

# Commencement 2017

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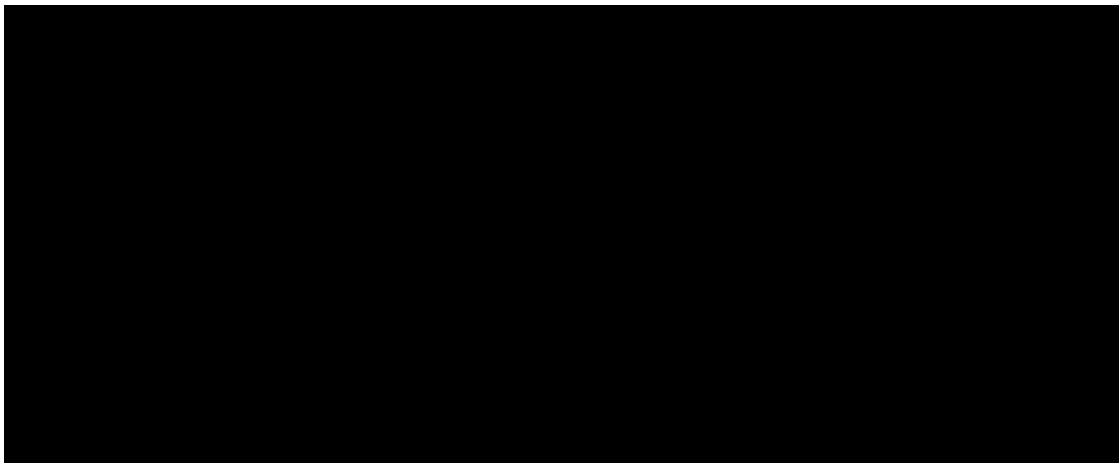
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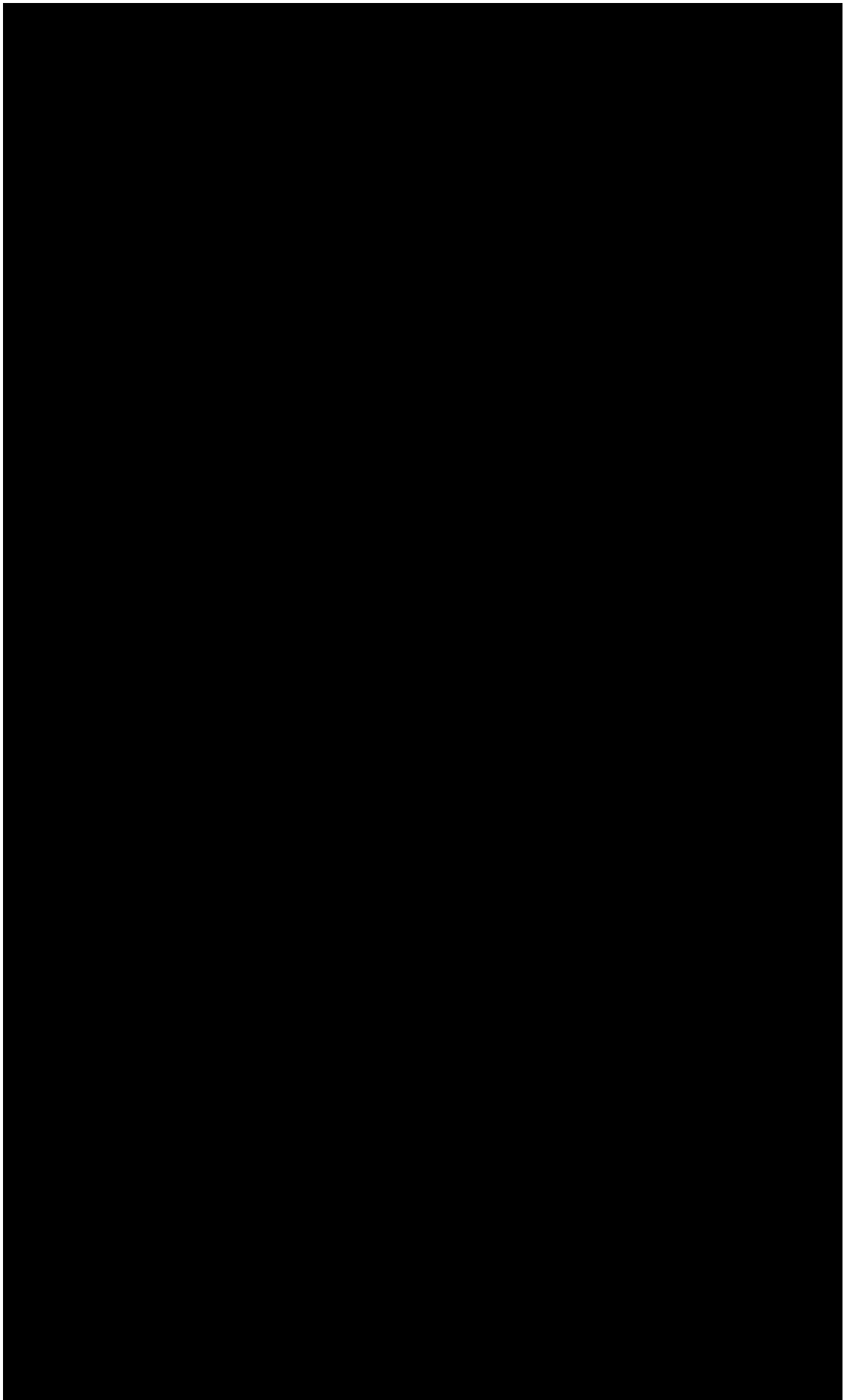


