



# HONORS CONVOCATION

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INDIANA UNIVERSITY INDIANAPOLIS

Sunday, April 6, 2025

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## **GREETINGS**

### *Welcome to Our Guests*

We are delighted to welcome you to the inaugural Indiana University Indianapolis Honors Convocation, a celebration of academic achievement. Today, we proudly recognize our Chancellor's Scholar Award recipients, our Top 100 students, including the Top 10 Seniors, and our outstanding seniors who have sustained academic excellence for the duration of their college careers.

Each student's academic merit extends the long tradition of excellence that is the hallmark of Indiana University and is a source of great pride for the IU Indianapolis campus. Those honored here today have shown intellectual curiosity, discipline, and engagement, embracing rigorous study as a welcome challenge. Their current accomplishments signal a bright future for them and for all of us.

Honors Convocation is a powerful reminder of IU Indianapolis' reputation as a leader in public higher education—a reputation built on the exceptional achievements of our students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to our students on their remarkable accomplishments and warmly welcome their families and friends on this milestone occasion.

Most sincerely,



Pamela Whitten  
President  
Indiana University



Latha Ramchand  
Inaugural Chancellor, Indiana University Indianapolis  
Executive Vice President, Indiana University

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President Pamela Whitten, Presiding

<b>Prelude</b>	Indiana University Student Brass Quintet
<b>Welcome and Remarks</b>	President Whitten
<b>Remarks</b>	Latha Ramchand Inaugural Chancellor, Indiana University Indianapolis Executive Vice President, Indiana University
<b>Remarks</b>	Karla López Owens BS '13, JD '17 Director of Community Outreach, Marion County Prosecutor's Office
<b>Presentation of Student Honorees</b>	Chancellor Ramchand
<b>Closing</b>	President Whitten
<b>"Hail to Old I.U."</b>	Led by Robert William Wente Indiana University vocalist  "HAIL TO OLD I.U."  Come and join in song together, Shout with might and main; Our beloved Alma Mater, Sound her praise again.  <i>Chorus</i>  Gloriana, Frangipana, E'er to her be true; She's the pride of Indiana, Hail to old I.U.!  —Joe T. Giles, Class of 1894
<b>Postlude</b>	Indiana University Student Brass Quintet

# IN CELEBRATION OF EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Today's Honors Convocation at IU Indianapolis recognizes our Top 100 undergraduates, including the Top 10 seniors, Chancellor's Scholars, and outstanding seniors who have sustained academic excellence for the duration of their college careers. The students honored today represent the schools and units listed below and are congratulated by IU President Pamela Whitten and these officials:

## **School and Library Leadership**

*Graduate School*, Dean Janice Blum  
*Herron School of Art + Design*, Dean Greg Hull  
*Honors College*, Dean Kristy Sheeler  
*IU Columbus*, Vice Chancellor and Dean Reinhold Hill  
*IU Fort Wayne*, Founding Vice Chancellor and Dean Deborah Garrison  
*Kelley School of Business*, Dean Patrick Hopkins and Vice Dean Julie Manning Magid  
*Lilly Family School of Philanthropy*, Dean Amir Pasic  
*Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering*, Dean Joanna Millunchick and Executive Associate Dean Davide Bolchini  
*Paul H. O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs*, Dean Siân Mooney  
*Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health*, Dean Nir Menachemi  
*Robert H. McKinney School of Law*, Dean Karen E. Bravo  
*School of Dentistry*, Dean Carol Anne Murdoch-Kinch  
*School of Education*, Dean Tandra Jackson  
*School of Health & Human Sciences*, Founding Dean Rafael Bahamonde  
*School of Liberal Arts*, Dean Tamela Eitle  
*School of Medicine*, Dean Jay L. Hess  
*School of Nursing*, Interim Dean Janet S. Carpenter  
*School of Science*, Dean John DiTusa  
*School of Social Work*, Dean Kalea Benner  
*University College*, Dean Christina Downey  
*University Library*, Founding Herbert Simon Family Dean Kristi Palmer

## **Indianapolis Campus Administration**

Latha Ramchand, *Inaugural Chancellor, Executive Vice President*  
Jay Gladden, *Inaugural Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor*  
Rebecca Bartlett Ellis, *Interim Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management*  
Camy Broeker, *Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration*  
Phaedra Corso, *Vice Chancellor for Research*  
Karen Dace, *Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion*  
Anne Mitchell, *Senior Director of Human Resources*  
Margie Smith-Simmons, *Senior Executive Advisor to the Chancellor*  
Amy Conrad Warner, *Vice Chancellor for Community Engagement*  
Eric A. Weldy, *Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs*

## **IU Indianapolis Faculty Council**

Philip Goff, *President*

## **Trustees of Indiana University**

Quinn Buckner, *Bloomington, Chair*  
Cynthia Lucchese, *Indianapolis, Vice Chair*  
Jill Burnett, *Carmel*  
Cathy Langham, *Carmel*  
J. Timothy Morris, *Nashville, Tennessee*  
Kyle Seibert, *Connersville*  
Donna B. Spears, *Richmond*  
Isaac Torres, *Granger*  
Vivian Winston, *Bloomington*

## **Platform Marshal**

Sarah B. Mostes

## **Announcer**

Margie Smith-Simmons, *Senior Executive Advisor to the Chancellor*

## **Acknowledgements**

Julie Payne-Kirchmeier, *Vice President for Student Success*

# TOP 100 UNDERGRADUATES

Each year, IU Indianapolis honors 100 outstanding undergraduate students who demonstrate excellence in three categories—academic excellence, campus leadership, and community engagement. These Top 100 Jaguars, including the Top 10 seniors, represent everything that makes IU Indianapolis exceptional.

