May and August
Class of 2020
Dear Class of 2020,

It has a distinct ring to it: “Class of 2020.”

Indeed, you are special. You've worked hard. You've studied hard. You've sharpened your critical-thinking skills and expanded your horizons. Earning your degree is an important achievement in your life, a milestone that will pave the way for your future.

For our future.

You follow in the footsteps of Huskies of the past. They, too, worked hard and accomplished much during their time at NIU. But we all know that, for the Class of 2020, your achievements are unique. They came in the midst of unprecedented uncertainty, crisis and change.

No one could have predicted that a pandemic would turn our world upside down, would force NIU and universities nationwide to pivot to remote learning midway through the semester. During this precarious time, you pressed on. You did this despite considerable hardships—a new way of learning, financial challenges, responsibilities for the care of children, parents, grandparents and neighbors.

While the world was reeling, you kept your focus.

During this time of change and upheaval, I’m heartened by the knowledge that our future is in good hands. You have the skills, and the values, to make a difference. I have no doubt the NIU Class of 2020 will change our world for the better.

It was our full intention to celebrate your achievements with your family and friends together on our NIU campus. Unfortunately, the health crisis prevented a timely commencement ceremony. Yet, that must not prevent us from taking stock of your achievements and celebrating your success.

On behalf of the provost, deans, faculty and Board of Trustees, I congratulate you on your extraordinary accomplishments. Perhaps more than any graduation class in NIU’s 125-year history, the Class of 2020 affirms the spirit of our community and embodies the three words: Huskies. Never. Quit.

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In its colors and costumes, the graduation ceremony today dates from the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, when universities first began to take shape. Long cloaks or gowns worn by clerics studying in holy orders were probably needed for warmth in the drafty, unheated halls. The hood, originally part of the medieval cowl, could be pulled forward or thrown back according to weather conditions.

European universities developed extremely varied, often richly embroidered, academic vestments. Seeking to avoid the complexity and confusion of foreign academic ceremonies, American educators in 1895 adopted a uniform code of dress. Accordingly, the bachelor's gown is designed to be worn closed and is distinguished primarily by its long pointed sleeves; the master's gown has oblong sleeves that are cut out at the bottom of the front; the doctor's gown is distinguished by full bell-shaped sleeves with three velvet bars on the upper arms and velvet panels down the front.

In the United States, the hood is the most outstanding feature of the academic costume. The length and shape of the hood indicate the degree that is granted. The lining displays the official colors of the university granting the degree. Northern Illinois University's official colors are cardinal red and black. The velvet trimming indicates the degree.

The mortarboard cap is an Oxford style. Except for the gold tassels of the doctoral degrees, the colors of the tassels on NIU regalia represent the degrees or certificates to be granted.

Colors for the hood trimming and tassels are:

- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Master of Arts (M.A.) degree: white
- Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) or Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.) degree: brown
- Bachelor of Music (B.M.) or Master of Music (M.M.) degree or Performer's Certificate: pink
- Bachelor of Science (B.S.) or Master of Science (M.S.) degree: golden yellow
- Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S.Ed.), Master of Science in Education (M.S.Ed.), Master of Arts in Teaching (M.S.T.), Master of Science in Teaching (M.S.TCH) or, Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) degree: light blue
- Master of Accountancy (M.A.C.), Master of Accounting Science (M.A.S.), Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.), or Master of Science in Taxation (M.S.T.) degree: light brown
- Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) degree: peacock blue
- Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) degree: salmon
- Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree: purple hood, purple tassel
- Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) degree: green hood, gold tassel
- Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree: light blue hood, gold tassel
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree: apricot orange hood, gold tassel
- Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree: dark blue hood, gold tassel
- Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) degree: teal hood, gold tassel

The colors for the Bachelor of General Studies degree (B.G.S.) and Certificate of Advanced Study (C.A.S.) are determined by the offering college.

Colors representing the degrees generally have historical associations. For example, the white trim on the hood of the graduates in liberal arts derives from the white fur that lined the winter hood of Oxford masters centuries ago.

