CONGRATULATIONS! YOU DID IT!

Eastern Illinois University is excited to honor our graduating students and their families and guests with a memorable commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 7 at Lantz Arena in Charleston, Ill.

NEED ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE WEEKEND?
Go to eiu.edu/alumni/lodging.php for a listing of local hotels and restaurants.

LIVESTREAM
Guests unable to attend commencement will be able to watch a livestream of each ceremony with WEIU at eiu.edu/commence.

SCHEDULE, SAT. MAY 7

10:00 am Lumpkin College of Business and Technology and the Graduate School
1:00 pm College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate School
4:00 pm College of Health and Human Services, College of Education and the Graduate School

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US AT 217-581-6616. eiu.edu/commence
Allow me to offer my heartiest, most well-deserved congratulations to our newest graduates of Eastern Illinois University!

The past year has been filled with arguably once-in-a-lifetime challenges. But in what surely will endure as a hallmark of your EIU experience, those of you earning your degrees today have enthusiastically turned those unique challenges into opportunities. In doing so, all of us in the Eastern community are excited to celebrate your accomplishments today, and to welcome you into a growing class of EIU alumni in Illinois, throughout the nation, and across the globe.

In earning your degrees from this historic institution, each of you has demonstrated a robust quality of character that resonates with the generations and generations of EIU alumni who have come before you. Today, you join them in passionately representing yourselves and your alma mater in the most confident and positive light possible. But more than that, your EIU education will give you the skills to become responsible citizens and leaders in the very communities where you decide to live, work, and play.

An Eastern Illinois University education is a ticket to a better life...not only for our graduates, but also for the families and communities surrounding them. Studies confirm college degrees carry with them the benefits of intensifying individual happiness, improving personal health, increasing community safety, elevating career potential, and enhancing income stability. While each of you will certainly enjoy these benefits – I encourage you to remain aware of their accompanying responsibilities. Those responsibilities include creating a world in which your friends, your family, your neighbors, and your neighbor’s children will be provided with the same opportunities to advance their lives as you have been given. And above all, to continue cultivating a world each of us can be proud to live in.

But now, we celebrate with our commencement ceremonies. And I invite the members of EIU’s Class of 2022 – as well as their families and friends – to honor their amazing accomplishments, and to embrace our own roles as conscientious and innovative members of a shared world. Let our thoughts, actions, and commitments embolden us all to uphold the critical mission and collective promises of our distinguished University.

You are, and always will be, EIU.

Congratulations graduates!

David M. Glassman
President
All commencement ceremonies will be held at:

LANTZ ARENA
2150 4TH STREET
CHARLESTON, IL 61920

PARKING
Parking will be available for graduates and guests in the North (J-Lot) and East (E-Lot) lots outside Lantz Arena.

Go to eiu.edu/map to access Google Maps and driving instructions to the campus of Eastern Illinois University.
LUMPKIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

GRADUATE DEGREES

Master of Business Administration
• Business Administration

Master of Science
• Cybersecurity
• Sustainability
• Talent Development
• Technology

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

Bachelor of Science
• Computer and Information Technology
• Construction Management
• Digital Media Technology
• Engineering Technology
• Hospitality and Tourism
• Organizational Development

Bachelor of Science in Business
• Accounting
• Business Administration
• Business Analytics and Information Systems
• Finance
• Management
• Marketing

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9:00 am  Student check-in begins in Student Rec Center
9:00 am  Lantz Arena doors open for guests
10:00 am  Ceremony begins
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES
AND THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

GRADUATE DEGREES

Specialist in School Psychology
- School Psychology

Master of Arts
- Art
- Clinical Psychology
- Communication Studies
- Economics
- English
- History
- Music
- Political Science

Master of Science
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- School Psychology

Professional Science Master’s
- Geographic Information Sciences

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

Bachelor of Arts
- Art
- Chemistry
- Communication Studies
- Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Economics
- English
- Foreign Languages
- History
- Journalism
- Mathematics
- Music
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Relations
- Social Science Teaching
- Sociology
- Television and Video Production
- Theatre Arts

