

# COMMENCEMENT 2019

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Each year the University of Illinois Springfield celebrates its many outstanding graduates by holding commencement ceremonies at the Bank of Springfield Center in downtown Springfield, Illinois.

The 48th annual UIS commencement ceremonies were held at the Bank of Springfield Center on **Saturday, May 11, 2019.**

**There were two ceremonies, at 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.** The ceremonies were divided by college.

- Students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences participated in the **12:30 p.m. ceremony.**

- Students in the College of Business and Management, College of Education and Human Services, and College of Public Affairs and Administration participated in the **5:30 p.m. ceremony.**

To purchase a full ceremony DVD, please complete the [\*\*Graduation Ceremony DVD Request\*\*](#).

UIS Commencement 2019 Video



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## Important Information for 2019 Graduates

All students planning to participate in commencement ARE REQUIRED to complete the following TWO steps:

1. **Confirm their participation** by submitting the online intent to participate (note: the Student Commencement Participation Form is no longer available; please see Information for Students for additional information).
2. **Purchase a cap and gown** during the "Graduate Salute" held in the UIS Bookstore on the following dates:  
Thursday, March 28 – 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Friday, March 29 – 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 30 – 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Please see Information for Students for alternatives to purchasing a cap and gown at Graduate Salute.

## Special Information for International Students

Commencement information for international students (including information for inviting guests) can be found on the [\*\*International Student Services\*\*](#) website.



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# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES 2019

## Processional

Pomp and Circumstance Nos. I and IV by Elgar  
(Audience is asked to remain seated during the processional)

Hilary Frost, Grand Marshal\*

Platform Party

Faculty

Students

## Musical Selections

Star Spangled Banner by Francis Scott Key

Illinois, Illinois by Archibald Johnson/Charles

Chamberlin

Performed by Denise Yates, 1996 and 1998 Alumna

## Opening Remarks

Susan J. Koch, Chancellor

## Greetings from the President

Timothy L. Killeen, President, University of Illinois (5:30 ceremony)

## Conferring of Honorary Degree

Doctor of Humane Letters

Karen Hasara (5:30 ceremony)

## Introduction of Student Commencement Speaker

Clarice Ford, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

## Remarks to Fellow Graduates

Jeffrey C. Nevins, Class of 2019

## Presentation of Doctoral Degree Candidates

Dennis Papini, Provost/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (5:30 ceremony)

## Conferring of Doctoral Degrees

Timothy L. Killeen, President, University of Illinois (5:30 ceremony)

## Presentation of Master's Degree Candidates

Dennis Papini, Provost/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

## Conferring of Master's Degrees

Susan J. Koch, Chancellor (12:30 ceremony)

Timothy L. Killeen, President, University of Illinois (5:30 ceremony)

## Presentation of Bachelor's Degree Candidates

Dennis Papini, Provost/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

## Conferring of Bachelor's Degrees

Susan J. Koch, Chancellor (12:30 ceremony)

Timothy L. Killeen, President, University of Illinois (5:30 ceremony)

## Presentation of Graduates

(See "Student Walk Order" section for the approximate sequence in which students will walk across the stage) \*\*

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (12:30 ceremony)

College of Business and Management (5:30 ceremony)

College of Education and Human Services (5:30 ceremony)

College of Public Affairs and Administration (5:30 ceremony)

## Closing Remarks

Susan J. Koch, Chancellor

## Recessional

Pomp and Circumstance Nos. I and IV by Elgar

(Students and audience are asked to remain seated during the recessional)

Hilary Frost, Grand Marshal\*

Platform Party

Faculty

\* Grand Marshal is an honorary title conferred each year on a professor by vote of the UIS faculty.

\*\* Graduates' names are read by Tim Schweizer, Public Service Administrator, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Mrudula Mara, Senior Site Reliability Engineer, Humana, Inc. – Louisville, KY (12:30 ceremony), and Brian Mackey, NPR Illinois Statehouse Reporter (5:30 ceremony).



# ABOUT

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See our [Visitors](#) page for directions and information for out of town guests. See our [Ceremony](#) page for additional information about the ceremonies

# Speakers and Marshals

## Speakers

University President, **Timothy L. Killeen** (5:30 ceremony)

UIS Chancellor, **Susan J. Koch**

Student Speaker, **Jeffrey C. Nevins**

## Marshals

Each year, the faculty and students who comprise each program committee on campus select one graduating student who best exemplifies the goals and spirit of each program. Those students are then designated as program marshals and may be identified on commencement day by the gold stoles they wear.

The procession is led by the Grand Marshal. The Grand Marshal is an honorary title conferred each year on a professor by vote of the UIS faculty. The 2019 Grand Marshal is **Hilary Frost**.

