



INDIANA UNIVERSITY  
OF PENNSYLVANIA

# Graduate Commencement Ceremony

HONORING MAY AND AUGUST 2021 GRADUATES  
KOVALCHICK CONVENTION AND ATHLETIC COMPLEX



## WELCOME



### WELCOME, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

The IUP community extends a warm welcome to the families and friends of a very distinguished graduating class. Over the past several years, class members have worked and studied and are now ready to begin a new chapter in their lives. For some, this will mean a job and the responsibilities of a family. For others, it will mean graduate or professional school. The university community hopes that, whatever course their future takes, these graduates will look back on their years here as having prepared them to meet and deal with the challenges that life will present.

In ceremonies this weekend, more than 1,600 undergraduate and graduate students are recognized for their academic achievement. The IUP community joins parents, spouses, relatives, and friends in congratulating the graduates on their accomplishments and in wishing for them the happiness of a productive life, the respect of their fellow human beings, and the love of their families.

Best of luck and congratulations.

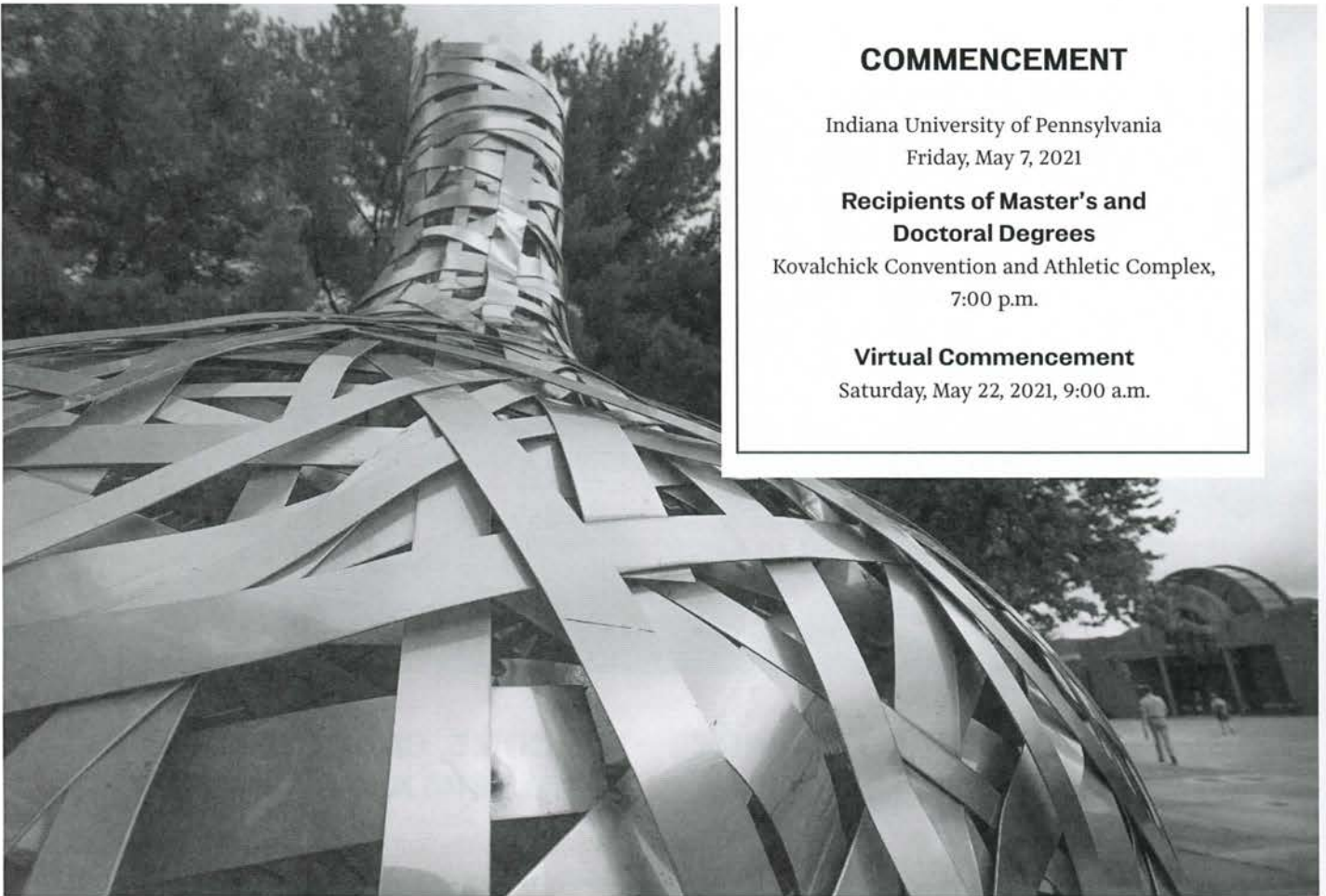
### WELCOME, GRADUATES, TO THE IUP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Welcome to the IUP Alumni Association. As a graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania, you are automatically a member of the alumni association. There are no dues to pay and no rules or regulations to follow. The association brings alumni together on campus, virtually, and in regions across the nation and around the globe, providing opportunities for networking with fellow graduates. Visit [www.alumni.iup.edu](http://www.alumni.iup.edu) to learn about all of the benefits, programs, and services provided to you as a graduate of IUP.

The Crimson Network allows you to build connections with other alumni and find mentors in your industry. This powerful virtual networking and mentorship tool also allows you to help current students following in your footsteps. Learn more at [www.crimsonnetwork.iup.edu](http://www.crimsonnetwork.iup.edu).

The Office of Alumni and Friends will honor the Class of 2021 with a celebration toast on Saturday, May 8. Graduates, along with their family and friends, are invited to walk through Breezedale Alumni Center and enjoy a champagne or sparkling cider toast to celebrate the occasion. Graduates will receive a commemorative IUP alumni champagne flute (while supplies last). Masks and social distancing are required. Please register to attend this special celebration at [www.alumni.iup.edu/events](http://www.alumni.iup.edu/events).

## GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT—MAY AND AUGUST 2021



### COMMENCEMENT

Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
Friday, May 7, 2021

#### Recipients of Master's and Doctoral Degrees

Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex,  
7:00 p.m.

#### Virtual Commencement

Saturday, May 22, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

### THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight  
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,

O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

### ALMA MATER

To our noble Alma Mater's name,  
We, her children, sing a joyful lay,  
And to her a new allegiance pledge,  
That lives beyond a day.

**Refrain:** Sing, O sing, our Alma Mater's praise,  
Hail, O hail, her colors' gleaming hue!  
Give to her our homage and our love,  
And to her name be true.

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## THE UNIVERSITY



Indiana University of Pennsylvania was established in 1875 and is the only doctoral/research university in Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education. IUP has a long tradition of academic excellence and receives frequent accolades, including designation as one of *The Best 386 Colleges* in the 2021 edition of a Princeton Review book by that name. The university provides an intellectually challenging experience to more than 10,000 students at three campuses—all easily accessible from Pittsburgh and the Middle Atlantic region—among other sites.

Academic offerings include roughly 100 undergraduate programs and scores of graduate (master's and doctoral degree) programs. Unusual opportunities for research at all levels and the Cook Honors College provide special challenges for academic growth. The variety and quality of instruction are characteristic of a big university, yet at IUP, close, one-to-one relationships develop within the teaching framework, and a strong sense of community prevails.

## A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT DRISCOLL

### About the President

President Michael Driscoll's leadership of IUP has been guided by principles that include empowering students to become the world's transformative leaders through high-quality academic programs, strong support structures, and interconnected, hands-on learning experiences outside the classroom.

Under his leadership, the university continues to develop new academic degree programs and revamp existing ones, leveraging IUP's strengths to meet the needs of Pennsylvania's residents while attracting students from across the nation and around the world. IUP's international student population is the largest within Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education.

Many students enroll at IUP for noteworthy programs such as safety sciences, music, and criminology. An American Psychological Association publication has cited IUP's doctoral program in clinical psychology as among the nation's top five, while the Modern Language Association has praised IUP's doctoral programs in English as among the most successful in advancing careers.

