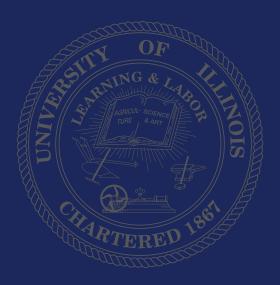


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On behalf of the University of Illinois Board of Trustees, and as a proud alumnus of the U of I System, I am honored to bring greetings and congratulations to the Class of 2021!

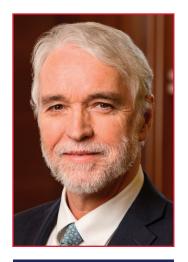
You have been through so much to reach today's milestone, juggling your studies with the historic challenges of a global pandemic. In the process, you have done even more than achieve your dreams. You have also helped make our universities among the safest in our nation—a model for our peers—and I am deeply grateful for your understanding, your cooperation and your sacrifice.

Although it has been a few years since I was in the seat you are in today, I still remember the mix of excitement and anxiety I felt, not knowing exactly what the future might hold. That feeling is understandable. But rest assured that the world-class education you received here, in and out of the classroom, has given you the foundation to succeed and flourish.

As you head off to make your mark on the world, know you carry a bond that forever connects you to your years on this remarkable campus. You are joining one of the world's largest alumni networks—nearly 800,000 strong from across the U of I System's three, best-in-class universities. As our alumni have since our founding over 150 years ago, I hope you will carry our flag with pride. Your successes will carry us forward, adding to our global reputation for excellence and attracting the new generations of students who want to follow in your footsteps.

I hope you will come back to campus often—to share your achievements, your experiences and your insights. And as you are out there changing and improving society, the entire world over, know that all of us you have left behind will be working for you, ensuring that the value and prestige of the degree you worked so hard to earn continues to grow.

Congratulations again, Class of 2021!



Timothy L. Killeen President

Congratulations, Class of 2021!

College years are always a lifetime memory. But yours are literally historic, a time that your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will learn about during their own educational journeys.

You earned your degrees amid the worst pandemic in a century, and the myriad worries, stresses and restrictions it created. A bulk of classes moved online. Attending in-person classes added COVID-19 testing to your weekly schedules. Traditional campus activities were limited, even simple pleasures like time with friends.

Still, you achieved your dreams, and so much more. You also helped make the University of Illinois System a model for the nation as our three campuses remained safe and many classrooms remained open this year while peer universities struggled. It is a success story that made headlines across the country, thanks to a pioneering homegrown testing protocol and your understanding, cooperation, resilience, selflessness and sacrifice.

Those same qualities will also carry you far in the next chapter of your life that begins tomorrow. And, coupled with the talents and civic-minded spirit you nurtured here at UIC, you are primed to flourish.

But first things first. Take some time today to reflect on everything you've accomplished and the tremendous milestone you have reached. There are a small handful of days in life that you will never forget. From my own experience and the beaming faces I have seen at nearly 40 years of commencements, I can tell you that your graduation is one of them. So I hope you savor every minute of it.

Congratulations again, Class of 2021! It is an honor to celebrate you, joined by the proud family and friends who have supported you along the way.

I hope the lessons you learned exceed the high expectations that brought you here and guide you to the future you imagined.

Enjoy your day and come back often.



Michael D. Amiridis Chancellor

Dear 2021 Graduates:

Each year, I had the honor to write a letter to our graduates that was printed in the commencement ceremony program, congratulating them on their success in meeting the demands of their academic careers at the University of Illinois Chicago. Every year, the programs were placed on the graduates' seats waiting for them, as they gathered with their guests to witness the University formally recognize their accomplishments and confer their degrees.

This year, you and your guests are receiving this letter electronically because the public health restrictions in Chicago do not allow us to celebrate together. But while the COVID-19 pandemic has changed nearly everything in our lives, it has not changed what you have achieved over the course of your studies at UIC! This important day in your lives rises above the conditions that are keeping you away from our campus and will always be a testament to your perseverance and accomplishments.

You have successfully reached the end of this stage of your academic journey. You have been challenged to reach your highest potential, even in the face of an unprecedented health crisis, and you have succeeded. And you are now UIC alumni and the next generation of UIC ambassadors. I assure you that the entire university community shares my great pride in your hard work and the sacrifices you have made to reach this point.

I have every confidence that your future accomplishments will make a difference in people's lives. This is the UIC legacy and you now are part of it.

Congratulations Class of 2021!







Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch ('97) Speaker, Illinois House of Representatives

Representative Emanuel "Chris" Welch has served the 7th District of Illinois since 2013. He was elected Speaker of the House in January 2021 after serving on several key committees, including as Chairman of the Executive Committee and as a member of the Revenue, Cities and Villages, Counties and Townships, and Higher Education Committees. As Chairman of the House Higher Education Committee, Representative Welch led efforts to pass historic legislation like the four-year MAP grant award and the AIM High Scholarship. He also served as Co-chair of Governor J.B. Pritzker's Educational Success Transition Committee.

