Congratulations and best wishes to all graduates! The faculty and staff of the College of Business Administration are proud of your accomplishments, and we honor you on this special day.

Commence with dignity, resolve, and purpose! One more chapter of your life has now been closed, and the unwritten next chapter is about to begin. Whether you begin that new chapter tomorrow or you are in the process of transitioning from one job to another or you are still searching for the right fit, rest assured that tomorrow marks only the beginning of the “next chapter” with many more to follow. As you find your place in the globalizing world of commerce, industry, and government, be sure to never lose the thirst for knowledge, ideas, and challenges that have become very much a part of the chapter now closed. And also, never forget to stop and smell the roses!

Your journey to this point has been one of experimenting, searching, learning, adapting, and ultimately of succeeding. The knowledge and skills you have gained from your brief connection to this institution, to these scholars, and to each other at this time in history will frame and inform your perspective of the world, your decisions and contributions in the workplace, and your engagement in the broader society around you. However you choose to navigate through your life, your education and experience at UIC and CBA will always inform your viewpoint, your sense of purpose, and your understanding of the world around you. It is the belief of your mentors in CBA and UIC that you are indeed prepared to step into positions of leadership and influence. An easy path is not promised, but a fulfilling one, in our humble opinion, is.

As you do commence in the world of business or whatever you choose, we hope that you will look back in fondness to your days at UIC. As you leave the solemn and joyful festivities today and depart the physical space called the UIC campus, you undoubtedly know that you never really leave your alma mater. Like a true mater, UIC always draws our students, our alumni and alumnae, back to the home, to the family. And families rely on each other to make the future even brighter for the next generation. CBA has invested in your education, in your future, in your success. Become involved in furthering the opportunities for the next generation of students who are only now beginning their UIC chapter of life. That’s what families do.

We raise our glasses and salute your accomplishments. We look forward to learning about your next chapter. We hope to see you on your return visit to UIC. Congratulations!

Michael A. Pagano
Interim Dean
Dean Michael Pagano and the College of Business Administration faculty and staff welcome you to the spring Commencement exercises, recognizing the accomplishments of our graduate and undergraduate students.

**PROCESSIONAL**

UIC Concert Band
David Morrison, Conductor

**BANNER CARRIERS**

Thor Perplies
MBA, Entrepreneurship and Finance

Tracy Hendrixson
BS, Finance

**ORDER OF EXERCISES**

Robin Brierton
Assistant Dean, Undergraduate Programs, Presiding

**SINGING OF “AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL”**

Audience led by
Scott R. Williams
UIC Alumni Association

**WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

Michael A. Pagano
Interim Dean

**GREETINGS FROM THE UNIVERSITY**

Joe G. N. Garcia
Vice President for Health Affairs (Interim)
Vice Chancellor for Research
Earl M. Bane Professor of Medicine, Pharmacology, and Bioengineering

**GREETINGS FROM FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE**

James and Grazina Liautaud
Entrepreneurs and Philanthropists
Liautaud Graduate School of Business Benefactors

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Olga Camargo
Senior Vice President, Mesirow Financial

Speaking in honor of:
James Tyree
Chairman and CEO, Mesirow Financial

**RESPONSE FROM THE GRADUATING CLASS**

Catherine D. Yi
BS, Marketing

**SILVER CIRCLE AWARD HONOREE**

David Koehler
Clinical Assistant Professor, Managerial Studies

**READERS**

John Anderson
Director, Business Career Center

Thomas Bothen
Associate Director, Center for Urban Real Estate

David Koehler
Clinical Assistant Professor

Peter Thompson
Clinical Assistant Professor

Scott R. Williams
Senior Director, UIC Alumni Association

**CONFERRAL OF DEGREES**

Joe G. N. Garcia

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES**

Henri Gillet
Interim Dean, Graduate College

Michael A. Pagano

**DOCTORAL AND GRADUATE DEGREES**

(see list on page 15)

PhD in Business Administration
Mark Shanley
Associate Dean

PhD in Management Information Systems
Ranganathan Chandrasekaran
Associate Professor

Master of Arts in Real Estate
Thomas Bothen
Associate Director
ALUMNI WELCOME ........ Jonathan Greenspahn  
President, Business Alumni Association, MBA 1995

CLOSING REMARKS ........ Robin Brierton

SINGING OF THE UIC SONG ... Audience led by Scott R. Williams

“May the Flames Burn Brightly Forever”  
By John F. Wilson
May the flames burn brightly forever,  
May the torch be raised on high,  
From the pier to the prairie,  
To the strength of Illinois.

May our colors long stand proudly  
Across Chicago’s sky  
May the memories we cherish,  
Come from the heart of Illinois.