During his tenure, President Driscoll has focused on creating a student-centered educational environment. Since 2012, IUP has formed, among other initiatives, the President's Commission on Diversity and Inclusion, the Center for Multicultural Student Leadership and Engagement, the Military and Veterans Resource Center, and the University College, a resource for all students but particularly for those who are still exploring their options for a major course of study.



To the Degree Recipients,

Congratulations on completing your degree program. Commencement is a time to celebrate an end as well as a beginning. In your case, this is the beginning, the commencing, of the next phase of your life. We expect you to take what you have learned and use it to make this world a better place.

You'll be surprised at what you'll take along with you. Some things you think you'll always remember, you may soon forget. What will stay in your memory longest may be a particular professor. Years from now, you may still recall a lecture that person gave or a comment that person wrote on one of your papers.

I can predict these memories with confidence, not just because I was once a new college graduate, but because I read alumni magazines. I see the letters and reminiscences that graduates contribute. Sometimes, they refer in detail to lectures that were given 50 or 60 years ago. Imagine!

Though you may have absorbed the contents of myriad textbooks or performed any number of laboratory experiments, it is the human interaction you'll likely carry with you—perhaps as long as you live. While faculty members have been teaching you their subjects, they've also been teaching you how to look at the world. Henry Adams wrote, "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops."

Congratulations on your achievement.

Michael A. Driscoll

President

## MUSIC

### IUP ALUMNI VIRTUAL BAND

*(National anthem, recorded in fall 2020)*

*Timothy A. Paul, director of Bands, musical director and producer*

#### Flute

Emily Goll Canner '08  
Kaitlin Daneker  
Obielecki '07  
Amanda Lykins '09  
Heather Leighty Oaster '07

#### Oboe

Louise Vranesevic '12

#### Bassoon

Luke Hamilton '17

#### Clarinet

Jake Kearney '11, M'16  
Ashley Allen '07  
Heather Stevens Terry '01  
Jamie Sirgey Gore '06  
Michelle Buige  
Kokus '99, M'05  
Adam Sroka M'06  
Kelly Horan '02

#### Bass Clarinet

Alyssa Baughman Wright '05

#### Alto Saxophone

Mitchell Custer '08  
Brittany Robinson-Chen '06

#### Tenor Saxophone

Andrea Strong Fenske '08

#### Bari Saxophone

Jamie Boerio Bottger '11

#### Trumpet

Tim Winfield '05  
John Powlison '10  
Erin Wilson Page '07  
Jordan Canner '07, M'20  
Bob Bottger '07  
Anastazia Hall '19  
Richard Kane '07  
Mason Stiver '15  
Lynn Burich Hudak '06  
Sadie Spencer '16  
Willis Spencer '11  
Jessica Bulebosh Wise '05

#### Horn

Lisa McCormick '07  
Katie Strong '06  
Jude Gore '06  
Gina Lenox '01

#### Trombone

Joshua Brumbaugh '05  
Nicole Rechichar  
Whitney '06  
Brett Rynhart '08

#### Euphonium

Geoff Durbin '07  
Andrew Bajorek

#### Tuba

Matt Whitney '07  
Larry Sarvey '08  
Jason Diaz '04

#### Percussion

Rich Bono '07, snare drum  
Michael Dooley '08, bass  
drum  
Brandon Kelly '05, cymbals  
Brian Tychinski '91, M'92,  
bells

### IUP WIND ENSEMBLE, ALUMNI VIRTUAL BAND, AND VOCALIST

*("Alma Mater," recorded in spring 2021)*

*Timothy A. Paul, director of Bands, conductor, musical director,  
and producer*

#### IUP Wind Ensemble

##### Flute

Colleen Welsh  
Marquis Johnson  
Cynthia Hayhurst  
Kadi Mellott  
Alyssa Brandle

##### Clarinet

Abby Novak  
Lauren Dick  
Savannah Santiago  
Kristina Rittle

##### Saxophone

Emily Kaufman  
Faith O'Dean  
Leo Prezioso  
Mark DeCesare

##### Trumpet

Justin Bianconi  
Sarah Cisney  
Melanie Duffy-Engel  
Austin Fontenoy  
Noah Mason

##### Horn

Anna Zurawski  
Kristina Andrei  
Kirsten Jenkins  
Owen Meyer

##### Trombone

David Earnest  
Mihkayla Perkins  
Michael Conrad

##### Euphonium

John Mills  
Evan Honsel

##### Tuba

Isaiah Buzdygon  
Jesse Stewart

#### IUP Alumni Virtual Band

##### Flute

Emily Goll Canner '08  
Kaitlin Daneker  
Obielecki '07  
Amanda Lykins '09

##### Oboe

Louise Vranesevic '12

##### Bassoon

Luke Hamilton '17

##### Clarinet

Lexi Bixler, graduate student  
Jake Kearney '11, M'16  
Adam Sroka M'06

##### Bass Clarinet

Alyssa Baughman  
Wright '05

##### Bari Saxophone

Jamie Boerio Bottger '11

##### Trumpet

Tim Winfield '05  
Erin Wilson Page '07  
Jordan Canner '07, M'20  
Bob Bottger '07  
Anastazia Hall '19  
Mason Stiver '15  
Lynn Burich Hudak '06  
Willis Spencer '11  
Jessica Bulebosh Wise '05

##### Horn

Lisa McCormick '07  
Jude Gore '06

##### Tuba

Matt Whitney '07

##### Percussion

Michael Dooley '08, chimes  
Brandon Kelly '05, marimba

##### IUP Vocalist

Elise Reichenfeld

## GOVERNING AND ADVISORY BOARDS



### **PENNSYLVANIA'S STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education was established July 1, 1983, but its 14 member institutions, which include IUP, have a much longer history. Combined, the schools have more than 93,000 degree-seeking students and nearly 800,000 living alumni, most of whom still live in Pennsylvania. Currently, the State System is undergoing a redesign to ensure that its schools will continue to serve students, their regions, and the commonwealth far into the future.

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## UNIVERSITY SENATE AWARDS



### **DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD FOR TEACHING**

**Prashanth Bharadwaj**, professor, Management; dean's associate, Eberly College of Business and Information Technology

Prashanth Bharadwaj has been with the university for 27 years. A former Management Department chair, he has served as dean's associate for the last 13 years, responsible for strategic planning, international partnerships, and more. He also coordinates the maintenance of Eberly College's AACSB accreditation. A recipient of the Award for Excellence in Education from the Global Organization of People of Indian Origin, Bharadwaj is the architect and director of IUP's MBA program in India, which has nearly 1,250 alumni, and he conducts the Discover India study tour, which has had more than 250 student participants. He also coordinates IUP's Executive MBA and PhD in Business programs in partnership with Arab American University and has developed and managed many other international programs and partnerships in Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and Latin America. The director of Eberly's School of International Management, he has mentored hundreds of students from western Pennsylvania and all over the world. Bharadwaj was one of 12 US academics selected for a prestigious Japan study tour, and he is at work on a Collaborative Online International Learning project with colleagues in Norway.



### **DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD FOR RESEARCH**

**Gloria Park**, professor, English

Gloria Park has been a member of the English Department faculty since 2008. She specializes in teacher education for teaching English to speakers of other languages and serves as director of Graduate Studies in Composition and Applied Linguistics. Her research has been published in internationally recognized journals, and she has coedited special-themed issues of *TESOL Quarterly* and *TESOL Journal*. Her monograph, *Narratives of East Asian Women Teachers of English: Where Privilege Meets Marginalization*, was published in 2017 by Multilingual Matters. Park has served as a section editor for *TESOL Journal* and as a series associate editor, working with more than 30 authors, for the Teacher Education and Professional Development volume of the *TESOL-Wiley Encyclopedia of English Language Teaching*. She was also an invited national screener, reviewing more than 500 applications, for Fulbright English teaching associates who applied to South Korea and Malaysia. She will continue to serve as a national screener for Fulbright applicants to South Korea and other Asian countries. Park was recently nominated for the American Association of Applied Linguistics' Research Award Committee, which screens for the best research publication of the year.



