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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY – SPRING 2021



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A GREETING FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Class of 2021:

Congratulations on completing your degree from Western Illinois University! We made it through another unique semester and have finally arrived at our first in-person Commencement Ceremony since Fall 2019. We are so happy to celebrate your accomplishments this weekend!

As a Western Illinois University graduate, you join many prominent individuals who hold a degree from WIU. Our graduates are industry leaders, award-winning educators, notable lawyers and politicians, outstanding health care professionals, and many others, who serve across the globe and represent the best of the best from WIU. Your degree provides so many opportunities and will open many doors.

While I have only been your president for a little over four months, I have had the privilege to meet many of you, as well as talk to some of our distinguished Western alumni. Today, you join the ranks of our proud alumni base. Leave here with pride. Remain engaged with your alma mater and serve as a role model for our future generations of students. We look forward to having you back on our campuses and at our alumni events across the U.S. The Leatherneck connection runs deep, and you will always be part of our Leatherneck family.

Take pride in your achievements, celebrate your accomplishments, and recognize your successes. You will make a difference. We're so proud of you. Congratulations!

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Guiyou Huang". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Guiyou Huang, Ph.D.
President

COLLEGE SCHOLARS

Each of Western Illinois University's four academic colleges; the Centennial Honors College; and the University Libraries 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**

Amber Shupe (Ursa, IL) graduates with a B.A. degree in Political Science, with highest academic distinction, summa cum laude. She is also the Political Science Departmental Scholar and a Centennial Honors Scholar.



**Business and
Technology Scholar**

Natalie Landgraf (LaSalle, IL) graduates with a B.B. degree in Supply Chain Management, with highest academic distinction, summa cum laude. She is also the Supply Chain Management Departmental Scholar.



**Education and
Human Services
Scholar**

Alaina Kline (Pecatonica, IL) graduates with B.S. degrees in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration and Psychology, with high academic distinction, magna cum laude. She is also the Law Enforcement and Justice Administration Scholar and a Centennial Honors Scholar.



**Fine Arts and
Communication
Scholar**

Sarah Warner (Peoria, IL) graduates with a B.F.A. degree in Art, with highest academic distinction, summa cum laude. She is also the Art (BFA) Departmental Scholar and a Centennial Honors Scholar.



**University Libraries
Scholar**

Paul Mitchell, Jr. (Galva, IL) graduates with a B.A. degree in General Studies, with highest academic distinction, summa cum laude.



**Centennial Honors
College Scholar**

Grant Downin (Table Grove, IL) graduates with a B.S. degree in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration. He is also a Centennial Honors Scholar and will graduate with academic distinction, cum laude.

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: PAIGE BRADSHAW
TITLE: "PERSEVERING THROUGH IT ALL"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRNyYISX5bI>

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Friday, May 14, 2021 • 5 p.m.

Prelude.....	WIU Wind Ensemble Mike Fansler, Conductor
Processional..... “Esprit de Corps,” by Robert Jager	WIU Wind Ensemble
National Anthem..... “The Star Spangled Banner,” by Francis Scott Key	Kaela Massey Bachelor of Fine Arts, Class of 2021 WIU Brass Quintet Mike Fansler, Conductor
Master of Ceremonies.....	Martin Abraham Provost and Academic Vice President
Greetings from the Board of Trustees.....	Polly Radosh Chair
Distinguished Faculty Lecturer..... Recipient: Dr. Brian S. Locke, Music	Provost Abraham
Remarks to the Graduating Class.....	Guiyou Huang President
Presentation of Candidates, Doctoral Degrees.....	Mark A. Mossman Associate Provost and Director of Graduate Studies
Conferring of Doctoral Degrees.....	President Huang
Hooding of Doctoral Candidates.....	Provost Abraham Doctor of Education, College of Education and Human Services
Presentation of Candidates, Master of Fine Arts in Theatre Degrees	Associate Provost Mossman
Conferring of Master of Fine Arts Degrees.....	President Huang
Hooding of Master of Fine Arts Candidates.....	Provost Abraham
Presentation of Candidates, Graduate Degrees.....	Associate Provost Mossman
Conferring of Graduate Degrees..... College of Arts and Sciences Specialist in School Psychology Master of Arts Master of Liberal Arts and Sciences Master of Science	President Huang

