
SCHOOL OF INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY

CONVOCATION

MAY 11
2024



COLLEGE OF
LIBERAL ARTS
& SCIENCES

TO OUR GRADUATES

Today you are graduates of the University of Illinois.

This is a remarkable achievement, and we hope that you celebrate the occasion with loved ones. Commencement is a joyous and deeply symbolic event for all, including the faculty members, staff, family, friends, and others who have supported you on your journey. As members of the Class of 2024, you have overcome many challenges to earn your degree. Congratulations, and we look forward to learning of your future success.

ORDER OF EXERCISES

May 11, 2024

PRELUDE

Graduate Musicians from the University of Illinois
Urbana - Champaign School of Music

WELCOME

Dr. Andrew Suarez, *Jeffrey S. Elowe Professor of Integrative
Biology and Acting Director, School of Integrative Biology*

COMMENCEMENT PROCESSION

Faculty and Degree Candidates from the School of
Integrative Biology

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Dr. Andrew Suarez

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Dr. Andrew Suarez

ALUMNI CONVOCATION SPEAKER

Dr. Brendan Colón, *Principal Research Scientist in
AI-Security, Amazon*

GREETINGS FROM THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES AND RECOGNITION OF CANDIDATES GRADUATING WITH HONORS

Dr. Shaowen Wang, *Associate Dean for Life and Physical
Sciences, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences*

PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE CANDIDATES

Dr. Marianne Alleyne, *Assistant Professor of Entomology*

PRESENTATION OF MASTER OF SCIENCE CANDIDATES

Dr. Marianne Alleyne

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**PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL
PHILOSOPHY CANDIDATES**

Dr. Andrew Suarez

CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Andrew Suarez

SINGING OF “HAIL TO THE ORANGE”

Hail to the Orange, Hail to the Blue, Hail Alma Mater,
Ever so true. We love no other, So let our motto be,
Victory, Illinois, Varsity!

RECESSION OF FACULTY AND GRADUATES

**SCHOOL OF
INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY
FACULTY ATTENDING
TODAY’S CEREMONY**

Dr. Brian Allan

Dr. Marianne Alleyne

Dr. Nick Anderson

Dr. Carla Cáceres

Dr. Ben Clegg

Dr. Adam Dolezal

Dr. Eva Fischer

Dr. Becky Fuller

Dr. Katy Heath

Dr. Andrew Suarez

MARSHALS

Nick Anderson, *Lecturer and Academic Advisor*

Jessica Fink, *Academic Advisor*

GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

The lists are organized by degree. Not all graduates listed are participating in today's ceremony. Because of printing deadlines, lists may be incomplete.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY

Haris Iftikhar Ahmad
Zainub S. Ahmad
Faizat Morenikeji Ajose
Claudia Alexandria Albuixech-Robinson
Gerardo Amaro Jr.
Benjamin Arango Navar
Estefani Arellano
Ariel Lizbeth Armendariz
Nicole Osaebé Asante
Mark Zaya Askharia
Peter Maher Bahu

Sooliat Adeyemi Bakare
Carter Michael Barnes
Collin Michael Barnes
Mikhaiya Janeé Barnes
Bishal Baskota
Reagan Lee Behen
Nicholas Peter Beronio
Sree Laya Bhamidi
Isaac Julian Bloom
Morgan Bolger
Jasmine Afriyie Bonsu
Kristina Amalia Bouzarelos Kopta
Cadence Mary Brenham
Jacob Christian Buck
Pomona June Carrington-Hoekstra
Rachel Erin Chaffee
Jiewen Chen
Liege Cheung
Vedant Choudhary
Kenneth Xuehong Chuang
Destini Coleman
William James Cooley

Elijah Wayne Crouch
Ryan Anthony Cummins
Dakota William Davis
Elijah Davis
Nkosi S Davis
Ian Jeffrey Dernbach
Jackson Joshua Dieden
Ethan Matthew Doman
Avery Donausky
Jennifer Dawn Donovan
Sho K. Dzurny
Olivia M. Elkin
Uriah M. Elliott
Julia Joy Fasick
Cameron Marie Fisher
Mario Isaak Franco Ibarra
Ethan Michael Freehill
Salvatore Galluzo
Angeli Celestine D Gargoles
Lyle Nicholas Chua Gaudiano
Julianna Kay Gerdes
Chloe B. Gilder

GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

Sari Marissa Gluck
Scarleth Godinez
Destiny Rebecca Gonzalez
River Gray
Brianna Lynn Grove
Eugene Gurevich
Jezreel Gutierrez
Grace Marie Hakman
Alexis Anne Halama
Wanyi He
Yoana Hernandez-Rodriguez
Zachary Alan Hill
Alexis Huerta
Ashley Grace Hughes
Albert Hunt
Grace Jacqueline Iovinelli
Luke Christian Jacob
Alexandra Ress Johnson
Jasmine S. Jones
Justin Joseph
Sonja Kamedulski
Nikhil Kanduri
Marie Keating

Lydia Elizabeth Keller
Ziad Abdullah Khan
Jiwoo Kim
Matthew D. Kim
Aislee Ann Klups
Dylan Paul Kolak
Alexandra Jade Kosiek
Artur Kostrubyak
Gabriella Maria Kulach
Jimmy Lee
Justin Jungmin Lee
Po-Kuan Lee
Daniel Legowski
Susan Love Lim
Jia Wen Lin
Nicholas J. Lisa
Natalie Elizabeth Loos
Emmanuel E. Lu
MacKenzie K. Martin
Elizabeth Victoria Martinez
Natylie Lorraine Marx
Shaz Mathew

Jaclyn Hannah May
Sara Joy Merkelz
Abeer Misbahuddin
Natalie Carol Monroe
Ilani Morales
Jessica Anjali Narasimhan
Luke P. Nelson
Emmanuelle Claire Newlin
Jessica Nunge
Cynthia Rose Nyderek
Aminat Fiyinfoluwa Odetola
Oluwamodupe Grace Olagoke
Adedamola Rebecca Omole
Adeyinka Esther Omole
Olufemi Dolapo Orekoya
Alexander Philip Osepek
Maria O. Osinubi
Nathan Chanhon Park
Anastasia Pasyнков
Catherine Jane Pavilionis
Jelena Pejkoivic
Mallory Allowishes Phillips

GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

Hannah Marie Pickard
Alexandra Barbara Pietka
Jada Janet Powell
Veronika Puidokas
Akshay K. Ramanathan
Luke Rasmussen
Elyssian Iris Rawdin
Elizabeth Rose Raycraft
Alexis Reyna
Emily Mary Riccio
Regina Roy
Hanif O. Salam
Maeli Claris Sanchez
Madelyn Grace Schafer
Nicklaus Lane Scherer
Aakash Sandip Shah
Jonah Kane Shapiro
Samantha Grace Simmons
Aditi Singh
Natalie Sinjaradze
Nicholas Skowron
Maira C. Sommerfeld

Asharia Nyala Smith
Bartosz Brian Stefaniuk
Skylar Denell Stripling
Winter Stubblefield
Aiden Russell Sup
Olivia Megan Szelazek
Allie Faye Tarakanov
Sydney Taraszkiwicz
Reid Richard Taylor
Sang Lian Thang
Norhan Hussein Tobaa
Yasmeen Hussein Tobaa
Nadia Manuel Tourjman
Samantha Quyen Tran
Sophia L. Vargas
Gissell Vergara
Kaitlyn M. Vickers
Michelle Villalobos
Ryan Vinanzaca
Landon Brock Wellendorf
Nicole Emily Woloszyn
Meghan Rose Wommack

Hanyu Yang
Minxing Zhu

INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY HONORS

Roqaya Sahib Al-Dhufari
Moiravi Tomas Aldunate
Jacob Han Chow
Amir Moshe Graupe
Allison May Haab
Erika Yamiles Huerta
George Joseph Indelli
Cameron Parker Jain
Greta Margaret Keilman
Noah Nathaniel King
Brenden Mattfolk
Dillion Spencer Max
Ling-Ling Shianglin Menez
Lauren Mei Ling Moy
James O'Connor
Antonio Pelayo
Maham Syed
Michael Tang

GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

Ivan Aleksandrovich Valishev
Ethan Yong
Matthew Zheng

MASTER OF SCIENCE

ECOLOGY, EVOLUTION, AND CONSERVATION BIOLOGY

Noah Brown
Yutao Chen
Katharina Michelle Soto
Emily Raphael Whitmer

ENTOMOLOGY

Vincent Prayugo
Sreelakshmi Suresh
Anupama Cauveri Udayakumar

INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY

Joseph Timothy Barry
Morgan Bolger
Ryan Christopher Glatchak
Isis Shakirah Johnson
Molly Elizabeth Podraza
Hannah Irene Willey
Harrison Wu

INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY TEACHING OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE

Randi Mae Calvert
Sari Elizabeth Deitche
Alexandra Lee Seifert
Claire Danielle Shoenberger

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

ECOLOGY, EVOLUTION, AND CONSERVATION BIOLOGY

Sulagna Chakraborty

HONORS AND AWARDS

UNIVERSITY BRONZE TABLET

Julia Joy Fasick
Alexis Anne Halama
Mario Isaak Franco Ibarra
Jessica Nunge
James O'Connor

GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

JAMES SCHOLARS

Claudia Alexandria Albuixech-Robinson
Collin Michael Barnes
Jiewen Chen
Julia Joy Fasick
Cameron Parker Jain
Jia Wen Lin
Elizabeth Victoria Martinez
Natylie Lorraine Marx
Emmanuelle Claire Newlin
Nathan Chanho Park
Antonio Pelayo
Emily Mary Riccio
Samantha Grace Simmons
Natalie Sinjaradze
Michael Tang
Nicole Emily Woloszyn

SCHOOL

HIGHEST DISTINCTION

Moiravi Tomas Aldunate
Collin Michael Barnes
Ling Ling Shianglin Menez
Michael Tang
Ivan Aleskandrovich Valishev

HIGH DISTINCTION

Rachel Erin Chaffee
Elijah Davis
Allison May Haab
Ashley Grace Hughes
Noah Nathaniel King
Ilani Morales
Lauren Mei Ling Moy
Winter Stubblefield

DISTINCTION

Sree Laya Bhamidi
Jennifer Dawn Donovan

Julianna Kay Gerdes
Greta Margaret Keilman
Po-Kuan Lee
Daniel J Legowski
Michelle Villalobos

ACADEMIC DRESS

Academic dress, consisting of cap, gown, and hood, originated about the twelfth century and was worn primarily for warmth. Subsequently, the material of the gown and lining, and the shape of the hood, represented the economic and social, as well as academic status of the wearer.

In the United States, the great majority of the academic costumes now worn are in accordance with the general provisions of the Intercollegiate Code of 1895, which was revised in 1932 and again in 1960. Under this code, the bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves, the master's gown has oblong sleeves with an arc at the bottom, and the doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves. All gowns are black, although the adoption of colored gowns by individual institutions in the United States is becoming more prevalent.

The bachelor's and master's gowns are untrimmed. The doctor's gown is faced down the front with velvet and has three bars of velvet across the sleeves. The facing and bars may be black or may be the color of the subject to which the degree pertains. The bachelor's gown is worn closed; the master's and doctor's gowns may be worn open or closed.

Hoods are also black. The bachelor's hood is 3 feet in length, the master's is 3 ½ feet, and the doctor's is 4 feet. Hoods are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring the degree. At the University of Illinois, the lining is orange and blue. The colored velvet border of the hood, which is 2 inches, 3 inches, and 5 inches wide for the bachelor's, master's, and doctor's degree

respectively, identifies the faculty or field of study to which the degree pertains.

The black mortarboard cap is standard in the United States. Usually, all tassels are black, but where the graduating seniors do not wear hoods, as at the University of Illinois, the color of the cap tassel indicates the department of study. At the University of Illinois, candidates for degrees wear tassels on the right front quadrant of their caps before degrees are conferred, and move them to the left front quadrant after degrees are conferred. Caps are considered a part of the costume and are customarily removed only during an invocation or benediction, and then by men only.

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctor's gowns, edging of hoods, tassels of caps, and linings of banners, there are different colors associated with the different disciplines. The color for Liberal Arts & Sciences is white.

Caps and gowns were worn for the first time at the University of Illinois Commencement ceremony of 1897. In the early 1900s the Commencement procession marched up Burrill Avenue to the old Armory. After diplomas were received, the procession marched back to the lawn south of Green Street. The seniors sang the State song and "Auld Lang Syne" before they said good-bye to each other and the campus.

THANK YOU

A special thank you to all who helped organize this convocation.
Thank you to the family and friends who have supported the graduates
throughout their time at the University of Illinois.



Degree Information

This program links to an unofficial list of degree candidates for May 2024, as well as a list of graduates who received degrees in August and December 2023. Names of some degree recipients may not appear while names of some degree candidates who have not yet completed degree requirements may be included.

The University's official registry for conferral of degrees is the Office of the Registrar, 901 W. Illinois St., Urbana, IL 61801.



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