## Distance Viewing

- The ceremonies will be [webcast live](#) on the UIS website.
- To purchase a ceremony DVD, please complete the [Graduation Ceremony DVD Request](#).

## Tickets

Tickets are not required for admission into the ceremonies.

## Commencement Week Schedule of Events

Check back here frequently for updates. \* Denotes by invitation only

EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	CONTACT 
<b>*UIS Peoria Center Graduation Reception</b> Friday, May 3, 2019	Embassy Suites, East Peoria	6:30 p.m.	Rhonda Bussell (309) 999-4252 <a href="mailto:bussell.rhonda@uis.edu">bussell.rhonda@uis.edu</a>
<b>Black Graduation</b> Saturday, May 4, 2019	Student Union Ballroom	1:00 p.m.	Diversity Center (217) 206-6333 <a href="mailto:diversity@uis.edu">diversity@uis.edu</a> ; Pre-registration is required at: <a href="http://go.uis.edu/Blackgrad2019">go.uis.edu/Blackgrad2019</a>
<b>Hispanic/Latinx Graduation</b> Saturday, May 4, 2019	Student Union Ballroom	4:30 p.m.	Diversity Center (217) 206-6333 <a href="mailto:diversity@uis.edu">diversity@uis.edu</a> ; Pre-registration is required at: <a href="http://go.uis.edu/HLgrad2019">go.uis.edu/HLgrad2019</a>
<b>Lavender Graduation: A Celebration of LGBTQIA+ and Allied Students, Staff, and Faculty:</b> Friday, May 10, 2019	Student Union Ballroom	12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Gender and Sexuality Student Services (217) 206-8316 <a href="mailto:gss@uis.edu">gss@uis.edu</a> ; Pre-registration is required at: <a href="http://go.uis.edu/lavgrad">go.uis.edu/lavgrad</a>
<b>International Congratulatory Ceremony:</b> Friday, May 10, 2019	Student Union Ballroom	3:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Erika Suzuki (217) 206-8164 <a href="mailto:esuzu2@uis.edu">esuzu2@uis.edu</a>
<b>*Department of Public Administration Graduate Hooding and Pi Alpha Alpha Induction</b> Friday, May 10, 2019	PAC C/D	6:00 p.m.	Sean McCandless (217) 206-8347 <a href="mailto:smcca8@uis.edu">smcca8@uis.edu</a>
<b>*CAP Honors Program Graduation Breakfast:</b> Saturday, May 11, 2019	PAC Lower Level (Outside of Former Food Emporium)	9:00 a.m.	Karen Barker (217) 206-7251 <a href="mailto:kguth01s@uis.edu">kguth01s@uis.edu</a>

<p><b>*COLRS Sponsored Online Brunch:</b> Saturday, May 11, 2019</p>	<p>Student Union Ballroom</p>	<p>9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>John Freml (217) 206-7317 <a href="mailto:jfrem2@uis.edu">jfrem2@uis.edu</a></p>
<p><b>Commencement Ceremonies 2019:</b> Saturday, May 11, 2019</p>	<p>Bank of Springfield Center</p>	<p>12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Office of Records and Registration (217) 206-7730 <a href="mailto:registrar@uis.edu">registrar@uis.edu</a></p>

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## INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

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## How to Participate/ Graduate Salute Days for

# Purchasing Caps and Gowns

Those planning to participate in commencement ARE REQUIRED to complete the following TWO steps:

1. **Confirm their participation** by submitting an **Online Intent to Participate** between **March 11 and March 25**. Note: the Student Commencement Participation Form is no longer available. Only those who are eligible to participate were able to submit their intent to participate. Even students making special cap and gown arrangements (e.g., borrowing a black cap and gown), needed to confirm participation between the dates above. Please direct any questions regarding participation to the Office of Records and Registration ([registrar@uis.edu](mailto:registrar@uis.edu)).

2. **Purchase a cap and gown** during the "Graduate Salute" held in the UIS Bookstore on the dates listed below. Graduate Salute days/times are as follows:

Thursday, March 28 – 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Friday, March 29 – 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 30 – 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

# Important Information for All Participants

- **Alternative Cap and Gown**

**Arrangements:** Students making special cap and gown arrangements (e.g., borrowing a black cap and gown) MUST still confirm their participation by submitting an online intent to participate (see above).

- **Online Graduates/Those Unable to Attend**

**Graduate Salute:** Online graduates and those who are unable to attend Graduate Salute will be allowed to purchase their caps and gowns at the time they confirm their participation by submitting an online intent to participate (see above).

