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**EDWARDSVILLE**

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# WELCOME TO SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE



On behalf of the faculty, staff and students of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, I am pleased to welcome you to the 127th commencement celebration, and the second virtual ceremony. Though the COVID-19 pandemic prevents us from gathering together in our traditional setting, our graduates have achieved a significant milestone in their lives, deserving of recognition and celebration. They have excelled in their academic pursuits while exemplifying the values of citizenship, excellence, inclusion, integrity and wisdom upon which the University is founded.

SIUE is a place where dreams are built and futures are formed. The University community is proud to have supported our students during their time on campus. At the conclusion of today's virtual ceremonies, the graduates will share alumni status with more than 115,000 fellow Cougars. SIUE will continue to provide assistance as our students transition to the professional world or pursue advanced courses of study.

Graduates, congratulations on your wonderful accomplishments. We recognize both you and those who have supported you throughout your academic experiences. Thank you for helping SIUE fulfill its mission to shape a changing world. We look forward to learning of your many achievements in the years to come.

Congratulations!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randall G. Pembroke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Randall G. Pembroke, PhD**  
Chancellor



# SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

The Southern Illinois University (SIU) System is comprised of two sister institutions: SIU Edwardsville, with a School of Dental Medicine in Alton and the SIUE East St. Louis Higher Education Campus in East St. Louis, and SIU Carbondale, with a School of Medicine in Springfield.

With a budget of approximately \$867 million, the SIU System employs over 7,000 faculty, staff and administrators who serve more than 28,000 students. A modern and comprehensive post-secondary educational system, the SIU System offers a broad range of academic programs that lead to associate, bachelor's, master's, specialist, doctoral and professional practice degrees in a variety of fields, including law, medicine, pharmacy, and dental medicine.

SIU Carbondale was chartered in 1869 as Southern Illinois Normal University, a teachers' college. In 1947, the name was changed to reflect the institution's academic expansion. The University also expanded geographically.

As early as 1949, courses were being offered in the metropolitan East St. Louis area, which led to the development of SIUE, now the largest campus in the SIU System.

The instructional, scholarship and service missions of the two constituent institutions reflect the needs of the geographic areas in which they are located. The SIU System is also committed to serving statewide, national and international needs. This commitment is reflected in educational activities and outreach in communities throughout the state, as well as through research and training exchanges and worldwide student exchange programs.

The SIU Board of Trustees governs the SIU System and sets policy that enables both universities to carry out their established missions and goals. The president of the System is its CEO and reports to the board of trustees. The University chancellors report directly to the president and are responsible for the internal operations of SIUE and SIUC, respectively.

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# SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) traces its origin to a recommendation made in 1956 by the Southwest Illinois Council for Higher Education. The council was convinced that higher education facilities were needed in the Metro East. They hired consultants whose reports documented that need, and they appealed to Southern Illinois University (SIU), 100 miles south, to establish satellite campuses.

In 1957, SIU opened two “residence centers” in Alton and East St. Louis. The University expected to enroll 800 students, but actual enrollment reached 1,776. By 1959, the number of students had more than doubled to 3,800, greatly exceeding the capabilities of the physical facilities. This burgeoning population demanded services faster than the University could develop and supply them.

A planning team investigated sites in the Metro East counties and selected one just south of Edwardsville. In 1960, the Illinois legislature authorized a bond issue for construction of a new state university campus. Voter approval came in November 1960. After nearly three years of planning, University officials and area residents attended ground-breaking ceremonies for the first permanent buildings.

In the fall of 1965, SIUE moved onto its new campus just 25 miles from St. Louis—2,660 acres of rolling land and woods dotted with lakes along bluffs flanking the Mississippi River. Much of the land still retains its natural shape.

Emphasizing teaching, research and public service programs, SIUE is a fully accredited comprehensive university with nearly 13,000 enrolled students. After being classified as a master’s-large institution for most of its history, SIUE was reclassified in January 2019 by The Carnegie Commission on Higher Education to the newly created doctoral/professional universities category. The University is proud to be ranked by *Washington Monthly* among the top 30% of doctoral universities in the nation.

The City of Edwardsville is ranked among the nation’s top 15 safest college towns by Safewise in its 2020 Safest College Towns list. More than half of SIUE’s 115,000 graduates live and work in the St. Louis region. SIUE makes more than a \$514 million economic impact on the region every year.

The University offers undergraduate and graduate areas of study encompassing the arts, sciences, nursing, education, health, human behavior, business and engineering. The Schools of Dental Medicine and Pharmacy award first professional doctoral degrees in dental medicine (DMD) and in pharmacy (PharmD). Doctoral degrees are available in nursing practice and educational leadership. Cooperative PhD programs in history, environmental resources and policy, engineering science, and computer science are offered with SIU Carbondale. The Edwardsville campus is enhanced by campuses in East St. Louis and Alton.

At SIUE, students find comprehensive educational opportunities and a community in which individuals support each other in their search for knowledge and individual development.

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# SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE

## Mission

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville is a student-centered educational community dedicated to communicating, expanding and integrating knowledge. In a spirit of collaboration enriched by diverse ideas, our comprehensive and unique array of undergraduate and graduate programs develop professionals, scholars and leaders who shape a changing world.

## Vision

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville will achieve greater national and global recognition and academic prominence through innovative and interdisciplinary programs that empower individuals to achieve their full potential.

## Values

Recognizing public education as the cornerstone of a democracy, SIUE carries out its mission based on certain fundamental, shared values. We value:

### Citizenship

- Social, civic and political responsibility-globally, nationally, locally and within the University
- Active partnerships and a climate of collaboration and cooperation among students, faculty, staff, alumni and the larger community
- Sustainable practices in environmental, financial and social endeavors

### Excellence

- High-quality learning within and beyond the classroom
- Continuous improvement and innovation
- Outstanding scholarship and public service

### Inclusion

- A welcoming and supportive environment
- Openness to the rich diversity of humankind in all aspects of university life
- Respect for individuals, differences and cultures
- Intellectual freedom and diversity of thought

## Integrity

- Accountability to those we serve and from whom we receive support
- Honesty in our communications and in our actions

## Wisdom

- Creation, preservation and sharing of knowledge
- Application of knowledge in a manner that promotes the common good
- Lifelong learning

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## SIUE Statement on Diversity

The SIUE Statement on Diversity reflects the University's commitment to recognizing and valuing the contributions of the breadth of humankind. This statement, adopted in April 2013, replaces an earlier version and is considered an expansion of the SIUE value of inclusion.

All societies and peoples have contributed to the rich mix of contemporary humanity. In order to achieve domestic and international peace, social justice and the development of full human potential, we must build on this diversity and inclusion.

- Southern Illinois University Edwardsville nurtures an open, respectful and welcoming climate that facilitates learning and work. Each member of the University is responsible for contributing to such a campus environment.
- Southern Illinois University Edwardsville is committed to education that explores the historic significance of diversity in order to understand the present and to better enable our community to engage the future.
- Integral to this commitment, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville strives for a student body and a workforce that is diverse, inclusive and equitable.

# ACADEMICS AT SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE

## College of Arts and Sciences

Kevin Leonard, Dean

Central to SIUE's exceptional and comprehensive education, the College of Arts and Sciences offers degree programs in the natural sciences, humanities, arts, social sciences and communications. The College touches the lives of all SIUE students, helping them explore diverse ideas and experiences, while learning to think and live as fulfilled, productive members of the global community. Study abroad, service-learning, internships and other experiential learning opportunities better prepare SIUE students not only to succeed in our region's workplaces, but also to become valuable leaders who make important contributions to our communities.

## School of Business

Timothy Schoenecker, Dean

The School of Business is among an elite five percent of business schools worldwide that have earned the prestigious seal of approval from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International. The accounting program holds specialized accreditation by the AACSB. Only two percent of business schools worldwide are AACSB-accredited in both business and accounting. Each year, students find internships, cooperative education opportunities and employment with major corporations such as Bayer, The Boeing Company, Edward Jones, Emerson, Enterprise, Nestlé Purina and World Wide Technology, as well as scores of small- and medium-sized businesses. Graduates are highly prepared to begin productive careers in the fields of computer information systems, economics, entrepreneurship, finance, business administration, human resource management, international business, management, marketing and accounting.

## School of Education, Health and Human Behavior

Robin Hughes, Dean

School of Education, Health and Human Behavior graduates can choose from a variety of career paths in education, applied health and behavioral sciences. Through rewarding partnerships with regional agencies and public school districts, students learn through hands-on experience in their fields of interest. The School's commitment to experiential learning and community outreach is demonstrated through its clinics and the activities of its student organizations. Visit us on YouTube and Twitter to learn more about our students' successes.

## School of Engineering

Cem Karacal, Dean

The School of Engineering offers eight undergraduate and five graduate programs, as well as two collaborative PhD programs with SIUC, making it one of the most comprehensive and largest engineering schools in the region. The School prepares students to meet the growing needs in our region and nation for more engineers, computer scientists and construction managers. The engineering, information technology and construction companies in the Metropolitan St. Louis area provide exciting, challenging and high income jobs, internships and cooperative opportunities to our students. More than 60 percent of our graduates have taken positions in the St. Louis Metro area. Students are not only educated in the classroom and laboratory, but also through undergraduate research projects and student organizations that participate in collegiate contests, such as the formula race car, solar car, mini Baja, robotics, steel bridge, concrete canoe and many more.



# ACADEMICS AT SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE

## School of Nursing

Laura Bernaix, Dean

The School of Nursing offers an excellent learning environment, which prepares students for careers as professional nurses. The School partners with hundreds of healthcare agencies in Central and Southern Illinois and the St. Louis region to provide students with quality clinical practicum sites. Students also practice required nursing skills in the School's Simulated Learning Center to promote critical thinking and safe care before encountering patients in actual clinical settings. Graduate programs include master's degrees in healthcare and nursing administration, and nurse educator; a post-master's doctor of nursing practice (DNP) degree; and a post-baccalaureate DNP with specializations in nurse anesthesia, family nurse practitioner, and psychiatric mental health.

## School of Pharmacy

Mark Luer, Dean

The School of Pharmacy, the only pharmacy program in southern Illinois, offers a professional program leading to the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) and Master of Science in pharmaceutical sciences. Established in 2005, the School graduated its first class in May 2009 and is fully accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education. Our graduates enter a wide variety of professional settings, including community pharmacies, hospitals, the pharmaceutical industry and academia. SIUE pharmacy students work alongside other health professionals. This team approach allows healthcare professionals to optimize drug therapy and offer the highest quality of patient care.

