



2024

CONVOCAATION CEREMONY

May 12, 2024

School of Information Sciences

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign



ORDER OF EXERCISES

Processional

Sycamore Brass Quintet

Welcome and Remarks

Dean Eunice Santos

Recognition of Bronze Tablet, Honors, and Student Award Recipients

Dean Eunice Santos

Convocation Address

M. Katherine Mullally (MSLIS '04)
Senior Design Researcher, Microsoft

Presentation of Degree Candidates

Dean Eunice Santos and iSchool Faculty

Closing Remarks

Dean Eunice Santos

Recessional

Sycamore Brass Quintet

Convocation is a milestone that should be celebrated appropriately. We ask that all graduates and guests respect the importance and dignity of the occasion and celebrate in a way that does not infringe upon the rights of others or diminish the experiences of others. Graduates and guests should remain until the conclusion of the ceremony, which is marked by the platform party recessional.

HONORS AND AWARDS

University Honors – Bronze Tablet

The University of Illinois began the tradition of inscribing the Bronze Tablets with the names of students receiving University Honors in 1925. A new tablet is hung in the Main Library each year. Inscription on the Bronze Tablets recognizes sustained academic achievement by undergraduate students at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Students must have at least a 3.5 cumulative grade point-average through the academic term prior to graduation and rank in the top three percent of the students in their graduating class.

Sarah Anderson

Albert Chen

William Lawson

Jacqueline Leveille

Aarthi Shivkumar

James Scholars Honors

The James Scholar Honors Program recognizes the talents of academically outstanding students, promotes curricular/co-curricular growth, and helps prepare students to stand out in their future endeavors.

Indra Ayushjav

Deidra Broustis

Joseph Chan

Evan Chen

Shannon Dwyer

Stanley Fabian

Toby George

Jiayi Guo

Samantha Hulbert

Brooke Lafferty

Jacqueline Léveill 

Anisha Raja

Aakanksha Sanghavi

Shriya Srikanth

Katie Sze

Honors Distinction (designated with *)

The iSchool awards honors to the top ten percent of the undergraduate graduating class each semester. This distinction is noted on the student's baccalaureate diploma, permanent University record, and official transcript.

School of Information Sciences – Student Awards

Each year, the iSchool recognizes a group of outstanding students for their achievement in academics, as well as a number of attributes that contribute to professional success.

Bryce Allen Award for Reference Services	<i>Christina Souvannala</i>
Berner-Nash Memorial Award	<i>Courtney Richardson</i>
Anne M. Boyd Award/Beta Phi Mu	<i>Christina Sweeney</i>
Edith Harris Camp Award	<i>Jen Dentel</i>
Jane B. and Robert B. Downs Award	<i>Marycruz Flores Reynoso</i>
Entrepreneurial Promise Award	<i>Shriya Srikanth</i>
Faculty Special Award of Merit	<i>Rachel Nelson and Philo (Jiaqi) Wang</i>
Herbert Goldhor Award for Public Librarianship	<i>Sam Ehlinger and Melissa Sharafinski</i>
Peggy Harris Award	<i>Kennedy Pasley</i>
Health Sciences Information Management Award	<i>Laurel Darling</i>
Kathryn Luther and William T Henderson Award	<i>Mary Schiavone</i>
Information Systems/Technologies Award	<i>Donlapun (Dorothy) Wongkarnta</i>
iSchool Alumni Association Award	<i>Trinity LaPier</i>
Frances B. Jenkins Award	<i>Jess Rogovin</i>
Alice Lohrer Award for Literature and Library Services for Youth	<i>Cassidy Russell and Julia Burns Petrella</i>
Louise C. Meckstroth Award	<i>Hannah Fiedler</i>
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award	<i>Eugene Gurevich and Toby George</i>
Hazel C. Rediger Award	<i>Sarah Riddle</i>
Joseph Rediger Librarian as Humanist Award	<i>Lixcy Vega</i>
Selma K. Richardson Award	<i>Becky Sorice</i>
Social Justice Award	<i>Easton Brundage</i>
Yingbo Zhou Memorial Fund Award	<i>Yuefan Zhou</i>

TO OUR GRADUATES

The School of Information Sciences (iSchool) faculty and staff join with your family and friends in congratulating each of you on earning your degree. As students, you have been valued members of the iSchool community. We look forward to staying in touch with you as you pursue your careers. You have chosen a field where you can apply your talents in many different settings, and we hope that you find rewarding opportunities to use the knowledge and skills you have developed.



