

Class of 2013



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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Mikhail".

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**
(words on page 51) 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

**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.

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