## Graduate School

Jerry Weinberg, Dean

The National Science Foundation lists SIUE among the top five doctoral/professional institutions in the U.S. in terms of research and development expenditures. The SIUE Graduate School offers more than 100 areas of study with master's, post-baccalaureate certificates and doctoral degrees in a variety of disciplines. Students prepare for the challenges of their professions in a rich, intellectual learning environment emphasizing research and practice.

## School of Dental Medicine

Bruce Rotter, Dean

The Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine is proud of its established tradition of graduating highly prepared general practitioners of dental medicine. Since 1972, the School has continued to carry out its mission to improve the oral health of southern Illinois and the region through education, patient care, scholarship and service. Through the care provided at the University's main clinic in Alton and the community clinics in East St. Louis and Edwardsville, as well as through its community outreach programs, the School serves as a vital oral healthcare provider for residents of southern and central Illinois, and the St. Louis metropolitan region.

## Library and Information Services

Lis Pankl, Dean

Library and Information Services provides information resources and technology for teaching, learning and scholarship. Information resources are available in all formats with a strong preference given to digital collections, which are heavily accessed by users. Lovejoy Library is a member of CARLI (Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois) which provides SIUE users full access to the holdings of the 130 CARLI libraries that share a catalog of millions of item records. Along with access to OCLC's WorldCat, with more than two billion items held by participating libraries, Lovejoy Library opens the world to SIUE users. Library resources are available through social media, its mobile website, 3D scanning and printing, and traditional methods. As in all successful 21st century academic libraries, library faculty are subject specialists who provide information literacy and technology instruction. They assist SIUE faculty in identifying and selecting open access materials, publishing research locally, and curating collections in our institutional repository, known as SPARK.

# HISTORY OF ACADEMIC REGALIA

The pageantry of the academic procession is used for many of the formal and significant events at SIUE.

Inherited from the medieval universities of the 11th and 12th centuries when woolen gowns and hoods were worn by scholars for warmth in unheated quarters, the wearing of academic vestments and the procession were not adopted throughout the United States until the late 19th century.

Academic life in the Middle Ages began first in the church, then in the guilds. The teaching guild was the guild of the master of arts, where the bachelor was the apprentice of the master and the dress was the outward sign of privilege and responsibility, designed to distinguish the wearer from the merchants and other townsmen.

Principal features of academic dress are the gown, cap and hood. Both Cambridge and Oxford Universities, since the 15th century, have made academic dress a matter of university control, even to its minor details, and have repeatedly published revised regulations. American universities agreed on a definite system in 1894. In 1932, the American Council on Education presented a revised code which, for the most part, governs the style of academic dress today.

The cap worn almost universally in academic processions is the Oxford cap, better known as the mortarboard. From poetry we learn that the cap of scholarship was

square to symbolize a book. A different style, called the Cambridge cap, resembles a large beret.

The use of a dark hood in academic processions is thought to have arisen from the clerical practice of wearing a cap or mantle in religious processions during the 12th and 13th centuries, when universities arose from cathedral schools.

Traditionally, gowns are also black. In recent years, however, a number of universities have adopted other hues which signify the school's traditional colors, such as crimson for Harvard, blue for Yale.

The bachelor's gown is a yoked, closed-front garment with long, pointed sleeves. The master's has long, closed sleeves slit just above the elbow, permitting the forearms to protrude. The doctor's has full, bell-shaped sleeves and is trimmed with velvet panels down the front, and three velvet bars on each sleeve. The color of the panels and sleeves varies to indicate the doctoral field.

The academic hoods, worn around the neck and down the back of the gown, are lined with the official colors of the college or university conferring the degree. The binding or edging of the hood usually represents the subject of the degree.

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**Applied Communication Studies** - Silver Gray

**Art, Letters, Humanities** - White

**Business, Accountancy, Commerce** - Drab

**Criminal Justice Studies** - Ivory

**Dental Medicine** - Lavender

**Economics** - Copper

**Education** - Light Blue

**Engineering** - Orange

**Fine Arts** - Brown

**Interdisciplinary** - White

**Journalism** - Crimson

**Music** - Pink

**Nursing** - Apricot

**Pharmacy** - Olive Green

**Philosophy** - Dark Blue

**Public Administration** - Peacock

**Science** - Golden Yellow

**Social Science, Social Work** - Citron

# COMMENCEMENT AT SIUE

## Mace

The SIUE ceremonial mace was created in 1981 by the late Michael E. Mason. He earned both a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Fine Arts from SIUE and served as curator of the University Museum. At that time, the president of SIUE (the position now called chancellor) Earl Lazerson instituted traditional, formal regalia for use on significant ceremonial occasions. In 2005, Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift restored the tradition of the mace at all commencement and other academic ceremonies. A stand was subsequently constructed and, in recognition of the values of the University, engraved brass plaques were added to the ceremonial mace with the words Citizenship, Excellence, Inclusion, Integrity and Wisdom.

## International Flags

The flags flown at commencement represent the home nations of all SIUE students. Nearly 400 international students from 58 nations currently attend SIUE. International students contribute to the University's diverse learning environment by sharing their unique culture and introducing new perspectives to SIUE.

## Chancellor's Medallion

The Chancellor's Chain of Office is a symbol of the guidance and inspiration of current University leadership building on the achievements of the past. It is a reminder of our accomplishments, as well as the challenges and opportunities to come. The medallion of the chain has the mark of the University surrounded in laurels, a time-honored symbol of education. The chain bears Chancellor Pembroke's name and the names of past leaders of SIUE.

## Granting of Degrees

Candidates for degrees listed in this commencement program are those who completed degree requirements or who, at the time of publication, were reasonably certain of completing degree requirements. Inclusion in this publication may not be construed as documentation of completion of degree requirements. Certification of the conferral of a degree is by receipt of a diploma or official transcript noting degree completion.

*Beautifully situated on 2,660 acres, SIUE offers easy access to professional and cultural opportunities in Metropolitan St. Louis, located just 25 miles from campus.*



# ACADEMIC AND OTHER RECOGNITION

## Honors Recognition

Candidates graduating with honors are noted in the program and their accomplishments are characterized by the color of the academic cord worn with their regalia.

*	=	cum laude (with honors – 3.50 to 3.74)	Red cord
**	=	magna cum laude (high honors – 3.75 to 3.89)	Gold cord
***	=	summa cum laude (highest honors – 3.90 or higher)	White cord
H	=	Honors Scholars	

## Other Academic Recognition

Students who are members of specific academic honorary organizations noted below are wearing cords, stoles or medallions as indicated:

- Golden Key International Honor Society – Blue and gold cords
- Honors Scholars – Medallion on red ribbon
- Johnetta Haley Scholars Academy – Red and white stole
- Meridian Scholars – Medallion on red ribbon
- Phi Eta Sigma, Freshman Honor Society – Gold stole with black letters
- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society – Medallion on blue ribbon
- SALUTE Veterans National Honor Society – Gold and blue stoles (Graduate) White and blue stoles (Undergraduate)
- Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society – Royal blue and gold cords

## College of Arts and Sciences

- Alpha Kappa Delta, Sociology Honor Society – Teal cords
- Gamma Theta Upsilon, The Honor Society in Geography – Gold stole and blue, gold and brown cords
- Lambda Pi Eta, Communication Studies Honor Society – Red and white cords
- Phi Alpha Theta, The Honor Society in History – Madonna red and light blue cords
- Pi Alpha Alpha, Public Administration Honor Society – Blue and gold cords
- Pi Mu Epsilon, Mathematics National Honor Society – Violet, gold and lavender cords
- Pi Sigma Alpha, The National Political Science Honor Society – Red, white and black cords
- Sigma Tau Delta, International Honor Society for English – Red and black cords
- STELLAR Students – Silver and red zipper pulls/medallions

## School of Business

- Beta Alpha Psi, Honor Society for Accounting – Red and black cords
- Beta Gamma Sigma, Honor Society for Business Majors – Royal blue and gold medallions

## School of Dental Medicine

- Omicron Kappa Upsilon, The Dental Honor Society – Gold medallion on lavender ribbon

## School of Education, Health and Human Behavior

- Chi Sigma Alpha, The International Student Affairs Honor Society – Maroon and gold cords
- Eta Sigma Gamma, The Health Education Honor Society – Two color green and gold cords
- Kappa Delta Pi, The International Honor Society in Education – Violet and jade green cords
- Psi Chi, The International Honor Society of Psychology – Platinum and dark blue cords

## School of Engineering

- Chi Epsilon, Civil Engineering Honor Society – Two white and one purple cords
- Eta Kappa Nu, International Honor Society for Electrical Engineering – Medallion on blue and red ribbon
- Pi Tau Sigma, International Honor Society for Mechanical Engineers – White stole and murrey and azure cords
- Sigma Lambda Chi, International Construction Honor Society – White stole and green and yellow cords

# ACADEMIC AND OTHER RECOGNITION

## **School of Nursing**

Dean's Medallion – Medallion on red and black ribbon

Graduate Honors – Red, white and apricot cord

Sigma Theta Tau, International Honor Society of Nursing – Lavender and white cords

## **School of Pharmacy**

American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists – Light blue cord

College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists – Turquoise and white cords

Phi Lambda Sigma, The National Pharmacy Leadership Society – Kelly green and gold cords

Rho Chi, The Academic Honor Society in Pharmacy – Purple and white cords

Student National Pharmaceutical Association – Black with a little white cords

## **Students receiving other recognition are noted below:**

Order of Omega – Cream stole with gold lettering

Senior Campaign contributors – Red, black and white cords

Student Athletes – Bronze medallion with red and white ribbon

Student Leadership Development Program – Bronze medallion with red ribbon

Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Program Associates – Silver cords



## HONORARY DEGREE: LAWRENCE B. HEITZ



Larry Heitz was SIUE's first student to graduate with a master's in business administration from the School of Business. He has served as an executive in residence at SIUE for more than 10 years and is currently serving on the SIUE Foundation Campaign Planning Committee. He annually visits with faculty, mentors students and serves as a guest lecturer. He established an annual MBA scholarship in 2010 and endowed the Heitz Faculty Research Award in 2017. He also was a financial contributor to the Cougar Business Resource Center, which opened in 2012. He was inducted into the SIUE Alumni Association Hall of Fame in 2011.

Heitz has held influential positions throughout his career, including engineer at Owens Illinois and program manager with Emerson Electric Aerospace. Starting as a product manager in 1970 at Tubular Steel, Inc., he rose through the ranks during his 18-year tenure to become president and chief executive officer.