SCHOOL OF INFORMATION SCIENCES GRADUATES

This program contains an unofficial list of candidates for graduation on May 11, 2024, a list of graduates who received degrees in August 2023 and December 2023, and a list of degree candidates planning to graduate in August 2024 who are participating in this ceremony. The list of May graduates is as accurate as possible. However, because of printing deadlines, names of some degree recipients may not appear, while names of degree candidates may appear even though they have not completed their degree requirements. The University's official registry for conferral of degrees is the Office of the Registrar, 901 West Illinois Street, Urbana, Illinois 61801.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.)

INFORMATION SCIENCES

August 2023

Nikolaus Nova Parulian

May 2024

Qiuyan Guo

Yuerong Hu

Courtney N. Richardson

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

August 2023

Ruohua Han

May 2024

Julia Burns Petrella

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOINFORMATICS

with a Concentration in Information Sciences

May 2024

Mousami Shinde

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

August 2023

Ermine Lawrence Algaier

Mary Arbor

Katherine E. Ashcraft

Shannon Nicole Conder

Claire Elizabeth Dapkiewicz

Elinor Jeanne Davies

Michelle Alanis DiFranco

Perry Diggs

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

Rebecca Michelle Ganellen
Isabel Marguerite Gendler
Matthew Robert Gipson
Patrick Kiley
Elizabeth Jayne Flatray Kristan
Evan Francis Kuehn
Nicole Kathleen Labrie
Rebecca Renee Leslie
Sarah Katherine Lin
Joshua McGuire
Alec William Munhall
Michael James Nelson
Sarah Elizabeth Petras
Madeline Dawn Quick
Natalie Marie Roth
Jordan Sarti
Kristin Strey
Kathryn Elise Swope
Lixcy Diane Vega
Angela Jean Watters

December 2023

Benjamin William Ackley
Mathew Akira Adam-Houser
Milah Nicolavna Afonin
Amina Ali
Amy Binning
Emily Ann Boles
Alexandria Elizabeth Brown
Stefanie Elaine Brown
Teri E. Bushey
Carriann Narumon Cahall
Sanobar Chagani
Phillip Allen Cole
Taylor Christine Cothorn
Gillian Ashton Davis
Amoura Robin Devina
Zoey Brooke Donahue

Rimante Doran
Kayla Elizabeth Duff
Emily W. Eckstrand
Christopher Augustus Elizondo
Taylor Evertsberg
Amber Janelle Filbeck
Mary L. Fleming
Dillon E. Guziejka
Ella Veronica Hadrovic
Erika Mei Chua Holum
Micayla Rose Hutton
Heather Marie Jeremy
Rachel Amber Johnston
Mackenzie Kavanaugh
Ashley Marie Kolalis
Jessica Koontz
Rachel Michelle Kryzak
Marcella Marie Lees
Melanie Maria LoPiccolo
Mariam Hesham Magdy-Clark
Marshall McGraw
Vanessa McKinnie
Brittini Nicole Meza Krokenes
Elaine Claire Mitra
Katrina Wolinski Muñoz
Lindsey E. Musielak
Rachel Elizabeth Nelson
Cayden Rose Olsen
Austin Pollock
Pamela Renee Robertson
Cassidy Beeman Russell
Tyler Stephen Ruth
Mary Elizabeth Schiavone
Elizabeth Schult
Molly Christine Seidl
Kathleen Marie Senn
Lauren Elizabeth Shaffer
Emily Renee Slattery Phillips