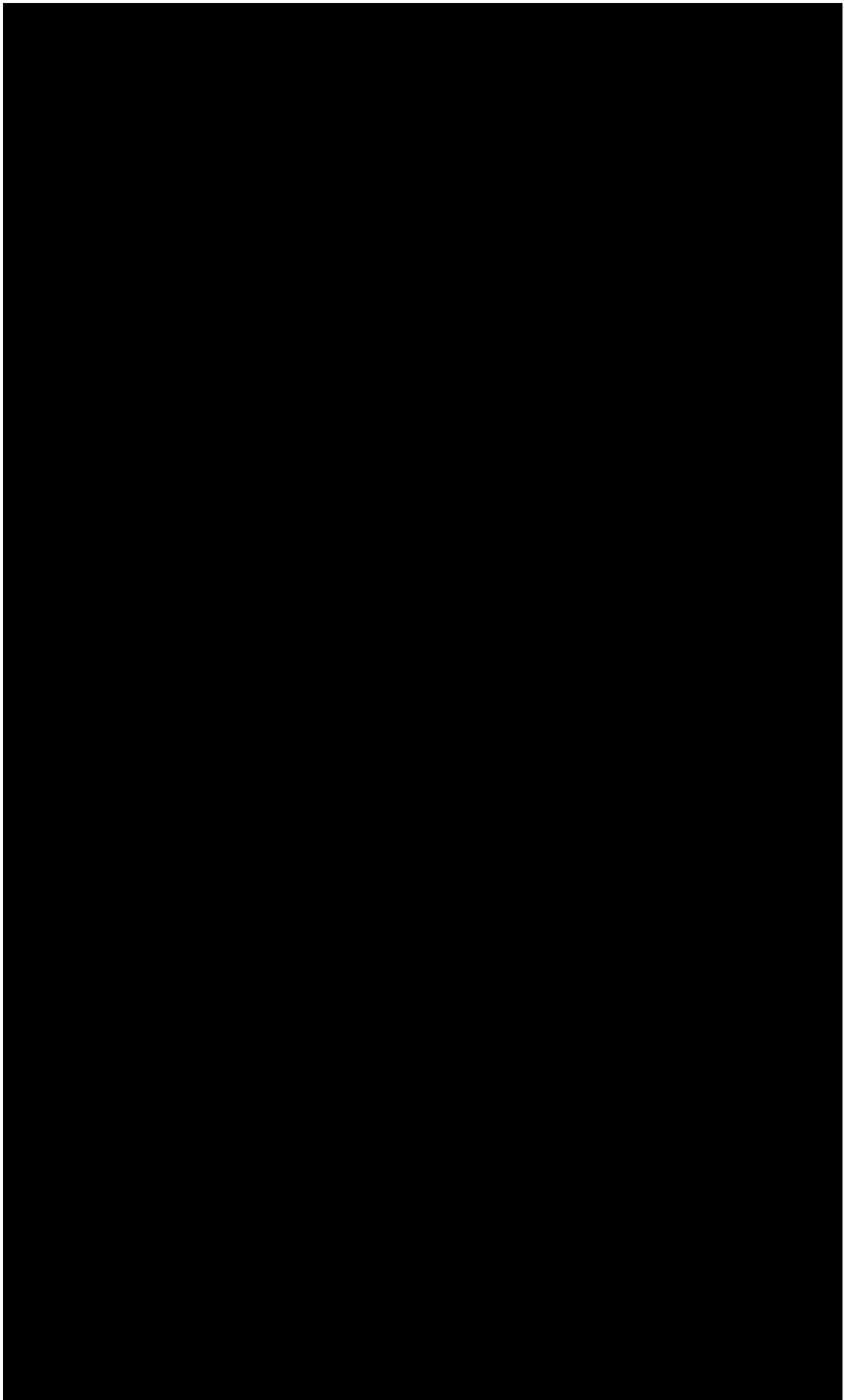
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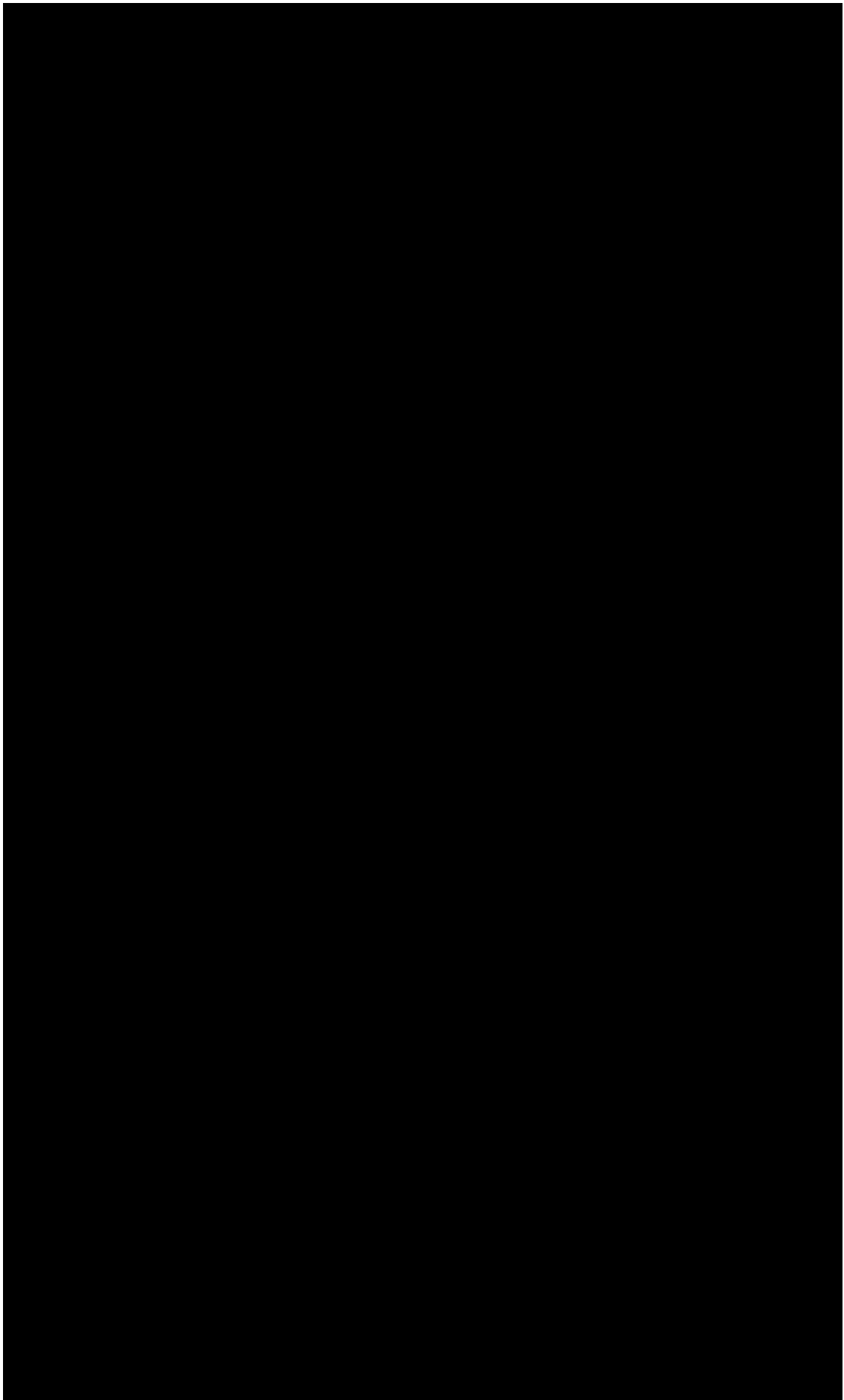
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President and Chief Executive Officer, Memorial Health System
- [Prepared Remarks to Fellow Graduates](#) – Alexander William Camp, Class of 2017

