

CLASS OF 2016

Academic Procession	Brass Works
Welcome	Alfred Tatum DEAN, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
National Anthem	Morgan Pirtle
Greetings and Remarks	Michael D. Amiridis CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO
Introduction of the Commencement Speaker	Alfred Tatum
Commencement Speaker	Kwame Alexander AUTHOR
Recognition of Faculty and Student Honors	Alfred Tatum
Presentation of the Silver Circle Award	Alfred Tatum
Marisha Humphries	Associate Professor, Educational Psychology
Presentation of the Doctoral Dean’s Merit Award	Alfred Tatum
Steven Kushner	PhD Candidate, Curriculum and Instruction
Presentation of PhD Candidates (see list on page 16)	Alfred Tatum
	Karen Colley DEAN, GRADUATE COLLEGE
PhD Degree Conferral	Susan Poser PROVOST AND VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
Presentation of EdD Candidates (see list on page 18)	Alfred Tatum
	Karen Colley
EdD Degree Conferral	Susan Poser
Hooding and Presentation of Doctoral Graduates	Gregory Larnell ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION College of Education Faculty

Presentation of the MEd Dean’s Merit Award	Alfred Tatum
Jaclyn Rodriguez	MEd Candidate, Youth Development
Presentation of MEd Candidates (see list on page 17)	Alfred Tatum
	Karen Colley
MEd Degree Conferral	Susan Poser
Presentation of MEd Graduates	P. Zitlali Morales
	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION
	Michael Thomas
	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY
Presentation of the BA Dean’s Merit Award	Alfred Tatum
Daniel Rocha	BA Candidate, Urban Education
Presentation of BA Candidates (see list on page 18)	Alfred Tatum
BA Degree Conferral	Susan Poser
Presentation of BA Graduates	Victoria Trinder
	CLINICAL ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION
Alumni Welcome	Cynthia Valenciano
	COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Song, “Whenever You Remember”	Morgan Pirtle
Closing Remarks	Alfred Tatum
Recessional	Brass Works

AUDIENCE IS REQUESTED TO REMAIN SEATED UNTIL THE ACADEMIC RECESSION IS COMPLETED.

PLATFORM PARTY

Michael D. Amiridis
Susan Poser
Alfred Tatum
Karen Colley
Kwame Alexander

Gregory Larnell
Michael Thomas
P. Zitlali Morales
Victoria Trinder
Cynthia Valenciano

Celina Sima
Aisha El-Amin
Steven Kushner
Jaclyn Rodriguez
Daniel Rocha

MARSHALS

Rose Becerra
Jennifer DeLago
Marietta Giovannelli
Maria Ocasio

Whitney Spencer
Ana Valenta
Elise Wilson

MUSICIANS

Brass Works

Morgan Pirtle
SOLOIST

Meggy Huynh
KEYBOARDS



Kwame Alexander
Author

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Kwame Alexander is a poet, educator, and New York Times Bestselling author of 21 books, including *The Crossover*, which received the 2015 John Newbery Medal for the Most Distinguished Contribution to American Literature for Children, the Coretta Scott King Author Award Honor, the NCTE Charlotte Huck Honor, the Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award, and the Paterson Poetry Prize.

Alexander believes that poetry can change the world, and he uses it to inspire and empower young people through his Page-to-Stage Writing and Publishing program. A regular speaker at schools and conferences in the United States, he also travels the world planting seeds of literary love: Singapore, Brazil, Italy, France, Shanghai, and recently, Alexander led a delegation of 20 writers and activists to Ghana, where they delivered books, built a library, and provided literacy professional development to 300 teachers as a part of LEAP for Ghana, an international literacy program he cofounded.