a fine arts committee member at First Methodist Church. Scott is a recipient of the National Council for Staff, Program and Organizational Development's (NCSPOD) Outstanding Faculty Development Program award; is a board member of the Chicago Area Faculty Development Network (CAFDN) and of NCSPOD. She received her master's degree from National Lewis University.

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS (CONTINUED)

Washington, a 1987 Communication graduate and 1990 master's in College Student Personnel graduate, has served as Executive Vice President/ CEO of Urbana University (a branch campus of Franklin University) in Columbus, OH since 2017. A 20-year employee of Franklin University, Washington first served as a member of the MBA faculty, and advanced to Associate Dean and Program Chair of the program in 2002, to Chief Academic Officer in 2005 and Provost Class of 1987 and 1990 in 2007. During his tenure, three colleges were formed, IACBE accreditation was obtained, the number of bachelor's degrees doubled, master's programs tripled and four doctoral programs were introduced. He is the recipient of The Bailey Award from Franklin University, which recognizes faculty members



Christopher L. Washington

who have the most influence on their students, eLearning Magazine's Learning Champion Award, the Ohio Magazine's Outstanding Educator Award, and Business First Forty Under 40. Washington also served as an evaluator for the Higher Learning Commission, is a faculty adviser with the American Council on Education Leadership Programs and is on the Fulbright Specialist roster. Washington serves on a variety of local, state, and national boards, including as National Chair

of Global Ties US, Vice Chair of the Mountain East Conference, and on the International Visitors Council of Columbus among others. At Western, Washington has presented to numerous classes. Washington earned his Ph.D. from The Ohio State University.

DISTINGUISHED FACULTY LECTURER DR. KISHOR T. KAPALE

Kishor Kapale, interim chair and professor in the WIU Department of Physics, earned his doctorate (2002) in theoretical quantum optics from Texas A&M University, his master's degree in physics (1997) from the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, India, and his bachelor's degree in physics from the University of Bombay, Bombay, India (1995).

Professor Kapale joined Western's faculty in 2007

as an assistant professor after serving as a postdoctoral fellow at Princeton University, and as a National Research Council Research Associate at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California. He has served as the graduate coordinator for the WIU Department of Physics since 2010. He was co-founder of the Graduate Research Conference at WIU, and has served as the lead organizer of the conference since 2015. The conference provides graduate students an opportunity to showcase their scholarly, creative and professional work, as well as hone their presentation skills. He was awarded the College of Arts and Sciences 2017 Community Service Award, Kapale also received CITR's "Best in Track" Award in the Professional Research and Creative Activities category in 2018. Since Fall 2016, Kapale has held the position of professor in the Department of Physics and currently serves as interim department chair.

Kapale has served on numerous department, college, and University committees, and has organized numerous community events, including sky-viewing and astronomy courses. He manages and coaches the FIRST Lego Robotics teams for local elementary school children to help them appreciate the role of science and technology in the modern world.

Kapale lectured and conducted workshops, delivered key note addresses, and presented papers in national and international conferences and conventions of professional associations of physics, such as the American Physical Society and the Optical Society of America.



Kapale published "Studies in Quantum Statistical Mechanics: Condensate Statistics of an Ideal Bose Gas and Atomic Coherence Effects in Quantum Optics and Their Applications," contributed chapters for two books, and authored/co-authored over 40 pre-prints, conference papers, and articles in refereed journals. His research in the area of super-resolution was recognized

and featured in the American Physical Society's weekly publication "Physics," which presents a popular account of recent and notable physics research. Kapale was invited to write a research review on "Subwavelength Atom Localization" for the international, high-impact, yearly publication, "Progress in Optics," and he has nearly 45 publications to his credit that have close to 1,350 citations, according to Google Scholar.