Jessica Ann Smith
Christina Meryl Souvannala
Mallory Lauren Steffey
Agnieszka Babinski Taylor
Sarah Ann Unruh
Miguel Vazquez
Tyler J. Verity
Deona Michelle Walsh
Ashlee Priscilla Walters
Lauren Elizabeth Watson
Margaret Ann Weimer
Kevin Patrick Wiggins
Kyran Aliyah Williams
Charla Wilson
Heather Danielle Wohltman
Daniel R. Wonk
Catharine Young

May 2024

Tiffany Amolsch
Emma Marie Anderson
Katherine Rose Arpino
Megan Eleanor Atherton
Elizabeth Oluwadamilola Ayorinde
Erin Badalamenti
Soha Iqbal Bari
Adam Bent
Naomi Rena Blumberg
Przemyslaw Andrzej Bosak
Victoria Hope Brundage
Patricia Lynn Bruno
Elizabeth Alice Budd
Cristina Amelia Bueno
Nicole Burg
Marne Butler
Richard Jay Byington
Matthew Calhoun
Julia B. Cardinal

Jeremy Chamberlin
Isabelle Sophia Cheng
Cierra Samone Childs
Henry Grandville Coad
Eleanor Marilyn Merece Colbert
Keegan Cole
Nicole Calucin Connell
Jace Finn Cook
Laura Nicole Cooky
Lori Frances Cummins
Keanna Curry
Rachel Christina Curry
Flannery Rose Cusick
Laurel Ann Darling
Danielle Marie Demmerle
Jennifer Catherine Dentel
Jennifer Diaz Garcia
Padraig Galagher Driscoll
Travis Eastham
Samantha Nicole Ehlinger
Olafur Nicholas Engelby
Aliya Jamila Estes
Hannah Kimberly Fiedler
Jamie Elizabeth Flood
Marycruz Flores Reynoso
Lev Nessia Frank
Abigail Hannah Freeman
Sarah Rebecca Velazquez Gaglio
Emily Ann Gallagher
Melissa Ann Gauger
Jennifer G. Gillette
Kaley Grace Gresham
Laura Marie Guengerich
Susan Elizabeth Hallgren
Jacqueline Cassidy Harbeck
Fiona Hartley-Kroeger
Emily Rose Humphrey
Catharine Mary Huth

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

Kimberly Claire Jackson-Petrella
Lynne Johnson
Sally Hayes Johnson
Myles Angelo Jude
Esther Kaplan
Christa Kileff
Milo Minyong Kim
Catherine Mabel Kleinofen
Alexus Cille Kreft
Sandy Alisa Kroeker
Courtney Knight Langdon
Trinity R. LaPier
Claire Elizabeth Lee
Lauren Margaret Link
Andrew Michael Lopinto
Skylar Louise Lucci
Janelle Patrice Lyons
Joshua Michael Lyons
Amina Fahim Malik
Margaret E. Malinowski
Laura McCammack
Sarah Grace McCullough
Quinn Lee McKissock
Christen E. Mercier
Hannah Grace Meyer
Mitchel Ray Meyerhoff
Inbar Michael
Flora Alejandra Montes
Helena Van Ness Moot
Jacquelyn Danielle Moss
Winter Guey-Lahn Murray
Lindsay Faith Musil
Whitney Dawn Nelson
Jarrett Newman
Uyen Tu Nguyen
Jocelyn Ivette Nolasco
Adrian Nordgren
Brooke Angelique Novie

Erica Carolyn Ohman
Precious Monjolaoluwa Olalere
Spring Juliette Olivares
Isabela Pessoa Tavares De Oliveira
Joseph Benjamin Panfile
Kennedy Elizabeth Pasley
Divya Pathak
Alexa Erin Patsalis
Alison Watson Pfaff
Alyssa Nicole Phillips
Sarah Elizabeth Pirila
Christine Powell
Claire Quin
Julia Raup-Collado
Andrew Charles Rea
Lauren Ashley Reed
Sarah Elisabeth Riddle
Jessica Morgan Rogovin
Kirsten Andrea Salchow
Brian William Schlender
Elizabeth Ann Schroader
Gaelen Schwartz
Lily Caroline Leora Schwarz
Daniela Scioscia
Andrea Serna
Paige Marie Shackelford
Melissa Anne Sharafinski
Joann Theresa Sheahan
Jason Charles Smith
Rebecca Busam Sorice
Camilla Elizabeth Stegall
Allison T. Steger
Trevor Riley Stratton
Elaine Patricia Suer
Christina Marie Sweeney
Ziwen Tan
Leslie Melian Taylor
Erika Leigh Ternes

