

Convocation

Friday, December 20, 2024

5:00 PM



**College of Agricultural,
Consumer &
Environmental Sciences**

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

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Krannert Center for the Performing Arts

PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Anna Ball, Associate Dean, Academic Programs

DEAN'S REMARKS

Germán Bollero, Dean, College of ACES

CONVOCATION SPEAKER

Kelly Swanson, Division of Nutritional Sciences

RECOGNITION OF JAMES SCHOLARS

Anna Ball, Associate Dean, Academic Programs

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES

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

CONFERRAL OF CANDIDATES

Germán Bollero, Dean, College of ACES

WELCOME TO ACES ALUMNI

Trudy West, Alumni Board President, College of ACES

CLOSING REMARKS

Anna Ball, Associate Dean, Academic Programs

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.

RECESSIONAL

Music Provided by Sycamore Brass Quintet
Full Program: go.aces.illinois.edu/graduation

CONVOCATION **COLLEGE OF ACES**

Speaker

KELLY SWANSON

Director of the Division of Nutritional Sciences



Dr. Swanson is a recognized leader in nutrition and nutrigenomics, testing how diet influences the gut microbiome and host health. He focuses on testing the effects of dietary fiber, prebiotics, and probiotics on intestinal health in pets and people. He is recognized as a scientist on the cutting edge, applying new approaches to data collection and analysis. His work has been supported by over \$26 million from pet and human food industries, commodity groups and the National Institutes of Health. He has trained over 50 graduate students and postdocs and published over 265 papers.

Kelly is also an outstanding instructor in the Department of Animal Sciences, Division of Nutritional Sciences, and College of Veterinary Medicine. He has taught over 3,300 students in nearly 70 courses and has made it to the “List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students” 35 times. He was recently named to a five-year term as Director of the Division of Nutritional Sciences. He also contributes to many campus committees, professional societies and editorial boards.

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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.

ACES - Maize	Law - Purple
Applied Health Sciences - Sage Green	Liberal Arts & Sciences - White
Architecture - Blue-Velvet	Library Science - Lemon
Business - Drab	Media - Crimson
Education - Light Blue	Philosophy - Dark Blue
Engineering - Orange	Social Work - Citron
Fine & Applied Arts - Brown	Veterinary Medicine - Gray
Labor & Employment Relations - Drab	

** The tassel is worn on the right-front quadrant until the degree is conferred.*

Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications

Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications

Ciara Michele Roepke
Gabrielle Sierra Sams
Ava Marie Splear

Master of Science in Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications

Meghan Cope
Tony Dupuis
Gwen Dalin Heimerdinger
Morgan Ann Jones
Hayden Warren Kinkade
Karl Rabe

Agricultural and Biological Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Technical Systems Management | Engineering Technology & Management of Agricultural Systems

Julia Aguilar
Irfan Alibasic
Sarah Megan Chavez
Matthew Patrick Cleary
Jason Walter Dedes
Matthew Doligale
Billy Fieberg
Randy Laureano
Brian Martinez
Shai Rajpurkar
Kathrina Ann Rodriguez
Elisa Segura
Mark Anthony Sinchi

Master of Science in Engineering Technology & Management of Agricultural Systems | Technical Systems Management | Bioprocessing and Bioenergy

Rajashivani Annakumar
Daniel Gaither
Cyrus Lemoine
Zoey Zhang

Agricultural and Consumer Economics

Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Consumer Economics

Yusuf Aljabri
Lucas Althaus
Keegan Anderson
Grace Julia Biggs
Malachy Byrne
Alvaro Duchitanga
Christopher Ertman
Reed Gannon
Carmine Giso
Garrett Granby
Logan Graham Heflin
Cade Aaron Hettmansberger
Hizkeel Nooruddin Zahida Himani
James Hubbard
Ethan Jones
Olimpia Kacouris
Ira Kale
Ammaz Khalid
Stanley Kurtek
Aidan Nicholas Lockhart
Lily Ann Martinez
Meagan Mercado
Kirkland Michaux
Moses Nattawuttisit
Rhett Netzer
Mia Vera Pabon
Nicholas Vincent Pavlovic
Hunter Phillips

Fabrizio Antonio Pinton
Benjamin Michael Plumley
Tavares Reed
Alyssa Reifsteck
Joel Rios
Matthew James Rowley
William Jiake Shen
Malani Marie Smithenry
Lucas Stillman
Noah Treat
Max Williams
Gunnar Wayne Wuebben
Isaac Ryan Zipperstein

Master of Science in Agricultural and Applied Economics

Nasim Gholizadeh
Long Hui Lu
Monireh Nobakht
George Alexander Ramsey
Shaymae Senhaji

Doctor of Philosophy in Agricultural and Applied Economics

Victor Funes Leal
Hsin-Chieh Hsieh
Yijia Li
Mrignyani Sehgal
Farzana Shirin

Human Development and Family Studies

Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Studies

Asmahun Al-halabi
Taryn Andricks
Julianne Mary Enas
Victoria Mang
Aryanna Pacheco
Alreona Phillips
Krista Siler
Moriah Stevens
Heaven West

Tierra Woods
Master of Science in Human Development and Family Studies

Ghada El Kawas
Noah Larsen

Doctor of Philosophy in Human Development and Family Studies

Samantha Jean Iwinski

Thesis: LONGITUDINAL EXAMINATION OF HOT AND COLD EXECUTIVE FUNCTION: RELATIONSHIPS WITH PARENTING QUALITY, HOUSEHOLD CHAOS, AND ACCESS TO FAMILY RESIDENCY GREEN SPACE