### **DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD FOR SERVICE**

**David Chambers**, associate professor, Political Science

An IUP faculty member for more than three decades, David Chambers is recognized both for his years of service and for his variety of service roles. He has chaired his department in stints totaling more than 15 years and has coordinated its Master of Arts in Public Affairs program for more than 10. He has also chaired IUP's Free Speech Project since its 2017 inception, spearheading efforts to raise awareness about protections under the First Amendment. Central to his service have been his contributions at all levels to the Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties, the organization that represents faculty members and coaches. That service has included many years on

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the local Representative and Executive councils, as an elected IUP delegate to APSCUF's Legislative Assembly, as a member of the Meet and Discuss Team, which discusses policy proposals and challenges the university and State System face, and as a key figure during contract negotiations. A former chair of the University-Wide Promotion Committee, he helped streamline the promotion process at IUP. He also has chaired the IUP-APSCUF Grievance Committee for several years.

### DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD FOR CREATIVE ARTS

**Jason Worzbyt**, professor, Music

A professor of bassoon and the associate director of bands at IUP, Jason Worzbyt, a 1993 graduate of the university, has performed, recorded, and been featured as a soloist with wind ensembles and orchestras across the country. In 2001, he gave the world premiere of Bruce Yurko's Concerto for Bassoon and Wind Ensemble with the Keystone Wind Ensemble at the College Band Directors National Association conference. He has also given several recitals at meetings of the International Double Reed Society. In 2013, Klavier Records released a compact-disc recording, *Five in the Sun*, by the Keystone Chamber Players, of which Worzbyt is a member. During his 23 years at IUP, he has performed with many regional orchestras in western Pennsylvania and is currently the Altoona Symphony principal bassoonist. As a guest conductor, he has worked with elementary, junior high, senior high, and professional ensembles in several states. Committed to music education in the commonwealth, he is the band content area representative for the Pennsylvania Music Education Association and a former District 3 president and higher education representative. He has also created music study guides for a GIA Publications series.



### DISTINGUISHED STAFF AWARD FOR SERVICE

**Beverly Mastalski**, administrative assistant, Office of the Dean, College of Health and Human Services

Beverly Mastalski has been a member of the IUP community since her freshman year in 1980. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in biology, she accepted a secretarial position and has remained on the staff ever since. In her current role in the College of Health and Human Services, she is involved with students from recruitment to graduation. She works closely with those who struggle academically, coordinating their academic recovery and providing other support as needed. Instrumental in revising the college's internship process, she maintains affiliation agreements with more than 1,000 clinical, field experience, internship, and externship sites. She is also editor of her college's monthly alumni newsletter, which she helped launch in 2019. Her service has included membership on her college's Research and Scholarship and Advising and Retention committees, the State Authorizations Internship Committee, the Strategic Enrollment Plan Committee, and the President's Commission on the Status of Women. In the fall, she joined the newly created Guides program, offering personal support to more than 25 new students, with the expectation of continuing that assistance throughout their time at IUP.



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### ABOUT THE AWARDS

#### Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching

The primary mission of IUP is to teach, and the university has received national and international acclaim because of the quality and dedication of the faculty. In appreciation of outstanding teaching ability, IUP presents this award. Past recipients include Mohammed E. Ghobashy, 1978; Irwin Marcus, 1979; Frank Viggiano Jr. and Mark A. Plivelic, 1980; Robert A. Patsiga, 1982; Ronald M. Weiers, 1983; Howard E. Tompkins, 1984; Conrad J. Gates, 1985; Ronald L. Marks, 1986; Francis W. Liegey, 1987; Joann E. Walthour, 1988; Robert J. Stonebraker, 1989; Mary Lou Zanich, 1990; Terry T. Ray, 1991; John W. Kuehn, 1992; Barbara A. Kraszewski, 1993; Gary J. Olmstead, 1994; Hilary L. DeMane, 1995; Rebecca A. Stoudt, 1996; Mary Ann Cessna, 1997; Sherrill J. Begres, 1998; William McPherson, 1999; Ronald A. Juliette, 2001; Laurence D. Kruckman, 2002; Linda J. McPherson, 2003; Thomas R. Lord, 2004; James J. Jozefowicz, 2005; Sally M. McCombie, 2006; Dan J. Tannacito, 2007; Richard J. Lamberski, 2008; David J. LaPorte, 2009; Becky A. Knickelbein, 2010; Lynne B. Alvine, 2011; Fredalene B. Bowers, 2013; Ajawad I. Haija, 2014; DeAnna M. Laverick, 2015; Joann M. Migyanka, 2016; Lisa Hammett Price, 2017; P. Michael Kosicek, 2018; and John Lipinski, 2020.

#### Distinguished Faculty Award for Research

Research endeavors frequently culminate in the publication of scholarly articles and books that reflect favorably both on the individual faculty member and on the university. IUP presents this award for these scholarly contributions and for the institutional recognition they invoke. Past recipients include Joseph C. Clark, 1978; Vincent Miller, 1979; June K. Phillips, 1980; W. Wayne Smith, 1981; Arthur C. Hulse, 1982; Martin J. Morand, 1983; Donald A. Walker, 1984; Thomas R. Schaub, 1985; Patrick M. Hartwell, 1986; Gopal S. Kulkarni, 1987; Robert J. Ackerman, 1988; Charles D. Cashdollar, 1989; James M. Cahalan, 1990; Mary H. Micco, 1991; Devki N. Talwar, 1992; Edward W. Gondolf, 1993; Abbas J. Ali, 1994; Stephen K. Sanderson, 1995; Edward M. Levinson, 1996; Krzysztof (Krys) Z. Kaniasty, 1997; Charlene Pleger Bebko, 1998; Patrick D. Murphy, 1999; C. Thomas Ault, 2000; Prashanth N. Bharadwaj, 2001; John Zhang, 2002; Terry L. Peard, 2003; Alicia V. Linzey, 2004; Wang Xi, 2005; Narayanaswamy Bharathan, 2006; Gawdat Bahgat, 2007; Lynn A. Botelho, 2008; Abbas J. Ali, 2009; Kelli R. Paquette, 2010; John F. Sitton, 2011; Raymond P. Pavloski, 2012; Michael Sell, 2013; Shundong Bi, 2014; Benjamin L. Ford, 2015; Bitna Kim, 2016; Todd N. Thompson, 2017; Jeffery L. Larkin, 2018; R. Scott Moore, 2019; and Dana Driscoll, 2020.

#### Distinguished Faculty Award for Creative Arts

There are many avenues for scholarly or learned expression, and the creative arts provide, perhaps, the most visible of these avenues. Through public performances and exhibitions, IUP faculty members have brought acclaim and recognition to the university as well as to their particular media. The university annually considers candidates for this award based on their dedication to quality in the arts. Past recipients include Charles A. Battaglini, 1977; Ned O. Wert, 1978; Thomas J. Dongilla, 1980;

Paul Ben-Zvi, 1981; Christopher L. Weiland, 1982; Ronald A. Juliette, 1983; John J. Dropcho, 1984; W. Delight Malitsky, 1986; Christopher L. Weiland, 1987; Donn W. Hedman, 1988; Carol A. Teti, 1989; Rosaly Roffman, 1990; James G. Staples, 1991; Jean J. Slenker, 1992; Ronald F. Smits, 1993; Mary Beth Leidman, 1994; Sarah J. Mantel, 1995; Dominic J. Intili, 1996; Maurice A. Kilwein-Guevara, 1997; Edward K. Simpson, 1998; Holly R. Boda, 1999; Annie-Laurie Wheat, 2001; Edward K. Simpson, 2002; Daniel J. Perlongo, 2003; Stanley L. Chepaitis, 2004; Chauna Craig, 2005; John E. Stamp, 2007; Patricia E. Villalobos-Echeverría, 2008; Richard J. Kemp, 2010; Barbara A. Blackledge, 2011; Joan E. Van Dyke, 2012; Kevin E. Eisensmith, 2014; W. Zachary Collins, 2015; Mary Beth Leidman, 2016; Stanley L. Chepaitis, 2017; David G. Martynuik, 2019; and Stephanie B. Caulder, 2020.