Kapale considers the greatest honor for a theoretical physicist is to have an experimentalist test and/or realize their work in the lab. In 2007, the Physics Nobel Laureate William D. Phillips realized an idea Kapale, in collaboration with J.P. Dowling of Louisiana State University, had in 2005 on the interaction of spatial states of light carrying rotational energy with special phase of matter, called Bose-Einstein condensate, to allow efficient exchange of rotational energy between the two systems. Phillips and his team implemented the proposal in his laboratory at the National Institute of Standards and Technology facility in Maryland. This invention may one day lead to efficient gyroscopes for inertial navigation of airplanes, satellites, and space crafts.

The 2019 Distinguished Faculty Lecture is "A Stroll Through the Intriguing Quantum World." Kapale took the campus community on a virtual tour of the counterintuitive, yet amazing quantum world, how we have come to develop the understanding of it, how it has led to some of the technologies we use today and the dream-filled path that lies ahead that may one day lead to a quantum computer.

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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 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 15 nations representing students in today's graduating class at Western Illinois University. The flags represent the following countries: Bangladesh, China, Ghana, India, Jamaica, Nepal, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Thailand, Togo, Turkey, Turkmenistan, and the United States. Western Illinois University was home to students from 53 countries during the Fall 2019 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 processionals include gonfalons for Western Illinois University, the School of Graduate Studies, and each of the four academic colleges: Arts and Sciences (white); Business and Technology (royal blue); Education and Human Services (UN blue); and Fine Arts and Communication (spice brown).

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, 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 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 fall 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 printing 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.

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. Order forms and proofs will be mailed to the diploma address. DVDs of each ceremony will also be available through this mailing.

The University's official registry for conferral of degrees is the Office of the Registrar, 1 University Circle, Macomb, IL 61455-1390.

GUEST INFORMATION

Western 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.

Disability parking and seating are available at Western Hall. Assistive listening devices are available at the north lobby information table in Western Hall. Sign language interpretation is also provided. Mobility devices provided by Western are not permitted outside Western Hall.

A public first aid station in Western Hall is located in the east-west hallway behind the lower seating level on the south side.

Please note all emergency exit locations. Emergency exits in Western Hall are located behind the stage at the west end of the gym, through the East Arena, and through the main entry at the north lobby doors.

Western Illinois University is a smoke-free and tobacco-free campus.

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

College of Education and Human Services Doctor of Education

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP Dr. Eric C. Sheffield, Director

Andrew Thomas Fenton

"Simple Leadership for Complicated Times: An Examination of Emotional Intelligence, Servant Leadership, and the Elementary School Principal"

Dissertation Chair: Dr. James G. La Prad

Janean Susan Friedman

"Self-Regulated Learning Self-Efficacy in Young Males as Related to Intense Non-School Affiliated Extracurricular Activities"

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Sharon R. Stevens

Michelle Erin Hetrovicz

"The Impact of Universal Mindfulness Programming on Students' Social Emotional School Adjustment"

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Bridget Z. Sheng

Victorene King

"A Study on the Beliefs and Attitudes of School Staff about the Causes of Poverty and Their Perceived Preparedness to Meet the Needs of Students Experiencing Poverty"

Dissertation Chair: Dr. James G. La Prad

Tamara Gemuend La Prad

"The Rural Illinois Teacher Shortage as an Existential Crisis: A Study of School and Teacher Purpose Through the Perceptions of West Central Illinois High School Students"

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Lora L. Wolff

Isaac James Newman

"A Qualitative Analysis of a Midwestern Community College's Employees' Use of CliftonStrengths"

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Sharon R. Stevens

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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, Sept. 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 an urban campus in Moline, IL.





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Western students come together, Learning life's new way to pave. Paths before us, ever striving, Purple, gold, our color's brave. We all hold the keys within us. With new knowledge we will grow. Stronger in our bond unyielding, Truer to the world we know.

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Hail to Western, Alma Mater, May we honor thy fair name. Hail to Western, ever greater, on to conquest and to fame.

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