

Commencement 2011

The 40th **UIS commencement ceremony** was held May 14, 2011 at the *Prairie Capital Convention Center* in downtown Springfield,



Illinois.

Purchase [DVD of complete ceremony](#)

The winner of our *Guess the Steps* contest was **Michael Baggerly**! Grad event planner Joan Sestak's final step count was 33,842.

More:

- [Grad 2011 on Facebook](#)
- [Search Twitter for #uis](#)
- [News release](#) about the ceremony, and a complete list of marshals

Remarks:

- [Interim Chancellor Berman](#)
- [Charles Olivier](#) (pdf)

About Commencement 2011



The 40th UIS commencement ceremony was held on May 14, 2011, at 2pm, at the **Prairie Capital Convention Center** in downtown Springfield, 9th and

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

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Speakers and Marshals

Commencement Address

Martin R. Castro, CEO and President, Castro Synergies, LLC

- [Read about the speaker and see a list of marshals](#)

Speakers

University President, **Michael J. Hogan**

UIS Chancellor, **Harry Berman**

Student representative, **Charles L. Olivier**

Board of Trustee member, **Karen Hasara**

Alumni Association representative, **Mr. Thom M. Serafin**

Marshals



Each year, the faculty and students from each academic program choose a graduating student to serve as program marshal. These students, who best exemplify the goals and spirit of their programs, are identifiable at the ceremony by the gold stoles they wear.

You can view the list of program marshals [here](#).

The grand marshal who leads the commencement procession is a faculty member, chosen each year by a vote of his or her colleagues.

- **Dr. Donald E. O'Neal**, Professor, Management
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Distance viewing



- The ceremony will be [webcast live](#) on the UIS website.
- [Download the order form](#) (pdf) to purchase a DVD of the ceremony.

Tickets

Tickets are not required for admission into the ceremony.

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>
Sunday, May 1, 2011			
CBM – Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society Induction Ceremony	Brookens Auditorium	1:30 p.m.	Pat Sanchez – (217) 206-7872
Friday, May 6, 2011			
*BSU Graduation Ceremony	PAC Restaurant	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Beth Hoag – (217) 206-8312
*Peoria Graduation Reception	Embassy Suites, East Peoria	6:30 p.m.	Jana Wise – (309) 999-4250
Thursday, May 12, 2011			
Public Administration Graduation Party	Stars Lounge	5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Beverly Bunch – (217) 206-6080
Friday, May 13, 2011			
Lavender Graduation: A Celebration of LGBTQ & Allied Students at UIS	PAC G	Noon – 2:00 p.m.	Kerry Poynter – (217) 206-8316
Liberal Arts & Science Honors Reception	UHB First Floor Lobby	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Keith Burton – (217) 206-7435
Diversity Center Graduation Reception	Diversity Center	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Jeannie Capranica – (217) 206-6333
*CPAA – Political Science Reception	PAC C & D	5:30 p.m.	Stacey Romager –

(217) 206-6646

Saturday, May 14, 2011

*CAP Honors Graduation Breakfast	PAC Cafeteria	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Rowena Vail – (217) 206-8462
*Online Degree Graduation Brunch	Sangamon Auditorium Lobby	10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Carol Bloemer – (217) 206-8379

Commencement Ceremony 2011

Processional

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

Grand Marshal

Dr. Donald E. O’Neal, Professor, Management

Grand Marshal is an honorary title conferred each year on a professor by vote of the University’s faculty.

National Anthem

Star Spangled Banner by Francis Scott Key
Performed by **Denise Yates**, Class of 1996 and 1999

Presiding

Chancellor **Harry J. Berman**

Greetings from the University of Illinois Board of Trustees

Trustee **Karen Hasara**, Classes of 1972 and 1992

Greetings

President **Michael J. Hogan**

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Presentation of Student Commencement Speaker

Dr. **Timothy Barnett**, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs

Remarks to Fellow Graduates

Charles L. Olivier, Class of 2011

Presentation of Doctoral Degree Candidates

Provost/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs **Lynn Pardie**

Conferring of Doctoral Degrees

President **Michael J. Hogan**

Presentation of Master's Degree Candidates

Provost/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs **Lynn Pardie**

Conferring of Master's Degrees

President **Michael J. Hogan**

Presentation of Bachelor's Degree Candidates

Provost/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs **Lynn Pardie**

Conferring of Bachelor's Degrees

President **Michael J. Hogan**

Induction to Alumni Association

Mr. Thom M. Serafin, Chair, UIS Campus Alumni Advisory Board, Classes of 1973 and 1993

Presentation of Graduates

*Graduates' names are read by **Jenna Dooley**, Morning Edition Host/Reporter for WUIS Public Radio, and **Tim Schweizer**, Public Service Administrator, Illinois Department of Natural Resources.*

- College of Business and Management
- College of Education and Human Services
- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

- College of Public Affairs and Administration

Closing Music

Illinois, Illinois by Archibald Johnston/Charles Chamberlin
Performed by **Denise Yates**, Class of 1996 and 1999

Recessional

Pomp and Circumstance Nos. I and IV by Elgar

Interim Chancellor's Commencement Remarks 2011



Interim Chancellor Harry J. Berman

Commencement Remarks

University of Illinois Springfield
May 14, 2011

“Trustee Hasara, President Hogan, honored guests, distinguished faculty members, graduates, families and friends:

Welcome to the 2011 commencement ceremony of the University of Illinois Springfield. This is our 40th commencement – the culmination of several months of events in the past year observing the 40th anniversary of this public university in the capital city of Illinois. **This is the most gratifying day of the academic year.**

While you graduates are a wonderfully diverse group of individuals in terms of age, life experience, background, race, ethnicity, and lifestyle, there is much that you share.