- A Doctoral degree at NIU requires 90 or more semester hours of graduate work beyond the baccalaureate degree and the research and writing of a dissertation, an original contribution to knowledge that is defined in an oral examination.
- The Master of Fine Arts degree is a terminal degree in the creative and performing arts; these programs involve 60 semester hours of graduate course work and culminate in a major one-person show (in art) or scholarly project (theatre arts).
- An Educational Specialist degree requires 30 semester hours of course work beyond the master's degree; the Performer's Certificate, 24 semester hours, usually undertaken after a master's degree.
- Other master's degrees require a minimum of 30-48 semester hours of graduate work (depending upon program); individual programs may require the student to write a thesis or other research paper, produce a show or recital, pass comprehensive examinations, complete an internship or practicum, or undertake other capstone experiences.
Academic Tradition

The University Mace

In academic ceremonies, the mace is symbolic of university authority, transcending the tenure of individual presidents. Protocol requires the use of the mace in the processional and recessional of major academic ceremonies. Typically the mace bearer is a highly respected member of the faculty, and he or she immediately precedes the president both entering and leaving the ceremony.

Designed in 1968 by NIU Art Professor Bill Haendel, the NIU presidential mace was first used at the inauguration of the late President Rhoten Smith. The graceful walnut staff originally featured a four-sided head engraved with quotations from ancient philosophers, writers and founding fathers. In an effort to bring new life to the mace tradition, President Freeman asked students, faculty, staff and alumni to suggest quotations that resonate more meaningfully with today's university community. School of Art Professor James Obermeier and his students reconstructed the mace to include six sides, each bearing a quotation about the university life and the role of education in a free society.

The Presidential Medallion

The presidential medallion is bestowed upon the university's chief executive during the investiture ceremony. It is then worn by the president at commencements and other important academic functions. The NIU medallion was designed in 1968 for the inauguration of the late President Rhoten Smith, and its modernistic appearance strongly reflects the prevailing design aesthetic of the period. The six-ounce, 5½ inch medallion which features the initials of the university was created by the late NIU Art Professor Eleanor Caldwell.

New Mace Quotes

“Public education is our greatest pathway to opportunity in America. So we need to invest in and strengthen our public universities today, and for generations to come.”
—Michelle Obama

“Education is not the means of showing people how to get what they want. Education is an exercise by means of which enough people, it is hoped, will learn to want what is worth having.”
—Ronald Reagan

“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.”—Aristotle

“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.”—Martin Luther King, Jr.

“Education does not change the world. Education changes the people who will change the world.”—Paulo Freire

“Forward, Together Forward.”—NIU Fight Song

Academic Procession

The academic procession is led in by a mace bearer who is a recipient of the distinguished NIU Board of Trustees Professorship Award. The mace bearer is followed by the college's student marshal, then the platform party. Members of the platform party include the president of the university, the executive vice president and provost, the vice president for research and graduate studies, the dean of the Graduate School, deans of the academic colleges, members of the Board of Trustees and other invited guests. Chairs of the instructional departments in the colleges and members of the faculty comprise the next group in the procession. The deans represent the faculty in acknowledging the graduates, for it is the faculty who have established the university's curricula and have determined the requirements for the various degrees and certificates. The candidates for degrees are the last group in the procession.
May and August 2020 Graduate Degree Candidates

The list of graduate degree candidates was compiled from information received from the Graduate School as of June 5, 2020, and should not be regarded as conclusive evidence of graduation. August candidates are denoted with an asterisk.

Doctor of Philosophy


Leah Jane Ames* (B.S., University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign; M.S., Michigan State University), “Perceptions of Collaboration with a Doctor of Clinical Laboratory Science.” College of Health & Human Sciences. Major Professors: Dr. Sherrill Morris and Dr. Jeanne Isabel.