#### Distinguished Faculty Award for Service

This award recognizes either significant or sustained contributions to the university community or to the community at large. Service may be part of an extension of professional responsibilities that exceed the nominee's nominal job description or may be distinguished service to the local, state, national, or international community. Past recipients include Isadore R. Lenglet, 1982; John E. Merryman, 1983; Richard D. Magee, 1984; Warner E. Tobin, 1985; Daniel DiCicco, 1986; J. Merle Rife, 1987; Lorrie J. Bright, 1988; Mark J. Staszkiwicz, 1989; Anthony G. DeFurio, 1990; Marlin E. Hartman, 1991; Charles D. Cashdollar, 1993; Connie J. Sutton, 1994; Melvin R. Woodard, 1995; Donna L. Streifthau, 1996; Darlene S. Richardson, 1997; Mary Ann Cessna, 1998; Fran Pollock Prezant, 1999; Jerry L. Pickering, 2000; Steven F. Jackson, 2001; Veronica Toombs Watson, 2002; Mary E. Williams, 2003; Linda S. Nelson, 2004; Gail S. Sechrist and Ramesh G. Soni, 2006; Caleb P. Finegan, 2007; Calvin O. Masilela, 2008; Jonathan B. Smith, 2009; Joseph W. Domaracki, 2010; Janet E. Goebel, 2011; David M. Piper, 2012; Edelm. Reilly, 2013; Sue A. Rieg, 2014; Michele R. Papakie, 2015; David G. Lorenzi, 2016; Justin D. Fair, 2017; R. Scott Moore, 2018; Gail S. Sechrist, 2019; and Francisco E. Alarcón, 2020.

#### Distinguished Staff Award for Service

With this award, the university recognizes staff members for their involvement in significant service. Past recipients include Raj Murthy and Michele A. Norwood, 2016; Evelyn (Lynn) Mocek, 2018; Jessica Mulvihill, 2019; and Julene J. Pinto-Dyczewski, 2020.

## HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

*Albert E. Diem	Doctor of Letters	1968	John J. Kopchick '72, M'75	Doctor of Science	2008
*Agnes Sligh Turnbull, Class of 1910	Doctor of Letters	1974	Robert C. Anderson '67	Doctor of Public Service	2008
*James M. Stewart	Doctor of Letters	1974	Gerald Zahorchak M'88	Doctor of Laws	2009
*Samuel R. Loboda '36	Doctor of Letters	1975	*Glenn M. Cannon '71	Doctor of Laws	2010
*Jean Daugherty '44	Doctor of Letters	1976	Karlin Roth Toner '83	Doctor of Science	2011
*James Schlesinger	Doctor of Laws	1976	Clyde Mills McGeary '54	Doctor of Humane Letters	2012
*George M. Leader	Doctor of Laws	1977	Terry L. Dunlap '81	Doctor of Public Service	2014
*Patrick F. McCarthy	Doctor of Laws	1978	Donald J. Mash '64	Doctor of Humane Letters	2015
*Arthur J. Rooney	Doctor of Laws	1978	John E. Wetzel	Doctor of Laws	2016
*S. John Davis '50	Doctor of Laws	1980	*Deceased		
*Frank Gorell	Doctor of Letters	1980			
*Willis E. Pratt	Doctor of Letters	1981			
Steve R. Domen '49	Doctor of Laws	1981			
*Charles J. Potter	Doctor of Laws	1982			
*Andre Previn	Doctor of Letters	1982			
*Ralph W. Cordier	Doctor of Letters	1983			
*Dick Thornburgh	Doctor of Laws	1983			
*Samuel W. Jack Jr.	Doctor of Letters	1984			
*Lawrence A. Cremin	Doctor of Letters	1984			
*Malcolm Cowley	Doctor of Letters	1985			
*William G. Kegel	Doctor of Laws	1986			
*E. James Trimarchi	Doctor of Laws	1987			
*John Campbell Bruce	Doctor of Letters	1988			
*Tito Capobianco	Doctor of Letters	1988			
*Lorin Maazel	Doctor of Letters	1989			
*Ernest L. Boyer	Doctor of Laws	1989			
Sandra Day O'Connor	Doctor of Laws	1989			
Richard C. Wallace Jr.	Doctor of Letters	1990			
David McCullough	Doctor of Letters	1991			
*Paul A. Volcker	Doctor of Laws	1991			
*Fred McFeely Rogers	Doctor of Humane Letters	1992			
Clifton R. Wharton Jr.	Doctor of Laws	1992			
*Paul A. Samuelson	Doctor of Letters	1993			
Robert P. Bozzone	Doctor of Public Service	1993			
Oscar Arias	Doctor of Laws	1994			
Charles R. Fuget	Doctor of Public Service	1995			
*Abraham J. Twerski	Doctor of Laws	1995			
*John P. Murtha	Doctor of Laws	1996			
Gilbert M. Grosvenor	Doctor of Laws	1998			
Robert E. Cook '64	Doctor of Laws	2000			
Christine J. Toretta	Doctor of Laws	2002			
James M. Loy	Doctor of Science	2005			
A. T. (Tim) Cejka '73	Doctor of Science	2005			
Daniel A. Griffith '70, M'72	Doctor of Science	2006			
Richard W. Macedonia '66	Doctor of Laws	2006			
Robert C. Wilburn	Doctor of Laws	2007			
Randall Silvis M'76	Doctor of Letters	2007			

### NEW FACULTY EMERITI

John A. Anderson, Sociology, 16 years  
 Elaine A. Blair, Kinesiology, Health, and Sport  
 Science, 31 years  
 Beatrice S. Fennimore, Professional Studies in  
 Education, 33 years  
 Rita M. Johnson, Food and Nutrition, 39 years  
 Becky A. Knickelbein, Communication Disorders,  
 Special Education, and Disability Services,  
 20 years  
 Jaeju Ko, Chemistry, 23 years  
 Mary Beth Leidman, Communications Media,  
 38 years  
 Sally M. McCombie, Human Development, Fashion,  
 and Interior Design, 23 years  
 Laurie Nicholson, Professional Studies in  
 Education, 25 years  
 Susan M. Palmisano, Art and Design, 26 years  
 Jin Pang, IUP Libraries, 16 years  
 Bennett A. Rafoth, English, 33 years  
 Lilia P. Savova, English, 29 years  
 Thomas J. Slater, English, 30 years  
 Jonathan B. Smith, Kinesiology, Health, and Sport  
 Science, 23 years  
 Ronald L. Trenney, Kinesiology, Health, and Sport  
 Science, 23 years  
 Martha A. Troxell, Finance and Legal Studies,  
 42 years  
 Mark G. Twiest, Professional Studies in Education,  
 32 years  
 Meghan M. Twiest, Professional Studies in  
 Education, 33 years

**New Dean Emeritus**  
 Randy L. Martin, School of Graduate Studies and  
 Research, 34 years

**PROGRAM—RECIPIENTS OF DOCTORAL, POST-MASTER'S,  
AND MASTER'S DEGREES**

Michael A. Driscoll, president, presiding

Grand marshal: Mary Beth Leidman, professor emerita, Department of Communications Media

Doctoral students' marshal: Teresa C. Shellenbarger

Master's students' marshals: Wanda D. Minnick, John A. Mueller

**WELCOME**

President Driscoll

**NATIONAL ANTHEM \***

IUP Alumni Virtual Band †

Directed and produced by Timothy A. Paul, associate professor, Department of Music

**REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERS**

President Driscoll

**STUDENT ADDRESS**

Jennifer K. Chicca  
Doctor of Philosophy, Nursing  
Odenton, MD

**REMARKS BY THE PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Timothy S. Moerland

**REMARKS BY THE INTERIM DEAN,  
SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH**

Hilliary E. Creely

## **CONFERRING OF DEGREES**

President Driscoll  
IUP Council of Trustees  
Provost Moerland  
Dr. Creely

**DOCTOR OF EDUCATION  
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY  
DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY  
POST-MASTER'S DEGREES  
MASTER'S DEGREES**