Representative Welch has focused on improving classroom education, creating jobs, helping our most-vulnerable citizens, and streamlining government. He has been the chief sponsor of several pieces of historic legislation, including the Historic Illinois Trust Act, the Homeless Bill of Rights, and laws making Illinois a welcoming state for immigrants and bringing cursive writing back to our schools. Representative Welch is a leading voice for adding Black and Brown people to the boards of publicly held corporations, and he has sponsored landmark legislation that requires Illinois corporations to annually disclose the composition of their boards of directors.

Representative Welch has been recognized with several significant awards for his legislative record, including the prestigious Zeke Giorgi Award from the AFL-CIO and the Friend and Education Award from the Illinois Education Association.

Before joining Illinois's General Assembly, Representative Welch served 12 years on the Proviso Township High School Board of Education, including 10 years as Board Chair. He led the Proviso School Board in the creation of the Proviso Math and Science Academy, a school that has been recognized by *Chicago Magazine* and *U.S. News & World Report*.

Representative Welch is a Partner in local government law firm Ancel Glink. Previously, he was a Partner with Sanchez, Daniels and Hoffman, LLP from 2007 to 2018, where he represented local school districts and municipalities. He has been recognized as a "Super Lawyer" and one of Chicago's "Leading Lawyers."

Representative Welch is a graduate of Proviso West High School ('89), Northwestern University ('93), and JMLS ('97) where he was inducted into the Law School's Hall of Distinction in 2016. He and his wife, ShawnTe, have two children, Tyler and Marley.

A hallmark of Representative Welch's service is his belief that "he will always find a way, or make one."

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Academic dress, consisting of cap, gown, and hood, originated about the twelfth century and was worn primarily for warmth. Subsequently, material of the gown and the lining and the shape of the hood represented the economic and social as well as the academic status of the wearer.

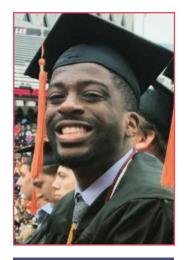
In the United States, the great majority of the academic costumes now worn are in accordance with the general provisions of the Intercollegiate Code of 1895, which was revised in 1932 and again in 1960. Under this code the bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves, the master's gown has oblong sleeves with an arc at the bottom, and the doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves. All gowns were originally black, although the adoption of colored gowns by individual institutions in the United States is becoming more prevalent.

The master's gown is untrimmed. The doctor's gown is faced down the front with velvet and has three bars of velvet across the sleeves. The facing and bars are purple, the color of the law. Material of the gown and hood for the master's degree is usually of cotton poplin, and for the doctor's degree, of rayon or silk-ribbed material. The master's and doctor's gowns may be worn open or closed. Women may wear white collars with the bachelor's gown when no hood is worn.

The hoods, which differ in length for the two degrees, are lined with the official colors of the UIC John Marshall Law School, usually with one color forming a chevron pattern over the other. The master's hood is three and a half feet, and the doctor's hood is four feet long. At the University of Illinois at Chicago, the lining of the hoods is flame and indigo. For doctoral students and for master's students, the velvet trim at the edge of the hood denotes the law.

The mortarboard cap is standard in the United States for Master of Jurisprudence and Master of Laws graduates, while Juris Doctor graduates wear a tam. The tassels for law graduates are purple. At the University of Illinois, candidates for degrees wear tassels on the right front quadrant of their caps or tams before degrees are conferred and change them to the left front quadrant after degrees are conferred by the president. Caps and tams are considered a part of the respective costume.

Purple and white cords worn by some graduating students signify the levels of University Honors. Purple cords signify summa cum laude and white cords signify students graduating cum laude or with honors. Red, white, and blue cords are worn by graduating servicemembers. The Jewel of Office and gold collar, which is worn by the president, was presented to the university by the University of Illinois Alumni Association. It is emblematic of the Office of the President and is worn at all formal academic ceremonies. On the collar are engraved the names of the presidents of the university and their years of service. Trustees of the university are identified by their blue gowns with blue velvet panels outlined in orange cord.



Dorien J. Clark Valedictorian

A Northern Kentucky native, Dorien Clark grew up outside of Cincinnati and earned his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering, with a minor in chemistry, from the University of Cincinnati, before enrolling at UIC Law.

As a law student, Clark was a member of the Dean's Leadership Academy. He served as the Lead Articles Editor for the UIC Review of Intellectual Property Law and published his comment, "The Yeezy Boost 350 Copyright Registrations: Did Kanye West Turn Justice Breyer's Fear into a Reality?" Clark was also active in the Law School's USPTO-licensed Trademark Clinic and served as a teaching assistant for multiple courses.

Clark began pursuing a career in intellectual property law during his first year of law school with a summer associate position at McAndrews, Held & Malloy, which he maintained throughout law school. He will join the firm full time as an associate this fall.

In 2020, Clark was awarded the American Intellectual Property Law Association's Past Presidents Award. Clark was selected from a pool of national candidates for the merit-based award, which recognizes law students who have excelled in the study of intellectual property law.

Clark would like to thank his parents, family, and friends, who helped him get to where he is today.

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