Dear Graduates:

Congratulations and best wishes to all our graduates! This wonderful achievement is the culmination of all of your hard work. The late nights, long exams, and rushed deadlines have led you here today. But this is not an ending. We call it commencement because it is the beginning of your journey. You will now take the skills and lessons you learned from your professors and classmates out into the business world to share with your new colleagues.

At UIC, you have had the opportunity to learn with classmates from around the world. I hope you recognize the value in diversity. In our global economy, knowing how to interact with diverse groups is a valuable asset. You will always come out ahead when you can accept and respect other cultures and customs. Recognizing and meeting the changing needs of diverse clients will help you thrive in your careers. I hope you will take this experience and build on it. Have the courage to meet people of different faiths, nationalities, and opinions. Don’t silo yourself in the workplace, but have an open mind and you will succeed in building positive relationships.

You will now become part of a large network of alumni, many of whom reside in Chicago, and others who have spread across the globe. Through various industries, they are making their mark on the global economy. They are examples of the success a UIC business degree can bring. With the knowledge and experience you have gained over your years here, you can set out on a unique path to success. Reach out to other alumni and use them as examples of what you can do with your career. Set goals and then exceed them. Set a path and then change it. Take risks. The business world is constantly changing, as should you. Take advantage of every connection. Keep in touch with our career center. Even though you celebrate the achievement of graduation today, never stop learning. Keep up with changing trends. Get an advanced degree. Always stay competitive.

Thank you for choosing UIC as your home for the past few years. You have added to our legacy of diverse, hardworking students. As you move into the business world and become the leaders we prepared you to be, I hope that you will leave a lasting impact. And please don’t forget those that will come after you. Stay in contact and be an example to the future business leaders that will follow.

On behalf of the entire College of Business Administration, I wish you success and happiness in whatever path you choose. Congratulations again!

Best,

Michael Mikhail
Dean, College of Business Administration
Dean Michael Mikhail 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
Nicholas Carlson, Conductor

BANNER CARRIERS

Chiranjiv Mukerji
MBA, Marketing and International Affairs
Leah Gorman
BS, Accounting

ORDER OF EXERCISES

Mary Corbitt Clark
Assistant Dean, Liautaud Graduate School of Business

SINGING OF “AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL”
Audience led by
Taylor Walters-Chapman
Student, UIC Choir

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Michael Mikhail
Dean, College of Business Administration

GREETINGS FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR RESEARCH

Mitra Dutta
Vice Chancellor for Research
Distinguished Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering

INTRODUCTION OF THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER

George Roe
Clinical Associate Professor

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

John E. Adams
CEO, Cenegenics®

RESPONSE FROM THE GRADUATING CLASS

Paul Schee
BS, Finance

SILVER CIRCLE AWARD HONOREE

Mary R. Brown
Clinical Associate Professor, Finance

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Jonathan Art
Associate Dean, Graduate College
Mark Shanley
Associate Dean, College of Business Administration

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Michael Mikhail
Dean, College of Business Administration

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

(see list on page 16)

Name Readers

John Anderson
Director, Business Career Center
William Koehler
Lecturer, Managerial Studies
Kim Moon
Lecturer, Managerial Studies
Peter Thompson
Clinical Assistant Professor, Managerial Studies
Angela Prazza Winters
Acting Assistant Dean, Undergraduate Programs

Doctoral and Graduate Degrees

PhD in Business Administration
Mark Shanley
Associate Dean, College of Business Administration

Master of Arts in Real Estate
Mark Shanley
Associate Dean, College of Business Administration

Master of Science in Accounting
Ram Ramakrishnan
Professor
Business Administration