In 1988, Heitz began a mergers and acquisitions business, Triac Partners and later Riverside Partners. He acquired more than 10 businesses in the medical and high tech manufacturing areas, and expanded companies in five different countries. He also introduced Eagle Investments in 2002. Heitz has served on the boards of a number of companies and not-for-profit organizations, such as York Industries, Research Biochemicals, EntraCare Medical Devices, Life365 Medical Software, Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development and others.

Heitz's humanitarian and community service efforts are numerous. He has worked with homeless youth in St. Louis and Arizona to create scholarships and housing opportunities, as well as directed programs designed to help clients find housing, earn an education and gain employment.

Organizations such as Golf Fore Africa, which focuses on bringing clean drinking water to rural Africa, have benefited from Heitz's consulting. He was able to help the organization quadruple its fundraising efforts. Heitz established The Lawrence Institute in 2016. The organization's mission is to help individuals permanently improve their lives. The institute works primarily with not-for-profit organizations to provide programs offering life skills education, healthcare, and job skill development leading to sustainable long-term, measurable improvements in people's lives. The institute typically focuses on building a leadership team, developing effective strategic plans and creating systems that focus on growth and sustainable results.

Heitz and his wife, Sharon, have provided resources and developed programs for children and adolescents living with AIDS who are being cared for at Phoenix Children's Hospital. The program helps patients learn how to socialize/normalize living with AIDS in today's society by providing a dedicated psychologist and therapist for the patients and their families.

Heitz earned a bachelor's in industrial management, mechanical engineering in 1966 from Purdue University's Krannert School of Management before achieving his MBA at SIUE in 1969.

### Past Decade of Doctor of Humane Letters Recipients

2010  
**Ralph Korte**

2014  
**John Simmons**

2017  
**Frankie Muse Freeman**

2011  
**Clinton Van Zandt**

2015  
**David Werner**

2018  
**Vaughn Vandegrift**

2012  
**Fernando Aguirre**

2016  
**Thelma Mothershed Wair**

2019  
**Earl Lazerson**

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD: SHIRLEY PORTWOOD, PhD



Shirley Portwood, PhD, distinguished professor emerita of history, SIUE, is a longtime educator and former Southern Illinois University Board of Trustee member.

She earned a bachelor's in history and a master's in history with a specialization in Russian history from SIUE in '70 and '73. She earned an additional master's and a doctorate in history with an emphasis in African American women, American women and modern Russia from Washington University in St. Louis.

Her teaching career began as an instructor of history in 1972 at St. Louis Community College at Forest Park. She joined SIUE in 1980 where she taught African American history, American women's history, social history, cultural history, basic U.S. Constitution and many other courses. Along with her passion for teaching, Portwood loved engaging and helping students.

"I encouraged students to come in and talk to me, even if they were not having problems or did not have any specific questions," she said. "Sometimes, we would sit and have tea or coffee. I realized that if students could make a connection with just one person, it could make a difference with them staying in school. I wanted to be there to champion them."

An accomplished and prolific writer, researcher and storyteller, Portwood wrote "Tell Us a Story: An African American Family in the Heartland" at the request of her grandchildren. After the book was published in 2000, she incorporated it into her curriculum.

Her dedication to education and SIUE involved a host of commitments, including serving on various committees, advisory boards and panels. Portwood retired from SIUE as a full professor in 2007 and continued to teach as a professor emerita until 2010. She served on the SIU Board of Trustees from 2013 through 2019.

Portwood has received numerous accolades and awards, including:

- 2019 SIUE Alumni Hall of Fame, Graduate School
- National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, Harvard University
- Sojourner Truth Award, Chicago Public Library
- Friends of Morris Library Delta Award, SIUC
- Women of Distinction Award, Women's Christian Association
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award, SIUE
- University Teaching Excellence Award, SIUE

### Past Distinguished Service Award Recipients

2010  
**Charles Tosovsky**

2013  
**Mary and Jerry Kane**

2016  
**Camille Emig-Hill**

2019  
**William R. Haine**

2011  
**Dolores Rohrkaste**

2014  
**Dixie Engelman**

2017  
**Johnetta Randolph Haley**

2012  
**Paige St. John**

2015  
**Kay Werner**

2018  
**Gyo Obata**







# THE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Friday, December 18, 2020, 1 p.m.

*Randall G. Pembroke, Chancellor of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, presiding*

## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES: UNDERGRADUATE

### **National Anthem: “The Star-Spangled Banner” Lyrics by Francis Scott Key**

*Led by Michael Hawkins, Musical Theater Student, College of Arts and Sciences*

*Music by the Meridian Brass Quintet*

### **Welcoming Remarks**

*P. Denise Cobb, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs*

### **Honorary Degree Recognition**

*Lawrence Heitz, Doctor of Humane Letters*

### **Distinguished Service Award Recognition**

*Shirley Portwood, Distinguished Professor Emerita*

### **Remarks from the Chancellor**

*Randall G. Pembroke, Chancellor*

### **Remarks from the President**

*Dan Mahony, President, SIU System*

### **Remarks from the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences**

*Kevin Leonard, Dean*

### **Remarks on Behalf of the Class of 2020**

*Paulina Fuhrmann, Bachelor of Science in Political Science*

### **Candidates Commissioned as Second Lieutenants and Members of Honor Societies**

### **Candidates for Degrees**

*Kevin Leonard, Dean*

*Student names read by Virginia Stricklin, Digital Imaging Specialist II, Lovejoy Library*

### **Conferral of Degrees**

*Randall G. Pembroke, Chancellor*

### **Message from the SIUE Alumni Association**

### **Closing Remarks**

*P. Denise Cobb, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs*

### **Alma Mater: “Hail SIUE” by George Mellott**

*Led by Michael Hawkins, Musical Theater Student, College of Arts and Sciences*

*Music by the Meridian Brass Quintet*

# COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Kevin Leonard, Dean

## **Bachelor of Arts**

*(Tassel: Brown, Citron, Crimson, Dark Blue, Gold, Gray, Ivory, Pink, White)*

Abigayle Denise Agne  
Bryonna Toni Marie Allen  
Emily Animashaun  
Jordan Alexandra Beishir  
Emylia Rose Bouc \*  
Wyatt Ethan Bridger  
Joseph Christian Carroll  
Jordan M. Cruise  
Tristan Lincoln Davis\*  
Anthony Philip DeGregorio  
Claire Marie Di Lorenzo  
Jennifer Theresa Emery \*\*  
Jaylan Celeste Fenner  
Samuel Dean Fletcher  
Cassandra Elaine Lampitt  
Andra L. Lang  
Hannah Elizabeth Marlette \*\*\*  
Carla Daniela Márquez-López \*\*\*  
Matthew Michael Monroe \*  
Claudia Alejandra Pulido-Ruiz  
Gabriella Francesca Romano \*\*\*  
David Alexander Ruark  
Adam Lee Sims  
John H. Stewart  
Lamonta Renee Swann  
Ava Anne Umbach \*\*  
Magdalena K. Valkova  
Timothy Mark VanDeursen

## **Bachelor of Fine Arts**

*(Tassel: Brown)*

Justin Leroy Armstrong  
Ary Clemmer Bird \*\*\*  
Erica Jane Davis  
Michaela Marie Dean  
Lena Rose Fahey \*  
Cristian Gabriel Grobnic  
Elizabeth Kelly Klein \*\*\*  
Michaia Joy Oswald  
Kyle Sullivan \*\*

## **Bachelor of Liberal Studies**

*(Tassel: White)*

Bruce Roger Reese II  
Craig Reed Giles Williams

## **Bachelor of Music**

*(Tassel: Pink)*

Lucas M. Bozovich  
Sara Christine Gonzalez  
Dylan Joseph Hemrich  
Andrew Marshall Stahlman  
Ryan Patrick Torpea

## **Bachelor of Science**

*(Tassel: Brown, Citron, Crimson, Copper, Dark Blue, Gold, Gray, Ivory, White)*

Keri Jo Abner  
Erika Ahart  
Mark James Albrecht  
Shalia Ali'ila Alston  
Cole Richard Anderson  
Dylan Edward Arnold  
Jacob Allen Baughman  
Liam Biesiada  
Tia Renee Biggs \*\*\*  
Taylor Rakay Bozarth \*\*\*  
Demi Braggs  
Conner Alexander Brown  
Trevor Michael Brunner\*\*\*  
Justin A. Burse  
Manisha Chand  
Matthew Reed Clary \*  
Micaela Adele Collins \*\*\*  
Lindsay Marie Craddick  
Brian Carnell Cruise-Lowery  
Melissa Kaylene Davis  
Nolberto Deavila \*\*  
Andrea Kiara Decuire  
Daniel Thomas Deibert  
Avalon T. N. DeVance-Palmer  
Hayley Kathleen Diorio  
Jocelyn Carol Dorethy  
Raymond Martin Dressler  
Jacob Allen Ekhoﬀ  
Nadira Ellis  
Olivia Anique Emerson  
Kristen Marie Emig  
Devan Shea Endejan  
LaToya Shauntrea England  
Emily Anne Finke \*\*\* H  
Jamie Kyle Fowler  
Paulina Hope Fuhrmann \*  
Hunter Wade Fuller  
Ryan Matthew Garst  
Abigail Marie Gettemeier  
Jaivon Edward Giles  
Aaron Robert Goecks  
Justin Gordon  
Mark Robert Green  
Riley Denise Guthrie  
Brett Ryan Gutierrez  
Erica Lee Haas \*  
Jessica Marie Hafner  
Jared Daniel Halluin  
Lauren Nicole Hamby  
Jessica R. Hampton \*\*  
Kenneth Thomas Harris  
Noah Liam Haynes  
Mackenzie K. Herring  
Megan Ann Hobbie \*  
Zachary Allan Hoffer  
Kimberly Marie Hoffmann  
Zachariah Holoman  
Adam Steven Hoock \*\*\*