College of Business and Technology
Master of Accountancy
Master of Arts
Master of Business Administration
Master of Science
College of Education and Human Services
Education Specialist
Master of Arts
Master of Science
Master of Science in Education
College of Fine Arts and Communication
Master of Arts
Master of Music
Master of Science
Illinois Institute of Rural Affairs
Master of Arts

Closing Remarks..... Provost Abraham

Recessional..... WIU Wind Ensemble
“Fanfare and Processional, from March No. 1 in D Major, Op. 39, No. 1,”
by Sir Edward Elgar, arranged by James D. Ployar

ACADEMIC READERS

Doctoral and Master of Fine Arts

Mark A. Mossman, Associate Provost and Director of Graduate Studies

Graduate

Randy Glean, Executive Director of International Affairs
Global Education and Outreach

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY

Saturday, May 15, 2021 • 9 a.m.

Prelude.....	WIU Wind Ensemble Mike Fansler, Conductor
Processional.....	WIU Wind Ensemble “Esprit de Corps,” by Robert Jager
National Anthem.....	Joseph Collins “The Star Spangled Banner,” by Francis Scott Key Bachelor of Fine Arts, Class of 2021 WIU Brass Quintet Mike Fansler, Conductor
Master of Ceremonies	Martin Abraham Provost and Academic Vice President
Greetings from the Board of Trustees	Polly Radosh Chair
Remarks to the Graduating Class	Guiyou Huang President
Alumni Speaker	Tom Carper, Class of 1982
Presentation of Candidates,	Susan Martinelli-Fernandez, Dean College of Arts and Sciences Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Sciences Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Science in Nursing General Studies and Interdisciplinary Studies Degree Programs Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Science
Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees	President Huang College of Arts and Sciences General Studies and Interdisciplinary Studies Degree Programs
Presentation of Candidates,	Craig Conrad, Dean College of Business and Technology Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Business Bachelor of Science
Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees	President Huang College of Business and Technology
Alma Mater, “Western Loyalty”.....	Joseph Collins WIU Brass Quintet

Closing Remarks.....Provost Abraham

Recessional..... WIU Wind Ensemble

“Fanfare and Processional, from March No. 1 in D Major, Op. 39, No. 1,”

by Sir Edward Elgar, arranged by James D. Poyar

ACADEMIC READERS

Kimberley McClure, Professor of Psychology
College of Arts and Sciences

James M. McQuillan, Professor of Computer Science
College of Business and Technology

MARSHALS

College of Arts and Sciences

Audrey Lucille Fletcher

Natalie Ann Kaganich

Morgan Christine Knutsen

College of Business and Technology

Bradley J. Lake

Natalie Ebner Landgraf

BRASS QUINTET

Payton Anthony

Hannah Derick

Caylan Laundrie

William Schehl

Kate Senger

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM
UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY
Saturday, May 15, 2021 • 1:30 p.m.

Prelude.....	WIU Wind Ensemble Mike Fansler, Conductor
Processional.....	WIU Wind Ensemble
“Esprit de Corps,” by Robert Jager	
National Anthem.....	Allyson Wiacek
“The Star Spangled Banner,” by Francis Scott Key	Bachelor of Music, Class of 2021 WIU Brass Quintet Mike Fansler, Conductor
Master of Ceremonies	Martin Abraham Provost and Academic Vice President
Greetings from the Board of Trustees	Polly Radosh Chair
Remarks to the Graduating Class	Guiyou Huang President
Alumni Speaker	Erin Merryyn, Class of 2008
Presentation of Candidates,	Francis E. Godwyll, Dean
College of Education and Human Services	
Bachelor of Science	
Bachelor of Science in Education	
Bachelor of Social Work	
Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees	President Huang
College of Education and Human Services	
Presentation of Candidates,	William T. Clow, Dean
College of Fine Arts and Communication	
Bachelor of Arts	
Bachelor of Fine Arts	
Bachelor of Music	
Bachelor of Science	
Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees	President Huang
College of Fine Arts and Communication	
Alma Mater, “Western Loyalty”.....	Allyson Wiacek WIU Brass Quintet
Closing Remarks.....	Provost Abraham

