



Dear Graduates:

Congratulations and best wishes to all our graduates! This wonderful achievement is the culmination of all of your hard work. 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 now join an impressive 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 start down the path to becoming tomorrow's business leaders, I hope that you will keep in mind those who come after you. Stay in contact, share with us your successes, and tell us how we can continue to support you as your alma mater.

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', written over a horizontal line.

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

José Oliver Riojas,
Director of Bands

BANNER CARRIERS Danielle Seger

MBA

Sergio Gonzalez

BS, Marketing

ORDER OF EXERCISES Mary Corbitt Clark

Assistant Dean, Liautaud
Graduate School of Business

**SINGING OF “AMERICA
THE BEAUTIFUL”**

(words on page 47)

Audience led by**Maria Ledden**

Class of 2015

**WELCOME AND
OPENING REMARKS****Michael Mikhail**

Dean, College of
Business Administration

**GREETINGS FROM THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES****Jill B. Smart**

Trustee

**INTRODUCTION OF THE
CHANCELLOR****Michael Mikhail**

Dean, College of
Business Administration

**GREETINGS FROM
THE CHANCELLOR****Michael D. Amiridis**

Chancellor of the University
of Illinois at Chicago

**INTRODUCTION OF THE
KEYNOTE SPEAKER****Michael Mikhail**

Dean, College of
Business Administration

KEYNOTE SPEAKER Steven L. Fradkin

Northern Trust

**RESPONSE FROM THE
GRADUATING CLASS****Kalpit Shah**

BS, Finance

**SILVER CIRCLE AWARD
HONOREE****Renata Tarasievich**

Lecturer, Managerial Studies

**PRESENTATION
OF CANDIDATES****Laura Lee Junker**

Associate Dean, Graduate
College

Michael Mikhail

Dean, College of
Business Administration

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES**Eric A. Gislason**

Vice Chancellor for Academic
Affairs and Provost

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

(see list on page 14)

Name Readers**John Anderson**

Director, Business Career
Center

Kim Moon

Lecturer, Managerial Studies

Michael Popowits

Lecturer, Accounting

Peter Thompson

Clinical Assistant Professor,
Managerial Studies

Angela Prazza Winters

Assistant Dean,
Undergraduate Programs

Doctoral and Graduate Degrees

PhD in Management Information Systems **Mary Beth Watson-Manheim**
 Professor and Director, PhD in Management Information Systems

Master of Science in Accounting **Ram Ramakrishnan**
 Professor, Accounting

Master of Science in Finance **Hsiu-Lang Chen**
 Associate Professor, Finance

Master of Science in Management Information Systems **Ranga Chandrasekaran**
 Associate Professor, Information and Decision Sciences

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 **Abigail McWilliams**
 Assistant Dean, Online Programs
Mark Shanley
 Associate Dean, Academic Affairs

Bachelor of Science Degrees

Accounting **Somnath Das**
 Professor and Department Head

Entrepreneurship **Cheryl Nakata**
 Professor and Department Head

Finance **Gib Bassett**
 Professor and Department Head

Information and Decision Sciences **Sid Bhattacharyya**
 Associate Professor and Department Head

Management **Cheryl Nakata**
 Professor and Department Head

Marketing **Cheryl Nakata**
 Professor and Department Head

ALUMNI WELCOME **Anthony Zeoli**
 Co-President, Business Alumni Association, MBA, 2005

CLOSING REMARKS **Mary Corbitt Clark**
 Assistant Dean, Liautaud Graduate School of Business

RECESSIONAL **UIC Concert Band**
 José Oliver Riojas, Director of Bands

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

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

Reception tent (half block east of the Pavillion Parking Structure)

Photos and videos of today's event will be available on the UIC Commencement website.



STEVEN L. FRADKIN, NORTHERN TRUST

Steven L. Fradkin is president of the Wealth Management business unit at Northern Trust and serves as a member of the corporation's Management Committee. Northern Trust's Wealth Management business unit is a leading provider of asset management and fiduciary and banking services for affluent individuals and families operating from approximately 65 offices located in 18 U.S. states; Washington, D.C.; and international locations across North America, Europe, the Middle East, and the Asia Pacific regions.

Mr. Fradkin has a diversified financial services career with Northern Trust having previously served as president of Corporate & Institutional Services, executive vice president & chief financial officer, and head of the corporation's international business amongst other roles prior to his current appointment.

Mr. Fradkin joined Northern Trust in 1985 after graduating with a BA degree in economics from Washington University in St. Louis. He completed the Program for Management Development at Harvard Business School in 1994.

He is a nonexecutive director of American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC; Armor Holdco Inc.; Armor Holding II, LLC; and the Davidson Commission Company and a former director and audit committee chair of optionsXpress Holdings, Inc. (Nasdaq "OXPS").

He also serves on the board of directors of the Chicago Botanic Garden and the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center and is a former board member of the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago and the Evanston Northwestern Healthcare Foundation.

Mr. Fradkin is a member of Washington University's Arts & Sciences National Council and Chicago Regional Cabinet and is the founder of CFO Select, an exclusive forum for the exchange of ideas and best practices amongst chief financial officers.

Mr. Fradkin received the Americanism Award from the Anti-Defamation League in 2010, was named amongst the 100 most influential people in finance by *Treasury & Risk Magazine* in 2011, was honored by *U.S. Banker Magazine* as one of their "Top 10 CFOs," and was recognized by sell side analysts in *Institutional Investor* magazine's annual survey as "Best CFO" amongst large capitalization banks.

He and his wife, Ilana, established the Ilana and Steve Fradkin Quest for Excellence Scholarships at Washington University in St. Louis, which have been granted over multiple years.

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.