

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES – SPRING 2023



FRIDAY-SATURDAY, MAY 12-14

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A GREETING FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Class of 2023:

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

As you close this exciting and meaningful chapter of your academic career, characterized by immeasurable studying, collaborating with friends and classmates, and engaging in extracurricular activities, we reflect back on your time at Western. Many of you started your career at Western during a global pandemic and had to navigate college in ways you never could have imagined.

In spite of these challenges, you have made it through. You have my utmost respect and admiration. It's easy to think of graduation as the completion... the end. But, there's still work to be done, and there's still much to learn and grow from. This is the beginning of the next exciting chapter of your life.

The world needs you. We need your passion for your chosen field and your ambition to accomplish great things. We need your Leatherneck grit, tenacity, and resiliency. The world needs more Leathernecks like you.

Congratulations!

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Guiyou Huang".

Guiyou Huang, Ph.D.
President

COLLEGE SCHOLARS

Each of Western Illinois University's four academic colleges, the Centennial Honors College, and the University Libraries 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**

Camryn Lynn (Macomb, IL) graduates with a B.A. degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences, with highest academic distinction, Summa Cum Laude. She is also the Liberal Arts and Sciences Departmental Scholar and a Centennial Honors Scholar.



**Business and
Technology Scholar**

Carla Flores Garcia (Barcelona, Spain) graduates with B.S. degrees in Engineering Technology and Computer Science, with highest academic distinction, Summa Cum Laude. She is also the Engineering Technology Departmental Scholar.



**Education and
Human Services
Scholar**

Whitney Piper (Macomb, IL) graduates with a B.S. degree in Exercise Science, with highest academic distinction, Summa Cum Laude. She is also the Exercise Science Departmental Scholar and a Centennial Honors Scholar.



**Fine Arts and
Communication
Scholar**

Kennedy Williams (Glendale Heights, IL) graduates with a B.A. degree in Broadcasting and Journalism, with highest academic distinction, Summa Cum Laude. She is also the Broadcasting and Journalism Departmental Scholar and a Centennial Honors Scholar.



**University Libraries
Scholar**

Ramona Bellino (Morton Grove, IL) graduates with a B.A. degree in General Studies. She is also the General Studies Departmental Scholar.



**Centennial Honors
College Scholar**

Caleb Engebrecht (Milan, IL) graduates with a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering – Robotics, and a B.S. degree in Mathematics, with highest academic distinction, Summa Cum Laude. He is also a Centennial 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

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Friday, May 12, 2023 · 5:00 p.m.

Prelude.....	WIU Symphony Orchestra Kenny Lee, Conductor
Processional.....	Symphony Orchestra “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	Clarissa Leigh Consoli “The Star Spangled Banner,” by Francis Scott Key Bachelor of Fine Arts, Class of 2023 Symphony Orchestra
Master of Ceremonies	Manoochehr Zoghi Provost and Academic Vice President
Greetings from the Board of Trustees	Doug Shaw Board of Trustees Chair
Distinguished University Professor.....	Provost Zoghi Recipient: Dr. Peter Cole, History
Remarks to the Graduating Class	Guiyou Huang President
Presentation of Candidates, Doctoral Degrees	Mark A. Mossman Associate Provost and Director of Graduate Studies
Conferring of Doctoral Degrees.....	President Huang
Hooding of Doctoral Candidates.....	Provost Zoghi Doctor of Education, College of Education and Human Services
Presentation of Candidates, Graduate Degrees	Associate Provost Mossman
Conferring of Graduate Degrees.....	President Huang
Hooding of Graduates, College of Fine Arts and Communication	William T. Clow, Dean Master of Fine Arts
Hooding of Graduates, College of Arts and Sciences.....	Susan Martinelli-Fernandez, Dean Specialist in School Psychology Master of Arts Master of Liberal Arts and Sciences Master of Science
Hooding of Graduates, College of Business and Technology	Craig Conrad, Dean Master of Accountancy Master of Arts Master of Business Administration Master of Science

Hooding of Graduates,
 College of Education and Human ServicesKatrina Daytner, Interim Dean
 Education Specialist
 Master of Arts
 Master of Arts in Teaching
 Master of Public Health
 Master of Science
 Master of Science in Education

Hooding of Graduates, College of Fine Arts and Communication Dean Clow
 Master of Arts
 Master of Music
 Master of Science

Hooding of Graduates, Illinois Institute of Rural Affairs..... Christopher Merrett, Dean
 Master of Arts

Closing Remarks..... Provost Zoghi

Recessional..... Symphony Orchestra

PROCESSIONAL INTRODUCTIONS

James A. Rabchuk, Assistant Dean
 College of Arts and Sciences

ACADEMIC READERS

Doctoral

Mark A. Mossman, Associate Provost and Director of Graduate Studies

Graduate

Randy Glean, Associate Vice President for Global Studies

MARSHALS

Madison Boykin
 Jax Carillo
 Scott Johansen
 Anna Lucken
 Curtis Pointer

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Saturday, May 13, 2023 · 9:30 a.m.

