

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY



SATURDAY, MAY 9

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A GREETING FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Class of 2020:

Congratulations on completing your degree at Western Illinois University! While the Spring 2020 Commencement Ceremony is much different due to the ongoing pandemic, it is an honor to share this day virtually with you and your family and friends. All of us are excited to celebrate your accomplishments.

As a graduate of Western Illinois University, you join an elite group of individuals who hold a college degree. Approximately 21 percent of Americans age 25 or older have a bachelor's degree, while only 9 percent of adults over 25 have a master's degree. Your WIU degree puts you in a unique place and provides you with unlimited opportunities. Take advantage of that degree to benefit yourself, your family and friends, but most importantly, to create a world that is better because of your contributions.

During the past two semesters, I have had the great pleasure to meet many Western alumni, and today you join their ranks. I hope you leave here with that same level of pride and that you remain engaged and serve as a role model for students. We look forward to seeing you back on campus or at University events across the U.S. When you return, reach out to those faculty and staff who were a vital part of your college career. Talk to current students; help us reach future students by volunteering at recruitment events; and share your knowledge and fond memories of your time at WIU with others. Remember that once a Leatherneck, always a Leatherneck.

Use what you learned here, and what you'll continue to learn, wisely. Each of you has enormous potential to make the world a better place. You are well prepared to make your mark and make a difference. I wish you great success and happiness. Congratulations!

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin Abraham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dr. Martin Abraham
Interim President

LINCOLN ACADEMY OF ILLINOIS STUDENT LAUREATE

Mariah Caitlin Dicksen (Lockport, IL) is Western Illinois University's recipient of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois' Student Laureate Award. The prestigious award, presented annually to an outstanding senior of each of Illinois' four-year, degree-granting institutions, honors a student's overall academic excellence and participation in extracurricular activities. Dicksen is a Presidential Scholar in the Centennial Honors College, majoring in biological sciences, with minors in chemistry and French. In 2019, Dicksen became the first female WIU student to win the renowned Barry Goldwater Scholarship, and the first WIU student to be nominated for the prestigious Rhodes, Truman and Goldwater scholarships. At WIU, Dicksen has completed undergraduate research both on campus, with WIU faculty through the Honors College, and off campus through summer research programs. She has been captain of the Marching Leathernecks Color Guard since 2017, vice president of the WIU Water Polo



**Mariah Caitlin
Dicksen**

Club since Fall 2016, is treasurer and co-founder of the WIU Tennis Club and served as the sisterhood chair for the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority. Dicksen is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, serving as a student vice president, and the Panhellenic Council. She is also a member of the WIU Pep Band, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Sigma Alpha Lambda National Honor Society, President's Roundtable for Students, Golden Key International Honour Society, Order of Omega Honor Society, American Society of Microbiology and Beta Beta Beta National Biological Honor Society. Dicksen's additional honors and achievements include Congress of Future Medical Leaders, National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists Award of Excellence. She was her high school's representative to the Argonne Laboratory's Women in Science Conference and was an Illinois State Scholar.

COLLEGE SCHOLARS

Each of Western Illinois University's four academic colleges; the School of Global Education and Outreach; and the Centennial Honors College 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**

Hayden Golemon (Brimfield, IL) graduates with a B.A. degree in Foreign Languages and Cultures, with highest academic distinction, Summa Cum Laude. He is also the Foreign Languages and Cultures Departmental Scholar and a Centennial Honors Scholar.



**Business and
Technology Scholar**

Kathryn Curry (Marietta, IL) graduates with a B.S. degree in Graphic Communication. She is also the Graphic Communication Departmental Scholar.



**Education and
Human Services
Scholar**

Kelsi E. DeNoyer (Davenport, IA), graduates with a B.S. degree in Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration, with highest academic distinction, Summa Cum Laude. She is also the Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration Departmental Scholar and a Centennial Honors Scholar.



**Fine Arts and
Communication
Scholar**

Paula Ramirez (Roselle, IL) graduates with a B.S. degree in Psychology and a B.M. degree in Music, with highest academic distinction, Summa Cum Laude. She is also the Psychology Departmental Scholar and the Music Departmental Scholar and a Centennial Honors Scholar.