- **Peoria Graduates:** Students who attend classes in Peoria may order caps and gowns by contacting the Peoria Center by calling (309) 999-4847.

# Important Information for All Graduates

- **Access to Your NetID**

Your NetID will remain active for three (3) semesters after graduation. After that time, you will no longer be able to use your NetID to

access email, Blackboard, or other campus services such as Box, lynda, Office 365, etc. Please see the [User Account Lifecycle for NetIDs](#) policy for more information.

- **Ceremony DVD**

To purchase a ceremony DVD, please complete the [Graduation Ceremony DVD Request](#).

- **Diplomas**

On commencement day, diploma covers are presented to students by the Chancellor.

On rare occasions and with the approval of the Chancellor, a current or former UIS faculty or staff member may be allowed to present a particular diploma cover on behalf of the Chancellor. Official diplomas are not given out at commencement, but are instead mailed to students separately.

- **Etiquette**

Want to know the proper **etiquette** for Commencement? [Download the guide here](#). (pdf)

- **First Destination Survey (FDS)**

The First Destination Survey (FDS) is a national survey that is meant to gain knowledge about what activities students are engaging in after graduation from college. The information gained from the survey helps to determine institution effectiveness and provide data for

reporting needs, to enhance UIS academic offerings, and support career exploration for current and future students. Prior to graduation day, you will receive emails with additional information and be asked to complete the Outcomes Survey. By completing the survey, you will qualify to win a variety of prizes including iPads and gift cards. For further information, you may visit the [UIS Career Development website](#).

- **Participation**

Students are responsible for knowing and adhering to all University of Illinois at Springfield (UIS) policies, deadlines, and procedures. Specific graduation and commencement-related information is available in the current catalog and must be followed. An [appeal of the commencement participation policy](#) must be made in writing (via letter or email) and must include all documentation that supports the appeal.

- **Photographs**

Professional photography on commencement day will be provided by [GradImages](#). Questions regarding photographs following the ceremony should be addressed directly to GradImages.

- **Stoles/Cords**

Program marshals have the responsibility for

lining up their program's graduates, leading them in the procession to their seats, and leading them across the stage to receive their diploma covers. Because of this responsibility, it is essential that these individuals can be identified by students. **Therefore, only program**

**marshals are allowed to wear gold**

**stoles during commencement.** Some departments, associations, and groups have chosen to recognize their students by allowing them to wear colored cords or non-gold stoles. Those seeking approval to distribute cords or non-gold stoles to their students must do so by submitting a formal request to the Registrar in the Office of Records and Registration. The request is considered, the Registrar communicates a decision to the appropriate parties, and updates the master list of approved cords, stoles, and miscellaneous items worn at commencement.

- **Student Speaker Application Information**

The deadline to submit a **Student Commencement Speaker Application** for 2019 was Noon on Wednesday, March 20. This year's Student Commencement Speaker is **Jeffrey C. Nevins**.

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# Starting Your Affordable Legacy

For the sake of those who follow, start your affordable legacy.

- Congratulations on your achievement, and best wishes for the future. As you go forward, please consider helping those who follow with your contributions to the UIS program of your choice. Future graduates will thank you!
- You can find many wonderful giving opportunities available at any level of giving on the [Office of Advancement](#) website. Use the “Choose Where to Give” tab at the top to see a list of many opportunities. The UIS Fund, which provides support for programs and students throughout campus, is always an excellent choice.
- You’ll be receiving updates from the Office of Advancement with campus stories of students and special opportunities for giving.
- If you have questions, please feel free to call us at (217) 206-6058.

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## UIS Ring Program and Tradition

The Official Ring of the University of Illinois at Springfield symbolizes the educational values, heritage, and traditions of the University. The University of Illinois alumni family is united by rich traditions of loyalty, excellence, and service, and we invite you to help carry on this proud legacy through active participation in the UIS Ring Program.

The UIS Ring can be ordered by phone (866/225-3687) or online ([www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com)).

Balfour, the Official UIS Ring provider, will have representatives on campus during Graduate Salute to size and order rings in-person.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Graduation by calling (217) 206-7730 or by emailing [registrar@uis.edu](mailto:registrar@uis.edu).



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# INFORMATION FOR UIS FACULTY



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# Faculty Participation/Regalia

The online Faculty Participation and Regalia Form is no longer available. The deadline to submit the online form was **February 25**. If you plan to participate in one or both ceremonies, please read the following notes carefully:

- If you submitted the online Faculty Participation and Regalia form indicating that you will be participating, commencement information will be sent to you prior to the ceremonies.
- If you ordered regalia, items will be delivered to your college office by the UIS Bookstore in late April.
- If you have special needs or if your participation plans change, please contact the Office of Records and Registration ([registrar@uis.edu](mailto:registrar@uis.edu)).