Prelude.....WIU Symphony Orchestra
Kenny Lee, Conductor

Processional..... Symphony Orchestra
“Fanfare and Processional, from March No. 1 in D Major, Op. 39, No. 1,” by Sir Edward
Elgar, arranged by James D. Ployhar

National AnthemChinenye Janet Igwe
“The Star Spangled Banner,” by Francis Scott Key Bachelor of Fine Arts, Class of 2023
Symphony Orchestra

Master of CeremoniesManoochehr Zoghi
Provost and Academic Vice President

Greetings from the Board of TrusteesDoug Shaw
Board of Trustees Chair

Distinguished University Professor..... Provost Zoghi
Recipient: Dr. Peter Cole, History

Remarks to the Graduating ClassGuiyou Huang
President

Distinguished Alumni Award.....Matthew C. Toland, Classes of 2005, 2010
President, Alumni Council
Recipient: Warren “Bunny” Weiss, Class of 1978

“Meaningful Pursuits”Joshua Darius Stinson
Honors Scholar in English
Bachelor of Arts, Class of 2023

Presentation of Candidates,
College of Arts and Sciences Susan Martinelli-Fernandez, Dean
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 SciencesPresident Huang

Presentation of Candidates,
College of Business and Technology Craig Conrad, Dean
Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Business
Bachelor of Science

Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees
College of Business and TechnologyPresident Huang

Presentation of Candidates,
 General Studies Degree ProgramHéctor Maymí-Sugrañes, Dean
 Bachelor of Arts

Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees
 General Studies Degree Program President Huang

Welcome to Alumni Association..... Toland

Closing Remarks..... Provost Zoghi

Recessional..... Symphony Orchestra

PROCESSIONAL INTRODUCTIONS

James A. Rabchuk, Assistant Dean
 College of Arts and Sciences

ACADEMIC READERS

Margarita Obregon, Senior Instructor of Foreign Languages and Literatures
 College of Arts and Sciences

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

Jeffrey Hancks, Professor of Libraries
 General Studies

MARSHALS

Kinsey Brawner
 James Cooper Craiger
 Carla Flores García
 Allison J. Lloyd
 Camryn Lynn
 Baylee K. Mayberry
 Krista R. Swenson Myers
 Jebadiah J. Schwager

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Saturday, May 13, 2023 · 1:00 p.m.

Prelude.....	WIU Symphony Orchestra Kenny Lee, Conductor
Processional.....	Symphony Orchestra “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	Emma Nadine Bachman “The Star Spangled Banner,” by Francis Scott Key Bachelor of Music, Class of 2023 Symphony Orchestra
Master of Ceremonies	Manoochehr Zoghi Provost and Academic Vice President
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“Meaningful Pursuits”	Joshua Darius Stinson Honors Scholar in English Bachelor of Arts, Class of 2023
Presentation of Candidates, College of Education and Human Services	Katrina Daytner, Interim Dean Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Science in Education Bachelor of Social Work
Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees College of Education and Human Services	President Huang
Presentation of Candidates, College of Fine Arts and Communication.....	William T. Clow, Dean Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Fine Arts Bachelor of Music Bachelor of Science

Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees	President Huang
College of Fine Arts and Communication	
Welcome to Alumni Association.....	Toland
Closing Remarks.....	Provost Zoghi
Recessional.....	Symphony Orchestra

PROCESSIONAL INTRODUCTIONS

James A. Rabchuk, Assistant Dean
College of Arts and Sciences

ACADEMIC READERS

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

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

MARSHALS

Billie Reann Chadderdon
Cynthia Delgado
Keri Lynn DeVolder
Haley Heeren
Maranda Helen Marie Johnson
Whitney Piper
Madalyn Pridemore
Kennedy Elizabeth Williams

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Sunday, May 14, 2023 · 1:00 p.m.