Bachelor of Fine Arts
- Art

Bachelor of Music
- Music

Bachelor of Science
- Biochemistry
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Clinical Laboratory Science
- Computer Science
- Electrical Engineering
- Engineering
- Fashion Merchandising and Design
- Geography
- Geology
- Health Communication
- Neuroscience
- Physics
- Science with Teacher Licensure

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

12:00 pm Student check-in begins in Student Rec Center
12:00 pm Lantz Arena doors open for guests
1:00 pm Ceremony begins
COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

GRADUATE DEGREES

*Master of Arts*
- Aging Studies

*Master of Science*
- Communication Disorders and Sciences
- Exercise Physiology
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Health Promotion and Leadership
- Human Services Program Administration
- Nutrition and Dietetics
- Sports Administration

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

*Bachelor of Science*
- Athletic Training
- Communication Disorders and Sciences
- Exercise Science
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Health Administration
- Health Promotion
- Health Studies
- Human Services Program Administration
- Kinesiology and Sports Studies
- Kinesiology, Sport, & Recreation
- Nursing
- Nutrition & Dietetics
- Public Health
- Recreation Administration
- Sport Management

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

3:00 pm  Student check-in begins in Student Rec Center

3:00 pm  Lantz Arena doors open for guests

4:00 pm  Ceremony begins
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

GRADUATE DEGREES

Specialist in Education
- Educational Administration
- Educational Leadership

Master of Science
- College Student Affairs
- Counseling

Master of Science in Education
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Educational Leadership
- Elementary Education
- Special Education

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

Bachelor of Arts
- General Studies

Bachelor of Science
- Career and Technical Education

Bachelor of Science in Education
- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Education
- Middle Level Education
- Special Education

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

3:00 pm  Student check-in begins in Student Rec Center
3:00 pm  Lantz Arena doors open for guests
4:00 pm  Ceremony begins
STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS:
PRIOR TO THE CEREMONY

1. APPLY FOR GRADUATION.
   Students must apply for graduation through PAWS. The application link is found under your Student tab in PAWS. You will select the term of your graduation, provide the address for your diploma and enter exactly how you would like your name to appear. There will be a one-time charge of $40 per degree.

   THE DEADLINE TO APPLY TO GRADUATE IS MARCH 23.

   If you have applied to graduate (and will complete degree requirements) in the next term, but meet the eligibility criteria to participate in this term’s ceremony, please complete the exceptionality request for your college.

   • The Graduate School
     + go.eiu.edu/gradexp
     + Lana Beasley: 217-581-7490, libeasley@eiu.edu

   • College of Education
     + go.eiu.edu/eduexp
     + Stephen Lucas: 217-581-2524, selucas@eiu.edu

   • School of Extended Learning
     + go.eiu.edu/eduexp (same as College of Education)
     + Lori Brewer: 217-353-2255, ldbrewer@eiu.edu

   • College of Health and Human Services
     + go.eiu.edu/chhsexp
     + Janet Fopay: 217-581-6674, jlfopay@eiu.edu

   • College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
     + go.eiu.edu/libedu
     + Angie Rhoads: 217-581-5221, amrhoads@eiu.edu

   • Lumpkin College of Business and Technology
     + go.eiu.edu/lumedu
     + Tiffany Swalls: 217-581-6902, taswalls@eiu.edu

   Students may reapply for graduation through PAWS. No additional fee is charged for reapplication. Reapplication should be done if you need to change your graduate term, the degree or the major you are pursuing, or want to alter the way your name appears or the address your diploma will be sent. Do not reapply just because you want an updated degree checklist; contact your certifying dean’s office.

2. ORDER YOUR CAP AND GOWN.
   Order your cap and gown online through Herff Jones at go.eiu.edu/HerffJones. Renting a cap and gown signifies your intent to participate in commencement and allows for your involvement. Late charges will apply if ordered after the deadline. Do not order a cap and gown if you have not applied to graduate through PAWS or submitted the exceptionality form to participate.