## **RECOGNITION OF MILITARY SCIENCE GRADUATES**

Provost Moerland

## **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GREETINGS**

John A. Simpson '79, president, IUP Alumni Association Board of Directors

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

President Driscoll

## **ALMA MATER \***

IUP Wind Ensemble, Alumni Virtual Band, and vocalist ‡  
Directed and produced by Dr. Paul

## **READER**

John N. Kilmarx, associate vice president, Academic Administration

*\* Lyrics on page 2. Please join in singing.*

*† IUP Alumni Virtual Band, recorded in fall 2020. See page 6.*

*‡ IUP Wind Ensemble, Alumni Virtual Band, and vocalist, recorded in spring 2021. See page 6.*

# SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

Hilliary E. Creely  
Interim Dean

## DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

**May 7, 2021**

Natalie Teras Armstrong

Dissertation: *Speech-Language Pathologists' Motivations to Accept or Decline to Supervise Speech-Language Pathology Graduate Students*

Dissertation Chair: Kelli Paquette  
Administration and Leadership Studies

Mary Ann Diel

Dissertation: *Technology in the Classroom: Interpretive Study of Three Exemplary Music Educators' Attitudes, Motivations, and Beliefs*

Dissertation Chair: Kelli Jo Moran  
Curriculum and Instruction

Lisa Renee Laird

Dissertation: *Perceptions of the Impact That Student Mental Well-Being and Resilience Have on Retention at a Pennsylvania Urban University: A Case Study*

Dissertation Chair: Kelli Paquette  
Administration and Leadership Studies

Brian N. Linaburg

Dissertation: *Measuring Rate of Improvement of Curriculum-Based Measures of Written Expression*

Dissertation Chair: Timothy Runge  
School Psychology

Jennifer Lynn Mesoras

Dissertation: *Teachers' Understanding of Trauma-Based Experiences: A Cross-Sectional Investigation of K-12*

Dissertation Chair: Daniel Wissinger  
Administration and Leadership Studies

Jason Scott Moore

Dissertation: *The Impact of School-Wide Positive Behavior Supports on the Black-White Exclusionary Discipline Gap in Pennsylvania Middle Schools*

Dissertation Chair: Susan Sibert  
Administration and Leadership Studies

Milagros S. Roman-Buday

Dissertation: *Latinx in Higher Education: Perceptions of Influential Factors in Their Rise in Leadership*

Dissertation Chair: Julie Ankrum  
Administration and Leadership Studies

Melissa Ann Shaffer

Dissertation: *Youth Transitioning from Psychiatric Hospitalization: Perspectives on Reintegration and Discharge Planning through an Ecological Lens*

Dissertation Chair: Kelli Paquette  
Administration and Leadership Studies

Veta Vynette Talton

Dissertation: *Culturally Responsive Mentorship: Black Graduate Student and Faculty Perceptions, A Case Study Approach*

Dissertation Chair: Kelli Paquette  
Administration and Leadership Studies

Chartice R. Wyatt Therml

Dissertation: *Leadership, Grit, and Emotional Intelligence: Perceptions of Black Female University Presidents*

Dissertation Chair: Kelli Paquette  
Administration and Leadership Studies

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

**May 7, 2021**

Nouf F. Alshreif

Dissertation: *Thinking about Thinking: How Multilingual Writers' Metacognition Facilitates Writing Knowledge Transfer*

Dissertation Chair: Dana Driscoll  
English

Thomas Joseph Brown

Dissertation: *Evaluating Aggressive Tendencies: The Relationship between Comic Book Characters and Their Readers*

Dissertation Chair: Mary Beth Leidman  
Communications Media and Instructional Technology

Jennifer K. Chicca

Dissertation: *Weathering the Storm of Uncertainty: A Theory of New-to-Setting Nurses' Role Acquisition*

Dissertation Chair: Elizabeth Palmer  
Nursing

Diann C. Cooper

Dissertation: *The Relationship between the Stage of Moral Development and the Frequency of Dishonest Behaviors in the Classroom and Clinical Setting in Baccalaureate Nursing Students*

Dissertation Chair: Michele Gerwick  
Nursing

Kacy Lea Crowley

Dissertation: *Ethnographic Inquiry of Veteran Success Centers: Making Meaning in the Shadows of Colliding Bureaucracies*

Dissertation Chair: Christian Vaccaro  
Administration and Leadership Studies

Scott David DeLoach

Dissertation: *Shift Happens: Narratives of First-Year, First Generation Students during the COVID-19 Pandemic*

Dissertation Chair: Gloria Park  
English

Jennifer L. Ferrell

Dissertation: *Re(Constructing) the Self: The Writing Center as an Academic Identity Space for First-Generation College Students*

Dissertation Chair: Dana Driscoll  
English

## DOCTORATES AND DISSERTATIONS

William Thomas Habacivch

Dissertation: *An Inquiry into Veteran Entrepreneurship*

Dissertation Chair: David Yerger

Administration and Leadership Studies

Kyle Marie Krol

Dissertation: *Crying in the Teacher's Lounge: The Unseen Labor of  
Secondary School Writing Center Directors*

Dissertation Chair: Dana Driscoll

English

Joan M. Krug

Dissertation: *The Lived Experience of Full-Time Nursing Faculty in a  
PhD Program: Faculty to Faculty Incivility*

Dissertation Chair: Riah Hoffman

Nursing

William Martin Linsky

Dissertation: *The Lived Experiences of Family Nurse Practitioners  
Who Practice Emergency Care within New York State*

Dissertation Chair: Elizabeth Palmer

Nursing

Ashraf Waleed Mansour

Dissertation: *The Construction of Arab Women's Identities to Resist  
Patriarchal Oppressions in Selected Arab/Arab Diasporic Women's  
Novels*

Dissertation Chair: Lingyan Yang

English

Christopher James Minns

Dissertation: *A Content Analysis Comparing Nightly National  
Broadcast News in the United States with Their Online  
Counterparts Using the Long Tail Theory*

Dissertation Chair: James Lenze

Communications Media and Instructional Technology

Annaliese B. Piraino

Dissertation: *Female Self-Esteem: The Selfie Image as a Manifestation  
of Self-Esteem*

Dissertation Chair: B. Gail Wilson

Communications Media and Instructional Technology

Chelshea Zabrina Pruznak

Dissertation: *The Effectiveness of i-Ready Instruction on Student  
Growth*

Dissertation Chair: Courtney McLaughlin

School Psychology

Tahirou Samaila Sidikou

Dissertation: *Humanizing Bureaucracy: Exploring the Experiences  
of Public Sector Managers Directed to Enact Transformational  
Leadership in a State Agency*

Dissertation Chair: J. Beth Mabry

Administration and Leadership Studies

Lorraine Santangelo

Dissertation: *An Interpreted Journey of Professional Growth among  
Female Baccalaureate Nursing Students: A Hermeneutic Study of  
Mindfulness Practices*

Dissertation Chair: Edith West

Nursing

Deborah Schofield

Dissertation: *Advanced Practice Nurses and Transition to: Exploring  
Readiness to Practice to Programs*

Dissertation Chair: Kristy Chunta

Nursing

Rachel Simmons

Dissertation: *Exploring the Culture of Breastfeeding Education  
at Historically Black Colleges and Universities: Discovering  
Institutional Homogeneity of Breastfeeding*

Dissertation Chair: Elizabeth Palmer

Nursing

Inggrit Olivin Tanasale

Dissertation: *Exploring Academic Identity of Six Indonesian Language  
Academics: Situating Positioning and Agency in Professional Space*

Dissertation Chair: Gloria Park

English

Joseph A. Twumasi-Ankrah

Dissertation: *The Experiences of School Social Workers in the New  
York Public School System*