Recessional..... WIU Wind Ensemble
“Fanfare and Processional, from March No. 1 in D Major, Op. 39, No. 1,”
by Sir Edward Elgar, arranged by James D. Ployar

ACADEMIC READERS

Heriberto Urby Jr., Professor of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration
College of Education and Human Services

Jason Conner, Professor of Theatre and Dance
College of Fine Arts and Communication

MARSHALS

College of Education and Human Services

Nicole Kay Neuweg
Kyle Paul Sandhaas
Kolton Michael Stockdell

College of Fine Arts and Communication

Madison C. Bengé
Randy J. Larson
Morgan Ann-Marie Miller

BRASS QUINTET

Payton Anthony
Hannah Derick
Caylan Landrie
William Schehl
Kate Senger

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM
QUAD CITIES GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY
Sunday, May 16, 2021 • 1 p.m.



Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Campus

Prelude.....	WIU Wind Ensemble Mike Fansler, Conductor
Processional.....	WIU Wind Ensemble “Esprit de Corps,” by Robert Jager
National Anthem.....	Lillian Schierbrock “The Star Spangled Banner,” by Francis Scott Key Bachelor of Music, Class of 2021 WIU Brass Quintet Mike Fansler, Conductor
Master of Ceremonies.....	Martin Abraham Provost and Academic Vice President
Greetings from the Board of Trustees.....	Polly Radosh Chair
Remarks to the Graduating Class.....	Guiyou Huang President
Alumni Speaker.....	Denise Hnytka, Class of 2006
Presentation of Candidates, Doctoral Degrees.....	James Rabchuk, Assistant Dean
Conferring of Doctoral Degrees.....	President Huang
Hooding of Graduates, College of Arts and Sciences.....	Roger Viadero Director of Environmental Studies
Doctor of Philosophy.....	

Hoarding of Graduates, College of Education and Human Services.....	Francis Godwyll, Dean Doctor of Education
Presentation of Candidates, Graduate Degrees	Provost Abraham
Conferring of Graduate Degrees.....	President Huang
Graduates, College of Arts and Sciences	Assistant Dean Rabchuk Specialist in School Psychology Master of Arts Master of Liberal Arts and Sciences Master of Science
Graduates, College of Business and Technology.....	Craig Conrad, Interim Dean Master of Accountancy Master of Business Administration Master of Arts Master of Science
Graduates, College of Education and Human Services	Dean Godwyll Education Specialist Master of Arts Master of Science Master of Science in Education
Graduates, College of Fine Arts and Communication.....	William T. Clow, Dean Master of Arts Master of Fine Arts Master of Music Master of Science
Hoarding of Graduates, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs.....	Provost Abraham Master of Arts
Presentation of Candidates, Undergraduate Degrees	Provost Abraham
Conferring of Undergraduate Degrees	President Huang
General Studies and Interdisciplinary Studies degree programs	Jeanne Stierman, Interim Dean Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Science
College of Arts and Sciences	Susan Martinelli-Fernandez, Dean Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Sciences Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Science in Nursing
College of Business and Technology.....	Interim Dean Conrad Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Business Bachelor of Science

College of Education and Human Services	Dean Godwyll
Bachelor of Science	
Bachelor of Science in Education	
Bachelor of Social Work	
College of Fine Arts and Communication.....	Dean Clow
Bachelor of Arts	
Bachelor of Fine Arts	
Bachelor of Music	
Bachelor of Science	
Welcome to Alumni Association.....	Denise Hnytko
Alma Mater, "Western Loyalty".....	Lillian Schierbrock WIU Brass Quintet
Closing Remarks.....	Provost Abraham
Recessional.....	WIU Wind Ensemble
"Fanfare and Processional, from March No. 1 in D Major, Op. 39, No. 1," by Sir Edward Elgar, arranged by James D. Ployar	

ACADEMIC READERS

Doctoral and Graduate

James Rabchuk, Assistant Dean
College of Arts and Sciences
WIU-Quad Cities

Undergraduate

Colin R. Harbke, Professor
Psychology
WIU-Quad Cities

DISTINGUISHED FACULTY LECTURER

DR. BRIAN S. LOCKE

School of Music Professor Brian Locke earned his Doctorate (2002) in Musicology from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. He earned his Master of Arts degree in Musicology (1997) from the University of Western Ontario and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music History, Composition from Wilfrid Laurier University (1995).

