

Convocation

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023



College of ACES

PROCESSION

Sycamore Brass Quintet

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF DEAN

Anna Ball

Associate Dean, Academic Programs

REMARKS AND RECOGNITION OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

Germán Bollero

Dean, College of ACES

CONVOCATION SPEAKER

Anna Dilger

Associate Head & Director of Undergraduate Studies, Animal Sciences

RECOGNITION OF JAMES SCHOLARS

Anna Ball

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES

Agricultural & Biological Engineering

Agricultural & Consumer Economics

Agricultural Leadership, Education &
Communications

Animal Sciences

Crop Sciences

Food Science & Human Nutrition

Human Development & Family Studies

Natural Resources & Environmental
Sciences

Nutritional Sciences

CONFERRAL OF CANDIDATES

Germán Bollero

CLOSING REMARKS

Anna Ball

HAIL TO THE ORANGE

Sycamore Brass Quintet

Hail to the Orange, Hail to the Blue,

Hail Alma Mater, Ever so true.

We love no other, So let our motto be,

Victory, Illinois Varsity!

RECESSION OF FACULTY AND GRADUATES

Academic Dress

Academic dress, consisting of cap, gown, and hood, originated about the twelfth century, and was worn primarily for warmth. Subsequently, the material of the gown and the lining, and shape of the hood, represented the economic, social, and academic status of the wearer.

In the United States, the great majority of the academic costumes now worn are in accordance with the general provisions of the Intercollegiate Code of 1895, which was revised in 1932 and again in 1960. Under this code, the bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves, the master's gown has oblong sleeves with an arc at the bottom, and the doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves. Black is the traditional color for gowns, although at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, academic dress has been designed specifically for the Institution: blue gowns with orange accents and blue mortarboards.

The bachelor's and master's gowns are untrimmed. The doctor's gown is faced down the front with velvet and has three bars of velvet across the sleeves. The facing and bars may be black or blue, as is the case at Illinois, or may be the color of the subject to which the degree pertains. The bachelor's gown is worn closed; the master's and doctor's gowns may be worn open or closed.

The bachelor's hood is 3 feet in length; the master's, 3 1/2 feet; and the doctor's, 4 feet. Hoods are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring the degree. At Illinois, the lining is orange and blue. The colored velvet border of the hood, which is 2 inches, 3 inches, and 5 inches wide for the bachelor's, master's, and doctor's degree, respectively, identifies the faculty or field of study to which the degree pertains.

The mortarboard cap is standard in the United States. Usually, all tassels are black, but where the bachelor's graduates do not wear hoods, as at Illinois, the color of the cap tassel indicates the department of study. Candidates for degrees wear tassels on the right front quadrant of their caps and move them to the left front quadrant after degrees are conferred. Caps are considered a part of the costume and are customarily removed only during an invocation or benediction, and then by men only. The orange and blue braided cords worn from the left shoulder by bachelor's graduates signify University Honors.

The Jewel of Office worn by the President was presented to the University of Illinois Alumni Association. It is emblematic of the Office of the President and is worn at all formal academic ceremonies. On the gold collar, also worn by the President, are engraved the names of the Presidents of the University and their years of service. For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctor's gown, edging of hoods, tassels of caps, and linings of banners, the colors associated with the different disciplines are indicated below.

ACES - Maize	Law - Purple
Applied Health Sciences - Sage Green	Liberal Arts & Sciences - White
Architecture - Blue-Velvet	Library Science - Lemon
Business - Drab	Media - Crimson
Education - Light Blue	Philosophy - Dark Blue
Engineering - Orange	Social Work - Citron
Fine & Applied Arts - Brown	Veterinary Medicine - Gray
Labor & Employment Relations - Drab	

** The tassel is worn on the right-front quadrant until the degree is conferred.*

Agricultural and Biological Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Technical Systems Management | Engineering Technology & Management of Agricultural Systems