Max Cari Anderson (B.A., University of South Florida; M.S., Florida State University; M.S., University of North Texas), “Assessment of Faculty Acceptance of, Behavioral Intention to Use, and Actual Usage Behavior of Technology in Inquiry-Based Learning in Medical Education: Using the Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology.” Department of Educational Technology. Research & Assessment. Major Professor: Dr. Cynthia York.

Dr. Lisa Finkelstein.

Major
Elizabeth Ashley Hanrahan (B.A., Lake Forest College; M.A., Northern Illinois University), “In the Know or Out of the Loop: Examining the Impact of (Not) Knowing High Potential Designation.” Department of Psychology. Major Professor: Dr. Lisa Finkelstein.


Oday Hazzaimah* (B.S., Jordan University of Science and Technology; M.S., University Putra Malaysia), “Projective Splitting Methods for Maximal Monotone Mappings in Hilbert Spaces.” Department of Mathematical Sciences. Major Professor: Dr. Yunier Bello-Cruz.


Dr. Beverly Henry.


Jasmin Martinez* (B.A., Aurora University; M.A., Northern Illinois University), “Gender Differences in the Experience of Power and the Underlying Mechanism of Status.” Department of Psychology. Major Professor: Dr. Alecia Santuzzi.


Joann Losavio.


Lauren Margaret Orton (B.S., Iowa State University; M.S., Northern Illinois University), “A Bioinformatic Approach to Exploring Land Plant Evolution.” Department of Biological Sciences. Major Professor: Dr. Melvin Duvall and Dr. Yanbin Yin.


Andrew Plath* (B.S., Ball State University; M.A., The Chicago School of Professional Psychology), “Wellness and Self-Care of Counselor Education and Supervision Doctoral Students.” Department of Counseling & Higher Education. Major Professor: Dr. Scott Wickman and Dr. Dana Isawi.

Puja Saha (B.S., M.S., University of Calcutta), “Search for Higgs Pair Production with bb→tt Final State in the ATLAS Detector at the Large Hadron Collider.” Department of Physics. Major Professor: Dr. Dhiman Chakraborty.


Daniel Olaf Stoertz (B.A., Concordia College; M.S., Northern Illinois University), "A Spider's Web of Doughnuts." Department of Mathematical Sciences. Major Professor: Dr. Alastair Fletcher.

John Peter Vaneck (B.S., State University of New York; M.S., Hofstra University), "Wildlife Ecology Conservation in an Urban Ecosystem: Applications of Long-Term Monitoring Data." Department of Biological Sciences. Major Professors: Dr. Richard King and Dr. Holly Jones.

Lindsay Marie Vreeland (B.A., Adrian College; M.A., University of Toledo), "Telling Stories, Healing Cultures: Feminist Healing Narratives by Contemporary American Women of Color." Department of English. Major Professor: Dr. Melissa Adams-Campbell.


Haiping Xu (B.S., Qingdao Agricultural University; M.S., Shanghai University), "Fundamental Study of Supported Metal Catalysts Prepared by Metal in Lithium Solution for Energy Science." Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry. Major Professors: Dr. Tao Xu and Dr. Di-Jia Liu.

Meng Yuan* (B.A., Wuhan University of Science and Technology; M.P.A., Huazhong University of Science and Technology), "Pursuing Procedural Justice in Sustainability Policy: Assessing the Linkage Between Political Culture and Municipal Efforts." Department of Political Science. Major Professor: Dr. Brendon Swedlow.

**Doctor of Education**


Matthew Patrick Beasland (B.A., M.A., Governors State University), "Identifying Barriers Faced by Adult Learners in General Educational Development Programs." Department of Counseling & Higher Education. Major Professor: Dr. Xiaowan Hui.

Monica Sue Boehle (B.A., Northern Illinois University; M.A., Aurora University), "Personal Epistemological Beliefs and Teaching Practices: A Case Study of Three High School History Teachers." Department of Curriculum & Instruction. Major Professors: Dr. Mary Beth Henning and Dr. Euikyung Shin.