Animal Sciences

Bachelor of Science in Animal Sciences

Xitlaly Andrade
Allison Benitez
Jennifer Brown
Luxur Choi
Rory Dennehy
Gordyn Gaston
Alix Goncalves Zitzow
Alberto Goytia
Diego Granciano
Mackenzie Guzman
Kenzie Hamer
Casper Harmata
Alondra Herrera
Haley Jackson
Maggie Jones
Abigail Lafferty
Ashlyn Lane
Kennedy Andree McDonald
Sofia Mena
Sahid Alexander Mohamad Jr.
Alex Moore
Crystal Moreno-Garcia
Abby Moriarty
Chloe Jane Danger Nelson - VanMiddlesworth
Matthew Niehans Medina
Leah O'Dekirk

Hayley Pitts
Mercedes Saavedra
Prathika Senthil
Nicole Kirsten Tan
Emma Kate Tolentino
Kimberly Uruchima
Sabrina Villegas
Livia Wang
Jordan Williams
Lauren Wuebbels

Master of Science in Animal Sciences | Bioinformatics

Ariel Cooper
Francelys Fernandez Materan
SAJU George
Tricia Kresel
John Deitrich Mauck

Doctor of Philosophy in Animal Sciences

Malia Berg
Haley Linder
Naomi Christine Willard
Thesis: SOW BODY TEMPERATURE AND
BEHAVIORAL CHANGES ASSOCIATED
WITH THE ONSET OF ESTRUS AND
OVULATION

Crop Sciences

Bachelor of Science in Crop Sciences | Computer Science + Crop Sciences | Plant Biotechnology | Agronomy

Dylan Allen
Clayton Bone
Kyle Alexander Fox
Fatouma Hewitt
Lexi Ippolito
Spencer James Jack
Parker Johnson
Mark Loula
Allison Renee Megow
Camille Virginia Monroe
Lorena Ramirez-Porter
Mary Jane Rodd
Nazareth Rodriguez

Maria F. Velazquez
Hangao Zhang
David Zimmerman

Master of Science in Crop Sciences | Agricultural Production

Montasir Ahmed
Holly Anderson
Maryanne Beckwith
Luke Bergschneider
Hannah Grace Carlock
Dierdra Daniels
Killian Delaney
Lynn Doran
Devin William Koester
Levon Minassian
Alison Niebuhr
Michael Silbermann
Ben Skipor

Doctor of Philosophy in Crop Sciences

Yuhei Nakayama
Nictor Namoi
Seda Ozer
Osvaldo Perez Gonzalez
Damilola Raiyemo

Food Science and Human Nutrition

Bachelor of Science in Food Science and Human Nutrition | Dietetics and Nutrition

Haotian Chen
Rahil Dalwani
Brandon A. DuVall
Madeline Joy Fenili
Jun Ho Jung
Dana Lee
Charles W Metz
Hailey Niebrugge
Delaina Sigman
Jacqueline Soegiantoro
Neil Thammavijitdej

**Master of Science in Food Science | Human
Nutrition | Clinical and Community
Nutrition**

Madeline Bills
Nicole Carey
Walter Alexis Catalan Monroy
Leslie Chan
Shruthi Das
Hannah Griffith
Veronica Hindle
Aditi Jain
Anna Johnson
Ki Chang Kim
Kevin Koval
Angela Kwon
Eileen Law
Longwen Li
Kristen Malloy
Maggie Miksch
Puneeth Patange
Allison Nicole Schuricht
Zoella Shen
Jiaming Sheng
Rachel Sklar
Reyhan Soewardjono
Jeffrey Vaca
Valerie Wang
Sabrina Yang
Ying Yang
Jin Yu
Gary Zhang
Yi Zhou

**Doctor of Philosophy in Food Science |
Human Nutrition**

Nouf Alfouzan
Ashley Oyirifi
AJ Taylor
Jiaying Wu
Zifan Xie
Bianca Xu
Vince Yang
Ziyi Zhan

**Natural Resources and
Environmental Sciences**

**Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources
and Environmental Sciences**

Jacob Burns
Joelle Leanne Busby
Micah Ho
Miles Kosik
Stephen Mackey
Erin Miller
Javier Perez
Matthew Louis Siciliano
Ryan Strye
Kennedy Alexander Wendt
John Thomas Wenzel
Diansen Zhang
Charles Zheng
Yunqian Zhu

**Master of Science in Natural Resources
and Environmental Sciences**

Jeremy Facer
Haley Haradon
Allison Hay
Mark Matthew Kolasa
Alycia Matz
Michael Nowicki
Sean Obrochta
Samuel James Pirruccello
Charles Plimpton
Colleen Rathz
Amber Schmidt
Amy Schneider
Rohini Vembar
Qianchen Zhou

**Doctor of Philosophy in Natural Resources
and Environmental Sciences**

Sarah Castle
Binod Ghimire
Jesann Gonzalez Cruz
Andrew Jesper
Ziqi Qin

Nutritional Sciences

Master of Science in Nutritional Sciences

Zainab Alzoubi

Kharina Roman Rivera

Nelson Camilo Ruiz Arias

Doctor of Philosophy in Nutritional Sciences

Ayca Mogol

**This program contains an unofficial list of candidates for graduation in the summer and fall terms.*

December 2024

ACES James Scholars

Julianne Mary Enas

Aryanna Pacheco

Krista Siler

Wessels Finalists

Julianne Mary Enas

Ava Marie Splear



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