Juan Pablo Alanis
Daniel Avelar
Zachary Carter
Solomon Allen Davenport
Luis A. Espiritu
Jonathan Gonzalez
Silvestre Guerrero
Carlos Luis Montañez
Jacky Nham
Tyler Merrill Nichols
Tim Novick
Jack Pico
Eloisa Rego
Jaquelyn Romero
Manuel Ruvalcaba
Elisa Segura
Ryan Stoerger
Luis Vera
Hamza Yusuf-Omane

Master of Science in Engineering Technology & Management of Agricultural Systems | Technical Systems Management | Bioprocessing and Bioenergy

Felcia Arokia
Kaleigh Barnett
Hunter Bolen
Rebecca Grace Cartellone
Cheyanne Kay Dierickx
Nicholas Fazio
Guha Preethi Karthikrajan
Ruyi Li
Henry Zong-Han Lin
William R Rexroad
Lu Sun
Heather VanHeeswijk
Harika Venkatannagari

Agricultural and Consumer Economics

Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Consumer Economics

Allison Altschuler
Henry Brown
Nati Clay
Joshua James Cray
Desiree Rose Criollo
Allison Cruz
Francisco Dominguez
Kyle Fairfield
Harrison Greene
Brend Hiserote Martinez
Bertine M. Ilunga
Aaliyah M. Kissick
Jake Konieczki
Tyler Kormos
Knute Larson
Brandon Latherow
Conor Mack
Juan Carlos Martinez
Amber Mohammed
Mark Musial
Moses Nattawuttisit
Collin Nye
Guadalupe Ocon
Emma Peters
Nolan Carter Polly
Devun Pontrelli
Ivylisse Ramirez
Tommy Reardon
Reid Frederick Schilling
Ben Schultz
Kyoungjoo So
Taylor Soffel
Michael Spencer
Quinn Patrick Sweeney
Dominika Swiecicka
Rui Tang
Camara Janae Thomas
Cole Thompson
Davis Tingley
Colin Sean Truesdale
Jake Uphoff

Gabriel Valente
Kayla Vuong
Ryan Waldinger
Jason Wang
Logan Williamson
Maya Woods
Matthew Wrzosek
Jack Young
Yuan Xiwei

Master of Science in Agricultural and Applied Economics

Andrew Beguhl
Guillermo Bort
Aleksi Knepp
Briley Riann Lenkaitis
Inder Majumdar
Alix Naugler
Caleb Reed
Donnyqua Lauren Stewart
Heng Wang
Hanna Willwerth

Doctor of Philosophy in Agricultural and Applied Economics

Karelys Guzman Finol
Maria Kalaitzandonakes
Vaibhav Kamble
Seojeong Oh
Sarah Sellars
Min-Fang Wei
Chengzheng Yu

Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications

Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications

Lea Arvanites
Aaron Brown
Baylee Bushong
Rachel Annaliese Curtis
Haley Morgan Dellacqua
Josh Grimes

Eric Michael Hanson
Nya Haywood
Abbigail Jayne Kepp
Berkhan Kurtulus
Steven Migut

Master of Science in Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications

Beth Burrow
Kelsie Ann Camling
Jenna Gorman
Megan Lynn Huelsmann
Rob Klein
Nancy L Kuhajda
Brittney Lynn Muschetto
Katelynn Renee Ohrt
Megan Lynn Pierson
Samantha Smith

Animal Sciences

Bachelor of Science in Animal Sciences

Ariana Nailea Campos
Jazmin Cazares
McKenzie Evans
Virginia Florianowicz
Janet Jackson
Fatima Kazimi
Kennedi Koetzle
Hunter Kruep
Ashlyn Denae Lane
Sherry Lee
Angie Luna Estevez
Ashley Matan
Emily Isabel Mora
Alejandra Morales
Sora Ogawa
Ariane Boisseau O'Shield
Kassidy Ann Parkhill
Caitlin Ramirez
Grace Richardson
Shanice Ward
Wendy Lynn Zbrosekewich