Tashena Denise Briggs* (B.S., Western Illinois University; M.S.Ed., Northern Illinois University), "An Analysis of Family Affair: Exploring the Needs of Families in Supporting TRIO Upward Bound Students." Department of Counseling & Higher Education. Major Professor: Dr. LaVerne Gyant.


Alison K. DuCharm (B.S., Miami University; M.A., Saint Xavier University), "Perceptions on Teacher and Collective Efficacy While Platoonering Over an Academic Year: A Case Study of Three Elementary Educators." Department of Curriculum & Instruction. Major Professor: Dr. Elizabeth Wilkins.


Lindsay Rae Eickhorst (B.S., Millikin University; M.Ed., Texas A&M University), "Post-Traditional Student Perceptions of Academic Advising in Community Colleges." Department of Counseling & Higher Education. Major Professor: Dr. Kathryn Jaekel.

Mary Ann Guilen* (B.A., Carthage College; M.A., Webster College), "Hearing Their Voices: The Educational Experiences and Journey of Latina Doctoral Graduates." Department of Counseling & Higher Education. Major Professor: Dr. Kathryn Jaekel.

Kayte Marie Hamel (B.S., M.A., Northern Illinois University), "Kishwaukee College Alumni: Donating Behavior to Their Alma Mater." Department of Counseling & Higher Education. Major Professor: Dr. Carrie Kortegaat.

Kristy Wittman Howell (B.A., University of Southern Mississippi; M.A., Western Kentucky University), "Open Doors and Closed Communities: Creating Community Colleges in White-Flight Towns." Department of Counseling & Higher Education. Major Professor: Dr. Bradley Bond.

Antoinette Ebony Jones* (B.A., M.S.Ed., Northern Illinois University), "Free Ain't Really Free: A Critical Ethnographical Exploration of the Experiences of Queer People of Color in Postsecondary Education." Department of Counseling & Higher Education. Major Professor: Dr. Jorge Jorja and Dr. LaVerne Gyant.


Lori Danielle Macias-Clark (B.S., Southern Illinois University - Carbondale; M.A., DePaul University), "Trans’forming Educational Spaces: The Experiences of Trans* Students in the Community College Environment." Department of Counseling & Higher Education. Major Professor: Dr. Z Nicolazzo.

Derek Joseph Miller* (B.S., University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign; M.A.T., Aurora University), "An Examination of Practices Used by AP Computer Science Teachers with Higher Than Average Female Enrollment." Department of Curriculum & Instruction. Major Professor: Dr. Elizabeth Wilkins.

Natalie Renee Page (B.A., Michigan State University; M.A., Governors State University), "Faculty Supporting Community College Students’ Academic and Interpersonal Success: Perspectives of First-Generation African American Men Students." Department of Counseling & Higher Education. Major Professors: Dr. Gudrun Nyunt and Dr. Carrie Kortegaat.


Ryan Christopher Read (B.A., M.S.Ed., Northern Illinois University), "Professional Development of In-Service Teachers Utilizing Mobile Technology in Classrooms: A Qualitative Case Study." Department of Educational Technology, Research & Assessment. Major Professors: Dr. Cynthia York and Dr. Faith Demit.

Stacy Riley (B.A., University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point; M.S., Capella University), "Excess Credit Accumulation Impact on Degree Attainment for Community College Students." Department of Counseling & Higher Education. Major Professor: Dr. Xiaoan Hui.

Michelle Lynn Rothmeyer (B.A., Judson College; M.S.Ed., Northern Illinois University), "The Relationship of the First-Year Seminar Course and Degree Completion at Kishwaukee College." Department of Counseling & Higher Education. Major Professor: Dr. Xiaoan Hui and Dr. Carrie Kortegaat.

Robert Joseph Schalkoff* (B.S., Lebanon Valley College; M.A.T., School for Educational Leadership and Administration, Institute), "How Faculty Directors of International Programs at Universities in Japan Became Internationalized." Department of Counseling & Higher Education. Major Professors: Dr. Gene Roth and Dr. Laura Johnson.