Nathan Theborge
Erin Allyn Thostenson
Megan Ann Tideman
Phillip Peter Torchia
Nancy Lopez Torres
Justin C. Tung
Lana Kay Elizabeth Tutterow
Apollo Stephanie Marie
Uhlenbruck
Adam Charles Unger
Kate Marie Vasquez-Braun
Elida Victoria Velado Salazar
Sally E. Vinanzaca
Nicole Jordan Walley
Jiaqi Wang
Arianna Wasik
Timothy Lee Waters

Emma Elizabeth Watkins
Annika Cayle Wilcox
Emma Christine Wise
Evelyn Linda Wiseman
Katherine Dian Witzig
Ashley Wolfe
Katelyn Megan Wong
Katelin Marie Woods
Elizabeth Workman
Rachel Ellen Young
Xiao Zeng

**August 2024 degree candidates
participating in this ceremony**

Vanessa Burgett
Benjamin Eskin Shapson
Kaitlyn Mae Weger

MSLIS + MA IN HISTORY

August 2023

Katherine Ashcraft

December 2023

Kevin Wiggins

May 2024

Laurel Darling

Jason Smith

Trevor Stratton

MSLIS + MA IN RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN, AND EURASIAN STUDIES

May 2024

Richard Byington

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

August 2023

Ria Narayan Dhanani
Houshuo Huang
Rohan Charudatt Salvi

December 2023

Gillian Oluwatoyosi Awe
Iram Ayyub
Sowmya Bhupatiraju
Jui-Ting Chang
Hiral Amish Chatwani
Lok Yi Chook
Diksha Dinesh
Nirvana Dogra
Hongli Fang
Harsh Ashok Jain
Hriday Ketan Jani
Luwei Li
Yimeng Lu
Shantanu Pagare
Mandar Bhushan Parkar
Wesley Pereira
Sreelakshmi Sreekumar Pillai
Ketan Rode
Sparsh Sadafal
Simran Sharma
Suprit Suresh Shinde
Po-Kai Shou
Sumanth Sudarshan Kumar
Shiqi Sun
Kirti Tyagi
Jingwei Wang
Hongyu Yan
Junsong Yao
Runjie Zhang
Yunan Zhang

May 2024

Aarushi Apte
Nikhila Balaraj
Prateek Bansal
Aditya Sunil Bhinge
Surbhi Dilip Bhor
Neha Sunil Bhujbal
Shreyasi Biswas
Antara Chansarkar
Bhavesh Chatnani
Darshan Sunil Daliya
Pranav Jaywant Dange
Akash Das
Shreyash Mahendra Deodare
Sakina Mustafa Faizee
Saheb Singh Kulbir Singh Gabadia
Divya Dilip Ghorui
Manpreet Kaur Gurtatta
Zian He
Vikrant Ravindra Indi
Pratik Pramod Jagtap
Aastha Jain
Sankalp Jain
Pruthav Rajesh Jhaveri
Gauri Prakash Kamath
Sunethra Kannan
Abhijit Kannepalli
Nupur Khandelwal
Hemil Bharat Kothari
Arjun Kumaran
Kenji Li
Xuanxuan Lin
Xiaoyang Long
Huiying Lu
Yanqi Ma
Shivani Mallikarjun Shahapur
Manika
Kshitij Sunil Mehta