Alyssa Marie Hoog \*\*\*  
Calvin Hopkins  
Sha'Breon Doniece Hopkins \*  
Hayden Christopher Howard  
Aliyah Somone Johnson  
Emily Jade Kalert  
Adam Keasey  
Tamari Khmiadashvili  
Leah Christine Kirchhoefer  
Elizabeth Kelly Klein \*\*\*  
Lynn Kloss \*\*\*  
Jonathan Thomas Koe  
Maryam Grace Kumerow  
Erika Lynn Kunkel  
Kyle G. Kuntzman  
Joseph Allen Lake  
Kevion K. Laws  
Kailen Marcell Lee  
Michelle Jaliyah Lewis  
Sydney Shay Lombardi  
Adrianna Alexis Longwell  
Devin Louis Lotter  
Alexander James Lovett  
Jazmyn Rene Maggitt  
Anna Nicole Mangiaracino  
Kayla Kathryn M.A. Martin  
Jackee Lynn McCullum  
Katherine Anne Miglin  
Kevin Mikhayel  
Caitlin Nicole Morey  
John Weldon Morrison  
Regina Ira Mosley  
Alexis Tiffany Mueller \*\*\*  
Endesha Myers  
Tiffany Nicole Nations \*  
Renee Mary Oplt  
Macy Brianne Osborne  
Jason Alexander Fisk Pappas  
Scott David Parizon \*  
Hayden Robert Parks  
BonnieJean Caryl Parsell  
Chelsea Jayne Patton  
Claire Elyse Pawloski \*  
Clayton Randall Pearson  
Andrea Perez  
Edina Pilipovic  
Jada Lyn Pool \*\*  
Jamila Mariella Porter  
Gavin Monroe Potthast  
Amaan Rashad Price  
Victoria Prokos  
Nicole D. Pruett \*\*\*  
Michael David Rice  
Amy J. Riddle  
Lindsey Marie Ripper  
Nolan Thomas Rogers  
Madison J. Ross  
Isaac Cody Routley  
Ricky Rashun Rush  
Jake Edward Scheiter \*\*  
Joseph M. Schilling  
Maddison Marie Schneider

Michael Schneider  
Kayela Raeann Schoen  
Kira LaJan Schulte \*  
Neilah Nasara Scruggs  
Travis Lee Shoemaker  
Amelia Renee Siemer  
Leeann Elizabeth Singer-German  
Madeline Elizabeth Sirko  
Eddie Keontrell Smith  
Jacob Michael Smith  
Lorin C. Smith, Jr.  
Samuel Ryan Smyth  
Rachel Ann Sneed H  
Kayla M. Sparks  
Josiah Jambry Stevenson  
Ethan Richard Strubhart  
Daniel Tapia  
Collis Olin Tate  
Noelle Lynn Taylor  
Kendall Jordan Tyler  
Annabelle M. Walker  
Aaron W. Wemple  
Adam Joseph Western \*\*\*  
Shane Christopher Wheatley  
Blake Charles Robert White  
Jacob Alexander Whitehead  
Kennedi Marie Whitworth  
Teontae Vontez Winters  
DeVonte D. Winters-Taylor  
Meagan Leanne Woodruff  
Marissa K. Woolfolk  
Tessa Nicole Woulfe  
Theodore Martin Yancey  
Brittany Nicole Yung

\* cum laude

\*\* magna cum laude

\*\*\* summa cum laude

H Honors Scholars

# THE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Friday, December 18, 2020, 1 p.m.

*Randall G. Pembrook, Chancellor of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, presiding*

## GRADUATE SCHOOL

### **National Anthem: “The Star-Spangled Banner” Lyrics by Francis Scott Key**

*Led by Michael Hawkins, Musical Theater Student, College of Arts and Sciences*

*Music by the Meridian Brass Quintet*

### **Welcoming Remarks**

*P. Denise Cobb, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs*

### **Honorary Degree Recognition**

*Lawrence Heitz, Doctor of Humane Letters*

### **Distinguished Service Award Recognition**

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### **Remarks from the Chancellor**

*Randall G. Pembrook, Chancellor*

### **Remarks from the President**

*Dan Mahony, President, SIU System*

### **Remarks from the Dean of the Graduate School**

*Jerry Weinberg, Dean*

### **Remarks on Behalf of the Class of 2020**

*Caitlin Phelan, Doctor of Nursing Practice*

### **Candidates Commissioned as Second Lieutenants and Members of Honor Societies**

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*Jerry Weinberg, Dean*

*Student names read by Eileen Martindale, Career Counselor, Career Development Center and President of the SIUE Alumni Association*