   THE DEADLINE TO ORDER CAP AND GOWNS IS APRIL 4. A $20 LATE FEE WILL BE CHARGED AFTER THE DEADLINE.

   To order your cap and gown, you will need to know the college you are graduating from, your degree earned, and height, weight and cap size. Instructions on how to find your cap size are available at go.eiu.edu/HerffJonesCap.

   Students will have the option to select to pick up their cap and gown during Cap and Gown Pick Up on May 4 – 5. Or students can select to have their cap and gown shipped home for a $12.95 shipping fee. The shipping fee includes a pre-paid return label ($19.95 shipping fee for late orders).

   Please contact Patty Storie at pattystorie@att.net with any questions regarding your cap and gown.
STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS: COMMENCEMENT WEEK

1. TICKET PICK-UP
   Each student will be allotted a specific number of tickets for their guests based on the number of students who participate in each ceremony. Graduates do not need a ticket. Tickets allotments will be announced March 25.

   Students can pick up their tickets during Ticket Distribution May 4 – 5 in the Field House at Lantz Arena from 9 am to 5 pm. Students must wear a mask during distribution and follow social distancing guidelines.

   For those graduates not on campus, a request can be made for tickets to be picked up at Will Call on Saturday, May 7 one hour before the ceremony begins. Will call tickets requests can be made online beginning March 25.

2. CAP AND GOWN PICK-UP
   Cap and gown distribution will be May 4 – 5 from 9 am to 5 pm in the Field House at Lantz Arena. Graduates not on campus can have their regalia shipped to their homes.

3. ACCOMMODATIONS
   If you are a graduate with special needs and need accommodation, please contact the Commencement Office (Alumni Services) at 217-581-6616 to make arrangements in advance.
STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS: DAY OF THE CEREMONY

1. ARRIVE ONE HOUR BEFORE
   Students should arrive to the Student Rec Center one hour prior to each ceremony. Graduates should arrive dressed in their regalia. Link to a video of how to properly wear regalia below:
   - Bachelor’s regalia – go.eiu.edu/bachelor
   - Master’s regalia – go.eiu.edu/graduate
   - Master’s hood – go.eiu.edu/mastershood

   Graduate students will be asked to have their hoods on prior to entering.

   Please leave personal items in your vehicle. There will not be a place to store personal belongings.

2. GRADUATES WILL PICK UP THEIR NAME CARDS IN THE REC CENTER.
   Each graduate will take their name card with them to receive their diploma cover. This card will be used to read their names as they cross in front of the stage to receive their diploma cover. If the student’s name is difficult to pronounce, the announcer will be available to discuss proper pronunciation.

3. GRADUATING WITH HONORS
   Students graduating with distinction will be awarded an honors medallion that can be picked during tickets distribution or at will call along with the student’s tickets.

   The Commencement Office is not responsible for handing out cords; respective departments and organizations give out cords to students.

4. GRADUATE SEATING
   Graduates will be seated by the degree they are earning. Graduate degrees will be in the first rows; undergraduate degrees will be behind. Student seats will be filled in the order they walk.

5. CONFERRING OF DEGREES
   Each graduate will have their name announced and will be handed a diploma cover. Actual diplomas will be sent in the mail approximately six weeks after the ceremony.

6. CEREMONIAL RECESSIONAL
   Following the ceremony, graduates will be marched off the floor by the platform party and faculty. There will be no re-entry into the stadium after exiting.

   Please make plans to meet your family outside Lantz or in the Fieldhouse.

7. CAP AND GOWN RETURN
   Students can return their cap and gown in the Fieldhouse immediately following the ceremony. If you had regalia shipped to your home, you can return it with the pre-paid label that came with it.

   The tassel included with your regalia is yours to keep.
GRADUATING WITH DISTINCTION

Students graduating with distinction are designated by medallions with corresponding ribbons of gold, white or blue. Undergraduates must have completed 56 hours at EIU to be recognized with distinction.