Debdeep Mohanty
Pranavi Myneni
Saket Shailesh Naik
Shreeja Nanda
Vibha Nanda
Venkatasubramanian Narasimman
Apurva Suresh Padwal
Sanjana Satish Pai
Varun Pramod Parmar
Iishi Patel
Siddharth Milind Patil
Shardul Vishwaraj Pharande
Yashas Prashanth
Sanmil Uday Ralkar
Shruti Ravichandran
Diksha Sahay
Saurabh Saoji
Suneeth Sathyanathan
Pranav Sekhar

Mausam Rakesh Shah
Shrey Shah
Yuting Shen
Aanchal Girish Singh
Jannat Singh
Abhishek Ganesh Sonar
Yanvi Grevas Soni
Sinchana Suresh Babu
Rahul Nilesh Thaker
Sneha Manoj Thakur
Vabhavi Tickoo
Aatmic Tiwari
Veera Sai Nikhil Toram
Tejas Uday
Shariq Qayum Wajid
Yuchen Zhang
Sitong Zhou
Yating Zhou
Yuefan Zhou

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SCIENCES

August 2023

Yosra Abdulwahid*
Daniel J. Belzer
Dominee D. Daniels
Trevin Kyle Kurniawan
Antonio Sanchez

December 2023

Eric Philip Coulter
Danielle Marie Garon
Bryan Jeffrey Ge
Eugene Gurevich
Adam Ihmoud
Anu Kherlen

Ryan Bosun Kim
Sahithi Manne
Zoe L. Matz*
Alekhya Nathella
Daniel Ryan Poje
Michael Poplawski
Marcos Agustin Stocco
Jonathan Andrew Wenninger
Matthew Haochen Yu

May 2024

Mahmood O. Akere
Gabrielle Marie Alongi
Mahdia Amatullah

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SCIENCES

Ashton J. Anaya
Sarah Claire Anderson*
Adaeze C. Asonye
Salina Lool Barih
William Richard Bechtel
Prithvi Raj Bellamkonda
Patrick Sukwha Charles Brewton
Deidra P. Broustis
Liv Vernella Carter
Albert Y. Chen*
Evan Zuyou Chen
Sihan Cheng
Caden David Chenicek
Michael Gregory Chiflikyan
Kevin Kai-Wen Choe
Stefan Lok Hung Chu*
Austin Steven Clark*
Jingyu Dai
Presley Dang
Kevin Davalos
Alex E. Diaz Vara
Anika Dixit
Moiria Kathleen Duffy
Shannon Elizabeth Dwyer
Stanley Cameron Fabian
Tyler Edward Fals
Michael Thomas Flynn
John Edward Gadomski
Toby George
Daniel Glassman
Manas Godha
Nathan Jacob Gomez
Zainab Hashmi
Samantha Ann Hulbert
Samuel Jinsan Hwang
Oluwafimihan Ilori
Marko Irimiciuc
Lalitha Jaligama
Kaylee N. Janakos*
Qiuyu Jin
Shalin Kadakia
Shashank Kambhatla
Hongming Kang
Colton Christopher Keiser
Michael George Barakeh Khalaf
Amal Hani Khatib
Naya Khayat
Jimin Kim
Andrew David Koster
Brooke Nicole Lafferty*
Arnav Prashant Lande
William Lawson*
Gyury Lee
Hojae Lee
Jacqueline Grace Léveillé*
Jian Cheng Li
Xueying Li
Jasmine Lin*
Aditya Kartik Madduluri
Patricia Isabel Marasigan
Sophia Alexia Sangalang Matias
Michael Benjamin Matz
Daniel McGhee
Vonndria Simone Monroe
Abrar Mubeen
Siva Saketh Nakka
Ana Janet Ochoa
Julia Paoletti
Abigail Catherine Parkerson
Dilan Anand Patel
Austin Alexander Paull
Cristian Perez
Isiah Shakiem Pettigrew
Estrella Popoca
Paulo S. Quispe
Anisha Theinkani Raja