### **Conferral of Degrees**

*Randall G. Pembrook, Chancellor*

### **Message from the SIUE Alumni Association**

### **Closing Remarks**

*P. Denise Cobb, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs*

### **Alma Mater: “Hail SIUE” by George Mellot**

*Led by Michael Hawkins, Musical Theater Student, College of Arts and Sciences*

*Music by the Meridian Brass Quintet*

# GRADUATE SCHOOL

Jerry Weinberg, Dean

## College of Arts and Sciences

### **Master of Arts** (Hood: Citron, Gray, White)

**Xueting Bai**  
*Applied Communication Studies*

**Ashley Nicole Cameron**  
*Applied Communication Studies*

**Colleen Michelle Cummings**  
*Applied Communication Studies*

**Unhye Myong**  
*Art Therapy Counseling*

**Harmony Denise Bell**  
*English*

**Sarah Marie Bland**  
*English*

**Natalie Z. Casey**  
*English*

**Jenelle Lynn Kypta**  
*English*

**Cathy McNeese**  
*English*

**Shelbi Ann Simmons**  
*English*

**Jacob Edward Byers**  
*History*

**George James Diak III**  
*History*

**Emily Estelle Hess**  
*History*

**Ami Nicole Null**  
*History*

**Olabode Makanjuola Shadare**  
*History*

**Joshua Lawrence White**  
*Sociology*

**Amber L. Wilson**  
*Sociology*

### **Master of Fine Arts** (Hood: Brown)

**Grant Michael Deam**  
*Creative Writing*

### **Master of Music** (Hood: Pink)

**Jordin D. Gouge**  
*Music*

**Brian Joseph Lotter**  
*Music*

**Bradley Martin Smelser**  
*Music*

### **Master of Public Administration** (Hood: Peacock)

**Rima Abusaid**  
*Public Administration*

**Brooke Makanda Allen**  
*Public Administration*

**Stephanie Renee Cuvar**  
*Public Administration*

**Deontrez Jarome Dickerson**  
*Public Administration*

**Yanely Sarahy Flores Oyuela**  
*Public Administration*

**Clarence Johnathan Goldthree**  
*Public Administration*

**Precious Nicole Grimes**  
*Public Administration*

**Reginald Levelle Hamilton II**  
*Public Administration*

**Angela F. Imming**  
*Public Administration*

**Dalton Michael Irwin**  
*Public Administration*

**Catherine Elizabeth Kessler**  
*Public Administration*

**Rachel Lynn McClery**  
*Public Administration*

**Lorenzo Cortez Reid**  
*Public Administration*

**Natalie Mery Rosas**  
*Public Administration*

**Sadie Morgan Spears**  
*Public Administration*

**Stacia L. Weinoffer**  
*Public Administration*

**Molly N. White**  
*Public Administration*

### **Master of Science** (Hood: Citron, Crimson, Gold, Ivory)

**Paige Elizabeth Bangle**  
*Biological Sciences*

**Amber Eliza Ann Bouren**  
*Biological Sciences*

**Madison Noelle Eschbach**  
*Biological Sciences*

**Miles Maguire Gossett**  
*Biological Sciences*

**Emily Rae Hausman Dockter**  
*Biological Sciences*

**Justin Myles Jenkel**  
*Biological Sciences*

**Elisa Yazmin Morales Monroy**  
*Biological Sciences*

**Katy Marie Rahar**  
*Biological Sciences*

**Nicholas R. Wells**  
*Biological Sciences*

**Katherine Wiesehan**  
*Biological Sciences*

**Olana Kumessa Yadessa**  
*Biological Sciences*

**Negar Zati Mahboob**  
*Biological Sciences*

**Abby Marie Cox**  
*Chemistry*

**Nicolette Eleni Geron**  
*Chemistry*

**Adam Joseph Litterst**  
*Chemistry*

**Israel Idowu Olayide**  
*Chemistry*

**Kailash Shrestha**  
*Chemistry*

**John Nguyen Truong**  
*Chemistry*

**Lauren Elizabeth Cox**  
*Criminal Justice Policy*

**Rickeila Tucker**  
*Criminal Justice Policy*

**Olusegun Stephen Akindeju**  
*Environmental Sciences*

**Suprasanna Aryal**  
*Environmental Sciences*

**Kevin Lee Helenthal**  
*Environmental Sciences*

**Danielle Colleen Kulina**  
*Environmental Sciences*

**Eloho Chukwuma Unufe**  
*Environmental Sciences*

**Guisel L. Berry**  
*Geography*

**Lori Anne Horan**  
*Geography*

**Susannah Marie Oettle**  
*Geography*

**Samuel E. Ewing**  
*Mathematics*

**Kristen R. McFarland**  
*Mathematics*

**Benjamin Jacob Rohlfing**  
*Mathematics*

**Cory Michael Thom**  
*Mathematics*

**Amanda Lea Cooper**  
*Media Studies*

**Megan Rose Grove**  
*Media Studies*

**Jonathan Adam Johnson**  
*Media Studies*

**Akshiti Modi**  
*Media Studies*

### **Master of Social Work** (Hood: Citron)

**Rachel Smith Frazure**  
*Social Work*

**Lacresha Yevonne Linton**  
*Social Work*

**KateLynn Midgett**  
*Social Work*

**Brejani Makida Owens**  
*Social Work*

**Yolande Daphne Schöller**  
*Social Work*

### **Post Baccalaureate Certificate** (Hood: White)

**Keishia Ann Hartle**  
*Literature*

# GRADUATE SCHOOL CONT.

Jerry Weinberg, Dean

## School of Business

### **Master of Business Administration** (Hood: Drab)

**Elizabeth Kathleen Asbrock**  
*Business Administration*

**Rodney Eugene Asbrock**  
*Business Administration*

**Daniel Alan Ayres**  
*Business Administration*

**Trisha Bach**  
*Business Administration*

**Michael Robert Barbeau**  
*Business Administration*

**Timothy A. Bathon**  
*Business Administration*

**Christy Ann Bosco**  
*Business Administration*

**Brandi Rose Caughey**  
*Business Administration*

**Jared Aaron Cloninger**  
*Business Administration*

**Nicholas Alexander Cornell**  
*Business Administration*

**Luke Anthony Curtis**  
*Business Administration*

**Brett Austin Daniels**  
*Business Administration*

**Logan Eugene DeWeese**  
*Business Administration*

**Casey Michael Dobbins**  
*Business Administration*

**Brenden Lee-Patrick Emmons**  
*Business Administration*

**Lane Mary Fowler**  
*Business Administration*

**Brandon Freeburg**  
*Business Administration*

**David Charles Garris Jr.**  
*Business Administration*

**Kelvin Kamenju Gathigia**  
*Business Administration*

**Meagan Grace Graessle**  
*Business Administration*

**Justin Michael Gray**  
*Business Administration*

**Brigitte Lyn Harper**  
*Business Administration*

**Anthony Lowell Hettinger**  
*Business Administration*

**Chautauqua S. Hightower**  
*Business Administration*

**Robin Teresa Jackson**  
*Business Administration*

**Brooke Logan Jacobus**  
*Business Administration*

**Matthew G. Jones**  
*Business Administration*

**Jacob Douglas Lachapelle**  
*Business Administration*

**Kaleb Ryan Lee**  
*Business Administration*

**Wesley Earl Lindsey**  
*Business Administration*

**Beth McCoy**  
*Business Administration*

**Erica Michelle McPherson**  
*Business Administration*

**Sarah Marie Medina**  
*Business Administration*

**Jai Monique Miller**  
*Business Administration*

**Regan Ann Myers**  
*Business Administration*

**David Neary**  
*Business Administration*

**Megan Nicole Necessary**  
*Business Administration*

**Brandon Nitz**  
*Business Administration*

**Justin Robert Nosser**  
*Business Administration*

**Steven Oscko**  
*Business Administration*

**Jonathan Powell**  
*Business Administration*

**Jared Riemenschneider**  
*Business Administration*

**Kaitlyn Schwarz**  
*Business Administration*

**Jeffrey David Sellman**  
*Business Administration*

**Jullian Deon Spiller**  
*Business Administration*

**Brian Spurgeon**  
*Business Administration*

**Malgorzata Maggey Szyfer**  
*Business Administration*

**Jeanette Rose Tindall**  
*Business Administration*

**Derek D. Washer**  
*Business Administration*

**Claire Alise Weinzierl**  
*Business Administration*

**Mary Kate White**  
*Business Administration*

**Thomas White**  
*Business Administration*

**Ann M. Williams**  
*Business Administration*

**Jonathon Michael Yard**  
*Business Administration*

**Nicolas Allen Yemm**  
*Business Administration*

### **Master of Marketing Research** (Hood: Drab)

**Tianxu Han**  
*Marketing Research*

**Damilola Shukra Jimoh Adewale**  
*Marketing Research*

**Kayla Reynolds**  
*Marketing Research*

**Riley Ann Sinclair**  
*Marketing Research*

**David Titus**  
*Marketing Research*

### **Master of Science** (Hood: Drab)

**Wade Nicholas Berner**  
*Computer Management & Information Systems*

**Charles Edwin Knollman IV**  
*Computer Management & Information Systems*

**James Rinehart**  
*Computer Management & Information Systems*

**Mounika Lakshmi Bharathi Samudrala**  
*Computer Management & Information Systems*

**Harshavardhan Yellanki**  
*Computer Management & Information Systems*

### **Master of Science in Accountancy** (Hood: Drab)

**Kevin Bruce Campbell**  
*Accountancy*

**Ezekiel Darrell Cassidy**  
*Accountancy*

**Dustin Davis**  
*Accountancy*

**Mason Colin Going**  
*Accountancy*

**Jennifer Annette Hylla**  
*Accountancy*

**Madeline Livvix**  
*Accountancy*

**Joseph Patrick Steck**  
*Accountancy*

**McKinley Lee Vickers**  
*Accountancy*

# GRADUATE SCHOOL CONT.

Jerry Weinberg, Dean

## School of Education, Health and Human Behavior

### **Doctor of Education** (Hood: Light Blue)

**Dustin Russell Bilbruck**  
*Educational Leadership*

**Barbara Michele Daugherty**  
*Educational Leadership*

### **Education Specialist Degree** (Hood: Light Blue)

**Kimberly J. Barbour-Moore**  
*Educational Administration*

**Jamaal Eugene Heavens**  
*Educational Administration*

**Martin Stuart Son**  
*Educational Administration*

**Victoria Lynn White**  
*Educational Administration*

### **Master of Arts** (Hood: Gold)

**Wesley David Huff**  
*Psychology*

**David R. Mersman**  
*Psychology*

**David Stevenson**  
*Psychology*

### **Master of Science** (Hood: Light Blue, Gold)

**Jensen Ballinger**  
*Kinesiology*

**Ashleigh Anne Cook**  
*Kinesiology*

**Brandon Davis**  
*Kinesiology*

**Marianne Elizabeth Durkin**  
*Kinesiology*

**Monet Yvette Evans**  
*Kinesiology*

**Gregg Alec Flores**  
*Kinesiology*

**Keegan Fornoff**  
*Kinesiology*

**Olusola Adeola Fowosire**  
*Kinesiology*

**Hannah Isabelle Hughes**  
*Kinesiology*

**Deyjah Venize Johnson**  
*Kinesiology*

**Courtney Taylor Kendrick**  
*Kinesiology*

**Samantha Lee Knight**  
*Kinesiology*

**Sarah M. Lugo**  
*Kinesiology*

**CayCee Diane McKinney**  
*Kinesiology*

**Brandon Michael Miller**  
*Kinesiology*

**Sarah Miller**  
*Kinesiology*

**Benjamin Edward Motl**  
*Kinesiology*

**Mary Ondrejka**  
*Kinesiology*

**David Page**  
*Kinesiology*

**Bradley Powell**  
*Kinesiology*

**Ashley Naomi Robinson**  
*Kinesiology*

**Abigail Dawn Wright**  
*Kinesiology*

**Zoe Rae Barnes**  
*Psychology*

**Kaitlin M. Carpenter**  
*Psychology*

**Karen Marie Schroeder**  
*Psychology*

**Anna Taylor Schumacher**  
*Psychology*

### **Master of Science in Education** (Hood: Light Blue)

**Sally Morgan Betscher**  
*College Student Personnel Administration*

**Kelley N. Brooks**  
*College Student Personnel Administration*

**Terrell Ray Jones**  
*College Student Personnel Administration*

**Regiere DeAnne Lovett**  
*College Student Personnel Administration*

**Brian Thomas Pearlman**  
*College Student Personnel Administration*

**Melissa Nicole Quirin**  
*College Student Personnel Administration*

**Michelle Robinson**  
*College Student Personnel Administration*

**Dana Thomas**  
*College Student Personnel Administration*

**Carrie Diane Weber-Viehweg**  
*College Student Personnel Administration*

**Jennifer Dawn Hoover**  
*Curriculum and Instruction*

**Monica Lizett DeAvila**  
*Diversity and Equity in Education*

**Aaron David Heil**  
*Diversity and Equity in Education*

**ChinYing Liu**  
*Diversity and Equity in Education*

**Zachary Dale Wygal**  
*Diversity and Equity in Education*

**Haylee L. Althoff**  
*Educational Administration*

**Samantha Nicole Klang**  
*Educational Administration*

**Joshua W. LeMond**  
*Educational Administration*

**Amanda Goldsboro**  
*Instructional Technology*

**Stacy Marie Korba**  
*Kinesiology*

**Barlow Dupree McGhee**  
*Kinesiology*

**Dennis Neese**  
*Kinesiology*

**Robert Edward Radomski**  
*Kinesiology*

**Jacob Anthony Post**  
*Special Education*