## Parking

If you are a platform party or faculty member participating in the 2019 commencement ceremonies, you will be allowed to park in the for the Sangamon County parking lot. The Sangamon County parking lot

is located at the corner of 9th and Adams Streets with the entrance to the lot off Adams Street.

## Ceremony Information

The Faculty Robing Room will be located on the lower level of Bank of Springfield Center. Please look for room signs on the day of the ceremonies.



# VISITORS

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## WELCOME VISITORS

Welcome visitors to our most cherished tradition.

The 48th annual University of Illinois at Springfield commencement ceremonies will be held at the Bank of Springfield Center in Springfield, Illinois, on May 11, 2019.

The Bank of Springfield Center is located in downtown Springfield at 9th and Adams streets.

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## Order a DVD

- To purchase a ceremony DVD, please complete the [Graduation Ceremony DVD Request](#).
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# Special Needs

- **Guests** requiring special assistance should make arrangements in advance with Disability Services by calling (217) 206-6666. Once arrangements are made, guests should arrive at least one hour prior to the start of the ceremony, as a reserved seat is not guaranteed.
- Wheelchairs for transport will **not** be available at the Bank of Springfield Center.
- Graduating **students** who require special assistance should contact Graduation by calling (217) 206-7730.

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## Directions to the Center

The Center parking ramp is located at the corner of 7th and Washington streets.

Other special events are being held downtown on commencement day. Therefore, it is highly recommended that you allow extra time for heavy traffic and parking (parking information can be found below).

- **Coming from the SOUTH** on I-55 (St. Louis), take the 6th St. Exit (#92) to Downtown Springfield. Stay on 6th St. At Washington St. turn right. Go one (1) block.

- **Coming from the NORTH** on I-55  
(Chicago), take the Clear Lake Avenue Exit (#98). Clear Lake Ave. merges with Jefferson St. Take a left on 7th St. Go one (1) block.
- **Coming from the EAST** on I-72  
(Champaign), continue straight ahead on Clear Lake Ave. It will merge with Jefferson St. Take a left on 7th St. Go one (1) block.
- **Coming from the WEST** on I-72  
(Jacksonville), take the 6th St. Exit to Downtown Springfield. Stay on 6th St. At Washington St. turn right. Go one (1) block.

### [Map it with MapQuest](#)

### [Use Google Maps](#)

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# Downtown Parking

## Parking Ramps

- 7th & Adams – Located next to the Convention Center and Pres. A. Lincoln Hotel
- 7th & Monroe – Located next to Hilton Hotel
- 6th & Washington – Located below the Old State Capitol- Open 7am-7pm on weekdays, Sat. 7am-6pm, closed on Sun.

- 6th & Capital
- 4th & Washington- 24 hour access
- 7th & Monroe – Located below Lincoln Library
- Abraham Lincoln Museum – 7am – 7pm, Wed.  
night open until 10pm

## Parking Lots

- 4th & Washington

Note: Other special events are being held downtown on commencement day; therefore, not all parking ramps/lots may be available.

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## Hotels

The following hotels may extend discounted rates to family members and friends attending the UIS Commencement Ceremonies. Please mention "UIS Commencement" when calling to make reservations.

- **Crowne Plaza**

3000 South Dirksen Pkwy  
Springfield, IL 62703  
877-227-6963

**[Crowne Plaza Room Information/Rates](#)**

- **Holiday Inn Express**

3050 South Dirksen Pkwy  
Springfield, IL 62703

888-465-4329

### **Holiday Inn Express Room**

#### **Information/Rates**

- **The State House Inn – An Ascend Collection Hotel**

101 East Adams Street

Springfield, Illinois 62701

217-528-5100

### **The State House Inn Room**

#### **Information/Rates**

- **Wyndham Springfield City Centre**

700 East Adams

Springfield, IL 62701

217-789-1530

### **Wyndham Springfield City Centre Room**

#### **Information/Rates**

- For additional **hotel** information please contact the Springfield Convention and Visitor's Bureau at (800) 545-7300.

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## Restaurants

- For detailed information about **restaurants** in Springfield please contact the Springfield Convention and Visitor's Bureau at (800) 545-7300.





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## **Ceremony Information**

- Graduation, 217-206-7730

## **Eligibility to Graduate**

- Graduation, 217-206-7730

## **Special Assistance (Guests)**

- Disability Services, 217-206-6666

## **Special Assistance (Students)**

- Graduation, 217-206-7730

## **DVD Information**

- Office of Electronic Media, 217-206-6799