Each of you shares with your fellow graduates the experience of change that accompanies being a successful student. **You have been changed by what you have learned in your studies** – the knowledge and skills which are the hallmarks of a formal education. You have also been changed by what you have learned about yourselves, learning that you had in you the discipline and devotion, the patience and persistence that was required. And you have been changed by what you’ve learned about other people, and about how to function as a member of an organization and a community. Not one of you is the same person you were before you embarked on this journey.

What you also share is the wonderful human capacity and inclination to make sense of life’s experiences and to embed those experiences in larger contexts. As a psychologist I greatly admire has written, the activity of being a person is the activity of meaning-making. In my own career, my research took me into the study of diaries and personal journals. I found in those diaries the many ways that people incorporated the everyday events of their lives into the larger stories of their lives. For each of you, **today is a singular event in the story of your life** – the unique path that you took that got you here, the personal story leading to this moment that only you can tell. How wonderful it is to share and celebrate those stories with family and friends!

But I also found in the diaries I studied a shared search for meaning, a desire to connect with larger purposes. One former newspaper editor from Connecticut described that kind of connection as the feeling of being “gripped” by something external to himself. **My sincerest hope is that your UIS education has not only provided the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in the world, but also has given you the wherewithal to grapple with the larger questions of purpose and meaning that challenge us all.**

Times of war always make things different at colleges and universities. Since 9-11 of 2001, a total of 82 our students have had their educations interrupted because they had to drop classes or take incompletes because they were called to active duty in the U.S. military.

To each of them, I say on behalf of the UIS community, thank you for your sacrifices, and may you return to us quickly and in good health.

We are also aware that several of you with us today have served in either Iraq or Afghanistan. We prayed for your safe return and welcome you back with great joy! Others among us still have loved ones in Iraq, Afghanistan, or on active duty in other places. Like you, we hope for their safe return, and in the meantime, they are in our thoughts today.

I ask all of you to give a round of applause to all of our students and graduates who have served our country in a special way, especially in the past ten years.

Thank you.

On this graduation day, I promise all of you here that the degrees awarded today will serve you well and will grow in value as UIS continues to grow in reputation and stature.

UIS' future is much like its students – bright and full of promise. Our aspiration is to be recognized as one of the top public liberal arts universities in the nation. And it is happening. Our strategic goals are achieving academic excellence, enriching people's lives and making a difference in the world. We will continue to pursue our goals with the same tireless determination with which you pursued the academic credentials you will receive today.

All of us on this stage feel privileged to share in your accomplishment. This is your day.

We wish only the best, and all the best, for each of you.

by Harry Berman

Photos 2011

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.

- [Photos from the Cap Honors Brunch 2011](#)
- [Photos from the Online Students Brunch 2011](#)
- [Online Brunch, Volume 1](#)
- [Online Brunch, Volume 2](#)
- [Online Group Photos](#)
- [CAP Honors Brunch, Volume 1](#)
- [CAP Honors Brunch, Volume 2](#)

- [Commencement Pre-Ceremony](#)
 - [Commencement Ceremony](#)
 - [Lavender Graduation](#)
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Photos from the Cap Honors Brunch 2011

Photos taken during the Cap Honors brunch held on the Illinois Springfield campus on Saturday morning.







Photos from the Online Students Brunch 2011

**Photos taken during the online brunch held on the
Illinois Springfield campus on Saturday morning.**

















Stories

- [Illinois Times: Success in the face of obstacles](#)
 - [SJ-R: Area commencement speakers](#)
 - [SJ-R: Graduation proud moment for UIS professor and son](#)
 - [The Telegraph: University of Illinois Springfield graduates 1,294](#)
 - **WICS-TV: Family Graduating College Together**

 - Story + Video: [Online brunch brings classmates together](#)
 - Story + Video: [UIS students begin a new chapter in life following 40th Commencement](#)
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Information for UIS Faculty 2011

UIS held its 40th Commencement Ceremony at the Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield, Illinois on May 14, 2011 at 2pm.



Faculty Regalia

If you completed the Faculty Regalia Form and requested that regalia be ordered for you, your regalia will be delivered to your deans office in late April. If your participation plans change, please contact Aleta Carlberg via email at registrar@uis.edu or phone at 217-206-8295 immediately!