**Melisa Marie Shepard**  
*Special Education*

### **Post Baccalaureate Certificate** (Hood: Light Blue)

**Brandon Rose Englert**  
*Web-Based Learning*

**Amanda Goldsboro**  
*Web-Based Learning*

# GRADUATE SCHOOL CONT.

Jerry Weinberg, Dean

## School of Engineering

### **Master of Science** (Hood: Orange)

**Ahmad Abdellatif**  
*Civil Engineering*

**Hasan Abuhzaima**  
*Civil Engineering*

**Garrett Johnston Calvert**  
*Civil Engineering*

**Timothy Grgec**  
*Civil Engineering*

**Abhinav Gundapuneni**  
*Civil Engineering*

**Ravin Kafle**  
*Civil Engineering*

**Yevgeniy A. Kengovskiy**  
*Civil Engineering*

**David William Molohon**  
*Civil Engineering*

**Shanti Satyal**  
*Civil Engineering*

**Varun Reddy Velpur**  
*Civil Engineering*

**Zachary Brian Anderson**  
*Computer Science*

**Dale Bradley Auten**  
*Computer Science*

**Anupama Rao Balasankula**  
*Computer Science*

**Patrick Michael Bunetic**  
*Computer Science*

**Grigori Burlea**  
*Computer Science*

**Sindhuja Dodda**  
*Computer Science*

**Lavanya Reddy Ganta**  
*Computer Science*

**Vaishnavi Joginipalli**  
*Computer Science*

**Bhavana Kurapati**  
*Computer Science*

**Madhusudan Sai Maddukuri**  
*Computer Science*

**Manoj Reddy Pusapati**  
*Computer Science*

**Saranya Seelam**  
*Computer Science*

**Anupama Umakant**  
*Computer Science*

**Vikas Vellampalli**  
*Computer Science*

**Jennifer Elizabeth Williams**  
*Computer Science*

**Elijah Scott Rhoad**  
*Electrical & Computer Engineering*

**Veeresh Satamraju**  
*Electrical & Computer Engineering*

**Abhinava Keerthi Sunnapu**  
*Electrical & Computer Engineering*

**Andrew Widmar**  
*Electrical & Computer Engineering*

**Lakshmi Anjana Devi Gorantla**  
*Electrical Engineering*

**Vidya Balaraju Manjuladevi**  
*Electrical Engineering*

**Taylor Andrew Harnagel**  
*Electrical Engineering*

**Harika Vinnakota**  
*Electrical Engineering*

**Ademola Adeleke Akinyemi**  
*Industrial Engineering*

**Sanaz Eshraghi**  
*Industrial Engineering*

**Deniz Mercan**  
*Industrial Engineering*

**Ryan Frank Mir**  
*Industrial Engineering*

**Boaz Abishakth Mylabathula**  
*Industrial Engineering*

**Berk Ozturk**  
*Industrial Engineering*

**Parthkumar Navinbhai Patel**  
*Industrial Engineering*

**Nagendra Surya Kumar C. Reddy**  
*Industrial Engineering*

**Mohammad Abdullah Siddique**  
*Industrial Engineering*

**Abhishek Taneja**  
*Industrial Engineering*

**Sriteja Vangala**  
*Industrial Engineering*

**MacKinzie Hart Washington**  
*Industrial Engineering*

**Charan Kumar Reddy Yeddula Venkat**  
*Industrial Engineering*

**Ismail Aleyao**  
*Mechanical Engineering*

**Md Ebrahim Khalil Bhuiyan**  
*Mechanical Engineering*

**Tharun Reddy Bobbala**  
*Mechanical Engineering*

**John Albert Ourth**  
*Mechanical Engineering*

**Huan Phan Van**  
*Mechanical Engineering*

**Nathan Alystair Rarick**  
*Mechanical Engineering*

**Mahdi Shahi Koorabbasloo**  
*Mechanical Engineering*

**Krishna Naga C. V. Vegiraju**  
*Mechanical Engineering*



# GRADUATE SCHOOL CONT.

Jerry Weinberg, Dean

## Graduate School

### **Master of Arts** (Hood: White)

**Konjit Avent**  
*Integrative Studies*

**Tyler James Swanner**  
*Integrative Studies*

### **Master of Science** (Hood: White)

**Meredith Suzanne Barnes**  
*Healthcare Informatics*

**Athina Denise Felton**  
*Healthcare Informatics*

**Kylie Lyne' Kochel**  
*Healthcare Informatics*

**Melanie Ann Smith**  
*Healthcare Informatics*

**Segun Victor Sulaimon**  
*Healthcare Informatics*

**Eileen Marie Walsh**  
*Healthcare Informatics*

**Heather Christine Whetsell**  
*Healthcare Informatics*

**Justin Marc Woods**  
*Healthcare Informatics*

**Ying Ye**  
*Healthcare Informatics*

**Valentina Emiliani**  
*Integrative Studies*

**John Matheis Webb**  
*Integrative Studies*

**Dana Marie Wynn**  
*Integrative Studies*

### **Master of Science** (Hood: Olive Green)

**Elizabeth Ruth Denn**  
*Pharmaceutical Sciences*

**Olulola Adeola Fowosire**  
*Pharmaceutical Sciences*

**Olivia Marie Slater**  
*Pharmaceutical Sciences*

**Khush Nahar Srabony**  
*Pharmaceutical Sciences*

## SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

Mark Luer, Dean

### **Doctor of Pharmacy** (Hood: Olive Green)

**Taylor K. Glidewell**  
*Pharmacy*

**Veebha S. Gowda**  
*Pharmacy*

# THE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

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### **Remarks from the President**

*Dan Mahony, President, SIU System*

### **Remarks from the Dean of the School of Business**

*Timothy Schoenecker, Dean*

### **Remarks on Behalf of the Class of 2020**

*Matthew Gregor, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration*

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### **Candidates for Degrees**

*Timothy Schoenecker, Dean*

*Student names read by Tyler Manning, Assistant Director, Fraternity and Sorority Life,*

*Kimmel Student Involvement Center*

### **Conferral of Degrees**

*Randall G. Pembrook, Chancellor*

### **Message from the SIUE Alumni Association**

### **Closing Remarks**

*P. Denise Cobb, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs*

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*Music by the Meridian Brass Quintet*

# SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Timothy Schoenecker, Dean

## Bachelor of Science (Tassel: Drab)

Abiola Abiola-Oloke  
Tessa M. Ackerland \*  
Brooke Anne Andrews \*  
Mckenzie Jo Aubry  
Andrew Bernard Berg  
Allisa Berryhill  
Kyle A. Black  
Sarah Nicole Blankenship  
Victoria Lee Bloome  
Jarrett Evan Borrowman  
Sidney Rose Brumleve  
Colton Lee Burrus  
Megan Rebecca Burton \*\*  
Edna Grace Cardenas  
Payal Sanjay Chaudhari  
Joseph Andrew Cuba  
David Robert Daiber  
Alexander David Daly  
Holly Elizabeth Dees \*\*  
Austin Cole Dimmitt  
Timothy Joseph Edmond  
Brayden Emerick  
Ryan N. Fatheree  
Noah Thomas Fetter  
Natalia Fields  
Brandi Nicole Foppe  
Gabe Louis Foppe  
Trenton Michael Frank  
Misty Jean Gill  
Timothy John Goersch  
Matthew Thomas Gregor \*\*\*  
Angelo Hall Jr.  
Emma Rose Harris \*\*  
Nicholas William Hatfield  
Nathan Donald Hayes  
Dylan Joseph Hemrich  
Luke Charles Joseph Hickman  
Andrew Joseph Hill

Thomas Jacob Hillyer  
Jaime Izquierdo Roiz  
Cali Elaine Johnson \*\* H  
Nicole Elizabeth Jones \*\*  
Brett Michael Kaufman \*\*\*  
Evan A. Kuhl  
Michael Todd Lavin  
Erica Dawn Leigh \*\*\*  
Brent Michael Lengacher  
Benjamin Kwabi Mabilia  
Clare Anna Marth  
Andrew Christopher Martin  
Stuart Charles Mauch  
Brandon James McIntyre  
Seth Levi Mendenhall  
Joseph Franklin Meyer  
Andrew James Miller \*  
Heather Rose Miller  
Samuel Austin Mosby \*  
Susan M. Mucelli  
Evan Patrick Mueller  
Abigail Sierra Mussatto  
June Elaine Muthoni  
Nicolette Marie Napoli  
Saima Naseer \*\*  
Thomas Michael Ortense Jr.  
Kane Roger Osterhage  
Michael Scott Pagano  
Trevor Alan Panyik  
Jennifer Park  
Douglas Matthew Passig  
Sarathak Ajay Patel  
Haajun Qiu \*  
Dustin Lane Quick  
Zachary Adem Rasmussen  
Christopher Michael Reed  
Brian John Reeves  
Clayton Elliott Reis  
Keesha Latrice Robinson  
Gregory Joseph Rowe  
Caleb Roy Edward Russell

Luke Michael Sandidge  
Andrew Nathan Santel \*\*\*  
Abigail Mae Schuneman  
Zachary Alan Soderberg  
Trystan Joseph Glenn Stevens \*  
Hailey Marie Stewart  
Sean Robert Swanson \*\*  
Lydia Elizabeth Switzer  
Tamar K. Taylor  
Bayleigh Marie Thornhill  
Jacob T. Thrasher  
Preston Arlen Townsend  
Anselm Ikechukwu Uzuegbunem  
Kerri L. Vaughn  
Maria Robyn Vonderheide \*\*  
Justin Michael Wagoner \*  
Marshall Jamal Walker  
Ambrosia Abbigail Walters  
Shelby Nicole Washington \*  
DeAnna A. Watkins  
Parker Dean Westerman  
Dillon David Wibbenmeyer  
Jessica Marie Wirthlin  
Rachel Mckay Woods  
Colin Michael Wright  
Abigail Frances Yurchuk  
Alex Charles Zink \*\*

## Bachelor of Science in Accountancy (Tassel: Drab)

Parker Lee Abbott \*  
Michael R. Behme  
Kailey Paige Boyer  
Deniene Jo Bridgeman \*\*\*  
Devin William Cox \*  
Collin Victor Cozart  
Garrett Scott Durborow  
Stacey Michelle Durell \*\*\*  
Alyson Leigh Genenbacher \*\*\*

Lynsey Michelle Gibson  
Joseph A. Guithues \*\*\*  
Shelby Lynn Hughes  
J'Kolbe Kevantee' Kelly  
Erica Dawn Leigh \*\*\*  
Jeffrey William Martin  
Andrew James Miller \*  
Andrae Brent Neal II  
Nicholas Samuel Newell \*\*\*  
Tristen Nicole Nichols  
Michael Poluha Jr.  
Preston Lawrence Porter  
Karla Veronica Posos Beetz  
Daniel Edgar Southerd  
George Wilson Stallworth  
Noelle Lynn Taylor  
Christopher Ikenna Ukachukwu  
Joseph Waldrop \*  
Anne Mary Wieneke  
Jessica Marie Wirthlin



\* cum laude

\*\* magna cum laude

\*\*\* summa cum laude

H Honors Scholars

# THE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Friday, December 18, 2020, 1 p.m.

*Randall G. Pembroke, Chancellor of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, presiding*

## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, HEALTH AND HUMAN BEHAVIOR: UNDERGRADUATE

### **National Anthem: “The Star-Spangled Banner” Lyrics by Francis Scott Key**

*Led by Michael Hawkins, Musical Theater Student, College of Arts and Sciences*

*Music by the Meridian Brass Quintet*

### **Welcoming Remarks**

*P. Denise Cobb, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs*

### **Honorary Degree Recognition**

*Lawrence Heitz, Doctor of Humane Letters*

### **Distinguished Service Award Recognition**

*Shirley Portwood, Distinguished Professor Emerita*

### **Remarks from the Chancellor**

*Randall G. Pembroke, Chancellor*

### **Remarks from the President**

*Dan Mahony, President, SIU System*

### **Remarks from the Dean of the School of Education, Health and Human Behavior**

*Robin Hughes, Dean*

### **Remarks on Behalf of the Class of 2020**

*Lara Tupper, Bachelor of Science in Nutrition*

### **Candidates Commissioned as Second Lieutenants and Members of Honor Societies**

### **Candidates for Degrees**

*Robin Hughes, Dean*

*Student names read by Derek Burton, Head Coach, SIUE Women’s Soccer*

### **Conferral of Degrees**

*Randall G. Pembroke, Chancellor*

### **Message from the SIUE Alumni Association**

### **Closing Remarks**

*P. Denise Cobb, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs*

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# SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, HEALTH AND HUMAN BEHAVIOR

Robin Hughes, Dean

## **Bachelor of Arts**

*(Tassel: Light Blue, Gold)*

Grace Danielle Beavin \*\*  
Mackenzie Taylor Smith \*\*\*  
Hannah Marie Townzen

## **Bachelor of Science**

*(Tassel: Light Blue, Gold)*

Olivia Margaret Ajero  
Adajee Janay Banks  
Sara Elizabeth Beiermann  
Cory James Belles  
Joseph Lee Bobzien \*  
Darci Renae Brannan  
Jasmine M. Brooks  
Sophia Buehler  
Abbigale Michelle Buelow  
Nolan Henry Burnett  
Rebecca Ann Chausse  
Tracy Dawn Churchwell \*\*  
Alexis Joelle Clutts  
Mackenzie Blair Cohoon \*\*  
Brianna Rene'e Cooley \*  
Mary Eleanor Costin  
Jace L. Crider

Paige Jordan Crum  
Michael Tyus Dade  
James Alexander Davis \*  
Mallory Rose Deist  
Isabella Grace Divine \*\*\*  
Kharrigan Alexis Edwards  
Alexis Paige Emerson \*  
Michelle Anna-Louise Fischer  
Kiersten Marie Fricke  
Kaitlan Gilpin  
Marisa Nicole Haines  
Danielle Nicole Haley  
Larissa Rose Hamilton  
Brandi Lynn Harris \*  
Joseph Ray Michael Heflin  
Thomas Jacob Helton  
Jessica Ann Holiday  
Anna Alisa Houchens  
Dillon Alexander Howard  
Jazmine Jahraa Jacobb  
Brantlea Lynn Jones  
N'Bria Eileen Jones  
Kaila Marie Juenger \*\*  
Ryan Thomas Kavanagh  
Peyton Marie Kelso  
Samantha Lynn Kerker