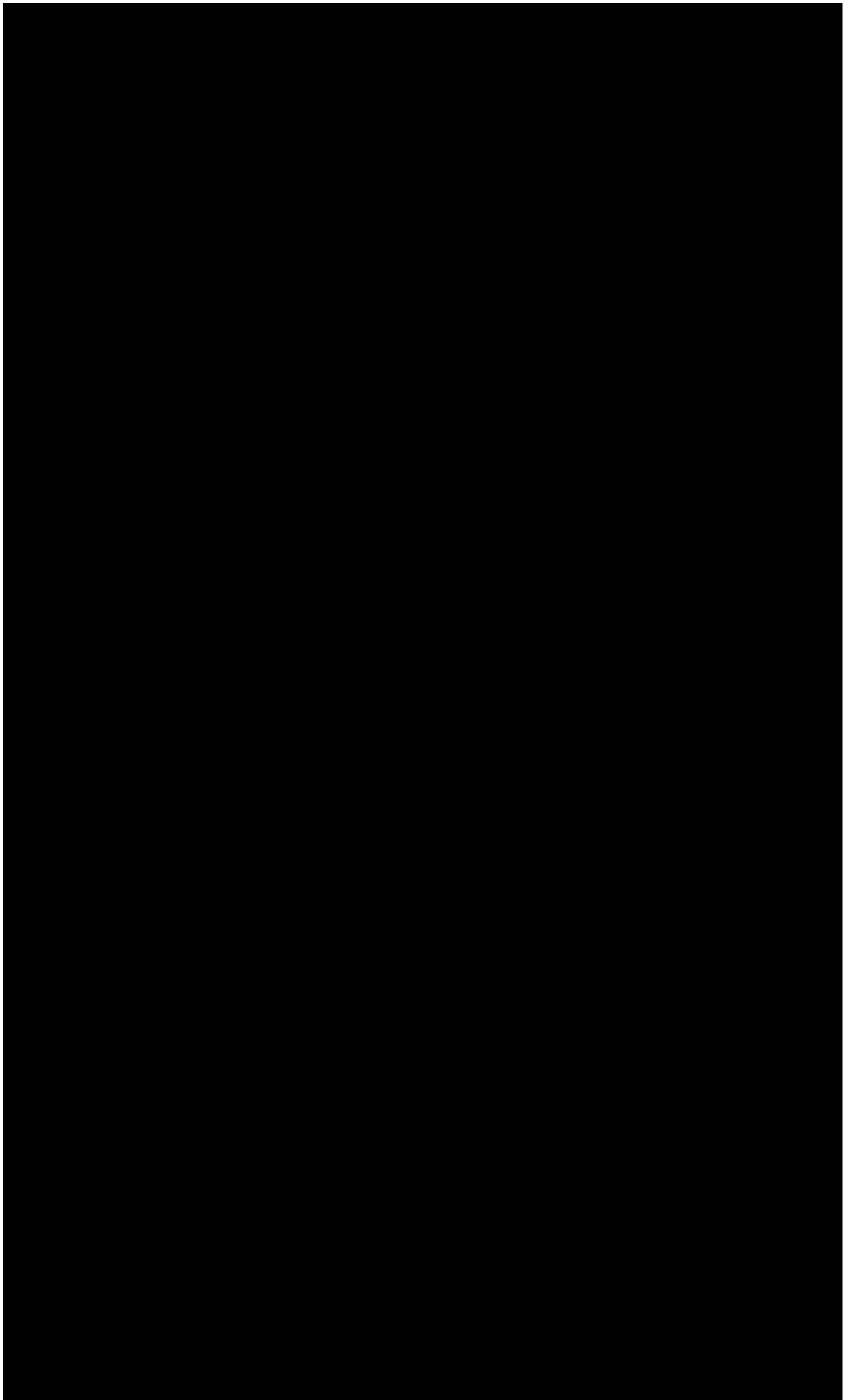
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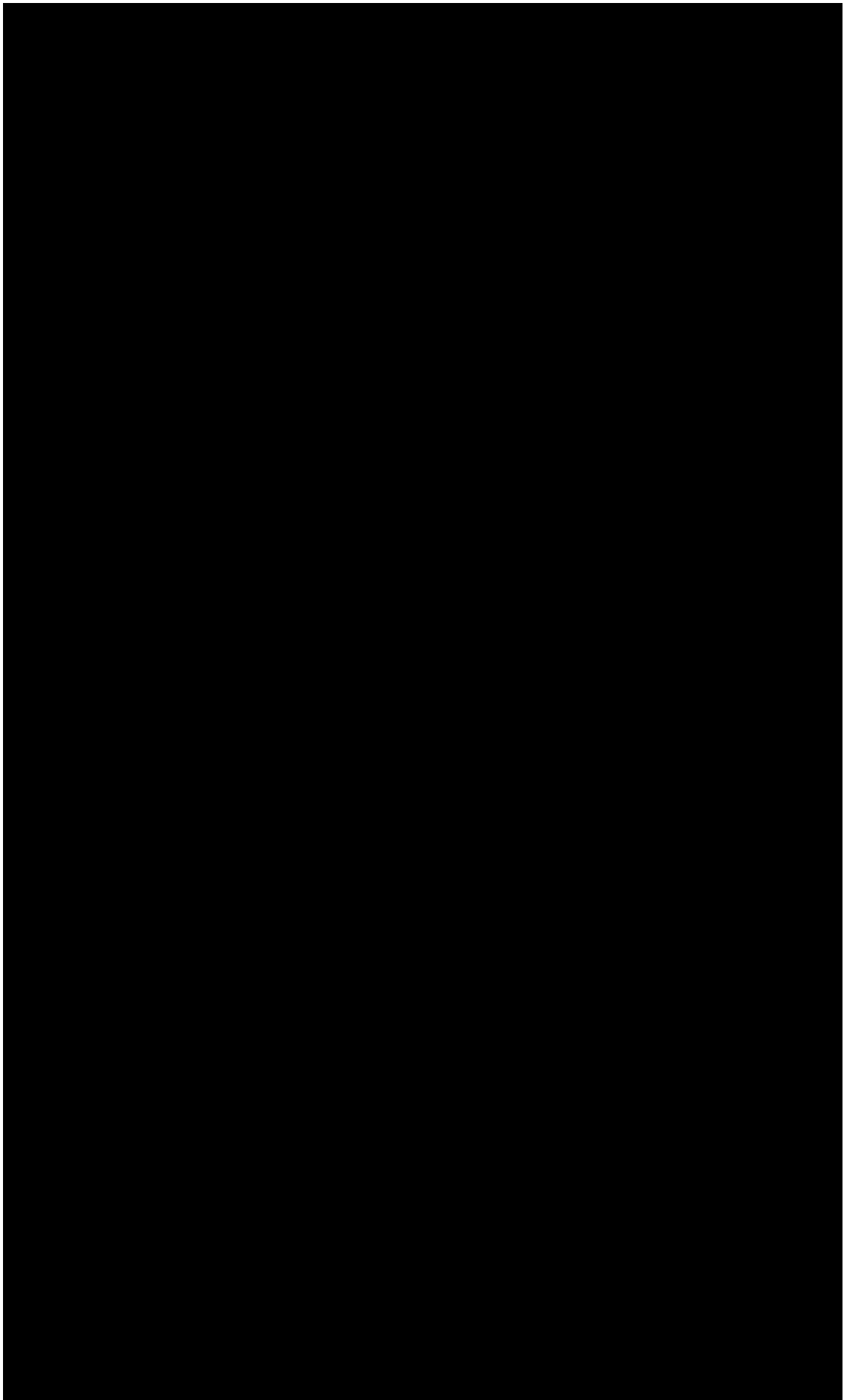


