

# Convocation

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*School of*

MOLECULAR &  
CELLULAR BIOLOGY

May 15, 2021



COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN



## **TO OUR GRADUATES**

Today you are graduates of the University of Illinois. It is a remarkable achievement, and we hope that you celebrate the occasion with loved ones. Commencement is a joyous and deeply symbolic event for all, including the faculty members and staff who have supported you on your journey. It is profoundly disappointing that we are unable to celebrate it together this spring. The Class of 2021 will long be remembered, however, for not only what was lost, but for your resilience and determination as you finished your degree in the face of one of the greatest challenges in our nation's history. Congratulations, and we look forward to learning of your future success.

# ORDER OF EXERCISES

Saturday, May 15, 2021, 11 a.m.

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

### CONVOCATION COORDINATOR WELCOME AND REMARKS

Tina M. Knox, Assistant Director for Advising and Recruitment

### VIRTUAL PROCESSION OF GRADUATES

Please join in at home by staging your own procession for your family and friends.

### COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES WELCOME AND REMARKS

Matthew Ando, Associate Dean for Life and Physical Sciences,  
College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

### RECOGNITION OF CANDIDATES RECEIVING SPECIAL AWARDS AND HONORS

### PRESENTATION OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY CANDIDATES

### PRESENTATION OF MASTER OF SCIENCE CANDIDATES

### PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE CANDIDATES

Distinction Recipients (Biochemistry, MCB  
and MCB Honors Conc.)

Biochemistry, Specialized Curriculum Candidates

MCB Honors Concentration Candidates

Biology Candidates

MCB Candidates

### TASSEL TURN

Please join your fellow graduates by moving your tassel from right to left.

### CLOSING REMARKS

Tina M. Knox, Assistant Director for Advising and Recruitment

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## SINGING OF "HAIL TO THE ORANGE"

Hail to the Orange, Hail to the Blue, Hail Alma Mater, Ever so true.

We love no other, So let our motto be, Victory, Illinois, Varsity!

# LAS ADMINISTRATION

Gene E. Robinson, Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Swanlund Chair in Entomology

Angela Graham, Assistant to the Dean

Barbara Hancin-Bhatt, Associate Dean for Student Academic Affairs

Robert Kessler, Assistant Dean for Finance and Resource Planning

Kelly A. Ritter, Associate Dean for Curricula and Academic Policy

David H. Tewksbury, Executive Associate Dean of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Area Centers

Matthew A. Ando, Associate Dean for Life and Physical Sciences

Clare Haru Crowston, Associate Dean for Humanities and Interdisciplinary Programs

Joan M. Volkmann, Associate Dean for Advancement

Isabel Molina-Guzmán, Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion

W. Brad Petersen, Executive Director of Communications and Marketing

Derek Fultz, Director of Facilities

Randy McCarthy, Faculty Director of ATLAS

# SCHOOL OF MOLECULAR & CELLULAR BIOLOGY

## ADMINISTRATION

Milan K. Bagchi, Director, School of Molecular & Cellular Biology

Satish Nair, Head, Biochemistry

Supriya Prasanth, Head, Cell & Developmental Biology

James M. Slauch, Head, Microbiology

Claudio Grosman, Head, Molecular & Integrative Physiology

## CONVOCATION PLANNING STAFF

Timothy E. Bowers, MS, Academic Advisor, Molecular & Cellular Biology

Jennifer H. Brandyberry, MS, Academic Advisor, Molecular & Cellular Biology

Chester M. Brown, PhD, Anatomy & Physiology Lecturer and Academic Advisor, Molecular & Cellular Biology

Aaron J. Godwin, DMA, Academic Advisor, Molecular & Cellular Biology

Jeffrey M. Goldberg, MPA, Senior Coordinator of Student Academic Affairs, Biochemistry

Jack S. Ikeda, PhD, Lecturer and Academic Advisor, Molecular & Cellular Biology

Kristopher A. Jones, MA, Office Support Associate, Molecular & Cellular Biology

Bradley G. Mehrtens, MS, Instructor and Academic Advisor, Molecular & Cellular Biology

Shawna L. Naidu, PhD, Senior Coordinator for Instruction - Honors, Molecular & Cellular Biology

Shawna M. Smith, Graduate Program Coordinator, Molecular & Cellular Biology

## MEDIA PRODUCTION COORDINATOR

Aurora M. Cruz-Torres, MS, Academic Advisor, Molecular & Cellular Biology

## CEREMONY COORDINATOR

Tina M. Knox, EdM, Assistant Director for Advising and Recruitment, Molecular & Cellular Biology

# ACADEMIC DRESS

Academic dress, consisting of cap, gown, and hood, originated about the twelfth century and was worn primarily for warmth. Subsequently, the material of the gown and lining, and the shape of the hood, represented the economic and social, as well as academic status of the wearer.

In the United States, the great majority of the academic costumes now worn are in accordance with the general provisions of the Intercollegiate Code of 1895, which was revised in 1932 and again in 1960. Under this code, the bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves, the master's gown has oblong sleeves with an arc at the bottom, and the doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves. All gowns are black, although the adoption of colored gowns by individual institutions in the United States is becoming more prevalent.

The bachelor's and master's gowns are untrimmed. The doctor's gown is faced down the front with velvet and has three bars of velvet across the sleeves. The facing and bars may be black or may be the color of the subject to which the degree pertains. The bachelor's gown is worn closed; the master's and doctor's gowns may be worn open or closed. Women may wear white collars with the bachelor's gown when no hood is worn.