**Global Education and
Outreach Scholar**

Kelli Thompson (Alton, IL) graduates with a B.A. degree in General Studies. She is also the General Studies Departmental Scholar.



**Centennial Honors
College Scholar**

Noe Jurado (Aurora, IL) graduates with a B.A. degree in Art with high academic distinction, Magna Cum Laude. He is also a Centennial Honors Scholar.

CENTENNIAL HONORS SCHOLARS

A Centennial 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.

ACADEMIC HONORS CONVOCATION

VIRTUAL CONVOCATION WEBSITE

wiu.edu/honors/virtual_convocation

CONVOCATION SPEAKER: NOE JURADO

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=qmOoDHsr2lA&fbclid=IwAR1sfwYOJWyWZjctaoi-s7NNrqb2RCM88N58NL_HEkdicBZx3Qsy2pnrtV0&feature=youtu.be

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Saturday, May 9, 2020 • 10 a.m. Virtual Ceremony

Processional.....	WIU Wind Ensemble
“Celebrations,” by John Zdechlik (b. 1937)	
Welcome.....	William T. Clow
Interim Provost and Academic Vice President	
National Anthem	Spensor Randolph and Parker Carls
“The Star Spangled Banner,” by Francis Scott Key	
Bachelor of Music, Class of 2020	
Introductions	Interim Provost Clow
Remarks from Distinguished Alumni.....	Mr. Jacob G. Ginglen, College of Arts and Sciences
Mr. Robert L. Nardelli, College of Business and Technology	
Ms. Carin L. Stutz, College of Education and Human Services	
Ms. Melody Betts, College of Fine Arts and Education	
Remarks to the Graduating Class	Martin Abraham
Interim President	
Presentation of Candidates	Interim Provost Clow
Doctor of Education	Bachelor of Arts
Education Specialist	Bachelor of Business
Specialist in School Psychology	Bachelor of Fine Arts
Master of Accountancy	Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Master of Arts	Bachelor of Music
Master of Business Administration	Bachelor of Science
Master of Fine Arts	Bachelor of Science in Education
Master of Liberal Arts and Sciences	Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Master of Music	Bachelor of Social Work
Master of Science	
Master of Science in Education	
Conferring of Degrees.....	Interim President Abraham
Remarks.....	Interim President Abraham
Closing Remarks.....	Interim Provost Clow
Alma Mater, “Western Loyalty”.....	WIU School of Music Faculty

DISTINGUISHED FACULTY LECTURER LEE L. BRICE

Western Illinois University History Professor Lee L. Brice is the 2020 Distinguished Faculty Lecturer.

Brice joined Western's history faculty in 2003. Throughout his time at WIU, Brice has received numerous honors for his research and academic work. He was selected as a Tytus Fellow at the University of Cincinnati, was elected a Fellow into the American Numismatic Society, named the Gale Distinguished Lecturer at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia, and received the honor of Distinguished Visiting Lecturer in Ancient History at Auckland University in New Zealand and the Elizabeth A. Whitehead Distinguished Professor at the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, Greece.

Brice has served multiple terms on the Faculty Senate, also serving as secretary. While serving as faculty advisor for the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, Omicron-Omicron chapter at WIU, it was designated as an Outstanding Student Organization by the College of Arts and Sciences. Brice was also awarded the College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Excellence Award in 2016, for research and scholarly activity, as well as the College of Arts and Sciences 2008 Faculty Excellence Award for Teaching – Mentoring



Undergraduate Research and the Outstanding First Year Experience Teacher Award in 2006. He was co-organizer of the History Faculty Colloquia from 2009-12 and has served on numerous department, college and University committees.

Brice has lectured, delivered keynote addresses and presented papers

at numerous national and international conferences of professional organizations and received several international and WIU internal grants.

He has published six books on ancient warfare and history, has authored and co-authored several book chapters and encyclopedia entries, published numerous articles in professional journals and many book reviews by invitation. Brice is the senior editor of "Research Perspectives in Ancient History," and editor of a peer-reviewed book series, "Warfare in the Ancient Mediterranean: Bill's Companions to the Classical World."