Diana Barbara Schill (B.S., B.A., University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign; M.S.Ed., Ed.S., Northern Illinois University), "The Effectiveness of Online Credit Recovery Programs." Department of Leadership, Educational Psychology & Foundations. Major Professor: Dr. Stephen Tonks.

Sharon Telise Silverman (B.A., Stillman College; M.A., University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign), "Librarians in Community Colleges: Strategies for Promoting Information Literacy." Department of Counseling & Higher Education. Major Professor: Dr. Kathryn Jaekel.


Jennifer Clare Theriault (B.A., St. Norbert College; M.A.T., Aurora University), "An Exploration of First-Year University Students’ Conceptualizations of Academic Reading: A Multi-Case Study." Department of Curriculum & Instruction. Major Professor: Dr. Jodi Lampi.

Sarah Elizabeth Westberg (B.S., University of Dayton; M.A., Northeastern Illinois University), "Mid-Career Elementary Teachers’ Perceptions of Elements That Contribute to Job Satisfaction and Intent to Remain in the Field." Department of Curriculum & Instruction. Major Professor: Dr. Elizabeth Wilkins.

Amada Leah Wojcik (B.S., Eastern Illinois University; M.A., Concordia University Chicago), "Examining Reflective Practice Through Lesson Study," Department of Curriculum & Instruction. Major Professor: Dr. Mary Beth Henning and Dr. William Pitney.
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May and August University Honors

The University Honors Program provides students of high academic promise and achievement the opportunity to participate actively in the plan and design of their own educational directions. The Classic University Honors Program has two phases – “Lower Division Honors” and “Upper Division Honors.” Students who complete both phases of the program and have attained an overall grade point average of at least 3.20 will graduate “With University Honors.”

Students who complete only the first phase will be awarded the distinction of “Lower Division Honors” in recognition of their completion of 15 semester hours of University Honors course work and the attainment of a minimum overall grade point average of 3.00.

Students who complete only the second phase will be awarded the distinct “Upper Division Honors” in recognition of their completion of 12 semester hours of upper-division University Honors course work and the attainment of a minimum overall grade point average of 3.20.

The Honors PLUS program has two levels of graduation and awards. The first level of distinction is Associate University Honors. Graduates earning Associate University Honors have successfully earned three points for Honors coursework, two points for engaged experiences and one point for an Honors elective and the attainment of an overall grade point average of 3.30.

The second level of distinction is Full University Honors. Graduates earning Full University Honors have successfully earned six points for Honors Coursework, four points for engaged experiences, and two points for Honors electives and the attainment of an overall grade point average of 3.30.

The following candidates were slated for graduation with a University Honors program distinction at the time of printing this booklet. The list is not to be considered official until final semester grades are received and all program requirements are met and officially recorded. Some names listed may or may not receive their listed honors. Some names may have been omitted due to GPA and/or University Honors requirements at the time of printing this booklet.

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May 2020 Undergraduate Degrees with Distinction

Students listed here have graduated May 2020 with Degree Distinction. The appropriate honor will be noted on both the student’s diploma and official transcript.

Degrees with distinction awarded as follows:
- Cum Laude: 3.50 – 3.749
- Magna Cum Laude: 3.75 – 3.899
- Summa Cum Laude: 3.90 – 4.00

**Summa Cum Laude**

Derek Charles Drackley
Daniel Anthony Doren
Jeff Daniel DiTusa
Derek Charles Drackley

**Magna Cum Laude**

Elizabeth Marie Aguilar
Kristine Marie Adrowski
Melissa Aguyao
Baylee Marie Alderman
Shae Alhusayni
Maria Paula Almeida
EvaJean M Alpine
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Oriana Flores
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Maria Rose Gonzalez
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Olivia Ann Graham
Karlly Rose Grapenthin
Timothy James Green
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Jani Gryka
Ezekiel Jon Gueths
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August 2020 Undergraduate Degrees with Distinction

Students listed here have applied to graduate at the end of the Summer term and are being considered as candidates to graduate with Degrees with Distinction. Grade point averages are computed on the basis of all work attempted during those semesters which include the last 45 hours of work completed and in progress toward this degree at NIU.