Harish Ravisankar
Brayden Jacob Riesberg
Jason Rodriguez
Natalie Grace Romanes
Emma Elizabeth Savage
Swetabh Singh
Daniel Soria
India N. Sorrell
Shriya Srikanth*
Mateo Bobby Strainis
Nia Temple
Keegan Nopparat Thoranin
Charles Marcel Tijerina-Albury
Leo Tse
Rodney Matt White
Alexis Toni Williams
Wenxuan Wu

Andrew Yandy Xie
Gangryeol Yang
Febe Yemima
Lisa Zenku

**August 2024 degree candidates
participating in this ceremony**

Negus Abebe
Ibrahim Diop
Lazaro Esquivel
Otniel Fernandez
Chelsey Guo
Tenshi Homma
Matthew Klos
Jeonghoon Ryan Oh
Claudia Robles

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SCIENCES + DATA SCIENCE

December 2023

Indra Ayushjav
Joseph Emmanuel Uy Chan
Khushi Jain
Riya Shah
Aarthi Shivkumar*

Joseph Phillip Medley
Subin Paul Jeyaraj Pradeep
Aakanksha S. Sanghavi
Hadley Jin So
Katie Chun Sze
Ethan Daniel Wee
Donlapun Wongkarnta*
Jia Yang Wu
Deyi Zhang

May 2024

Denise Bahena
Goutham Baskaran
Jackson Arthur Clark
Hansika Gaddamanugu
Mengyue Huang
Changho Jung
Safa Abdullah Lakhany

**August 2024 degree candidate
participating in this ceremony**

Saavani Vaidya

SCHOOL OF INFORMATION SCIENCES FACULTY

Associate Professor Rachel Adler
Associate Professor Masooda Bashir
Teaching Assistant Professor Brandon Batzloff
Professor Catherine Blake
Associate Professor Maria Bonn
Assistant Professor Nigel Bosch
Associate Professor Anita Say Chan
Teaching Assistant Professor David Charles
Assistant Professor Jessie Chin
Teaching Assistant Professor Sharon Comstock
Associate Professor Ryan Cordell
Associate Professor Sarah Park Dahlen
Associate Professor Peter Darch
Professor J. Stephen Downie
Teaching Associate Professor David Dubin
Professor Jingrui He
Teaching Assistant Professor Renee Hendricks
Assistant Professor Elizabeth Hoiem
Associate Professor Yun Huang
Associate Professor Lori Kendall
Associate Professor Halil Kilicoglu
Associate Professor Emily Knox
Associate Professor Kyungwon Koh
Associate Professor Kathryn La Barre
Assistant Professor Zoe LeBlanc
Assistant Professor Ismini Lourentzou
Professor Bertram Ludäscher
Professor Christopher Lueg
Assistant Professor Jiaqi Ma
Assistant Professor Emily Maemura
Assistant Professor Rachel M. Magee
Associate Professor Bonnie Mak

Associate Professor Kate McDowell
Teaching Assistant Professor David Mussulman
Teaching Assistant Professor Jill Naiman
Assistant Professor Melissa Ocepek
Teaching Associate Professor Judith Pintar
Professor Allen Renear
Teaching Assistant Professor Adam Rusch
Assistant Professor Madelyn Rose Sanfilippo
Professor and Dean Eunice E. Santos
Associate Professor Jodi Schneider
Professor Sara L. Schwebel
Assistant Professor JooYoung Seo
Professor Emerita Linda C. Smith
Associate Professor Yoo-Seong Song
Assistant Professor Meicen Sun
Associate Professor Carol Tilley
Associate Professor Vette Torvik
Senior Lecturer Kevin Trainor
Assistant Professor Matthew Turk
Professor Michael Twidale
Professor Ted Underwood
Assistant Professor Travis L. Wagner
Associate Professor Dong Wang
Assistant Professor Haohan Wang
Associate Professor Yang Wang
Senior Lecturer John Weible
Lecturer Elizabeth Wickes
Assistant Professor Karen Wickett
Teaching Assistant Professor Craig Willis
Teaching Assistant Professor Martin Wolske
Teaching Assistant Professor Yang Zhang

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