Brice received his bachelor's degree in history from Virginia Commonwealth University; his master's degree in history from the University of Houston and his doctoral degree in history from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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 John A. Elfrink, interim College of Business and Technology
 Richard J. Hardy Centennial Honors College
 William G. Hoon, interim..... College of Fine Arts and Communication
 Susan A. Martinelli-Fernandez College of Arts and Sciences
 Jeanne D. Stierman, interim University Libraries

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 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 26 nations representing students in today's graduating class at Western Illinois University. The flags represent the following countries: Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, China, Columbia, Costa Rica, Egypt, France, India, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Libya, Mexico, Nepal, New Zealand, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Trinidad and Tobago, and the United States. Western Illinois University was home to students from 53 countries during the Fall 2019 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 (white); Business and Technology (royal blue); Education and Human Services (UN blue); and Fine Arts and Communication (spice brown).

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 printing 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. DVDs of each ceremony will also be available through this mailing.

The University's official registry for conferral of degrees is the Office of the Registrar, 1 University Circle, Macomb, IL 61455-1390.

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Dr. Eric C. Sheffield, Director

James T. Batson

“A Comparative Analysis of Adult Student Performance in Traditional and Online Community College Courses”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Bridget Z. Sheng

William J. Buss

“Emerging from Racial Crisis on Campus: Serving Diverse Student Populations in Higher Education in the Twenty-First Century”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. James G. La Prad

Amanda J. Carson

“An Inquiry into Mathematical Methods, Passion, and Mindsets in Elementary Classrooms”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Stuart O. Yager

Michael Engel

“A Study of Job Satisfaction of Illinois Public School Superintendents”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Bridget Z. Sheng

Shane Gordon

“The Illinois Evidence Based Funding Model: How Are Tier I School Districts Spending New Money”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Lora L. Wolff

Yolanda Grandberry Pugh

“Out of School Factors that Impact the Academic Performance of African American Students”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. James G. La Prad

Deborah J. Kepple-Mamros

“Generation Z: A Grounded Theory Study of the Factors that Contribute to Student Engagement”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Tracy L. Davis

Kristin Smetana

“Examining the Perceptions of Teachers’ Social-Emotional Competence and Well-Being on Classroom Management from the Perspective of Students and the Classroom Teacher”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Lora L. Wolff

Shawn Steven Teske

“Teacher Perspectives on Values, Motivation, and Leadership Through a Generational Lens”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. James G. La Prad

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES MASTER OF ARTS

ENGLISH

*Dr. Christopher L. Morrow,
Interim Chair*

Abidemi Bonita Akinbo
Carlie J. Allison
Zachary D. Almquist
Savannah K. Dupont
Francesca Hamm
Selina Anne Mannion
Katie Mertel
Kelsey L. Rentfro-Cline
Whitney Julianne Sullivan
Alex Weidenhamer
Vaneice Renee Williams

GEOGRAPHY

Dr. Samuel K. Thompson, Chair

Matthew Eran Baker
Adam Frantz
Nathaniel Ernest Johnson
Richard R. Sample II

HISTORY

*Dr. Keith A. Boeckelman,
Interim Chair*

Mikayla Alexandra Kitchen
Harrison Schulte

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Dr. Keith A. Boeckelman, Chair

Courtney Dalton
Joseph F. Hincks
Benjamin P. Meyers
Lexandra Rose Isabella Werle

SOCIOLOGY

Dr. John F. Wozniak, Chair

Chima McDonald Anyanwu
Meisha Oshanike Brown
Shyan Rochell Edwards
Jeremiah Olayemi Egbetayo
Ejura Yetunde Salihu
Jaclyn Lorraine Smith

MASTER OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

*Dr. James A. Schmidt,
Interim Chair*

David Vincent Ashby
Robin Rochelle Bauerly
Michael Cross, Jr.
Lamart (LA) Hudson

MASTER OF SCIENCE

BIOLOGY

Dr. Ranessa L. Cooper, Chair

Adedayo Olabode Adelakun
Charmayne Lynn Anderson
Rebecca Bocian
Cortney Cox
Edward Dean Davis
Mary Caroline Edgar
Nicholas E. Emory
Katherine Virginia Franchi
April Franco
Boone Mitchell La Hood
Ajiboye Arinola Oloke
Xiomy Janiria Pinchi Davila
Maria-Jose Romero-Jimenez
Rajeev Roy
Ummay Tamima Tasnim
Tyler Clayton Thomsen

