PROCESSION
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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF DEAN
Anna Ball
Associate Dean, Academic Programs

REMARKS AND RECOGNITION OF DEPARTMENT HEADS
Germán Bollero
Dean, College of ACES

CONVOCATION SPEAKER
Anna Dilger
Associate Head & Director of Undergraduate Studies, Animal Sciences

RECOGNITION OF JAMES SCHOLARS
Anna Ball

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES
Agricultural & Biological Engineering
Agricultural & Consumer Economics
Agricultural Leadership, Education & Communications
Animal Sciences
Crop Sciences
Food Science & Human Nutrition
Human Development & Family Studies
Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences
Nutritional Sciences

CONFERRAL OF CANDIDATES
Germán Bollero

CLOSING REMARKS
Anna Ball

HAIL TO THE ORANGE
Sycamore Brass Quintet
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
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 the lining, and shape of the hood, represented the economic, social, and 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. Black is the traditional color for gowns, although at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, academic dress has been designed specifically for the Institution: blue gowns with orange accents and blue mortarboards.

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 blue, as is the case at Illinois, 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.

The bachelor’s hood is 3 feet in length; the master’s, 3 1/2 feet; and the doctor’s, 4 feet. Hoods are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring the degree. At 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 mortarboard cap is standard in the United States. Usually, all tassels are black, but where the bachelor’s graduates do not wear hoods, as at Illinois, the color of the cap tassel indicates the department of study. Candidates for degrees wear tassels on the right front quadrant of their caps 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. The orange and blue braided cords worn from the left shoulder by bachelor’s graduates signify University Honors.

The Jewel of Office worn by the President was presented to the University of Illinois Alumni Association. It is emblematic of the Office of the President and is worn at all formal academic ceremonies. On the gold collar, also worn by the President, are engraved the names of the Presidents of the University and their years of service. For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctor’s gown, edging of hoods, tassels of caps, and linings of banners, the colors associated with the different disciplines are indicated below.

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*The tassel is worn on the right-front quadrant until the degree is conferred.*
Agricultural and Biological Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Technical Systems Management | Engineering Technology & Management of Agricultural Systems
Juan Pablo Alanis
Daniel Avelar
Zachary Carter
Solomon Allen Davenport
Luis A. Espiritu
Jonathan Gonzalez
Silvestre Guerrero
Carlos Luis Montañez
Jacky Nham
Tyler Merrill Nichols
Tim Novick
Jack Pico
Eloisa Rego
Jaquelyn Romero
Manuel Ruvalcaba
Elisa Segura
Ryan Stoerger
Luis Vera
Hamza Yusuf-Omane

Master of Science in Engineering Technology & Management of Agricultural Systems | Technical Systems Management | Bioprocessing and Bioenergy
Felcia Arokia
Kaleigh Barnett
Hunter Bolen
Rebecca Grace Cartellone
Cheyanne Kay Dierickx
Nicholas Fazio
Guha Preethi Karthikrajan
Ruyi Li
Henry Zong-Han Lin
William R Rexroad
Lu Sun
Heather VanHeeswijk
Harika Venkatannagari

Agricultural and Consumer Economics

Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Consumer Economics
Allison Altschuler
Henry Brown
Nati Clay
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Desiree Rose Criollo
Allison Cruz
Francisco Dominguez
Kyle Fairfield
Harrison Greene
Brend Hiserote Martinez
Bertine M. Ilunga
Aaliyah M. Kissick
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Tyler Kormos
Knute Larson
Brandon Latherow
Conor Mack
Juan Carlos Martinez
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Moses Nattawuttit
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Ben Schultz
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Rui Tang
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Cole Thompson
Davis Tingley
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Master of Science in Agricultural and Applied Economics
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Doctor of Philosophy in Agricultural and Applied Economics
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Vaibhav Kamble
Seojeong Oh
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Animal Sciences
Bachelor of Science in Animal Sciences
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McKenzie Evans
Virginia Florianowicz
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Fatima Kazimi
Kennedi Koetzle
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Caitlin Ramirez
Grace Richardson
Shanice Ward
Wendy Lynn Zbroskewich

Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications
Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications
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Aaron Brown
Baylee Bushong
Rachel Annalieze Curtis
Haley Morgan Dellacqua
Josh Grimes

Eric Michael Hanson
Nya Haywood
Abbigail Jayne Kepp
Berkan Kurtulus
Steven Migut

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Jenna Girman
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Rob Klein
Nancy L Kuhajda
Brittney Lynn Muschetto
Katelynn Renee Ohrt
Megan Lynn Pierson
Samantha Smith

Master of Science in Animal Sciences | Agricultural Production
Luana Benicio  
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Jeni Bushman  
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Lizet Garcia  
Joshua Hannon  
Navya Jallepally  
Joseph Metz  
Kenzie Nelson  
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Cameron Stephanik White  
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**Doctor of Philosophy in Animal Sciences**