Master of Science in Animal Sciences | Agricultural Production

Luana Benicio
Jennifer Blair
Breanna Jane Bone
Jeni Bushman
Ashley Dickerson
Noah Gainey
Lizet Garcia
Joshua Hannon
Navya Jallepally
Joseph Metz
Kenzie Nelson
Emily O'Meara
Kaitlin Richey
Daisy Ugalde
Paula Viero Marchioretto
Cameron Stephanik White
Tawni N. Williams-Stroud
Angela M Zilinger

Doctor of Philosophy in Animal Sciences

Shannon Elyse Finet
Thesis: EVALUATION OF SELECT NOVEL
DIETARY FIBER-RICH INGREDIENTS
AND THEIR FUNCTIONALITY IN
COMPANION ANIMAL NUTRITION

Clare Hsu
Thesis: EFFECTS OF PROTEIN
SOURCES AND PROCESSING
CONDITIONS ON PROTEIN QUALITY IN
CANINE NUTRITION

Julianna Christine Jespersen
Thesis: ALTERATION OF DIETARY
ENERGY AND AMINO ACID DENSITIES
DURING COCCIDIOSIS INFECTION IN
BROILERS

Qianming Jiang
Sara Tondini

Crop Sciences

Bachelor of Science in Crop Sciences | Computer Science + Crop Sciences

Jatan Agrawal
Gabrielle Noel Barnvos
Lexi Ippolito
Lincoln Koehler

Chengxu (Gary) Liu
Galvin McQuellon
Jonevas Rhone Jr
Cody Sedlock
Taylor Wilson
Lisa Xue

Master of Science in Crop Sciences | Agricultural Production

Anup Dhakal
Tara Suzanne Heath
Logan Miller
Daisy Situ
Mark Tappan

Doctor of Philosophy in Crop Sciences

Lucas Kopecky Bobadilla
Olivia Landau
Matthew Murphy

Food Science and Human Nutrition

Bachelor of Science in Food Science and Human Nutrition

Giulia Boggio
Alex Bornstein
Jaylen Boyd
Stephanie Dolores Cajka
Jillian Devine
Tianhao Dou
Loujain Fouly
Ben Gulizia-Cowing
Aamir Hemani
Kennedy Higginbottom
Jeffrey Hsu
Justin Jatico
Rachel Lee
Erik Mudd
Maya Rahman
Josie Sinn
Hayley Soria Castaneda
Tyler Julian Sudduth
Vincent Tseng

Master of Science in Food Science | Human Nutrition

Matthew Arceo
Japnit Baidwan
Maria Gabriela Chavarria Lopez
Abby Elizabeth Christman-Claffy
Iulia Ciubotariu
Kourtney Rose Cordes
Niti Chetanbhai Desai
Noella Dsouza
Josephine Kuntjoro
Paige Mackenzie Lemmex
Haofu Li
Sreeja Malyala
Colin Michael Marsh
Gabby Plata
Sapanna Ripley
Helen Roman
Jaeyoung Sim
Renel Sun
Katelyn Van Buskirk
Abhishek Varadharajan
Anushka Waikar
Ira Wang
Arielle Weinstein
Shiwei Yue

Doctor of Philosophy in Food Science | Human Nutrition

Xinhe Huang
Fatma Kadayifci
Chanwoo Kim
Yanlin Lei
Anthony Miller
Annemarie Mysonhimer
Cristina Resendiz Moctezuma
Gustavo Reyes Polanco
Marco Toc Sagra

Human Development and Family Studies

Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Studies

Sydney Allen
Bailey Branham
Aarion Rashaun Brown

Chloe Giselle Edwards
Nevaeh Kennedy
Erika Lara
Alondra Lopez Montiel
Inda Montes
Gisselle Mora Diaz
Margaret Therese O'Malley
Denise Linette Perry
Tinlee Shepherd
Daniella Soumanou