Madeline Grace Tomczak
Dominique D. Turney
Jesse Aaron Williams
Zachary John Witzel
Nasser Zbeeb

CHEMISTRY

Dr. Rose M. McConnell, Chair

Adeola Oluwakemi Adesoro
Naif Yahya A. Alwani
Allison Anderson
Mallika Chitra Asar
Alexandra Jane Brisbin
Shawn Farrar
Jayasree Keerthi
Pavankalyan Keerthi
Matthew Klyman
Hussain Ali A. Maashi

Kyle Murphy
Kimberly Oldenburg
Elijah Ojo Openiyi

MATHEMATICS

*Dr. Victoria Baramidze,
Interim Chair*

Hai X. Deo
Jayamaha Hitihamilage Ruvini
Kumari Jayamaha

MASTER OF SCIENCE (CONTINUED)

PHYSICS

*Dr. Kishor T. Kapale,
Interim Chair*

Faisal Zaid Alayed
Ibrahim Ghanim Alsaadi
Nada Alshamrani
Pramanand Joshi

Abdelhakim Khalil
Richard Jacob Lambert

PSYCHOLOGY

Dr. Karen L. Sears, Chair

Bradley Aleshire
Matthew R. Alwood
Leah Arthur

Erin Leigh Murphy
Rachel Doreen Najdek
Colette C. Norris
Nikki Andrea Principato
Shahera Taskeen Ranjha
Kyle Reterstoff
Micheal Ray Waters

SPECIALIST IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

PSYCHOLOGY

Dr. Karen L. Sears, Chair

Emily Kathleen Grooms
Samantha Paige Hanley

Eric David Meling
Kaitlyn A. Smith

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

ACCOUNTANCY

Dr. Gregg S. Woodruff, Chair

Justin Clarke
Austin D. Frank

Erica Hagen
Jiawen Li
Kayla Lyn McCormick
Tolulope Folashade Nathan

Megan Michelle Anne Nott
Alicia Nia Royes
Sana Sajjad Sarwar

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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Joseph Seun Adesiyun
Amitava Bag
Ishita Bag
Niels R. Bordes
Deja Simone Brown
Adam Conrady
Thomas Curtet
Staci Danner
Roberto Rodriguez De La O
Rachel Lynn Henderson
Chelsey Marie Hohensee
Chelsea Karlinski
Wanhoe Kim
Benjamin Allen Kulmer-
Pearce
Andrea Leonie Laermans
Chase Lodico
Jennifer Anne McGuire

Marijana Nedic
Brett Cortney Nielsen
Marcus Pickett
Morgan Elizabeth Prine
Matthew M. Romkey
Whitney Elizabeth Thomson
Nicholas Tsatsafoulis
Johan Pascal Cyriaque Vernet
Cody Thomas Volpe
Michael Ward
Michael Steven Zack

MASTER OF SCIENCE

APPLIED STATISTICS AND DECISION ANALYTICS

*Dr. Gregg S. Woodruff,
Interim Chair*

Emadeldin Abdellatif
Brittany A. Erickson
Grace Kikelomo Ibirogba
Md Asraful Islam Khan
Alali Morgan Oruamabo
Emmanuel Sanchez Tovar
Mariela Antonia Treviño

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Dr. Dennis M. DeVolder, Director

Sai Priya Jaswitha Abbineni
Fortune Ajabor
Thilak Bandari
Sai Kiran Naik Banoth
Raj Paul Chalapati
Abishek Challa
Sivapavani Chittapragada
Matthew K. Clemmens
Deekshitha Dasari
Charan Reddy Dendi
Giridhar Gadde
Vamshi Gajula
Kalyani Garlapati
Bruce Russell Gordon
Latha Gunnala
Ashok Gurusamy
Anindya Reddy Kasala
Vaishnavi Keerthi Srinivas
Nabeel Mohammed Asim Khan