Degrees with distinction awarded as follows:

- **Cum Laude** 3.50 – 3.749
- **Magna Cum Laude** 3.75 – 3.899
- **Summa Cum Laude** 3.90 – 4.00

NOTE – GPA calculation includes grades earned at the end of the Spring 2020 semester. This list is not to be considered official until all grades are received for the Summer 2020 term and the student’s GPA is recalculated.

Please also be advised that some names may have been omitted due to the student not meeting the GPA requirement at the time of printing this booklet; conversely, some students listed may not receive the honor indicated. The appropriate honor will be noted on both the student’s diploma and official transcript.

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- Haley E Egelhof
- Marina G Feffer
- Emily L Gehre
- Brandon J Hayes
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- Caleb A Oehlberg
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- Justin Kyle Nye
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- Anne Marie O'Dowd
- Tyler Matthias Johannes
- Dalika Mireya Orosco
- Jessica Alexandra Ortega
- Elizabeth Rose Ortgeist
- Sean Robert Palella
- Mollie Jean Partee
- Aayush P Patel
- Brayden Patton
- Matthew Forest Pehoski
- Jorie Marie Pefias
- Julia Eileen Pzechcina
- Shannon Genevieve
- Perkins
- Paul Anthony Perrilles
- Patrick Quang Pham
- Katelyn Marie Phillips
- Pedro Armando Pinto
- Stephen Bradley Poczowski
- Janae’ Poisson
- Natalee R Polan
- Cara Postl
- Kaylee Marie Price
- Madeline Ann Profitt
- Zhaoyang Qin Jr
- Hannah Elizabeth Quirk
- Kevin A Quirk
- George Radosavljevic
- Jasmine Raya
- Emily Marie Reed
- Mary E Reinerson
- Hunter Rea Rennels
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- Justin Lee Riendeau
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- Crystal Mitchum Ritchey
- Justine Rivard
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- Kirstin Brianne Wertzell
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- Emily Woo
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- Brittany Elizabeth Zablocki
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- Courtney K Friday
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- Maricela Garcia
- Abigail E Gentelin
- Marcelina R Gonzalez
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- Jeffrey J Berman
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- Ethan S Breitenstein
- Sarah M Bridgeforth
- Robert Q Carolan
- Emily C Christensen
- Paige E Cooper
- Simon A Enriquez
- Sean R Fitzgerald
- Wahab U Haq
- Erika Haro
- Grace E Harris
- Alexander S Herman
- Joshua O Hernandez
- Abigail R LaRocco
- Breanna D Lee
- Nicole Veronica Zielinski

**Cum Laude**

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- Daisy Lozano
- Angela F Martinez
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- Neil A Mediratta
- Joseph H Mesyef
- Heather L Moser
- Genelle D Ortiz
- Susan M Owano
- Jordan J Papai
- Jaime L Pellegrini
- Mariana Pitts
- Giovanni A Regalado
- Craig A Ritchie
- Kathryn O Sawyer
- Madison Schweitzer
- Gabrielle B Shaw
- Marrio Shaw
- Celine A Taylor
- Joshua T Wilson
- Craig D Ymson
Alma Mater

_Hail, NIU_

Hail to thee our Alma Mater,
ever shall we praise your name.

Here we proudly lift our voices,
thousands strong we sing your fame.

Free, steadfast, devoted, true.
We will always stand by you.

Let our cheers resound for Northern:
Hail, NIU.

_by Wilbur Smith (1957)_

Commencement Program

This Commencement Program lists the names of individuals who have applied for graduation on the presumption that all the requirements have been, or will have been, met by the end of the semester. To be listed in this program, individuals were required to apply for graduation by the respective posted dates at the Graduate School or at the Office of Registration and Records. The fact that a candidate's name is listed in this program does not indicate that he or she will in fact qualify for graduation.

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