Dissertation Chair: Melissa Swauger

Administration and Leadership Studies

Bethany Williams

Dissertation: *The Body Project: A Phenomenological Study Exploring  
Body Acceptance among College-Aged Women*

Dissertation Chair: Holly Branthoover

Counselor Education and Supervision

Jiawei Xing

Dissertation: *Response through Video: A Mixed-Methods Study  
of First-Year Multilingual Writing Development and Writers'  
Perceptions*

Dissertation Chair: Matthew Vetter

English

Jing Zhang

Dissertation: *Talking about Writing in China: How Do Writing  
Centers Serve Chinese Students' Needs?*

Dissertation Chair: Dana Driscoll

English

Laith Alexander Zuraikat

Dissertation: *I'm Sorry for Letting You Down: A Study into the  
Accounts Provided to the Media by Professional Athletes following  
a Violation*

Dissertation Chair: Mark Piwinsky

Communications Media and Instructional Technology



## DOCTORATES AND DISSERTATIONS

### August 6, 2021

Naeemah Jawan Alrasheedi

Dissertation: *"Shall We Be or Not Be?": The Question of Nationalistic and Female Identity in Arabic Appropriations of Shakespeare*

Dissertation Chair: Christopher Orchard

English

Jennifer Susan Carapella

Dissertation: *Exploring Factors of Resilience in Undergraduate Nursing Students*

Dissertation Chair: Lora Hromadik

Nursing

Stephen Florian

Dissertation: *The Effect of Labeling Developmental Writing Students as Probationary*

Dissertation Chair: Gloria Park

English

Sylvia Hayes

Dissertation: *Communicating COVID-19: The Influence of Media Credibility on Perceptions and Compliance with Nonpharmaceutical Intervention Recommendations in the United States during a Novel Pandemic*

Dissertation Chair: Steven Kleinman

Media and Communication Studies

Daewoo Jin

Dissertation: *Exploring Epistemologies of Students and Teachers in the Composition Classroom*

Dissertation Chair: Dana Driscoll

English

Jeremy McCool

Dissertation: *The Miseducation of Hip-Hop: Exploring Influence, Violence, Nuance, and Racial Bias within the Perceptions of Rap Music*

Dissertation Chair: Steven Kleinman

Communications Media and Instructional Technology

Danielle Rae Mehlman-Brightwell

Dissertation: *Facebook Social Media Dependency, News Credibility and Concerns of Foreign Interference in the 2016 and 2020 Presidential Elections*

Dissertation Chair: Mark Piwinsky

Communications Media and Instructional Technology

Catherine Jill Oblak

Dissertation: *Sensemaking: Intersubjectivity, Identity, and Emotion in EMS Provider Interactions*

Dissertation Chair: Christian Vaccaro

Administration and Leadership Studies

Maren M. Reinholdt

Dissertation: *The Lived Experience of Nursing Clinical Coordinators with Transitioning to Online Clinical Experiences in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic*

Dissertation Chair: Michele Gerwick

Nursing

Brittany N. Sager-Heinrichs

Dissertation: *Long-Term Recovery: A Qualitative Exploration of Personal Catalysts for Change*

Dissertation Chair: Brittany Pollard

Counselor Education and Supervision

Steven Gregory Schoolcraft

Dissertation: *Factors Influencing the Perceived Social Theories Associated with Motivating Safety Performance in a Global Organization*

Dissertation Chair: Christopher Janicak

Safety Sciences

Amy Marie Shearer

Dissertation: *The Lived Experience of Faculty Support with Generation Z Pre-licensure Baccalaureate Nursing Students*

Dissertation Chair: Elizabeth Palmer

Nursing

Bina Soni

Dissertation: *Moving Beyond Fear and Ego-Driven Leadership through the Yogic Chakra System States of Consciousness*

Dissertation Chair: Valerie Gunter

Administration and Leadership Studies

Tong Zhang

Dissertation: *Co-creating Rubrics: Exploring the Value of Rubric Co-construction on Second Language Writers' Understanding of Writing and Writing Performance*

Dissertation Chair: David Hanauer

English

William Joseph Zimmerman

Dissertation: *The Impact of Fixed-Term versus Traditional Employment Contracts on Employees in Live-In/On College and University Housing and Residence Life Organizations*

Dissertation Chair: Christian Vaccaro

Administration and Leadership Studies

Havva Zorluel Ozer

Dissertation: *Translingual Turn in Composition: The Juxtaposition of Student and Instructor Perceptions of Translanguaging in Writing*

Dissertation Chair: Cristina Sanchez-Martin

English

## DOCTORATES AND DISSERTATIONS

### DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY

**August 6, 2021**

Masha Berman

Dissertation: *Medical Decision-Making Capacity Evaluations:  
Implications of Adding a Functional Assessment and Executive  
Functioning Measure*

Dissertation Chair: Anthony Perillo  
Clinical Psychology

Ian Connick

Dissertation: *RC21X: Standardization and Validation of a  
Neuropsychological Assessment Measure*

Dissertation Chair: William Meil  
Clinical Psychology

Jeff R. Daily

Dissertation: *The Effects of Common Knowledge on Empathic  
Reactions*

Dissertation Chair: William Farrell  
Clinical Psychology

Megan N. Faye

Dissertation: *Vicarious Trauma, Empathy, and Attitudes in Clinicians  
Who Treat People Who Have Committed Sex Crimes*

Dissertation Chair: Anthony Perillo  
Clinical Psychology

David T. McNew

Dissertation: *Exploring the Relationships between Existential  
Isolation, I-Sharing, and Self-Compassion: A Correlational and  
Experimental Study*

Dissertation Chair: Anson Long  
Clinical Psychology

Elizabeth Lee Morgan

Dissertation: *Examining Relationships between Maternal Secure-Base  
Scriptedness, Toddler Attachment, and Emotion-Related Parenting  
Strategies*

Dissertation Chair: Stephanie Davis  
Clinical Psychology

Nava Sedaghat

Dissertation: *Changing Attitudes of Muslims in America towards  
Mental Illness and Psychotherapy*

Dissertation Chair: Derek Hatfield  
Clinical Psychology

David Alec Wierzbicki

Dissertation: *Assessing Violence Risk Reduction through a  
Wraparound Treatment Engagement Intervention*