Shannon Elyse Finet  
Thesis: EVALUATION OF SELECT NOVEL DIETARY FIBER-RICH INGREDIENTS AND THEIR FUNCTIONALITY IN COMPANION ANIMAL NUTRITION

Clare Hsu  
Thesis: EFFECTS OF PROTEIN SOURCES AND PROCESSING CONDITIONS ON PROTEIN QUALITY IN CANINE NUTRITION

Julianna Christine Jespersen  
Thesis: ALTERATION OF DIETARY ENERGY AND AMINO ACID DENSITIES DURING COCCIDIOSIS INFECTION IN BROILERS

Qianming Jiang  
Sara Tondini

**Crop Sciences**

**Bachelor of Science in Crop Sciences | Computer Science + Crop Sciences**

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Gabrielle Noel Barnvos  
Lexi Ippolito  
Lincoln Koehler

Chengxu (Gary) Liu  
Galvin McQuellon  
Jonevas Rhone Jr  
Cody Sedlock  
Taylor Wilson  
Lisa Xue

**Master of Science in Crop Sciences | Agricultural Production**

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Tara Suzanne Heath  
Logan Miller  
Daisy Situ  
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**Doctor of Philosophy in Crop Sciences**

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Olivia Landau  
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**Food Science and Human Nutrition**

**Bachelor of Science in Food Science and Human Nutrition**

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Jaylen Boyd  
Stephanie Dolores Cajka  
Jillian Devine  
Tianhao Dou  
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Maya Rahman  
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Tyler Julian Sudduth  
Vincent Tseng
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Japnit Baidwan
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Iulia Ciubotariu
Kourtney Rose Cordes
Niti Chetanbhai Desai
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Ira Wang
Arielle Weinstein
Shiwei Yue

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Yanlin Lei
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Gustavo Reyes Polanco
Marco Toc Sagra

Human Development and Family Studies
Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Studies
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Doctor of Philosophy in Human Development and Family Studies
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Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences
Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences
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Ricky Lim
Chengxu (Gary) Liu
Matthew Anthony McGavin
Miguel Angel Ortiz
Moshe Piltz
Hamson Shen
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Avery Viadero
Enzo Yamada
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Caroline Cain  
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Avery Parmiter  
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Doctor of Philosophy in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences

Nathan Alexander  
Thesis: CONSERVATION OF A FOSSORIAL GRASSLAND SPECIES (GEOMYS BURSARIUS) THROUGH UNDERSTANDING NICHE REDUCTION, LANDSCAPE GENETICS, AND PHYLOGENETICS

Caitlin Bloomer  
Marissa Chase  
Ai Chen  
Jordan Hartman  
Evan Salcido  
Suresh Sharma  
Thesis: UNDERSTANDING AND GUIDING THE ADOPTION OF SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES THROUGH RESEARCH ON HUMAN VALUES, KNOWLEDGE, AND INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

Seunguk Shin

Doctor of Philosophy in Nutritional Sciences

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Noah Hutchinson  
Emanuela Kayser  
Thesis: EVALUATION OF FUNCTIONAL INGREDIENTS ON GLYCEMIC RESPONSE, Fecal METABOLITES, Fecal MICROBIOTA, SYSTEMIC OXIDATIVE STRESS AND INFLAMMATION, AND NUTRIENT DIGESTIBILITY IN COMPANION ANIMAL NUTRITION

Steven Krauklis  
Thesis: CENTRAL SIGNALING PATHWAYS IN CHEMOTACTIC SIGNALING

Arden McMath  
Sergio Miranda de Souza Junior  
Danielle Louise Opetz  
Thesis: EFFECTS OF DIET ON THE BODY COMPOSITION, VOLUNTARY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, BLOOD HORMONES AND METABOLITES, AND FECAL CHARACTERISTICS OF ADULT CATS UNDERGOING WEIGHT GAIN AND WEIGHT LOSS CONDITIONS

Ashlie Santaliz Casiano  
Nate Willis

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Virginia Evelyn Florianowicz

Nutritional Sciences

Master of Science in Nutritional Sciences

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Hossein Omidi Ardali  
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Dr. Anna Dilger is a professor at the University of Illinois and serves as the associate head and director of undergraduate studies for the Department of Animal Sciences. She earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Purdue University, and her doctorate from the University of Illinois. Her research program focuses on improving the growth and efficiency of animal production and the quality of products produced, and being in Illinois, pigs and pork are a definite focus of her work. Anna is also an engaging and enthusiastic teacher who motivates her students using student-centered activities and innovative assignments, and she excels in her commitment to translating science for the public.

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