Autumn Elaine Kerner  
Tommy Le  
James Joseph Leach III \*\*\*  
Abby Chantel Marlow \*  
Abigail Lauren Martens \*  
Erin Eve Martz \*  
Samantha Anne Meeker \*\* H  
Garrett Sean Milligan \*\*  
Tyler William Moon  
Bailey Elizabeth Moore  
Caitlin Kenzie Delaney Moore  
Holly Naff  
Kassidy A. Neeley \*\*\*  
Haylee Marie Netemeyer \*  
Skye Alexandra Odelehr \*\*  
Tyler Jay Ohnesorge  
Thomas Eric Phillips \*\*\*  
Sadie Novella Pinnell  
Kadie Ringering  
Jeanna Therese Roman \*\*\*  
Kayla Andrea' Ryan  
Henry Michael Schilling \*  
Chelsea Marie Schrader  
Jared G. Smith  
Grant Albert Stark  
Donald E. Stone III

Sophie Kathrine Strasser \*  
Ayla Marie Sulley  
Tamaja Nicole Tally  
Anthony Darnell Taylor II  
Sasha Margaret Trent  
Lara Cate Tupper \*\*  
Mariah Marie Tyler  
Tessa Renee Walker  
Asahni Vashay Wallace  
Joseph Charles Wallace  
Alicia Deshawn Warren  
Abrianna Richeal Weeden  
Sean Patrick Whitmore  
Sarah Elizabeth Wilferd  
Courtney Sema Yildiz  
Jason Zhao \*

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# THE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

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### **Remarks from the Chancellor**

*Randall G. Pembrook, Chancellor*

### **Remarks from the President**

*Dan Mahony, President, SIU System*

### **Remarks from the Dean of the School of Engineering**

*Cem Karacal, Dean*

### **Remarks on Behalf of the Class of 2020**

*Ashley Spain, Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering*

### **Candidates Commissioned as Second Lieutenants and Members of Honor Societies**

### **Candidates for Degrees**

*Cem Karacal, Dean*

*Student names read by Joseph Pott, Broadcasting and Media Relations Specialist, SIUE Athletics*

### **Conferral of Degrees**

*Randall G. Pembrook, Chancellor*

### **Message from the SIUE Alumni Association**

### **Closing Remarks**

*P. Denise Cobb, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs*

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# SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

Cem Karacal, Dean

## Bachelor of Arts

(Tassel: Orange)

Colette Jordyn Beckwith  
Emmett A. Granada-Hayslett  
John Bernard Lednický  
Alec Scott Merle  
Sean Michael Miller  
Samuel James Storment \*\*

## Bachelor of Science

(Tassel: Orange)

Evan John Albers  
Ali Abdulateef Alsamir \*  
Jacob Robert Armbrrecht \*\* H  
John Ross Beach  
Bradley David Benson  
Joseph Edward Bick  
Landon Paul Bissey  
Jeremiah Blackburn  
Eliana Marie Bohnenstiehl  
Zachary Ryan Boss  
Zachary Ryan Bradshaw  
Michael Alan Brinkley  
Chandler Lee Brown  
Davis Andrew Brown  
Kevin M. Brutto Jr. \*\*  
Phat Tan Bui \*\*\*  
Dustin Glen Bongabong Cerna  
Avery James Cleland

Reed Garrett Collins  
Darrell Dean Combs Jr.  
Diamond Cottman  
Jason Alexander Couch  
Luke Lee Crain \*\*\*  
Daren Mark Crull  
Lukas A. Dale  
Alicia Devon Dawson  
Brycen James Dhom \*\*\* H  
Zachary Donelson  
Joel Andrew Eberhart \*  
Hayley Corine Edwards \*\*  
Jacob Augustus Eggering  
Lily Elmore \*\*  
Jason Thomas Erb \*  
Michael Robert Firtos  
Benjamin Adam Flachsbart \*\*  
Sara Gabriela Flores Madrid \*  
John Warren Fridley  
Claire Elizabeth Fuesting  
Elizabeth Grace Green  
Terry Lee Hammett \*  
Eric Oliver Henson \*  
Raiden Alan Hofstetter \*\*  
Stephen Thomas Holdenried  
Swade Russell Howard  
Ryan Marshall Howe  
Samuel Browne Hoyt  
Brock Dean Huber  
Samuel Paul Huegen

Bryan Walker Jobe \*\*  
Tyler James Jones  
Mason Robert Kelly  
Joshua David Kovach \*  
Elizabeth Ann Krause  
Geoffrey John Kupferle  
Courtney Kutey  
Brian Christopher Looney  
Todd Edward Martin  
Zack D. Martychenko  
Ronnie Eugene Mayfield III  
Ethan McMasters  
Andrew William Michel  
Austin Wayne Miley  
Daniel Clifford Morrissey  
Dalton Dewane Myers \*\*  
Lina Lina Ngoopos  
Anh Tai Nguyen \*\*\*  
Nora Chidubem Okeke \*  
Jackson Merle Ottaway \*  
William Jacob Patton  
Diego Pina Guadalupe  
Austin Grant Place  
Dana Adeeb Qasem \*  
Matt Ryan Reimer  
Everton Reis Molina  
Nicholas Matthew Roberts \*\*\*  
Adrian Rojas  
Blake Mathew Rusteberg  
Matthew Gale Sandberg H

Bryson Robert Sanders  
John R. Schalk II  
Clayton Alexander Schardan  
Tobias Schweiger \*\*  
Andrew William Senger  
Michael Thomas Settlemoir  
Joel Sipe  
Jonathan Michael Smyk  
Tyler Joseph Sneed  
Ashley N. Spain  
Cole Stein  
Jake Stephens  
Dipak Subramaniam H  
Jerome Chukwudi Ukah \* H  
Steven Michael Vendetti \*\*  
Thin Van Vo \*  
Ryan Olan Vogt  
Colton William Vonder Haar  
Paxton Duane Vonder Haar  
Trent Michael Wilkinson \*\*\*  
Eric Ryan Yates  
Kyle Yates

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# THE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Friday, December 18, 2020, 1 p.m.

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## SCHOOL OF NURSING: GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE

### **National Anthem: “The Star-Spangled Banner” Lyrics by Francis Scott Key**

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*Randall G. Pembroke, Chancellor*

### **Remarks from the President**

*Dan Mahony, President, SIU System*

### **Remarks from the Dean of the School of Nursing**

*Laura Bernaix, Dean*

### **Honors and Awards Recognition**

### **Remarks on Behalf of the Class of 2020**

*Cassidy Bruns, Bachelor of Science in Nursing*

### **Candidates Commissioned as Second Lieutenants and Members of Honor Societies**

### **Candidates for Degrees**

*Laura Bernaix, Dean, School of Nursing*

*Student names read by Karen Montgomery, Director of Student Services, School of Nursing*

### **Conferral of Degrees**

*Randall G. Pembroke, Chancellor*

### **Message from the SIUE Alumni Association**

### **Closing Remarks**

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## PROGRAM RECOGNITION

The SIUE School of Nursing offers dynamic undergraduate programs of study that are both theoretical and practical, designed to meet current and future challenges of nursing and healthcare. The School prepares graduates to work in a wide variety of clinical settings and provide the necessary foundation for a master's and doctoral degree in nursing.

The traditional bachelor of science in nursing (BS) program is intended for students seeking their first degree with no prior college experience. The post-baccalaureate accelerated bachelor of science degree in nursing (ABS) option allows students with a bachelor's degree to attain a BS degree in nursing through three semesters and one summer session. It is an intense, defined curriculum with a combination of classroom instruction and clinical experiences for students seeking a second baccalaureate degree.

Registered nurses (RNs) who hold an associate degree in nursing or a nursing diploma can pursue the RN to BS option. This baccalaureate program is offered in a flexible, entirely online format to accommodate the needs of working RNs. The program format consists of eight-week courses and can be completed in one year if most of the general education requirements are met at the time of admission.

The goal of the SIUE School of Nursing graduate program is to prepare expert nurses for leadership in professional nursing practice and patient-centered healthcare delivery. The School offers two master's (MS) programs, two fully online dual degree programs and a doctor of nursing practice degree (DNP) with three specializations.

The fully online MS in Healthcare and Nursing Administration (HCNA) prepares nurses for entry into management positions in healthcare organizations, and refines the skills of experienced nurse managers to mentor them for executive-level positions. A dual MS in HCNA and Healthcare Informatics provides a unique opportunity. The online program equips healthcare professionals to leverage prior education and experience to provide leadership to teams using technology to improve patient healthcare options. The MS in Nurse Educator program is meeting the ever-increasing need for nursing faculty. SIUE's nurse educator graduates are actively sought throughout the St. Louis metropolitan region, as well as nationally.

The new psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner DNP specialization addresses the mental healthcare crisis by providing students with the clinical competencies and theoretical foundation to deliver quality psychiatric mental healthcare. The nurse anesthesia DNP specialization prepares registered nurses with baccalaureate degrees to provide individualized anesthetic patient care for surgical, diagnostic, therapeutic or pain management procedures. The family nurse practitioner DNP specialization program provides students with the required clinical competencies and theoretical foundation to deliver quality primary care for patients and their families. The post-master's DNP program is designed for nurses holding a master's degree as an advanced practice nurse, or holding a bachelor of science in nursing and a master's degree appropriate to their advanced nursing practice role. The dual Masters of Business Administration (MBA) and DNP is primarily online with two on-campus immersion experiences. The program is designed to develop the professional capabilities of managers working in business, focusing on topics such as quantitative analysis, decision making, negotiation, enhancing quality and innovation and program management.