Dissertation Chair: Anthony Perillo  
Clinical Psychology

## POST-MASTER'S AND MASTER'S DEGREES

### EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST

**May 7, 2021**

Olivia R. Burk  
School Psychology

Melanie Lynn Christy  
School Psychology

Sarah Jo Panicucci  
School Psychology

Stefan Peoples  
School Psychology

Lillian Elizabeth Peterson  
School Psychology

Haley Alexis Pritchard  
School Psychology

Miranda Nicole Speakman  
School Psychology

Kaitlyn Nicole Sullivan  
School Psychology

### MASTER OF ARTS

**May 7, 2021**

Bakheet Almatrafi  
English

Sean Nikolas Barton  
English

Michael William Bruno  
Music

Andrew Floyd Burkett  
Clinical Mental Health  
Counseling

Joshua P. Calandrella  
English

Catherine Mary Callan  
Student Affairs in Higher  
Education

Tori A. Campbell  
Student Affairs in Higher  
Education

Melinda Anne Canter  
Education, Training, and  
Instructional Technology

Joseph Perry Codispoti  
Music

Alexis Deimler  
Criminology

Haley Doherty  
Criminology

Kathryn Diane Doherty  
Criminology

Kelsey Anne Durborow  
Human Resources and  
Employment Relations

Genevieve C. Everett  
Applied Archaeology

Cheri Lynn Falcon  
Clinical Mental Health  
Counseling

Fabienne Fanord  
Public Affairs

Tysheema J. Fletcher  
Sociology

Mary Rozalia Galiardi  
Student Affairs in Higher  
Education

Benjamin E. Game  
Student Affairs in Higher  
Education

Jessica Garrow  
Clinical Mental Health  
Counseling

Olivia Rose Grim  
Human Resources and  
Employment Relations

Catherine Lindsay Hall  
Instructional Design  
Technology

Richard A. Harber  
Education, Training, and  
Instructional Technology

Kevin Hartenstein  
Student Affairs in Higher  
Education

Madeline Joy Hoover  
Music

Richanda Lynne Hyder  
Criminology

Taylor Marie Jones  
Student Affairs in Higher  
Education

Kylie Nicole Jordan  
Human Resources and  
Employment Relations

Erin Kline  
English

Ethan Matthew LaPlaca  
Music

Thomas Lyttle  
Student Affairs in Higher  
Education

Sage Messenger  
Student Affairs in Higher  
Education

Robert Jordan Miller  
Employment and Labor  
Relations

Lam Mayar Monkuor  
Human Resources and  
Employment Relations

Alexander R. Morris  
Student Affairs in Higher  
Education

Jenna Mriso  
Clinical Mental Health  
Counseling

Gina Cameron Mulh  
Student Affairs in Higher  
Education

Ethan Henry Munns  
Student Affairs in Higher  
Education

Onesmo Frank Mushi  
English

Aderayo Abiodun Oyegbade  
Music

Robert Lloyd Park  
Clinical Mental Health  
Counseling

Rachel Pettiford  
Student Affairs in Higher  
Education

Annika Philippe-Auguste  
Student Affairs in Higher  
Education

Daniel Joseph Pintos  
English

Lucy Price Powell  
Clinical Mental Health  
Counseling

Angela Virginia Prencipe  
English

Michelle Puerta  
Student Affairs in Higher  
Education

Jillian F. Ratliff  
Clinical Mental Health  
Counseling

Nikolas Cole Larrow Roberts  
Criminology

Emily Catherine Rodgers  
Clinical Mental Health  
Counseling

Logretta Jean Rouse  
Employment and Labor  
Relations

Stephen Thomas Runzo  
English

Ebba Bridget Eileen  
Sagolla-Slamp  
Music

Evan Thomas Sakowicz  
English

Wendy Scaife  
English

Morgan Paulina Scalese  
Art

Dalia Reda Mahmoud SeifAllah  
English

## MASTER'S DEGREES

Juliana Senyk  
Student Affairs in Higher  
Education

Ala Christine Small  
Human Resources and  
Employment Relations

Danielle Elizabeth Smith  
Student Affairs in Higher  
Education

David Albert Solberg  
English

Jessica Jane Southern  
Human Resources and  
Employment Relations

Chandler Stafford  
Student Affairs in Higher  
Education

Madison Paige Steinkirchner  
Clinical Mental Health  
Counseling

Jonathan Esten Stevenson  
Criminology

Jessica N. Stormoen  
Student Affairs in Higher  
Education

Megan Leigh Taylor  
Education, Training, and  
Instructional Technology

Mattison June Thornton  
English

Allyson Tokarek  
Human Resources and  
Employment Relations

Malin Ann Verostick  
Student Affairs in Higher  
Education

Trinity Jeribeth Ann Werstler  
Student Affairs in Higher  
Education

Luke Whiteman  
Student Affairs in Higher  
Education

Casey Junette Williams  
Music

Lilly Ashton Woltman  
Student Affairs in Higher  
Education

**August 6, 2021**  
Deanna Lyn Bibbus  
Human Resources and  
Employment Relations

Jennifer Jo Bohland-Anhalt  
Education, Training, and  
Instructional Technology

Priscilla Ashley Boring  
Art

Leo Buck  
Sociology

Renee Ann Burch  
Human Resources and  
Employment Relations

Coralie Compere  
Sociology

Brooklyn Diane Cox  
Human Resources and  
Employment Relations

Katlyn Jo Coy  
Clinical Mental Health  
Counseling

Jonathan Michael DiBernardo  
Human Resources and  
Employment Relations

Ashley Elizabeth Guyaux  
Human Resources and  
Employment Relations

Sydney Lynn Hartman  
Human Resources and  
Employment Relations

Autumn Elizabeth Hershberger  
Criminology

Elizabeth Anne Laughlin  
English

Andrew R. Malhotra  
Applied Archaeology

Brianna Marie Marshall  
Clinical Mental Health  
Counseling

Noah Douglas Mickey  
Clinical Mental Health  
Counseling

Rachel R. Newbury  
English

Jessica Calie Prutsman  
Clinical Mental Health  
Counseling

Karley Leah Richard  
Clinical Psychology

Madisson Paige Rinella  
Human Resources and  
Employment Relations

Hannah Scott  
Criminology

Matthew David Shive  
Clinical Mental Health  
Counseling

Catherine Rose Snider  
Criminology

Shoshana Thaler  
Clinical Mental Health  
Counseling

Adriane Mary Weaver  
Human Resources and  
Employment Relations

Donasia Zina Wilson  
Criminology

### **MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**May 7, 2021**  
Hassan Ahmed Abdulbaqi  
Business Administration

Damilare John Abodunrin  
Business Administration

Abd Alazeez Emad Alhourani  
Business Administration

Tori M. Baker  
Business Administration

Jessica Lee Brandt  
Business Administration

Cabell Ryan Camp  
Business Administration

Megan Alexandra Caporali  
Business Administration

Philip Charnley  
Business Administration

Sarah Ann Cherico  
Business Administration

Justin Robert Cress  
Business Administration

Candi Lynn Deblay  
Business Administration

Charles Edward DenBleyker  
Business Administration

Jeremy Eckenrode  
Business Administration

Mahmoud Magdy Ezzat  
Business Administration

Mohamed Magdy Ezzat  
Business Administration

Sean Patrick Feeley  
Business Administration

Felix Fosu  
Business Administration

Sean D. Henry  
Business Administration

Benjamin Robert Hudock  
Business Administration

Andrew Russell Konieczny  
Business Administration

Brandon W. Lynd  
Business Administration

Jason Randolph Martin  
Business Administration

Tessa Marie Matulis  
Business Administration

Scott David Mazey  
Business Administration

Sanjay S. Mehta  
Business Administration

## MASTER'S DEGREES

Tara Christine Mikesic  
Business Administration

Tanya Lynn Monborne  
Business Administration

Avaneesha Muguli  
Business Administration

Chad M. Mullin  
Business Administration

Alexis Eva Nash  
Business Administration

Janell Maxine Norfleet  
Business Administration

Sarah Marie Pluchinsky  
Business Administration

Regan Holli Quinn  
Business Administration

Logretta Jean Rouse  
Business Administration

Christina Maria Santillo  
Business Administration

Lauren Elizabeth Swanson  
Business Administration

Erica Weimer  
Business Administration

Christina Lynn Wolbert  
Business Administration

**August 6, 2021**  
Abdullah Jihad Muhammad  
Business Administration

April Joann Murdick  
Business Administration

Christopher Michael Reighard  
Business Administration

### MASTER OF EDUCATION

**May 7, 2021**  
Lindsay Lee Beyer  
Mathematics Education

Jared Buck  
Health and Physical Education

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## THE SYMBOLS OF LEARNING



Participants in the commencement procession are attired in regalia that reflects a history and heritage that can be traced to the medieval universities of the 11th and 12th centuries. Modern academic regalia evolved from the kinds of apparel worn by monks and students in the Middle Ages to keep warm in the medieval castles and halls in which they studied.

Academic life as we know it today began in the Middle Ages, first in the church, then in the guilds. The teaching guild was the Guild of the Master of Arts, and the Bachelor was the apprentice of the Master; their dress was the outward sign of stature and responsibility. Academic regalia was thus a visible manifestation—in color and pattern and design—that unified those of common discipline and like purpose.

In later centuries, to preserve the regalia's dignity and meaning, universities set rules of academic dress. American universities agreed on a definite system in 1895, establishing a code of approved attire. In 1932, the American Council on Education revised this code, which, for the most part, governs the style of academic dress today. The principal features of academic dress are three: the gown, the cap, and the hood.