Prelude.....	WIU Brass Ensemble
Processional.....	WIU Brass 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.....	Victoria Grace Lynn
“The Star Spangled Banner,” by Francis Scott Key	Bachelor of Fine Arts Class of 2023
Master of Ceremonies	Manoochehr Zoghi Provost and Academic Vice President
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Recipient: Dr. Peter Cole, History	
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Hooding of Graduates, College of Fine Arts and Communication	William T. Clow, Dean Master of Arts Master of Music Master of Science
Hooding of Graduates, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs.....	Christopher D. Merrett, Dean Master of Arts
Presentation of Candidates, Undergraduate Degrees	Provost Zoghi
Conferring of Undergraduate Degrees	President Huang
General Studies Degree Program	Héctor J. Maymí-Sugrañes, Dean Bachelor of Arts
College of Arts and Sciences	Dean Martinelli-Fernandez Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Sciences Bachelor of Science in Nursing
College of Business and Technology.....	Dean Conrad Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Business Bachelor of Science
College of Education and Human Services	Interim Dean Daytner Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Science in Education Bachelor of Social Work
College of Fine Arts and Communication.....	Dean Clow Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Fine Arts Bachelor of Music Bachelor of Science
Welcome to the Alumni Association	Matthew C. Toland Classes of 2005, 2010 President, WIU Alumni Council
Closing Remarks.....	Provost Zoghi

Recessional.....Brass Ensemble

Members of the Western Illinois University Brass Ensemble are: Thomas Arns, trumpet; Neill Roshto, second trumpet; Emily Hardy, French horn; Luke Devore, trombone; and Kate Senger, tuba.

PROCESSIONAL INTRODUCTIONS

James A. Rabchuk, Assistant Dean
College of Arts and Sciences
WIU Quad Cities

ACADEMIC READERS

Doctoral and Graduate

James A. Rabchuk, Assistant Dean
College of Arts and Sciences
WIU Quad Cities

Undergraduate

Susan Stewart, Professor
Management and Marketing
WIU Quad Cities

MARSHALS

Aaliyah Elfridge
Claire Henniges
Jaylin Randle
Kennedy Roggenbauer
Alexander Welch

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Distinguished Alumni Award, given since 1973, recognizes alumni who have brought credit to the University and themselves through exceptional professional accomplishments, meritorious service to ensure the continued excellence of WIU and through service to their communities at the national, state or local levels.

Weiss, a 1978 law enforcement graduate, is Founder and Managing Partner at WestWave Capital and Partner Emeritus at Foundation Capital.

Affectionately known as “Bunny,” Weiss has had decades of success uncovering tech giants in their emerging stages. His work on SilverSpring Networks earned him a spot on the Forbes Midas List of Technology’s Top Investors. He is a four-time CEO of venture backed companies, and worked with Steve Jobs at NeXT.

Weiss serves on the Board of Binarly and Secuvy for WestWave Capital. He remains a General Partner on past funds at Foundation Capital (where he no longer



**Warren “Bunny” Weiss
Class of 1978**

makes new investments) and serves on the boards of ForgeRock (IPO) and Visier. He is also on the board of the Weiss Scholarship Foundation, a charity that provides education to children in Kenya.

Weiss’s close ties with leading universities and research labs give him a window into innovations in their purest form, and he cherishes the chance to work with the smartest minds in business, whether first-timers or Nobel Prize winners.

He is a member of President Huang’s National Advisory Council and has been a key influencer in assisting with moving our Cybersecurity Program forward. He is a member of WIU’s Cybersecurity Advisory Board and has traveled to campus to offer advice and guidance for the program. He has been a guest speaker for campuswide events. He remains passionate about working with his alma mater to build the University’s Cybersecurity program as he believes with 10 million jobs available in that field in the U.S., now is the time for him to help our Leatherneck students find jobs in the field.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS (CONTINUED)

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Elliott, a 1965 social studies graduate, currently serves as CEO Emeritus of National Express Group LLC.

He began his career as an educator, first in the Kankakee School district as a teacher, later as a central office administrator and then onto Lockport High School district. In 1972, he joined KAL Leasing and was appointed President in 1974. KAL was acquired by RYDER System in 1986 and Elliott served as a general manager then Senior Vice President of Ryder Student Transportation. That organization was acquired by First Group PLC in 1999 and was renamed First Student, with Elliott as its President in January 2000. Later that year he was named President and Chief Operating Officer of Durham School Services (a division of National Express



John A. Elliott
Class of 1965

Group PLC), eventually being named Chief Executive Officer in 2004 as the organization had acquired Stock Transportation in Canada and other student transportation companies throughout the US.

Elliott has established the Joann Amos Elliott Memorial Scholarships at WIU in loving memory of his wife whom he met at Western. He has been a strong supporter of his alma mater over the years including support for scholarships, athletics, the Alumni Association and History

Department. He participated in track and field at Western and was a member of Alpha Phi Omega. Elliott received the WIU Alumni Achievement Award in 2017.