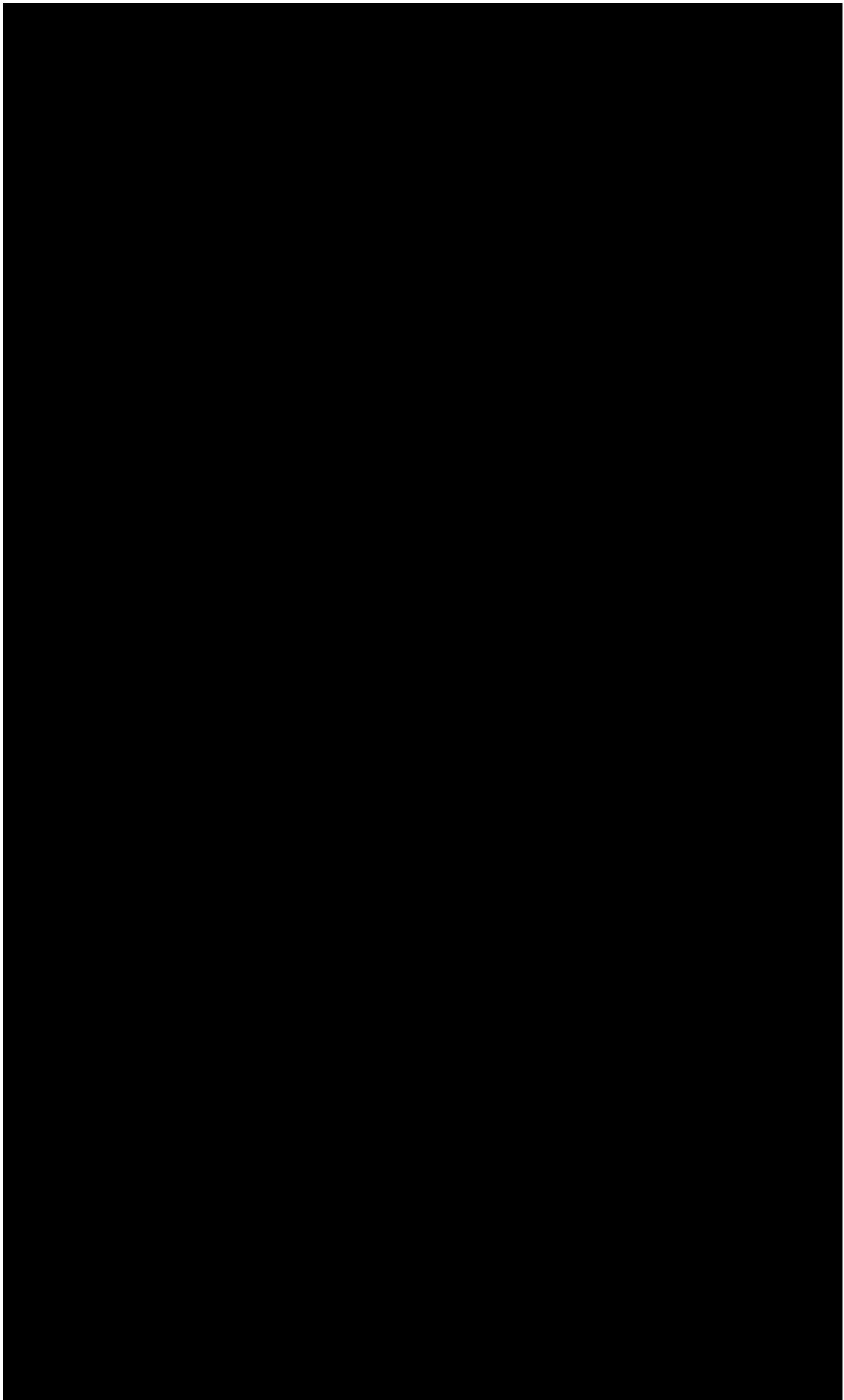


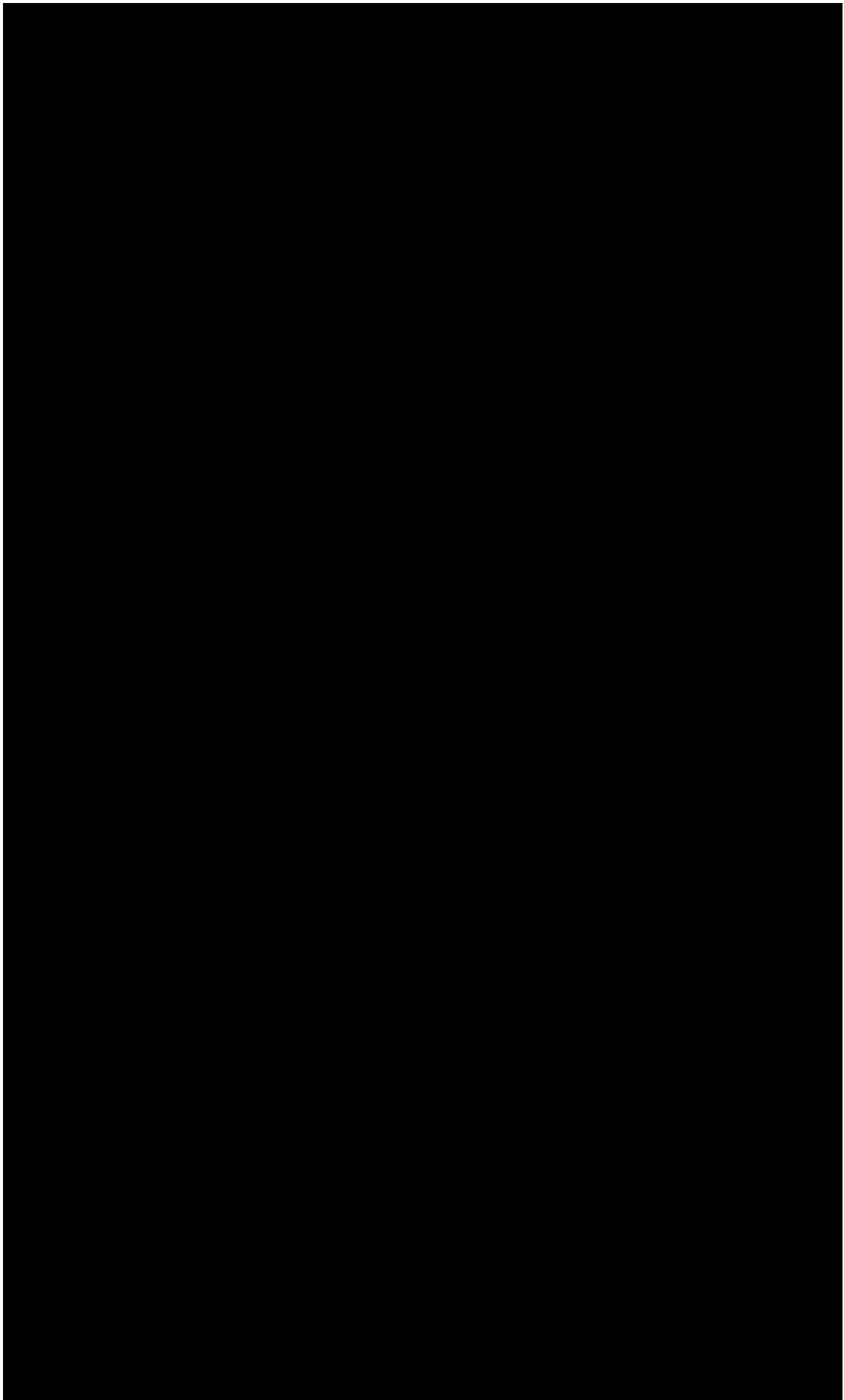




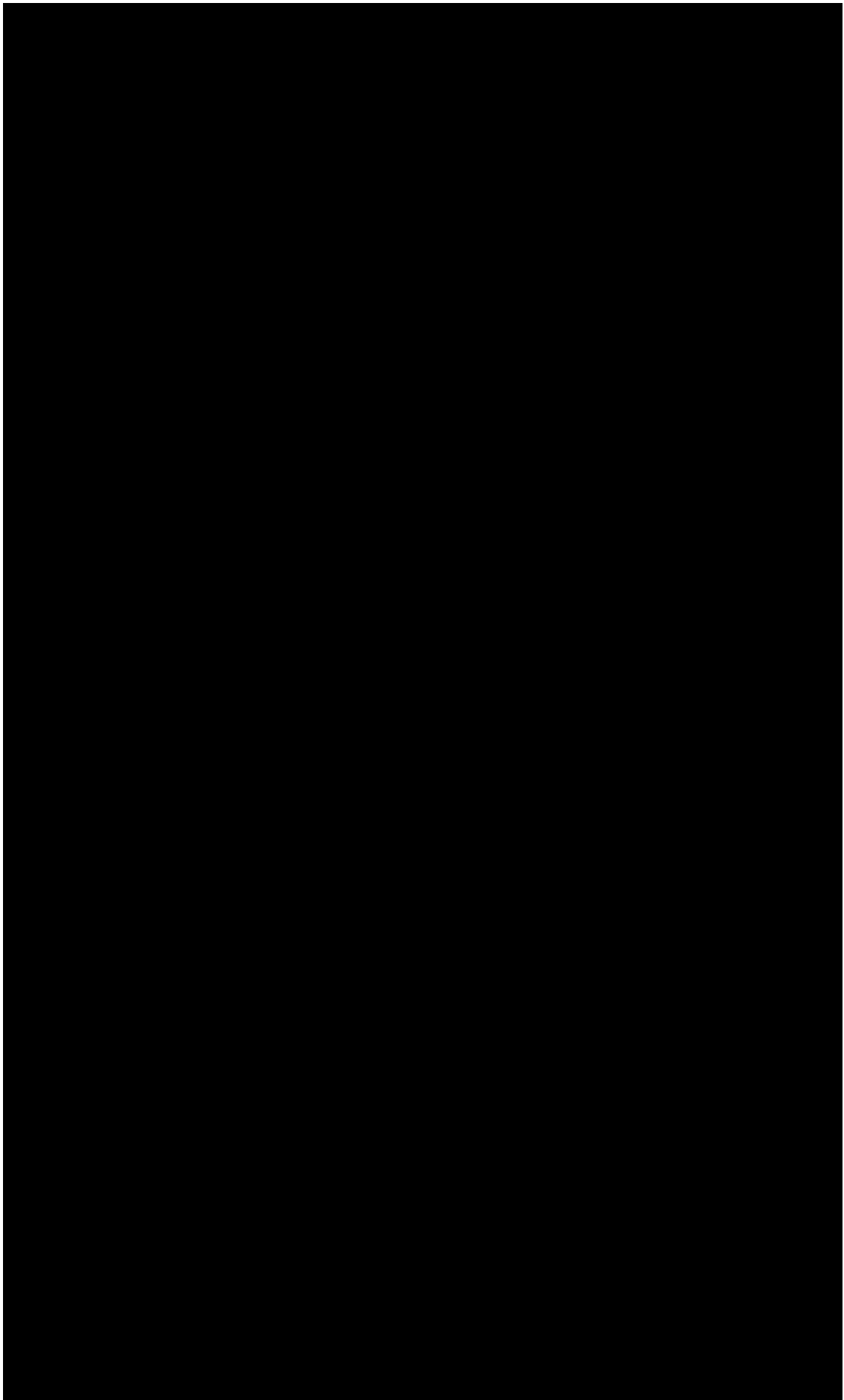


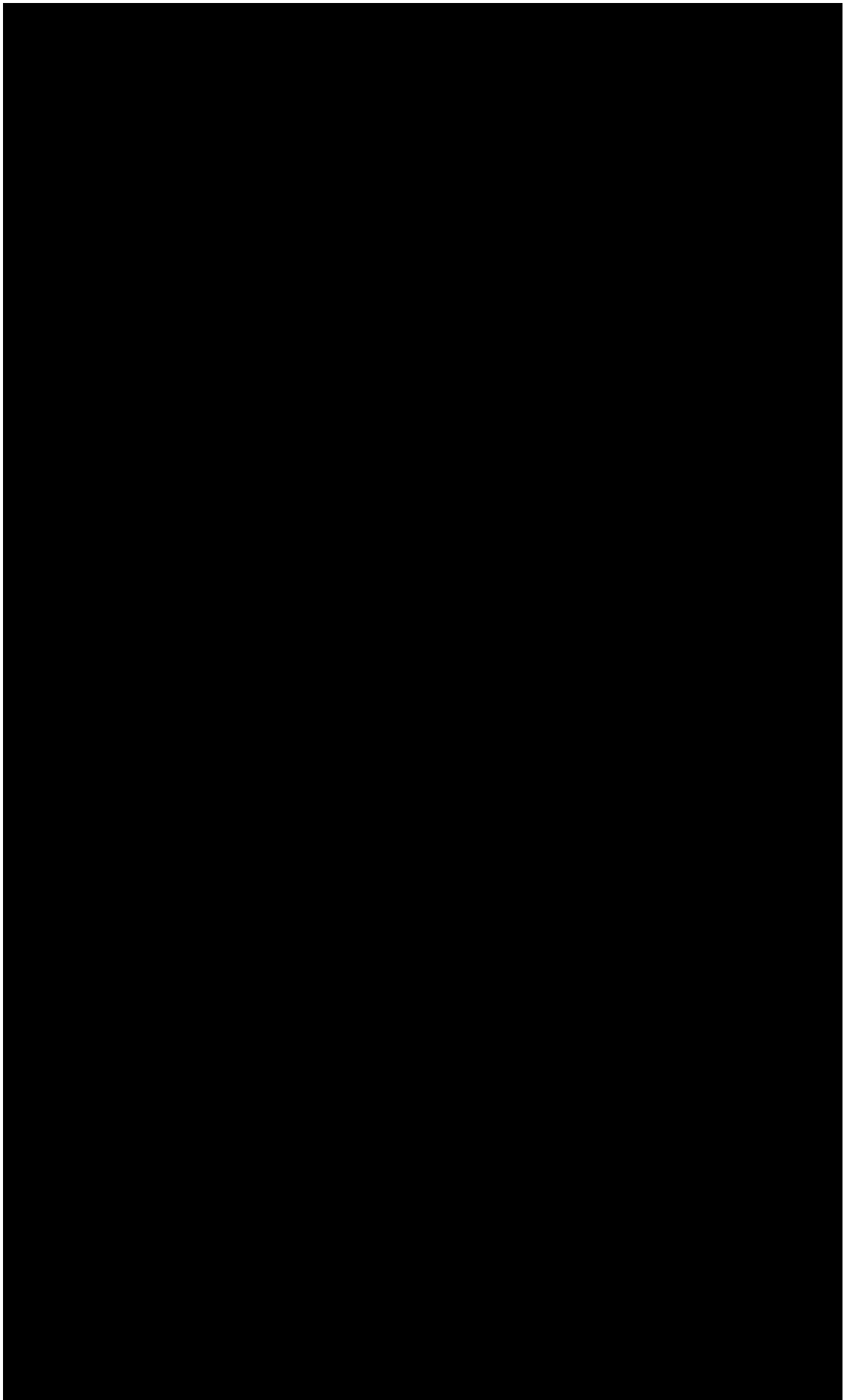


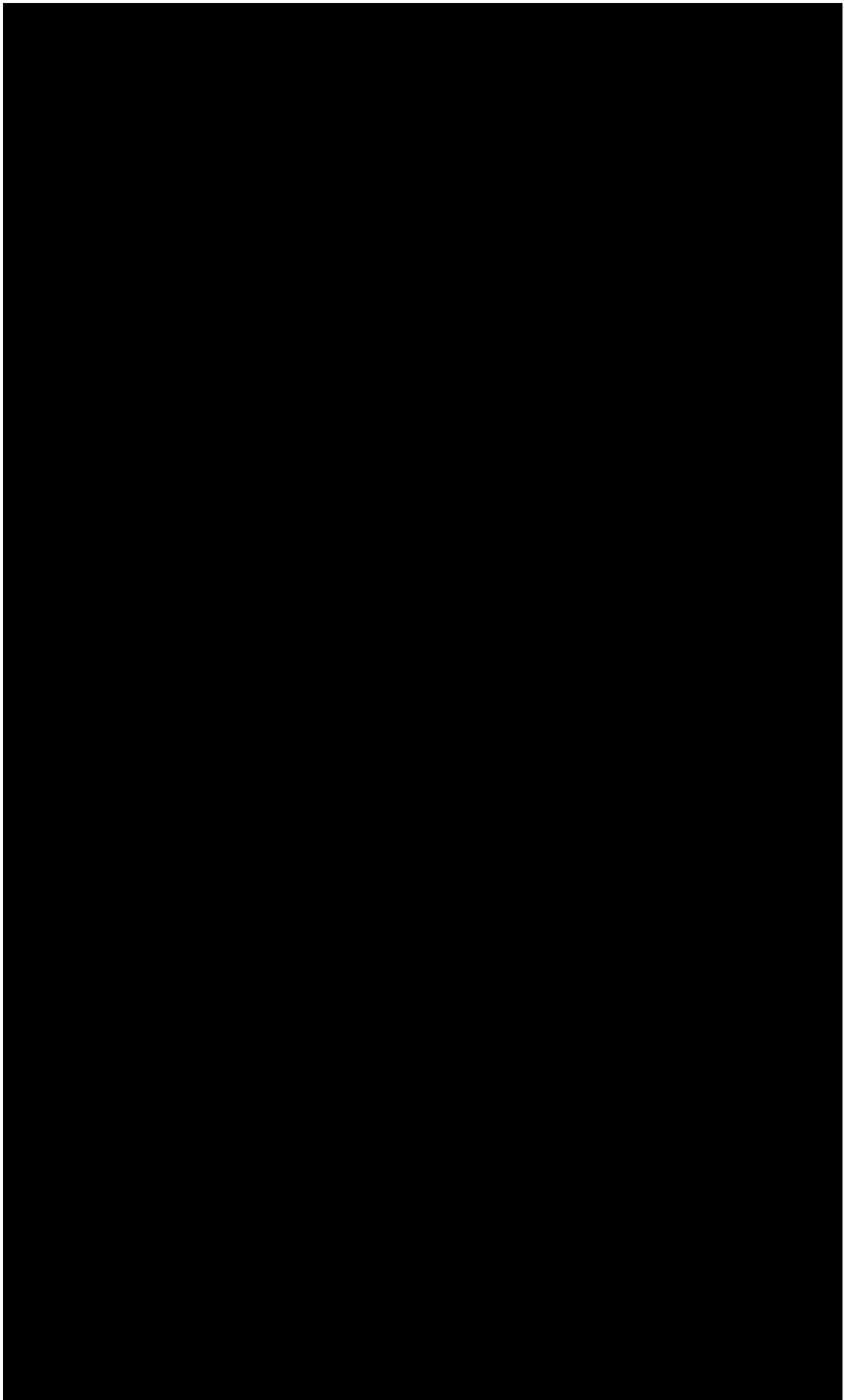


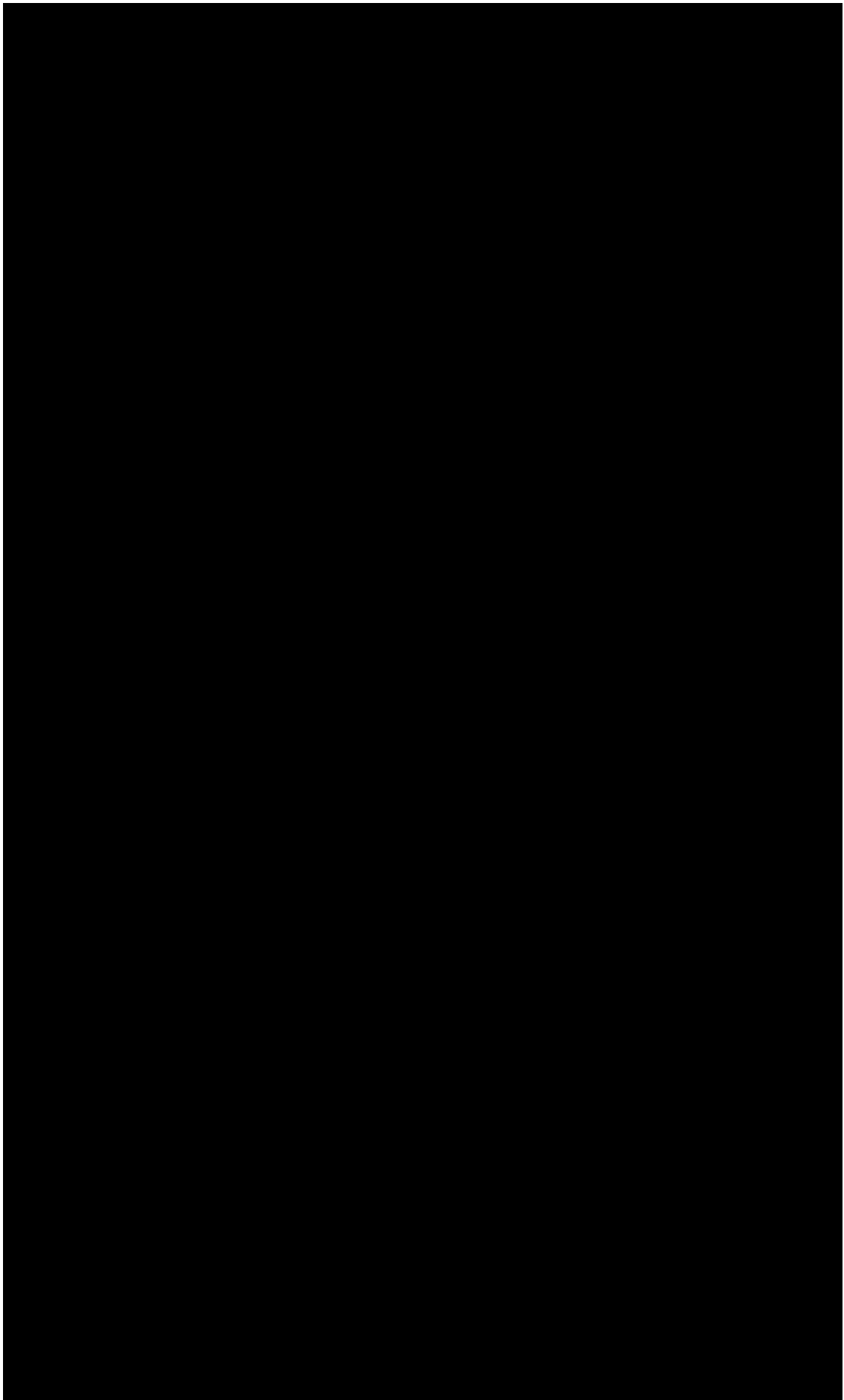


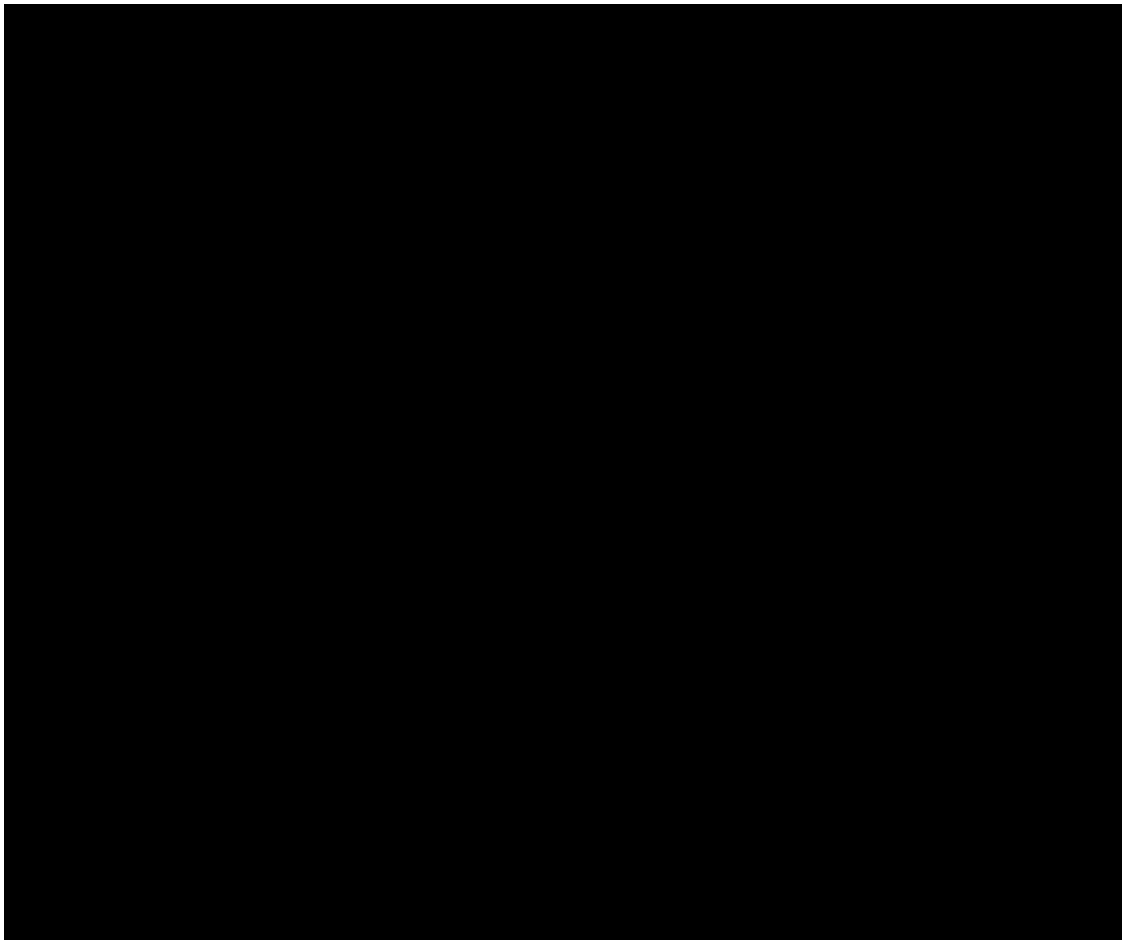












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To purchase a full ceremony DVD, please complete the [Graduation Ceremony DVD Request](#).

### **Photos**

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## Social

- [UIS Facebook](#)
  - [UIS Instagram \(use #UISedu\)](#)
  - [WICS Instagram \(UIS Graduates Largest Class in History\)](#)
  - [UIS: Snapchat \(add "uisedu"\)](#)
  - [UIS: Twitter \(use #UISedu\)](#)
  - [UIS: Local college commencements feature sports, business, government leaders](#)
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## From The Newsroom

### Important Information for 2017 Graduates

- [UIS graduates a record number of students during the 46th annual commencement](#)

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1. Confirm their participation by submitting an online intent to participate by March 13 and March 27. This form is no longer available. Only those who were eligible to participate were able to submit their intent to participate.
2. Purchase a cap and gown during the "Graduate Salute" held in the UIS Bookstore in late March/early April. Please see the [Information for Students](#) section for additional information regarding "Graduate Salute."