# SCHOOL OF NURSING

Laura Bernaix, Dean

## **Doctor of Nursing Practice** (Hood: Apricot)

**Weruche Uzoaru Agube**  
*Nursing Practice*

**Jacob Benjamin Blount**  
*Nursing Practice*

**Tamisha R. Gatewood-Henderson**  
*Nursing Practice*

**Brandon Hedgspeth**  
*Nursing Practice*

**Allison Elizabeth Hotze**  
*Nursing Practice*

**Beth McCoy**  
*Nursing Practice*

**Sarah Marie Medina**  
*Nursing Practice*

**Caitlin Tauer Phelan**  
*Nursing Practice*

**Derek D. Washer**  
*Nursing Practice*

## **Master of Science** (Hood: Apricot)

**Melissa Suzanne Burke**  
*Health Care & Nursing Administration*

**Kari Elizabeth Enke**  
*Health Care & Nursing Administration*

**Yvette Ellen Fitzpatrick**  
*Health Care & Nursing Administration*

**Genet Damer Gaim**  
*Health Care & Nursing Administration*

**Brittany Ibardaloza-Luna**  
*Health Care & Nursing Administration*

**Kayla Elizabeth Jackson**  
*Health Care & Nursing Administration*

**Nancy Kerr**  
*Health Care & Nursing Administration*

**Mandy Jo Lyons**  
*Health Care & Nursing Administration*

**Heather Ohl**  
*Health Care & Nursing Administration*

**Shawn Melissa Pierson**  
*Health Care & Nursing Administration*

**Amy Nicole Robinson**  
*Health Care & Nursing Administration*

**Monica Velazquez**  
*Health Care & Nursing Administration*

**Julie Lea Wilson**  
*Health Care & Nursing Administration*

**Kristi Lee Zimmerman**  
*Health Care & Nursing Administration*

**Kathleen Brannan**  
*Nurse Educator*

**Teara Emery**  
*Nurse Educator*

**Hilary J. Estes**  
*Nurse Educator*

**Stacie Lynn Estes Collins**  
*Nurse Educator*

**Kristen Elizabeth Faddis**  
*Nurse Educator*

**Casi Jean Frie**  
*Nurse Educator*

**Margaret Ruth Graf**  
*Nurse Educator*

**Alyssa Harrell**  
*Nurse Educator*

**Bridget Diane Harrison**  
*Nurse Educator*

**Allison Noel Helmerichs**  
*Nurse Educator*

**Shannon M. Joiner**  
*Nurse Educator*

**Jennifer Nichole Kennel**  
*Nurse Educator*

**Alexandria Lorbinenko Krebs**  
*Nurse Educator*

**Jessica Nicole LaRose**  
*Nurse Educator*

**Hannah Elizabeth O'Rourke**  
*Nurse Educator*

**Rachel Anne Ringstad**  
*Nurse Educator*

**Kimberly Michelle Roy**  
*Nurse Educator*

**Rachel Renee Waltrip**  
*Nurse Educator*

**Ashley Nicole Wolf**  
*Nurse Educator*

# SCHOOL OF NURSING CONT.

Laura Bernaix, Dean

## Bachelor of Science

*(Tassel: Apricot)*

Kiersten Leah Abernathy  
Hilda K. Abuaya \*\*\*  
Kelly L. Adams  
Kari Brianne Agne  
Carley Anne Albers \*\*  
Cassidy J. Albers \*  
Tammy Lynn Anschutz \*\*\*  
Kendall Alexandra Arora \*  
Ruth A. Asare  
Gretchen Flores Baertschi \*  
Kaleigh Allison Beavers  
Jason C. Behrens \*\*\*  
Maiya Lanae Bertolis  
Madison Tyler Bielke  
Rachel Marie Boeck \*\*\*  
Sabrina Borowski \*  
Jennifer E. Boyle \*\*  
Jessica Ann Braundmeier \*\*  
Jennifer Elaine Brinkley  
Bridget Kathleen Brown \*\*  
Celesta Maria Brown \*\*\*  
Christina Brown \*\*  
Cassidy N. Bruns \*\*\*  
Ally Olivia Bunfill  
Kelly Anna Butler  
Kimallyn Taylor Carmack \*\*\*  
Mariela Chavez Silva \*\*  
Gina Lee Collin \*  
Richard Lee Colyer \*\*  
Madeline Elsa Copeland  
Kayla Cornelius \*\*\*  
Elizabeth Ann Cotter  
Amanda L. Craig \*\*\*  
Candace Shanette Cross  
Katie Suzanne Cruse \*  
Abbigail JoAnn Cunningham  
Lydia Jane Davey \*\*\*  
Patricia Ann Dickson \*  
Cole Dewayne Diercks \*\*\*  
Gentri Lynn Dierling \*\*  
Heather Elizabeth Douglas  
Hannah Nichole Dover Staley\*\*  
Donald Joseph Eckerman  
Eve Lynne Eckert \*\*  
Rebecca L. Edwards \*  
Ashley Ellison  
Donna Arlene Esterlen  
Courtney Leigh Fenelon \*\*  
Leah Marie Francis  
Mikayla Chloe Freeman  
Cynthia Ivette Galvez \*  
Jennifer Marie Garland \*\*  
Jamie Lynn Geisler  
Daniel Jeffery Geitz\*\*\*  
Katrina Marie Gessi  
Patricia Elisabeth Goettler \*  
Celiene Marie Gonzalez  
Abigail Rose Gound  
Jamie R. Gustafson

Audre Leigh Halford \*\*\*  
Tricia R. Harkins \*\*\*  
Jessica Danielle Harsy \*  
Brett Christopher Hart  
Stephanie Lynn Haynes  
Calvin James Heimann \*  
LaMika Henley \*  
Brittany Ann Herring \*\*\*  
Breanna Kay Holland \*\*\*  
Sarina Horn \*\*\*  
Amanda Sue Huelsmann  
Taylor Rose Hughes \*  
William Elijah Hughes  
Shannon Marie Hunt  
Jennifer Danielle Hurley \*\*  
Moses C. Ifeajekwu  
Taylor Renee Inman \*\*  
Ashley Lauren Jacunski \*\*  
Mariel Salting Javier \*\*\*  
Bethany Johnson  
Delaney Anne Johnson  
Robert David Johnson \*\*  
Sarah Johnson  
Telsa Johnson \*  
Kimberly Ann Juenger  
Ushas Kadavil Karottu  
Ashley Kay Kempker \*\*  
Zhongxiang Ji Kenworthy \*\*\*  
Benjamin Ryan Kirkpatrick \*  
Danielle Kleinman \*\*  
Katherine Diane Klenske \*  
Christine R. Knutson \*\*\*  
Mia Francesca Koss  
Dzifa Kugbega Kraka  
Jarrod Lee Krofchick\*\*\*  
Ethan Glenn Moses Kurth  
Amber Christina Lew \*  
Amber Lex \*\*\*  
Amber Nicole Li  
Allison Paige Little \*  
Caleb Michael Livesay  
Chloe Elizabeth Lorton \*  
Kelsey RayAnn Ludington  
Emma Mancilla  
Amy Lynn Mann \*\*\*  
Andrea Leigh Marcum \*\*\*  
Jacqueline Apolinario Maristela \*  
Morgan Christine Markwell  
Michele L. Marlow \*\*  
Laura Lynn Martin \*\*\*  
Patrick Alan Masters \*\*\*  
Craig James Mather \*  
Andrea R. Mays  
Denise Hanna McCandrew  
Matthew Brandon McClary \*  
Jacob R. S. McDermott  
Lauren Elizabeth McKay \*\*\*  
Kinsey J. McMillen \*  
Kendal Meister  
Casey R. Melton  
Kay Ann Meyer \*\*  
Holly Jean Miller \*

Scout K. Mitchell  
Ashley Nicole Moore  
Madeline Jo Morrison \*  
Yahilin Munoz  
Rebecca Muschkat  
Lydia Grace Nagel \*\*\*  
Kaylee E. Nottmeyer \*  
Amy Christine O'Brien  
Rachel Beth O'Dell  
Bridget Owusu  
Jamie LeeAnn Packer \*  
Kirsten Nikole Page  
Kelly M. Pagone \*\*\*  
Kayla Nicole Palen\*\*\*  
Rebecca Jane Patrick\*\*  
Megan Leah Pearsall \*\*  
Thomas Antonin Pelikan \*\*\*  
Madison Haley Pennington  
Kimberly Peters  
Jennifer Ann Peterson \*\*\*  
Rebekah P. Philippi \*\*\*  
Gabrielle Cheyenne Phinney  
Brittany Renee Pollmann \*\*\*  
Amber Nicole Potter \*\*  
Robin Fredean Pruden\*  
Rachel Lynn Prusa \*  
Taylor Nicole Prusa \*\*\*  
Evalena A. Pullen  
Christopher John Rager  
Carley Renee Retelle  
Paige Stahling Rhoades \*  
Amelia Rose Roberts \*\*  
Kelsey Kay Robinson  
Lauren Michelle Romack \*  
Megan Alexis Ross \*\*  
Roxanne Beatrice Sandoval \*  
Arianne M. Santa-Olalla \*  
Tiffany Jane Sartore \*\*\*  
Sydney Lee Schaus  
Kelly Lynn Schmall \*  
Maddison Morgan Schulte \*  
Jenniffer I. Schumann \*  
Angela Brooke Scott  
Ronald John Gregor Scott\*  
Dakota H. Shadwell \*  
Collin Christian Sheehan \*\*\*  
Samantha Renee Sherer \*\*\*  
Jessica Marie Skinner  
Elisa K. Skoundrianos \*\*\*  
Bethany Smith \*  
Taylor Marie Snyder  
Stacey Marie Spour \*\*  
Andrea Lynne Staples \*\*\*  
Andrea Lynne Stearns \*\*  
Macie Jon Strohmeier  
Jennifer Lynn Stuart\*\*\*  
Megan G. Sutter  
Madison Swayne  
Marcus Aaron Switzer  
Sylvia Anna Taraszka  
Jennifer Jo Torbeck \*  
Taylor Anthony Tosto

Thomas Clarence Tranter  
Christina Eve Troha  
Shannon Colleen Unverfehrt \*  
Margaret Jean Van Altena \*  
Reeba Varghese \*\*\*  
Danielle L. Vaughn \*\*\*  
Kimberly Leu Vegher \*  
Haley Markell Vetter \*\*  
Jessica Nicole Vignone \*  
Elizabeth Ann Vogel \*  
Jessalin Denise Volmer  
Leah M. Waggoner  
Claire Ellen Walsh \*  
Ashley Ann Ward \*  
Jenna Diana Ward  
Carlie Danielle Webb  
Kelsey Wentz \*\*\*  
Sarah Elizabeth White \*  
Tracee J. Williams-Hubbard \* H  
Casey A. Withrow  
Danielle N. Wolthausen \*\*  
Aerielle Brianne Wood \*\*\*  
Cynthia P. Worthy \*  
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Shellneithia Warnette Young  
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Piano

1. A - bove the Mis - sis - sip - pi plain your splendor meets the sky. You give to all a chance to gain; you  
2. To col - lege life we bid a - dieu and wend our sep - arate ways, Yet col - lege friends and men - tors too are

Pno.

raise our spir - its high. Hail, all hail S - I - U - E, our grat - i - tude we owe our  
With us all our days. Hail, all hail S - I - U - E, our Al - ma Ma - ter true! Let's

Pno.

fount of op - por - tu - ni - ty wher - e're in life we go.  
fill our glass - es joy - ful - ly and raise a toast to you.

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