He served on the Board of the National School Transportation Association (NSTA) for more than 20 years. He received the NSTA Hall of Fame Award in 2006, was named School Bus Fleet Contractor of the Year in 2007 and received the Lifetime Achievement Award from National Express Group PLC in 2014. Having served on many local Boards, he has served on the National Board of Canine Companions for Independence since 2001.

DISTINGUISHED UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR

DR. PETER COLE

Peter Cole is a professor of history at WIU, first joining the University's faculty in 2000. He is also the founder and co-director of a public art project in Chicago to commemorate the 1919 Chicago Race Riot. The project, CRR19, is working to place markers across the city at the locations where each of 38 lives were lost.

CRR19 was launched in 2019 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the riot. Since then, numerous events have taken place to raise awareness of the project, including their annual historic tour of Bronzeville and Bridgeport, by bike, to highlight the history of places connected to the riot and its legacy, revealed in the city's enduring residential segregation.

Cole said he is honored to be selected as this year's Distinguished University Professor.

"I look forward to sharing my work on the Chicago Race Riot of 1919 Commemoration Project to the WIU community," he said. "I'm also proud to join many of my colleagues and friends from the History Department in being selected—and gladly note that my department has had more Distinguished Faculty Lecturers than any other."

Cole initially joined WIU's faculty as an assistant professor and was promoted to associate professor in 2006. He was promoted to professor in 2011.

He also currently serves as a research associate at the Society, Work and Development Institute at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa. He was a visiting scholar for the Institute for the Study of Societal Issues at the University of California, Berkeley in 2011; a visiting research fellow for the Center for Sociological Research at the University of Johannesburg in South Africa in 2009, the associate director of the Culture and Society in Africa Program at the Associated Colleges of the Midwest, and a visiting professor of history at the University of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania in 2007.

Prior to coming to WIU, Cole was an assistant professor at Boise State University from 1998-2000, a lecturer at Western Maryland College in 1998, a visiting assistant professor at Washington College in Maryland in 1997, and an instructor at Georgetown University in 1996.

Cole has published several books, including his most recent, Ben Fletcher: *The Life and Times of a Black Wobbly*, in 2021, and the prize-winning



Dockworker Power: Race and Activism in Durban and the San Francisco Bay Area.

While at Western, Cole has been awarded the Provost's Award for Excellence in Multicultural Teaching (2023); the Excellence in Multicultural Teaching award from the College of Arts and Sciences (2022); the Excellence in Scholarship award from the CAS (2020); the

President's Excellence in Diversity Award for Teaching (2014); and a Faculty Study Abroad Fellowship to South Africa (2012-14).

In addition to his teaching, Cole is the director of graduate studies for the History Department and chair of the History Department's Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. He serves on the Scholarship Committee for the African American Studies program; on the Advisory Board for WIU Global Citizens: International Scholars Initiative; has served on the Scholarship and Recruitment Committee; the Department Personnel Committee; chair of the Academic Integrity Committee; served on the department's graduate committee; the Chair's Advisory Committee; chair of the Library Committee; chair of the Faculty Council in the CAS; the CAS Curriculum Committee; served on the Outstanding Faculty Awards Selection Committee for the CAS; the College Personnel Committee for the CAS; the President's Faculty Roundtable; the Expanding Cultural Diversity Project; the University Sustainability Committee and its Transportation Subcommittee; the WIU Affirmative Action Administrative Internship Committee; the First Year Experience Subcommittee; was on the House of Delegates for University Professionals of Illinois (UPI), and was the faculty advisor to the Veggie Club, Campus Greens, the Cycling Club and the Flatlander Rock Climbers.

In addition to his four books, Cole has authored and published numerous scholarly articles, commentaries, opinion essays and blog posts; encyclopedia articles; reviews of books, museums and websites; chaired several scholarly conferences and seminars; and presented at numerous conferences, seminars and at universities.

Cole received his bachelor's degree in History at Columbia University in New York and his Ph.D. in History from Georgetown University.

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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 31 nations representing students in today's graduating class at Western Illinois University. The flags represent the following countries: Argentina, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Canada, China, Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Germany, Ghana, Grenada, Haiti, India, Iran, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Nepal, Nigeria, Philippines, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Spain, St. Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkmenistan, United Kingdom and the United States. Western Illinois University was home to students from 61 countries during the Spring 2023 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, and each of the four academic colleges: Arts and Sciences; Business and Technology; Education and Human Services; and Fine Arts and Communication as well as the Centennial Honors College, and University Libraries.

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 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.

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.

The University's official registry for conferral of degrees is the Office of the Registrar.

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 and the Vibrant Arena at The Mark. Assistive listening devices are available at the sound table south of the stage in Western Hall and Guest Services at The Mark. 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.

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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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