## 2025 TOP 10 SENIORS

The following students have been recognized as the Top 10 seniors for 2025.

Anum Ansar, *School of Science*  
Valliei Chandrakumar, *School of Nursing*  
Vaishnavi Chouhan, *School of Science*  
Aissa Condori Valdivia, *Kelley School of Business*  
Montana Crossman, *School of Science*  
Min Durham, *Herron School of Art + Design*  
Lauren Fancher, *School of Science*  
Camille Hedd, *School of Nursing*  
Ananya Pendela, *Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering*  
Allison Shelton-Jones, *Paul H. O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs*

## 2025 TOP 100 AWARD RECIPIENTS

The following students have been recognized as Top 100 award recipients for 2025.

Midori Adams, *School of Health & Human Sciences*  
Aminat Ajani, *School of Nursing*  
Khaled Alysavy, *School of Science*  
Braelyn Andrew, *School of Nursing*  
Anum Ansar, *School of Science*  
Hiba Asad, *School of Nursing*  
Prisca Ayivi, *Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health*  
Navdeep Bedi, *Kelley School of Business*  
Anish Bhawal, *Kelley School of Business*  
Faith Bittner, *School of Science*  
Arianna Blinn, *School of Science*



Kayla Borowski, *School of Science*  
Katherine Brady, *School of Science*  
Nick Bustamante, *Kelley School of Business*  
Nolan Campbell, *Kelley School of Business*  
Sofia Castillo Samperio, *Herron School of Art + Design*  
Valliei Chandrakumar, *School of Nursing*  
Vaishnavi Chouhan, *School of Science*  
Aissa Condori Valdivia, *Kelley School of Business*  
Kelsey Conner, *Herron School of Art + Design*  
Emma Cornett, *School of Nursing*  
Laura Cross, *School of Science*  
Montana Crossman, *School of Science*  
Amori Curiel, *School of Science*  
Stacy David, *School of Science*  
Emma Dell, *School of Health & Human Sciences*  
Kaylee Dexter, *School of Science*  
Min Durham, *Herron School of Art + Design*  
Maya Elchal, *School of Science*  
Gena Eweda, *School of Science*  
Lauren Fancher, *School of Science*  
Morgan Fischer, *School of Science*  
Haley Foli, *School of Science*  
Hannah Fox, *School of Science*  
Kennedy Garrett, *Kelley School of Business*  
Sukhpreet Gill, *Paul H. O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs*  
Megan Goley, *School of Science*  
Damon Gregory, *Kelley School of Business*  
Kennedy Halliburton, *School of Health & Human Sciences*  
Leah Hanfland, *Herron School of Art + Design*  
Camille Hedd, *School of Nursing*  
Haley Grace Hedgecock, *School of Nursing*  
Kimberly Hestermann, *Kelley School of Business*  
Bridget Janney, *Paul H. O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs*  
Logan Johnson, *Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering*  
Vibha Kamath, *Kelley School of Business*  
Snehvir Kaur, *School of Science*  
Supreet Kaur, *Kelley School of Business*  
Stuti Kaushalkumar Patel, *School of Science*  
Kiana Kenmotsu, *Kelley School of Business*  
Emerson Kilgore, *School of Science*  
Sukhmeet Kour, *School of Science*  
Nerea Lancho Poza, *Kelley School of Business*  
Darius Lewis, *School of Education*  
Madison Lisenko, *School of Science*  
Alexis Lucio, *School of Health & Human Sciences*  
Alexandria Mackey, *School of Medicine*