May 11, 2013

Master of Science in Management Information Systems

Ranganathan Chandrasekaran
Associate Professor

Master of Business Administration

Mary Corbitt Clark
Assistant Dean, Liautaud Graduate School of Business

Shari Holmer Lewis
Assistant Dean, Corporate MBA

Undergraduate Degrees

Bachelor of Business Administration

Mark Shanley
Associate Dean, College of Business Administration

Bachelor of Science Degrees

Accounting

Somnath Das
Professor and Head

Entrepreneurship

Cheryl Nakata
Professor and Head

Finance

Robert Chirinko
Professor and Head

Information and Decision Sciences

Sid Bhattacharyya
Professor and Head

Management

Cheryl Nakata
Professor and Head

Marketing

Cheryl Nakata
Professor and Head

ALUMNI WELCOME

Arlene Norsym
Vice President and Associate Chancellor, Alumni Relations

UIAA LOYALTY AWARD RECIPIENT

Donald E. Bielinski
Alumnus ’71, College of Business Administration

CLOSING REMARKS

Mary Corbitt Clark
Assistant Dean, Liautaud Graduate School of Business

RECESSIONAL

UIC Concert Band
Nicholas Carlson, Conductor

Audience is requested to remain seated until the academic recession is completed.

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
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 website.
JOHN E. ADAMS  
BS ACCOUNTING 1986

Mr. John E. Adams is the cofounder and CEO of the global leader in proactive, preventive medicine, Cenegenics®.

Mr. Adams is the founder and chairman of the World Presidents’ Organization, Las Vegas Chapter and is an honorary commander at Creech Air Force Base, home of the Predator unmanned aerial vehicle. He also serves on the University of Illinois at Chicago Dean’s Business Advisory Council and on the executive committee of the College of Business Administration. In addition, he was appointed to the Presidents Council at the University of Illinois.

Mr. Adams is also a significant donor to the Andre Agassi Foundation for Education, the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Business Administration, and the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of America. In addition, Mr. Adams is an INVENTORS capital campaign supporter for the Discovery Children’s Museum.

He holds memberships in the World Presidents’ Organization, Las Vegas and Chicago Chapters; Chief Executives Organization; Economic Club of Chicago; and the international gastronomic society, La Chaîne des Rôtisseurs™. Formerly, he was chairman of the Young Presidents Organization, Las Vegas and served six years on its board.

His first entrepreneurial venture was as cofounder, executive vice president, and chief operating officer of Medicon, Inc.—the world’s largest radiology management company.

Prior to that, Mr. Adams was a certified public accountant for Arthur Andersen & Company’s Emerging Business Group in Chicago.

DONALD BIELINSKI  
BS ACCOUNTING 1971

The University of Illinois Alumni Association awards the 2013 UIAA Loyalty Award to Donald Bielinski, BS ’71, managing partner of SMB, LLC. Established in 1957, the Loyalty Award is bestowed upon alumni of the university who have made significant, notable, and meritorious contributions and who have consistently demonstrated exceptional loyalty, commitment, dedication, and service to the advancement of their alma mater.

Don’s broad career includes positions as CEO and president in three different industries and leading businesses ranging from startups to the Fortune 500. His 25-year career with W. W. Grainger encompassed the roles of group president, division CEO, CFO, and SVP of marketing and sales. Since leaving Grainger, Don has been CEO of Exostar, a technology service company in the aerospace and defense industry and Asia Pacific chairman for the Hudson Highland Group, a $1.5 billion talent management and recruitment business. Don has led businesses in the United States, Europe, Asia, and Australia, and his expertise lies in developing startups, managing complex turnarounds and reorganizations, strategy development, and innovation.

He received his Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from UIC in 1971 and became a CPA in 1975. He completed the Stanford Executive Program at Stanford University in 1987, and earned an MBA, with distinction, from Northwestern University’s Kellogg Graduate School of Management in 1996. As a member of the college’s Business Advisory Board, Don has provided support and counsel to advance the college’s mission and to support the education of its students.

THE BUSINESS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION—BUILDING A NETWORK OF BUSINESS LEADERS

The Business Alumni Association serves a powerful network of 30,000 alumni. This diverse group spans industries and continents, but shares the strong association of its alma mater. Through yearly events such as How Chicago Works, ENGAGE, Holiday Happy Hour, and the BAA Graduation Party, we strive to build connections across Chicago’s business community. We promote volunteerism through local community service projects and the college mentoring program. The BAA is tasked with mobilizing alumni support for the college and providing valuable benefits, services, and resources. All graduating students are invited to join the BAA and see the unique benefits we have to offer. Become a part of this strong, diverse group of business professionals working to help you succeed as a business leader.