Parking

If you are participating in the 2011 commencement ceremony you will be provided a complimentary parking pass 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.

Please sign the back of the parking pass and give pass to the attendant on duty.

Parking passes are valid until 1:30 p.m. on the day of commencement. After 1:30 p.m. this lot will be open to the paying public.

You may pick up your parking pass in UHB 1071 anytime between the hours of 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2 through Noon on Friday, May 13.

Ceremony Information

Please plan to arrive in the Faculty Robing Room by 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, 2011. The Faculty Robing Room will be located on the lower level of Prairie Capital Convention Center (The Center) in Room B11A.

Robe return will be down the hall in Room B11B.

Information for Students 2011



The 40th UIS commencement ceremony was held on May 14, 2011, at 2pm, in the Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield, Illinois.

Important information for all graduates:

- **Stars Marching!** – [View a Flash animation](#) of the procession plan for the ceremony.
- Want to know the proper **etiquette** for Commencement? [Download the guide here](#). (pdf)
- [Download the order form](#) to purchase a DVD of the ceremony. (pdf)
- **Download the application** for the Student Commencement Speaker. (pdf)

Commencement Letters

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

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

An advertisement for Grad Images. On the left, there is a red banner with the text "Congratulations, Graduates!" and a promotional offer: "GET \$1 OFF on orders of \$30 or more just by registering your information with us before your event!". Below this is the Grad Images logo. On the right, there is a collage of four photographs: a graduate with a laptop, a group of graduates sitting at a table, a graduate in a gown, and a graduate in a cap and gown.

Graduate Salute Days

Graduate Salute days are:

- Thursday, March 24 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Friday, March 25 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
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Saturday, March 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

You should have purchased your cap and gown at the Graduate Salute in the UIS Bookstore (located on the first floor of Founders Hall). Peoria students should have purchased their caps and gowns through the UIS Peoria Center. [Download more information.](#)

Without your cap and gown purchase, we will not know of your intent to participate. Therefore, you **MUST** purchase your cap and gown during Graduate Salute.

If you are making any other cap and gown arrangements, please contact the [Office of Records and Registration](#) by March 25 by calling (217) 206-7730. Please note that a \$25.00 late fee will be assessed to all students who order their cap and gown after March 26.

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

Jostens and Balfour reps will be on hand for the purchase of [rings](#), announcements, and [other commencement items](#).



Starting Your Affordable Legacy

It's easy to participate:

- Congratulations on the Brilliant Future ahead of you. As you go forward, please consider helping those who follow with your contributions to the UIS program of your choice. We have many wonderful giving opportunities available at any level of giving. For more information, please go to www.uis.edu/development.
- Or Call the Development Office at 217-206-6058.
- Future graduates will thank you!

Welcome Visitors 2011



Welcome visitors, to our most cherished tradition.

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

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- [Download the order form](#) (pdf) to purchase a Video or DVD of the ceremony.

Special Needs

- **Guests** requiring special assistance should make arrangements in advance with Suzanne Woods by calling (217) 206-6666.
 - Wheelchairs for transport will **not** be available at the PCCC.
 - Graduating **students** who require special assistance should contact Darlene Harris-Kresse by calling (217) 206-8216.
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Directions to the Center

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

- **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.
- **Coming from the CAMPUS**
Take 11th St. to 6th St. Turn right onto 6th St; at Washington St. turn right. Go one (1) block.

[» Map it with MapQuest](#)



[» Use Google Maps](#)



Downtown Parking

Parking Ramps

- 7th & Adams – Located next to the Convention Center and Pres. A. Lincoln Hotel (50¢ per hour or \$5 per day)
- 7th & Monroe – Located next to Hilton Hotel (50¢ per hour or \$5.50 per day)

- 6th & Washington – Located below the Old State Capitol- Open 7am-7pm on weekdays, Sat. 7am-6pm, closed on Sun. (50¢ per half hour)
- 6th & Capital – (25¢ for 1st half hour, 50¢ for each additional half hour or \$3.50 per day)
- 4th & Washington- 24 hour access (\$3 per day)
- 7th & Monroe – Located below Lincoln Library (25¢ per half hour)
- Abraham Lincoln Museum – 7am – 7pm, Wed. night open until 10pm (50¢ per half hour)

Parking Lots

- 4th & Washington- (50¢ per hour or \$4 per day)

Downtown Hotels

The following hotels have agreed to extend discounted rates to family members and friends attending the UIS Commencement Ceremony. Please mention “UIS Commencement” when calling to make reservations.

- **Hilton Springfield**
700 East Adams
Springfield, IL 62701
217-789-1530 View the [Hilton’s UIS Commencement Ceremony](#) reservation page
Group Name: UIS COMMENCEMENT
Group Code: UIS
- **The State House Inn – A Clarion Collection Hotel**
101 East Adams Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
217-528-5100 Room Rate: – TBD
sales@thestatehouseinn.com
- For additional **hotel** information please contact the Springfield Convention and Visitor’s Bureau at (800) 545-7300.

Downtown Restaurants

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