Dr. Locke joined Western's faculty in 2006, as an assistant professor. He has fulfilled multiple terms as a chair and member of WIU's Graduate Council. He served as the graduate coordinator for the Master of Music Degree program and graduate advisor for the School of Music (2007-2018).

Dr. Locke has been a member of Faculty Senate, and served on departmental, college, and University committees. He is the recipient of numerous scholarships and awards, including the Fuller Alumni Colloquium Series at Stony Brook University, which is awarded to distinguished alumni in Musicology. Dr. Locke was the beneficiary of the Research Development Fund from Dalhousie University, an award given in partnership with the Social Sciences/Humanities Research Council of Canada. In addition, he received the University Research Council Grant and the summer research stipend (twice) from Western Illinois University to pursue research projects.

Research focuses for Locke include music and cultural identity in the Czech Republic, and its predecessor states in the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries. He is currently immersed in multiple international research projects including the history of Czech popular music in the early 20th century, a catalogue of the music of Jindřich Feld, and a book chapter on the Czech feminist librettist Eliška Krásnohorská. Dr. Locke has undertaken several research trips to Prague during the period 1998 - 2019 and hopes to resume this travel as soon as possible.

Scholarly highlights of Dr. Locke's academic career include authoring the book "Opera and Ideology in Prague: Polemics and Practice at the National Theater, 1900-1938" (University of Rochester Press, 2006), as well as authoring and co-authoring several peer-reviewed book chapters, articles, conference proceedings, encyclopedia entries, conference papers, and a



modern edition of an unpublished three-act opera, "Vina by Otakar Zich" (A-R Editions, 2014).

Dr. Locke's exceptional abilities include language skills in Czech, French, Italian, and German (as well as 20 others in song). An operatic bass, he performed the role of Dr. Bartolo in WIU's production of Mozart's "Le nozze di Figaro" in 2019 as part of his Post-

Baccalaureate Certificate in Vocal Performance.

The 2021 Distinguished Faculty Lecture investigates an iconic dance craze not commonly associated with East Central Europe: "The Improbable Tangos of Prague: Exoticism and National Identity in Czech Popular Music, 1918-1948." The lecture explores the potent mix between local nationalism and imagined cosmopolitanism across three decades, from the first days of Czechoslovak independence, through the interwar period and Nazi occupation, to the arrival of communism and collapse of private music publishing houses. The tango, originally from Buenos Aires, was quickly adopted internationally after 1918, as a signifier of exoticism and fiery emotions.

Czech consumers encountered the tango first as a foreign product, via the American, French, and German popular music industries; in the 1920s, imported sung tangos were often translated into Czech. By 1930, however, the majority of Prague publishers began issuing newly-written Czech-language tangos, referencing not only exotic international destinations—as far flung as Venezuela, Lebanon, and Japan—but also local places, from idyllic villages and rivers to iconic locations in Prague itself. The fiery emotions of the tango could also express nationalist passion for the homeland, both as it was engulfed by conflict in 1938, and as it emerged once more, transformed but largely intact, in 1945. Of the several hundred Czech tangos issued by a dozen publishing houses across these years, each brought together the creative team comprising a composer, lyricist, art designer, arranger, publicist, and several performers. Sheet music and recordings were ubiquitous, leaving this ephemeral art form with a vibrant visual, textual and aural legacy.

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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 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 semester or summer term.

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

GUEST INFORMATION

Western is proud to recognize the accomplishments of our graduates and hopes each ceremony is a meaningful event for graduates, families, friends, faculty, and staff.

Please silence all electronic devices. For safety and decorum, aisles must remain clear during the ceremony. Guests are expected to remain seated until the stage party, faculty, and graduates have recessed.

Disability parking and seating are available at Hanson Field. Assistive listening devices are available if needed. Sign language interpretation is also provided.