**The Gown.** The flowing gown dates to the 12th century. Many think it was worn as protection against the cold of unheated buildings. It has become symbolic of the democracy of scholarship, for it completely covers any dress of rank or social standing. It is (with a few institutional exceptions) black for all degrees. Pointed sleeves indicate the bachelor's degree; long closed sleeves with a slit in the arm, the master's degree; and round open sleeves, the doctoral degree. The gowns for bachelor's and master's degrees have no trimmings; the gown for the doctoral degree is faced down the front with velvet and has three bars of velvet across the sleeves, in the color distinctive of the faculty or discipline in which the degree pertains.

The official colors of the college may also appear in the gown or its decorations. The trustees and some administrators of IUP wear gowns of slate trimmed in crimson velvet.

**The Cap.** The freed slave in ancient Rome won the privilege of wearing a cap, and so the academic cap is a sign of the freedom of scholarship and the responsibility and dignity with which scholarship endows the wearer. Old poetry records the cap of scholarship as square, symbolizing the book, although other authorities claim that it is a mortarboard, the symbol of the masons, a privileged guild. At the baccalaureate level, the color of the tassel on the cap denotes the discipline. The tassel is moved from the right side of the cap to the left side upon conferral of the degree.

**The Hood.** In regalia, the hood is an inverted shield with one or more chevrons of a secondary color on the ground of the primary color of the college. The color of the facing of the hood denotes the discipline represented by the degree; the color of the lining of the hood designates the university or college from which the degree was granted.



**The Mace** is a ceremonial staff carried by a senior faculty member who serves as the grand marshal. This official opens and closes all academic convocations. Artist and metalsmith Walter J. Kipp, a 1942 graduate of Indiana State Teachers College, designed and constructed the mace for IUP in 1967. The design was created around the state seal, which was placed at the top of the mace. The large keystone which comes next symbolizes the state emblem, and on this keystone the letters IUP are placed. The handturned shaft is made of native Pennsylvania walnut.

**The President's Medallion** is worn by the president of the university during academic convocations as a symbol of the leadership responsibilities vested in that office. Michael A. Driscoll was the first president to wear the current medallion, which features the university seal in antiqued silver and crimson. A creation of the IUP Design Studio, this fourth presidential medallion was constructed by Medallion Art Company in 2014. Walter Kipp made the original medallion in 1968 for the 15th president, William W. Hassler. Robert W. Hamilton '54, M'64, professor emeritus of art, created a replacement medallion in 1998, and Wendell August Forge crafted a third in 2005.

**The Philanthropy Cord** is worn as a symbol of philanthropic pride by the newest alumni who have contributed to the Senior Giving Campaign. This double-knotted gray and crimson cord symbolizes the reciprocal commitment between IUP and its alumni.

**The Education Abroad Cord**, blue and green entwined, designates students who have participated in an education abroad program during their time at IUP. These students have studied, volunteered, conducted research, and/or interned in a wide variety of majors at institutions and other locations throughout the world.

**The Regional Campus Cord**, in crimson and gold, is worn by new graduates who studied at an IUP regional campus. The crimson represents IUP as the degree-granting institution, and the gold symbolizes the knowledge and determination that were keys to success at the regional campus.

**The Lavender Cord** is worn by graduates who identify across the spectrum of gender identity, gender expression, and/or sexual orientation. The lavender represents a combination of the pink and black triangles gay men, lesbians, and some political prisoners were forced to wear in Nazi concentration camps.

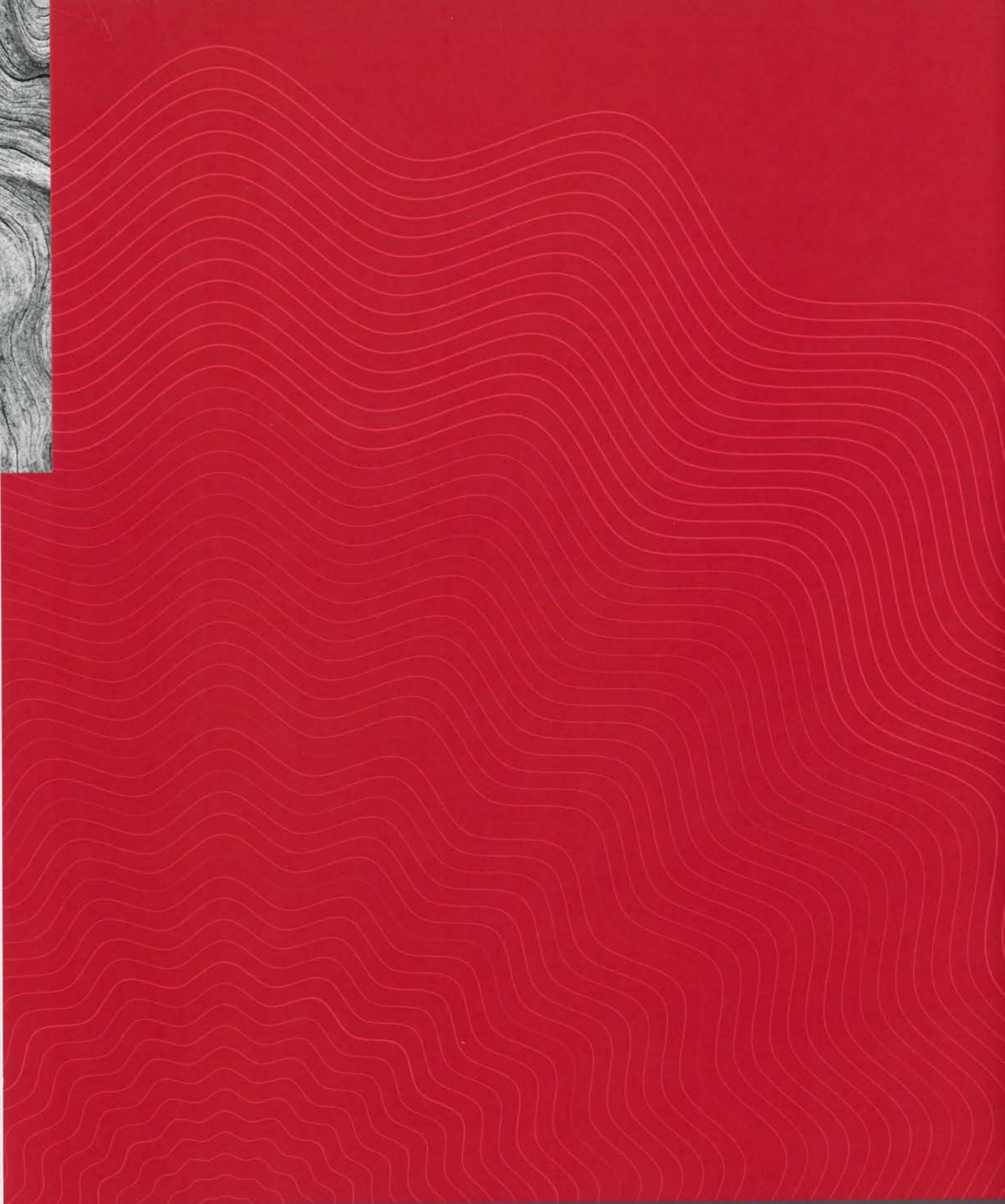
**The Red, White, and Blue Cord** indicates a student's military affiliation. Those wearing the cord may be current or former members of the military or their family members.

## Colors

The following is a list of colors established by the Intercollegiate Code to represent the different departments of learning:

Maize:	Agriculture
Lilac:	Dentistry
Copper:	Economics
Light blue:	Education
Orange:	Engineering
Brown:	Fine arts, architecture
Russet:	Forestry
Maroon:	Home economics
Peacock blue:	Public administration
Crimson:	Journalism
Purple:	Law
Lemon:	Library science
Green:	Medicine
Pink:	Music
Apricot:	Nursing
Silver gray:	Oratory (speech)
White:	Arts, letters, and humanities
Olive green:	Pharmacy
*Dark blue:	Philosophy
Sage green:	Physical education
Salmon pink:	Public health
Gold yellow:	Science
Citron:	Social work
Gray:	Veterinary science
Scarlet:	Theology or divinity
Sapphire:	Business administration

\*Includes doctor of philosophy degree in all fields except those listed here



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