Nabiha Mahmood, *School of Science*  
Harry Mann, *School of Science*  
Emily Massa, *School of Science*  
Lara McGlothlin, *School of Science*  
Paarth Mehta, *Kelley School of Business*  
Sania Mohamed Sheifuddin, *School of Science*  
Chanakarn Mongkonpruthangkoon, *School of Science*  
Roman Moreno, *Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering*  
Andrew Myung, *School of Science*  
Valentine Nikolayev, *Herron School of Art + Design*  
Mohamad Obeid, *School of Science*  
Sabrina Omer, *School of Health & Human Sciences*  
Isaac Onwodi, *School of Nursing*  
Marissa Parcell, *School of Science*  
Sri Parvatha, *School of Science*  
Ananya Pendela, *Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering*  
Dana Peng, *School of Science*  
Catrina Pereda, *School of Science*  
Kaitie Phillips, *School of Science*  
Connor Phutawon, *School of Science*  
Clara Pineda, *School of Science*  
Grace Ray, *School of Science*  
Jayda Reece, *School of Education*  
Hailie Ridge, *School of Health & Human Sciences*  
Hannah Robbins, *School of Science*  
Hannah Roberson, *School of Health & Human Sciences*  
Sarah Samlali, *School of Science*  
Rachel Sarkine, *School of Science*  
Rachel Schweiger, *School of Science*  
Brett Scrogham, *Kelley School of Business*  
Canaan Sellers, *Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering*  
Virginia Sever, *School of Liberal Arts*  
Allison Shelton-Jones, *Paul H. O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs*  
Simran Shergill, *School of Science*  
Taylor Spice, *School of Nursing*  
William Thurin, *School of Health & Human Sciences*  
Nicole Tofoli Cremasco, *Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering*  
Kaylin Tomy, *School of Science*  
Anna Turgeon, *School of Liberal Arts*  
Kamya Williams, *School of Liberal Arts*  
Dana Wilson, *School of Nursing*  
Isaac Wilson, *School of Science*  
Rilyn Wonnell, *School of Science*

## CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARS

IU Indianapolis Chancellor's Scholars are selected based on their educational achievements and have their school's highest cumulative grade point average at the end of the fall semester of their final year and include undergraduates selected from each academic unit. The Graduate School selects one student seeking a master's degree and one doctoral candidate. Seniors who have been marked with an asterisk are also being recognized as a 2025 Top 100 Award recipient.

Lilly Brandt, *School of Health & Human Sciences*

Grace Bush, *School of Dentistry*

Vaishnavi Chouhan, *School of Science\**

Lisa Clark, *Lilly Family School of Philanthropy*

Sophia Dickerson, *School of Nursing*

Annie Foster, *Herron School of Art + Design*

Hayden Garris, *School of Liberal Arts*

Megan Goley, *Honors College\**

Maya Gutierrez, *Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health*

Reem Houran, *School of Education*

Mallory Murphy, *School of Social Work*

Ashley Neawedde, *School of Medicine - Health Professions Program*

Sarah Price, *Paul H. O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs*

Siddharth Rajesh, *Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering*

Caroline Sheaffer, *IU Columbus*

Stella Snyder, *Graduate School - Master's Program*

Halle Tash, *IU Fort Wayne*

Jacob John Thomas, *School of Medicine*

Ashley Troutman, *Graduate School - Ph.D. Program*

Cate Wolfe, *Kelley School of Business*

## SHERRY QUEENER GRADUATE STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The Sherry Queener Graduate Student Excellence Awards are given to a master's and a Ph.D. student who demonstrate excellence in community service, intellectual curiosity, research, and mentoring in addition to their academic endeavors. They have also demonstrated plans for scholarly and creative activities to continue beyond graduation.

Olivia Bednarski, *Ph.D., School of Health & Human Sciences*

Sydney Powers, *Master's, Paul H. O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs*



# OUTSTANDING SENIORS RECOGNIZED FOR SUSTAINED ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

These outstanding seniors are part of a vibrant and distinguished community that brings energy and passion to our campus, representing the best of IU Indianapolis through their dedication to learning and excellence.

Seniors who have been marked with an asterisk are also being recognized as a 2025 Top 100 Award recipient.

Seniors who have been marked with two asterisks are also being recognized as a 2025 Chancellor's Scholar Award recipient.

Seniors who have been marked with a diamond have been recognized as both a 2025 Top 100 and Chancellor's Scholar Awards recipient.

## 2025 OUTSTANDING SENIORS

Roselly Aguilar Ovalle, *School of Nursing*

Corinne Elise Beard, *Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering*

Lilly Grace Brandt, *School of Health & Human Sciences\*\**

Tyleigh A. Cates, *School of Science*

Vaishnavi Chouhan, *School of Science* ◇

Deborah Daluga, *School of Science*

Sophia Michele Dickerson, *School of Nursing\*\**

Annie Olivia Foster, *Herron School of Art + Design\*\**

Jayson Gard, *School of Medicine*

Hayden Alexander Garris, *School of Liberal Arts\*\**

Maya Lynne Gutierrez, *Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health\*\**

Kaley Hopkins, *School of Medicine*

Lina Houran, *School of Medicine*

Reem Houran, *School of Education\*\**

Clayton James Kelly, *School of Science*

Bryant Le, *Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering*

Mallory Murphy, *School of Social Work*

Ashley Neawedde, *School of Medicine\*\**

Laura Christine Nolting, *Kelley School of Business*

Mohamad A. Obeid, *School of Science\**

Micheal Olugboyo, *School of Nursing*

Jordyn Mackenzie Pax, *School of Liberal Arts*

Siddharth Rajesh, *Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering\*\**

Marika Rodrigues, *School of Nursing*

Rachel Caylin Sarkine, *School of Business*

Joshua Thomas, *Kelley School of Business*

Lance Allen Varnell, *Paul H. O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs*

John Venezia, *School of Science*

Devin Daniel Weinbrecht, *School of Liberal Arts*

Cate Wolfe, *Kelley School of Business\*\**







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