Doctor of Philosophy in Human Development and Family Studies

Alyssa Billington
Xiaomei Li
Christopher Maniotes
So Young Park
Esra Sahin

Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences

Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences

Steven Adamson
Rohit Balay
Hunter Benesh
Clayton Bolen
Alex Chavez
Dunya Diyadawagamage
Casey Fry
Holly Hahn
Ian Kocher
Catrina Mei Kujawa
Ricky Lim
Chengxu (Gary) Liu
Matthew Anthony McGavin
Miguel Angel Ortiz
Moshe Piltz
Hamson Shen
Melody Dawn Stuppy
Avery Viadero
Enzo Yamada

Master of Science in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences

John Bieber
Melissa Boman
Caroline Cain
Molly Colleen Carlson
Samantha Garcia
Jane Gross
Emily Guske
Michaela Hecox
Laurel Johnson
Shravani Kalita
Avery Parmiter
Alma Schrage
Emily Sunnucks
Grace Wilson Wu Budde
Grant Curtis Witynski

Doctor of Philosophy in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences

Nathan Alexander
Thesis: CONSERVATION OF A
FOSSORIAL GRASSLAND SPECIES
(GEOMYS BURSARIUS) THROUGH
UNDERSTANDING NICHE REDUCTION,
LANDSCAPE GENETICS, AND
PHYLOGENETICS

Caitlin Bloomer
Marissa Chase
Ai Chen
Jordan Hartman
Evan Salcido
Suresh Sharma
Thesis: UNDERSTANDING AND GUIDING
THE ADOPTION OF SUSTAINABLE
AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES THROUGH
RESEARCH ON HUMAN VALUES,
KNOWLEDGE, AND INSTITUTIONAL
CHANGE

Seunguk Shin

Nutritional Sciences

Master of Science in Nutritional Sciences

Siyuan Liang
Hossein Omid Ardali
- Sujiyanto

Doctor of Philosophy in Nutritional Sciences

Maribel Barragan
Megumi Hashida
Noah Hutchinson
Emanuela Kayser
Thesis: EVALUATION OF FUNCTIONAL
INGREDIENTS ON GLYCEMIC
RESPONSE, FECAL METABOLITES,
FECAL MICROBIOTA, SYSTEMIC
OXIDATIVE STRESS AND
INFLAMMATION, AND NUTRIENT
DIGESTIBILITY IN COMPANION ANIMAL
NUTRITION

Steven Krauklis
Thesis: CENTRAL SIGNALING
PATHWAYS IN CHEMOTACTIC
SIGNALING

Arden McMath
Sergio Miranda de Souza Junior
Danielle Louise Opetz
Thesis: EFFECTS OF DIET ON THE BODY
COMPOSITION, VOLUNTARY PHYSICAL
ACTIVITY, BLOOD HORMONES AND
METABOLITES, AND FECAL
CHARACTERISTICS OF ADULT CATS
UNDERGOING WEIGHT GAIN AND
WEIGHT LOSS CONDITIONS

Ashlie Santaliz Casiano
Nate Willis

**This program contains an unofficial list of candidates for graduation in the summer and fall terms.*

December 2023 ACES James Scholars

Allison Cruz
Virginia Evelyn Florianowicz

Convocation Speaker

ANNA DILGER

Associate Head & Director of Undergraduate Studies
Animal Sciences

Dr. Anna Dilger is a professor at the University of Illinois and serves as the associate head and director of undergraduate studies for the Department of Animal Sciences. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Purdue University, and her doctorate from the University of Illinois. Her research program focuses on improving the growth and efficiency of animal production and the quality of products produced, and being in Illinois, pigs and pork are a definite focus of her work. Anna is also an engaging and enthusiastic teacher who motivates her students using student-centered activities and innovative assignments, and she excels in her commitment to translating science for the public.



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