## Additional Information

- [Commencement Letter #1](#) (pdf)
- [Commencement Letter #2](#) (pdf)
- [Commencement Letter #3](#) (pdf)

## 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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## About Commencement 2017

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See our [Visitors](#) page for directions and information for out of town guests.

- [Speakers and Marshals](#)
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## Speakers and Marshals

### Speakers

Board of Trustees Representative,

**Edward L. McMillan** (5:30 ceremony)

University President,

**Timothy L. Killeen** (5:30 ceremony)

UIS Chancellor,

**Susan J. Koch**

Student Speaker,

**Alexander William Camp**

### 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 for the ceremony 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 2017 Grand Marshal is **Kristi Barnwell**.

## 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

<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Contact</i>
<b>*UIS Peoria Center Graduation Reception</b> Friday, April 28, 2017	Embassy Suites, East Peoria	6:30 p.m.	Rhonda Bussell (309) 999-4252 <a href="mailto:rjohn4@uis.edu">rjohn4@uis.edu</a>
<b>*Black Graduation 2017</b> Friday, May 5, 2017	SLB Gymnasium	2:00 p.m.	Justin J. Rose (217) 206-6334 <a href="mailto:jrose22@uis.edu">jrose22@uis.edu</a>
<b>Late Night Breakfast</b> Wednesday, May 10, 2017	PAC Lower Level (Food Emporium)	9:00 – 10:30 p.m.	Cynthia Thompson (217) 206-4762 <a href="mailto:cthom2@uis.edu">cthom2@uis.edu</a>
<b>International Congratulatory Ceremony</b> Friday, May 12, 2017	SLB Gymnasium	3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Erika Suzuki (217) 206-6678 <a href="mailto:esuzu2@uis.edu">esuzu2@uis.edu</a>
<b>CLAS Honor's Reception</b> Friday, May 12, 2017	Brookens Auditorium	4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Bev Weddle (217) 206-6512 <a href="mailto:bwedd1@uis.edu">bwedd1@uis.edu</a>
<b>*Reception for Public Health Program Graduates</b> Friday, May 12, 2017	PAC Restaurant	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Dr. Josiah Alamu (217) 206-8485 <a href="mailto:jalam3@uis.edu">jalam3@uis.edu</a>
<b>*CAP Honors Graduation Breakfast:</b> Saturday, May 13, 2017	Sangamon Auditorium Lobby	8:30 (Registration)9:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Rowena Vail (217) 206-8462 <a href="mailto:rvail1@uis.edu">rvail1@uis.edu</a>
<b>*Online Degree Graduation Brunch:</b> Saturday, May 13, 2017	PAC Lower Level (Food Emporium)	9:00 a.m. – Noon	John Freml (217) 206-7360 <a href="mailto:jfrem2@uis.edu">jfrem2@uis.edu</a>
<b>Commencement Ceremonies 2017:</b> Saturday, May 13, 2017	Prairie Capital Convention Center	12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.	Office of Records and Registration (217) 206-7730 <a href="mailto:registrar@uis.edu">registrar@uis.edu</a>

More events to come...

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## Commencement Ceremony 2017



## **Processional**

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

Kristi Barnwell, 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 University of Illinois Board of Trustees**

Edward L. McMillan, Trustee (5:30 ceremony)

## **Greetings from the President**

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

## **Conferring of Honorary Degree**

Doctor of Humane Letters  
Edgar J. Curtis (5:30 ceremony)

## **Introduction of Student Commencement Speaker**

Clarice Ford, Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

## **Remarks to Fellow Graduates**

Alexander William Camp, Class of 2017

## **Presentation of Master's Degree Candidates**

James Ermatinger, Interim 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**

James Ermatinger, Interim 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**

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)

Kristi Barnwell, 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, Apeksha Mallipeddi, ITTA Application Programmer (12:30 ceremony), and Brian Mackey, NPR Illinois Statehouse Reporter (5:30 ceremony).

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# **Honorary Doctorate Acceptance Speech - Edgar J. Curtis**

Prepared Remarks

University of Illinois Springfield

May 13, 2017

Good evening, and thank you Dr. Williams, President Killeen, and Chancellor Koch. I am truly honored and humbled to accept this honorary doctoral degree from the University of Illinois.