(chorus)  
UIC  
UIC

The start of all our dreams for tomorrow

UIC  
UIC

The heart of Illinois in Chicago

RECESSIONAL ............... UIC Concert Band  
David Morrison, Conductor

RECEPTIONS TO FOLLOW

Liautaud Graduate School of Business  
Student Services Building (Just west of Pavilion)

Bachelor of Science Undergraduates  
Reception Tent (Half block east of the Harrison Street Parking Structure)

Photos and videos of today’s event will be available on the UIC Commencement Web site.
OLGA CAMARGO

Olga Camargo is senior vice president for Mesirow Financial’s New Millennium Markets, Business Strategy. With more than 10 years of experience, Olga has thrived in both small business and corporate environments in strategic business planning roles that consistently produced win-win results for all parties involved. At Mesirow Financial, she leads a diverse team that collaborates with women and minority entrepreneur groups, seeking out and developing innovative partnerships that result in increased financial literacy and economic opportunities for small business owners. As such, Olga is frequently called upon by some of the fastest-growing businesses in Chicago to share her unique perspective.

Olga works in the office of the chairman alongside world-renowned chief economist Diane Swonk, providing economic commentary and insight to clients and the public at large. Olga’s unique and well-informed perspective on how to help businesses succeed for the rapidly growing affluent class of Mexican Americans in Chicago led her to publish her master’s thesis, “How to Reach Chicago’s Mexican Market: A Case Study of Local Businesses Doing It Right.” The thesis underscores the importance of integrating the Mexican community into Chicago’s mainstream economy.

Prior to joining Mesirow Financial in 2004, Olga was marketing senior associate for Bank One Corporation’s Corporate Economics Group. There, she was involved with the bank’s Hispanic marketing research committee. Olga has played an active role in many corporate, academic, and cultural organizations. She sits on Mesirow Financial’s Five Forward Steering Committee, is a member of the board of the Institute for Latino Progress, and helps lead this vanguard organization in strategic planning and resource development. Olga is a member of Chicago United’s Leaders Council and contributes to its mission to enhance sustainable diversity in workforce and leadership.

Olga has served as board member for the Hispanic Alliance for Career Enhancement and Bilingual magazine’s editorial advisory board. Other past roles include serving on the advisory board for the UIC’s Latin American Recruitment and Educational Services, on the Illinois Bankers Association’s Emerging Markets Advisory Committee, and on the advisory council for the “State of Latino Chicago: Economic Impacts” report of the Institute for Latino Studies’ Center for Metropolitan Chicago Initiatives at the University of Notre Dame. Olga is an honorary member of the Chicago Council of Global Affairs’ President’s Circle. She is a member of the Economic Club of Chicago, the Executives’ Club of Chicago, the National Association for Business Economics (NABE), and the Chicago Community Trust’s Latino Giving Circle.

The Chicago Council on Global Affairs selected Olga from a competitive pool of applicants to join its highly prestigious 2008–2010 Emerging Leaders Program, where she is the first Latina member. In 2009, Olga received the Hispanic Alliance for Career Enhancement’s Exemplary Cosecha Award for her work in the Latino community. In 2007, she was designated Latina Professional of the Year by the Chicago Latino Network, an organization with 44,000 members. In November 2009, Olga was appointed by Chicago Mayor Richard Daley to the city’s Department of Procurement Services’ Affirmative Action Advisory Board.

Olga earned her bachelor of science in marketing and master of arts in English from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

CBA POINTS OF PRIDE

The College of Business Administration is a research-based institution located in the heart of Chicago that cultivates a spirit of entrepreneurship through real-world experience. The UIC College of Business Administration is creating new knowledge, business, value, and leaders for Chicago and the world beyond.

- Entrepreneur magazine and The Princeton Review named UIC’s graduate entrepreneurship program one of the top 25 programs in the nation for the past three years.
- The Liautaud Graduate School of Business is ranked among the top 100 graduate business schools in the country by U.S. News & World Report.
- CBA professors Anthony Pagano, managerial studies, and Mary Beth Watson-Manheim, information and decision sciences, are recent Fulbright Scholars.
- Since 2005, the college has hosted the Concept2Venture Business Plan Competition. Each year dozens of undergraduate and graduate students enter their fledgling businesses for a chance to win cash and in-kind prizes. Students in Liautaud’s Tech Ventures program form companies around the technologies of UIC scientists. Five groups of students have launched successful businesses from the program.
- Alumnus Saeb Ahsan, BS ’10, was awarded a 2010–11 Fulbright full grant to study corporate social responsibility in Istanbul.
- Alumni Amir L. Bastawrous, MD; Michael McCoy; and Matthew Norris were awarded the Young Innovators Award by the Chicago Innovation Awards. The three formed the medical start-up HeartSounds Devices in the Technology Ventures course in the Liautaud Graduate School of Business while they were working on their MBAs.
- Last year, undergraduate teams competed in nationwide marketing competitions for Honda, Pepsi, and Target. For Honda, the CBA team earned fourth place for their advertising project. For Target, a CBA team was named one of the top five entries, beating out almost 100 other teams in the country.