Naveen Kumar Kolapalli
Sri Ravali Madhiraj
Sai Swetha Mandava
Sravani Marneni
Kenneth W. Mitchell, Jr.
Sai Prathik Reddy Muthyala
Tejaswi Muvva
Sanjana Reddy Nagam
Praveen Kumar Reddy Naini
Rithesh Neela
Gayathri Palakodety
Sairam Panguluri
Shivanath Reddy Pedaballi
Raghunandan Reddy
Penumada
Ashalatha Potti
Sai Rahul Rachamalla
Brahmi Ramadugu
Gregory R. Sabo
Vamsi Krishna Talapatra
Sai Prakash Reddy Telukutla
Praveen Kumar Thipparam
Pranaya Vidiyala
Sunayana Yalavarti
Premsai Yemineni

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

LEADERSHIP

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Interim Chair*

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Sai Kiran Badugu

Ranjan Rama Chandra
Boyapally
Shyann Rochell Edwards
Sandeep Macharla
Marquis Sims-McCoy
Tejasandeep Yadav Vurukuti

INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

*Dr. Rafael Obregon,
Interim Chair*

Amanda LouAnne Allen
Robert Beckman
Darline S. Hun
Andrea J. Kumlin
Abiodun Gafar Lawal
Amanda R. M. Pankhurst
Sara L. Rigg
Lorie JoAnne Rude
Andrew Justin Ward Spray
Ernest Scott Tillman, Jr.
Warren A. West

QUANTITATIVE ECONOMICS

*Dr. Gregg S. Woodruff,
Interim Director*

James Abiodun Ajayi
Marine Patricia Foray
Grace Kikelomo Ibirogba
Tolulope Olupona
Alali Morgan Oruamabo
Md Abu Bakar Siddique

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES EDUCATION SPECIALIST

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Dr. Eric C. Sheffield, Director

Daniel James Foehrkolb

MASTER OF ARTS

**PUBLIC SAFETY
ADMINISTRATION**
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Kristin A. Campbell
Kelsey Marie Chandler
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Daniel Delgrosso
Katalina Carmen Erbes
Shelby Leigh Gandara

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Christopher D. Gonzalez
Kevin D. Harrington
Dejunique Q. Hearn
Julie L. Johnson
Dylan Lafontant
Jeffrey S. Lang
NaToshia M. LeShoure
Ryan David Maas
Amanda Nicole Manton
Lauren Lynn Martin
Sylvia Martinez

Chelsea Marcene McCoy
Shamia Murphy
Jasmine A. Navarro
Inés Palmiero Herrera
Nashya T. Pollard
Kyleigh Madison Price
Alexis Mia Genevieve Ramirez
Kristin Jennifer Schrems
Grant P. Senderak
Brandon Smith
Christopher A. Wenzel

MASTER OF SCIENCE

**COLLEGE STUDENT
PERSONNEL SERVICES**
Dr. Holly J. Nikels, Chair

Alexis Aurelio
Juan Antonio Cabrera
Sandoval
Laura Casey
Justin Reed Conklin
Megan Counter
Ryan M. Darensbourg
Grace Davis
Todd J. Davis
Geoffrey Lewis DeJanvier
Camila Garcia
Jonathan William Hill
Lauren E. Hoover
Cecilia Marie Langill
Jacob Robert Livingston
Jenissa Nino
Maricela Olague-Jamaica
Rebecca Robles
Kelly Severs
Danielle Victoria Sharpe
Taylor Wey
Breanna Williams
Amanda Christine Wroblewski
Danielle Erica Wycoff

HEALTH SCIENCES
Dr. Lorette S. Oden, Chair

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Western students come together, Learning life's new way to pave.
Paths before us, ever striving, Purple, gold, our color's brave.
We all hold the keys within us. With new knowledge we will grow.
Stronger in our bond unyielding, Truer to the world we know.

Chorus:

Hail to Western, Alma Mater, May we honor thy fair name.
Hail to Western, ever greater, on to conquest and to fame.

HISTORY OF WESTERN

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, Sept. 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.