A public first aid station is located on northwest end of Hanson Field.

In case of a severe weather emergency, shelter will be available in Western Hall and the University Union.

Western Illinois University is a smoke-free and tobacco-free campus.

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Dr. Eric C. Sheffield, Director

Lacey Anderson

“Examining the Impact of School Climate on Academic Achievement in Elementary Schools in Illinois”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Bridget Z. Sheng

Luz Amalia Hernandez

“Teachers Successfully Educating Historically Underserved Students”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. James G. La Prad

Christopher Ronald Lewis

“The Impact of Academic Behaviors in a Rural High School on College and Career Readiness and College Success”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Bridget Z. Sheng

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

MASTER OF ARTS

ENGLISH

Dr. Marjorie Allison, Interim Chair

Rachael Kehinde Aderoju

Charlie J. Allison

Marcus Bailey

Robert Dillon

Francesca Hamm

Kassandra L. Henshaw

Kendrick Keller

Yekaterina Kozhukhova

Meghan O'Toole

A.J. Rocca

Maureen Weber Sullivan

Anthony Vaughn

Kevin Vysoky

GEOGRAPHY

Dr. Samuel K. Thompson, Chair

Dakota Clay Forbis

Samantha G. Horn

HISTORY

Dr. Keith A. Boeckelman, Chair

Riley J. Gober

Ryan Lambert

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Dr. Keith A. Boeckelman, Chair

Aaron Adams

Oluwatunmininu Muneerah Lawal

Oyindamola Ruth Olawepo

Kairo Scott

Katrina Helene Vandeven

SOCIOLOGY

Dr. Tawnya Adkins Covert, Chair

Joseph Brewer

Christina A. Cottle

Cara Dawn Erude

Carolina Lopez

Joy Ifeoma Ofuokwu

Deborah Omowumi Olaiya

MASTER OF SCIENCE

BIOLOGY

Dr. Ranessa L. Cooper, Chair

Cheyenne Rose Beach

Chelsea M. Center

Mary Caroline Edgar

Jillian M. Jespersen

Jehnsen Lebsock

Cassidy Renae Miles

Olakunbi Folake Olawuni

Katherine Rexroad

CHEMISTRY

Dr. Rose M. McConnell, Chair

Alexandra Brisbin

Madison Chao

Bethany Esterlen

Julia Dyan Hill

Asma Abas Amer Matyori

Dalton J. Moss

Tyler Axl Parr

Abdullah Ali A. Rubayyi

Sarah Zahrani

MATHEMATICS

Dr. Victoria Baramidze, Chair

Walisinghe Madusha Harshani De Silva

Audrey Lucille Fletcher

George Charly Kattan

Mai Tharyar Linn

Mayumi Goto McAninch

Belal Mutabagani Al-Madani

PHYSICS

Dr. Kishor T. Kapale, Chair

Gbenga Miracle Adebisi

Akintunde Samson Akinpade

Ibrahim Aladhyani

MASTER OF SCIENCE (CONTINUED)

Oloyede Daniel Alao	PSYCHOLOGY	Ryan Michael Klute
Naif Saad Alharthi	<i>Dr. Karen L. Sears, Chair</i>	Carly Anna Miller
Suman Gautam		Brianna Shernice Richmond
Mazharul Islam Mondal	Tyler Cieck	Brittany Schenk
Michael Nsor	Rebecca A. Dunterman	Brianna M. Thompson
	Sierra Nicole Elsbury	Tara Lindsey Valentine
	Kathleen Hodges	Amy Louise Wynkoop
	Tyler Robert Inghram	

SPECIALIST IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

PSYCHOLOGY	Emma Peterson
<i>Dr. Karen L. Sears, Chair</i>	Matthew Kent Sullivan
Shannon Arzola	
Samantha Elizabeth Estrada	

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

ACCOUNTANCY	Rodrigo I. Estrada	Nickole Strubbe
<i>Dr. Jessica Lin, Interim Chair</i>	Cassidy Ann Jurkaites	Mary Ellen Tabin
	Dalton Mann	
Joshua Richard Cook		
Jacob Doubet		

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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.

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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.

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