As a graduate of the University of Illinois Champaign Urbana's Executive MBA program, I am aware of the incredible academic rigor, the quality of faculty, and the enriching experiences gained through an education in the University of Illinois system. As a lifelong citizen of the community of Springfield, I have seen firsthand the growth and development of this incredible academic institution, the University of Illinois Springfield, and the significant contributions that your graduates of the past have made to our community, our region and beyond.

I can attest that the University of Illinois has been the training ground for thousands of capable, committed, and compassionate individuals, many of whom went on to pursue their careers with Memorial Health System.

As the President and Chief Executive Officer of Memorial, I can tell you that we are a stronger, more educated, and community focused organization because of the high caliber of graduates that matriculated from the University of Illinois system and became a part of the Memorial team.

The U of I academic programs provide a great service to our community by offering highly relevant, intellectually demanding, and service focused education to those seeking to better themselves through formal development. As I look out today at the graduates sitting here before us, I know the sacrifices you have made to reach today's pinnacle. You have had long hours in the classroom, and even longer hours studying outside of the classroom. You have had family events that you have missed, and you've had to say no to friends when you really wanted to say yes. You have endured early mornings and late nights, you've taken your books on vacation, and done homework when others were relaxing. You have had to prioritize and plan your time, and you have worked hard to get to where you are today.

AND I want to assure you of one thing – it was all worth it.

With the conferring of your degree today, you will not only be holding a diploma – You are now holding a key... a key to a door that previously was locked. With that key, you have limitless opportunities in front of you. Education is the great equalizer, positioning you for possibilities in your career and in your future.

The work you have done over the past several years here at UIS has provided you with a strong base of information across all disciplines, developed your depth of knowledge in your major of study, improved your reading comprehension and your writing abilities, strengthened your critical thinking skills, and opened the doors for your future.

I encourage you to not let your learning end today, instead let today be a springboard for being a lifelong learner. Whether formally or informally, whether in your field of study or in another area, whether through experiences you go through

or situations you encounter, continue to be a learner, and you will see those doors in front of you continue to open.

I am honored to share the stage with all of you today as graduates of the University of Illinois Springfield, truly appreciate the University of Illinois for conferring this honorary doctorate degree upon me, and will forever wear it with pride and humility and allow it to serve as a testament to the value of contributing to one's community and serving in a profession with commitment and compassion.

Thank you.

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## Remarks to Fellow Graduates - Alexander William Camp

Prepared Remarks

May 13, 2017

Chancellor Koch, President Killen, deans, trustees, faculty, friends, parents and most of all, my fellow graduates,

I'm not one to offer my personal recollections on my odyssey here in-depth, for as a journalist, I am obligated in being the curator of my world's surroundings instead. But for this momentous occasion, it's only fair to buck that trend.

I first arrived on this campus on the night of January 16th, 2012, and to be honest with you, I had no idea what I was doing. I was way in over my head, I thought, and over and over I thought, other than why are there so many cornfields here, was how am I going to exist in an environment that I never thought I would be in? It was such kind of insecurity embedded in me that I didn't even think I'd make it to spring break, let alone the end of that semester.

But, a funny thing happened along a way. I met professors who made it their life's mission to embrace the idea of applying their teachings to the real world. I met advisors who navigated me through the pitfalls of life as a college student, personally, academically and professionally. And most of all, I met people just like me, trying to get through this ambiguous corner of the American experiment and live to tell a tale.

Keep in mind, it hasn't been an easy process. At this point, I have nauseating levels of anxiety that rises as if its AMC's ratings when a new *Walking Dead* episode comes on. But, its beauty in that perceived trial and tribulation. For all the exhausting effort that comes in what seems is a week-in, week-out vestige it's worth it when it's said and done, because, today, 1,944 days since I first stepped foot in UIS, I stand before you as a recipient of my master's degree.

And now my friends, this road, reaching the destination it has long traveled, now

World of Springfield as a preparation for campus parties and education for its called C&T's Real Nook is suddenly replaced with figuring out credit scores, equity loans, and securing a career in a dog-eat-dog workplace environment.

However, if anything this four-year (or longer) odyssey should teach us, we are battle tested not to survive, but to master the moments that lie ahead, for we are the living embodiment of what this school prides itself on, Leadership lived.

My fellow graduates, we have all come from different walks of life, some with roads that have more mileage, bumps, and pitfalls than others.

There are some of you I don't know, and there are those I've been with in the trenches, but all of us are united for it nothing else, with that shared commonality that we have, it's the rightfully deserved belief that each one of you possess the kind of intestinal fortitude to forge your way to this point in your lives right now. The all-nighters before exam day, the times you had to rain check parties or social functions because you had to make sure that 10-page paper was submitted to Blackboard before the deadline.

It's that kind of committed will that has not been in vain as it has led us to this moment in time, bringing us all together and for that, you will always have my undoubted admiration.

We did it.

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## Commencement 2017 Photos

Each year the University of Illinois Springfield celebrates the many outstanding students who earn degrees through stories, video and photographs of the commencement ceremony and commencement events.

- [Commencement 2017](#)
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## Stories 2017

### From The Newsroom

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# Information for UIS Faculty 2017

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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 **Friday, March 3, 2017**. 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 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 2017 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 Prairie Capital Convention Center (The Center). Please look for room signs on the day of the ceremonies.

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# Information for Students 2017

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## How to Participate/ Graduate Salute Days for Purchasing Caps and Gowns

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

1. **Confirm their participation** by submitting an online intent to participate between March 13 and 17. This form is no longer available. Only those who were 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.
  2. **Purchase a cap and gown** during the “Graduate Salute” held in the UIS Bookstore in late March/early April. Students were able to purchase a cap and gown during the Graduate Salute in the UIS Bookstore (located on the first floor of Founders Hall). Peoria students were able to purchase their caps and gowns through the UIS Peoria Center. Graduate Salute days were as follows:
    - Thursday, March 30 – 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
    - Friday, March 31 – 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
    - Saturday, April 1 – 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
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## 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 the 2017 ceremony was Noon on Monday, March 27, 2017. This year's Student Commencement Speaker is Alexander William Camp.

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## Commencement Letters

- **Commencement Letter #1** (pdf)
- **Commencement Letter #2** (pdf)
- **Commencement Letter #3** (pdf)

See the [Visitors section](#) of this website for information about special needs, directions, parking, hotels, and restaurants.



**Congratulations, Graduates!**

Gradimages® will be photographing all graduates at the upcoming graduation ceremony. Visit our website, [www.gradimages.com](http://www.gradimages.com), and click on **Pre-Event Email Registration**. Enter your email and up to 6 emails of loved ones who would like to share in your accomplishment by viewing and ordering your photos.

**EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNT**  
GET \$5 OFF on orders of \$25 or more just by registering your information with us before your event!

After graduation, order online at [www.gradimages.com](http://www.gradimages.com) or call (800) 261-2576.

GRAD-IMAGES  
PHOTOGRAPHY

The advertisement features three photographs of graduates in caps and gowns. One photo shows a graduate receiving a diploma, another shows a graduate with a family member, and a third shows a graduate with a friend.

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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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# Welcome Visitors 2017

Welcome visitors to our most cherished



tradition.

The 46th annual University of Illinois Springfield commencement ceremonies were held at the Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield, Illinois, on May 13, 2017.

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

- [Order a DVD](#)
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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.
- Wheelchairs for transport will **not** be available at the PCCC.
- 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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