Summa Cum Laude – Gold
“With Highest Honors” – GPA: 3.90-4.00

Magna Cum Laude – White
“With High Honor” – GPA: 3.80-3.89

Cum Laude – Blue
“With Honor” – GPA 3.65-3.79

Honor medallions may be picked up one hour before the ceremony on Saturday, May 8, during the student check-in.

CORD AND STOLES

Honor cords and stoles are allowed. If you are receiving one from a department or organization, please contact that area to pick it up. The Commencement Office does not supply cords or stoles.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

Graduate students should not wear honor cords. The hood, adorned with the colors of their major, represents their academic accomplishments as recognized by the university.

Graduation honors are not bestowed upon students receiving master’s degrees; therefore, graduate degree recipients do not receive or wear honor cords.

HONORS PROGRAM

Eastern’s Sandra and Jack Pine Honors College program are separated into University, General and Departmental divisions.

University Honors Program graduates have completed a minimum of 28 hours of coursework in the University Honors Program with a least a 3.5 GPA.

EIU General Honors Program graduates have completed a minimum of 15 hours of any kind of honors coursework with at least a 3.5 GPA.

Departmental Honors Program graduates have typically completed a minimum of 12 hours of coursework in the Departmental Honors Program and completed a senior thesis with at least a 3.5 GPA.

CAPS

Messages on or attached to any part of a graduate cap must be appropriate, or they will be asked to be removed. Anyone decorating a cap must order a “keeper cap” from Herff Jones. Decorating a rental cap is subject to additional costs from the vendor.
STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS: AFTER COMMENCEMENT

Congratulations to the newest members of the Eastern Illinois University alumni family, with more than 120,000 strong and growing. As you embark on the next phase of your life, know that you will not be alone. There are EIU alumni in every county in Illinois, every state in the nation and more than 75 countries worldwide.

STAY CONNECTED
Wherever your travels take you, please keep in touch with your alma mater. With your current contact information, we are better able to serve you and keep you informed of developments on campus, news regarding fellow classmates, upcoming special events and much more!

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION
Update your information at go.eiu.edu/update.

Also, your eiu.edu email given to you as a student will be inactive one year after you graduate. Be sure to transfer over all the information you need from that account and let us know your new email.

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE EIU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The EIU Alumni Association provides many opportunities for you to get involved after graduation and keep connected to your alma mater no matter where you are located. Learn more about the EIU Alumni Association at eiu.edu/alumni/membership.php.

REMAIN INVOLVED
Whether it is serving on a campus board or committee, volunteering in the classroom, attending alumni events, or providing financial support for a scholarship, you can join the thousands of alumni who work together to preserve the excellence of Eastern Illinois University.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

- Registrar’s Office 217-581-3511
  + eiu.edu/registra
- Career Services 217-581-2412
  + eiu.edu/careers
- EIU Alumni Association 217-581-6616
  + 800-ALUM-EIU
- Graduate School 217-581-2220
  + eiu.edu/graduate
- EIU Bookstore 217-581-5821
  + eiubookstore.com
GUEST INSTRUCTIONS:
DAY OF THE CEREMONY

1. DOORS OPEN ONE HOUR BEFORE CEREMONY
   Lantz Arena doors for guests open one hour before the ceremony begins.

2. GUESTS MUST HAVE A TICKET TO ENTER
   Guest will need to sit with the group they come in with.

3. SPECIAL NEEDS SEATING
   Seating accommodations are available for guests in wheelchairs or who have a difficult time navigating the stairs.
   When your graduate picks up their tickets, they need to ask for a special seating stamp. An additional family member will be able to sit with that person to help those in need.

4. MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING
   Under State of Illinois COVID-19 guidelines, all guests must wear a mask at all times when entering and moving around Lantz Arena. All seating in the venue is set for social distancing, and pods of seating and designated areas are marked off. Unavailable seats will be marked off.
   Guests are asked to follow all mask and socially distanced seating regulations.

5. PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL
   To maintain the dignity and decorum of the commencement ceremony, we ask that everyone remain through the entire ceremony.

6. OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHY
   One photograph will be taken as the graduate reaches the stage and two others after receiving his or her diploma. Proofs and online ordering information will be sent to the graduate within two weeks of the ceremony.
   Grad Images is EIU’s photography provider. Pre-register at gradimages.com.

7. AFTER THE CEREMONY
   Once the ceremony concludes and the graduates have been marched out, guests will be asked to leave the arena. Make a plan to meet your graduate outside or in the Fieldhouse of Lantz.

PRE-REGISTER FOR YOUR GRADUATION CEREMONY PHOTOS AND GET 20% OFF.
Receive a coupon for 20% off your entire order when you pre-register before graduation day.
Visit the address below for details:
www.gradimages.com/Preregistration
ABOUT THE DIPLOMA

Degrees are awarded once all grades have been turned into the Office of the Registrar. Actual diplomas will be mailed to the address listed on your graduation application approximately six weeks after you graduate.*

* Note: Participation in the commencement ceremony does not mean you have completed your degree requirements and graduated. Your graduation is not official until your certifying dean’s office has sent notification of completion of all degree requirements to the Registrar’s Office and the degree has been posted to your record.

INFORMATION STATED ON DIPLOMA

+ Student Name
+ Degree earned
+ Date degree was awarded

DIMENSIONS

Diplomas are 8.5” x 11”

DIPLOMA FRAMES

Each graduate who participates in commencement will receive a soft cased diploma cover. Order a diploma frame through the EIU Bookstore partner, Church Hills Classics, at go.eiu.edu/diploma.

* Please be sure your address is updated with the Office of the Registrar to reflect where you want your diploma sent six weeks after you graduate.
LETS GET YOUR GRADUATES’ EIU ALUMNI EXPERIENCE STARTED OFF ON THE RIGHT FOOT

UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE
Start your graduate’s EIU Alumni collection with apparel or novelties from the EIU Bookstore at eiubookstore.com.

EIU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Order your new graduate a grad pack, commemorative brick, graduation message, or all of the above at eiu.edu/alumni/gradpack.php.

• EIU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GRAD PACK, $20
  The Grad Pack includes a one-year membership in the EIU Alumni Association (1/2 regular price), along with a nylon sports bag, a membership card, national discount on travel and entertainment, 10% discount at the EIU bookstore, a choice between a chrome EIU license plate frame or EIU alumni T-shirt. Grad Packs also support future Panther scholarships and campus initiatives.

• COMMEMORATIVE COURTYARD BRICK AND GRAD PACK, $105
  Includes an Alumni Association Grad Pack and an engraved brick in the Commemorative Courtyard. Your graduate’s personalized brick will be permanently displayed in EIU’s Commemorative Courtyard near the Library Quad, leaving an enduring impression for current and future generations of our growing EIU family. Plus, $65 of your investment can be designated to support the scholarship, college, department or program of your choice. Bricks will be installed before Spring Commencement.

• GRADUATION MESSAGE, $25
  Display a photo and message for your graduate to be showed on the video board in Lantz Arena during commencement day. Messages will be scrolling in between ceremonies. Your investment will be designated to support the scholarship, college, department or program of your choice.

• ULTIMATE GRADUATION PACKAGE, $130
  Get the EIU Alumni Association Grad Pack, Commemorative Courtyard Brick and display a message to your graduate on commencement day.
CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE EIU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Congratulations graduates!

It is an honor to welcome you to the Panther alumni family. As a new graduate, you have endured many unique challenges, but you have persevered through all of them. You have worked hard to obtain your degree, and we couldn’t be any prouder of your achievements in and outside of the classroom. This past year you all have become stronger and wiser, and I know each of you will be successful as you move on to your next chapter – whether that’s in a new career or pursuing an advanced degree. I hope no matter where life takes you next, you know that Eastern Illinois University will always be a place you can call home. Please stay in touch and visit often.

Go Panthers!

Christopher Swing ’03,’04
President, EIU Alumni Association Board of Directors