Hoods are also black. The bachelor's hood is 3 feet in length, the master's is 3 ½ feet, and the doctor's is 4 feet. Hoods are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring the degree. At the University of Illinois, the lining is orange and blue. The colored velvet border of the hood, which is 2 inches, 3 inches,

and 5 inches wide for the bachelor's, master's, and doctor's degree respectively, identifies the faculty or field of study to which the degree pertains.

The black mortarboard cap is standard in the United States. Usually, all tassels are black, but where the graduating seniors do not wear hoods, as at the University of Illinois, the color of the cap tassel indicates the department of study. At the University of Illinois, candidates for degrees wear tassels on the right front quadrant of their caps before degrees are conferred, and move them to the left front quadrant after degrees are conferred. Caps are considered a part of the costume and are customarily removed only during an invocation or benediction, and then by men only.

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctor's gowns, edging of hoods, tassels of caps, and linings of banners, there are different colors associated with the different disciplines. The color for Liberal Arts & Sciences is white.

Caps and gowns were worn for the first time at the University of Illinois Commencement ceremony of 1897. In the early 1900s the Commencement procession marched up Burrill Avenue to the old Armory. After diplomas were received, the procession marched back to the lawn south of Green Street. The seniors sang the State song and "Auld Lang Syne" before they said good-bye to each other and the campus.

# AWARDS AND HONORS

Due to print deadlines, lists may be incomplete. Students who have completed the necessary requirements to earn one of our certificates are noted with <sup>c</sup> for Cell & Developmental Biology, <sup>m</sup> for Microbiology and <sup>n</sup> for Neuroscience. Students who graduated in December 2020 are noted with <sup>f</sup> for Fall. Students planning to graduate in August 2021 are noted with <sup>s</sup> for Summer.

## UNIVERSITY DISTINCTION

### CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARS

Destiny Henning, MCB Honors Concentration  
Eric Jung, MCB  
Grace Maloney, MCB  
Stella Zhao, MCB

### BRONZE TABLET

Kirsten Birk, MCB  
Haley Clark<sup>f</sup>, MCB

Kailey Komnick, MCB Honors Concentration  
Nitiksh Paul, MCB  
Ravina Vasanwala<sup>f</sup>, MCB Honors Concentration

## COLLEGE DISTINCTION

### JAMES SCHOLARS

Divya Avula<sup>f</sup>, MCB  
Connie Bao, MCB Honors Concentration  
Cary Brandolino<sup>m</sup>, MCB  
Madelyn Brotnow<sup>n</sup>, MCB  
John Carroll Jr., MCB  
Nicole Cast, MCB Honors Concentration  
Annie Cheung, MCB  
Liana Chidichimo<sup>n</sup>, MCB  
Nicole Cho, MCB  
Haley Clark<sup>f</sup>, MCB  
Noah Costabilo, MCB Honors Concentration  
Sierra Coyne, MCB  
Nathanlown Dang, MCB  
Samantha Flesch, MCB  
Robert Forsyth, Biochemistry

Isabelle Friend<sup>f</sup>, MCB  
Rachel Fuller, MCB  
Diana Garcia, MCB  
Aaron Gephart<sup>f</sup>, MCB  
Jack Gerling<sup>f,n</sup>, MCB Honors Concentration  
Abigail Glavin<sup>n</sup>, MCB  
Eugene Ham<sup>n</sup>, MCB  
Destiny Henning, MCB Honors Concentration  
Matthew Hopkins, Biology Teacher Education Option  
Eric Jung, MCB  
Michael Kim, MCB  
Kailey Komnick, MCB Honors Concentration  
Elizabeth Lewis, Biochemistry  
Manasi Lingamaneni, MCB Honors Concentration  
Tianyu Lu, MCB  
Akram Mahdi, MCB  
Grace Maloney, MCB  
Shari Markowitz, MCB  
Claire Marzolf<sup>f</sup>, MCB  
Bailey Metcal<sup>f</sup>, MCB  
Richard Moraga, MCB Honors Concentration  
Allison Narlock, MCB Honors Concentration

## AWARDS AND HONORS

Vijay Nellutla<sup>F</sup>, MCB Honors Concentration  
Eilish Newcomb, MCB Honors Concentration  
Nathaniel Oommen<sup>M</sup>, MCB  
Ishani Patel, MCB Honors Concentration  
Mansi Patel, MCB  
Nitiksh Paul, MCB  
Michael Prabhu, MCB  
Aila Rahman, MCB Honors Concentration  
Benjamin Ray<sup>F</sup>, MCB Honors Concentration  
Manisha Reddy, MCB  
Carmensa Remolina, MCB  
Erin Sahm, MCB Honors Concentration  
Allison Schierer, MCB  
Elisabeth Schwarzkopf,  
    MCB Honors Concentration  
Eric Shin<sup>F</sup>, MCB  
Divya Thomas<sup>N</sup>, MCB  
Brian Tibble<sup>N</sup>, MCB Honors Concentration  
Abigail Tierney, MCB  
Katelyn Toohill, MCB  
Nisheka Vanjani, MCB Honors Concentration  
Ravina Vasawala<sup>F</sup>,  
    MCB Honors Concentration  
Sophia Watts, MCB Honors Concentration

Elaina Wilkens, MCB  
Molly Wong<sup>F</sup>, MCB  
Emma Wu, MCB Honors Concentration  
Stella Zhao, MCB  
Yu Zheng<sup>F,C</sup>, MCB

### **PHI BETA KAPPA**

Aaron Gephart<sup>F</sup>, MCB  
Britten Gordon, MCB  
Abhishek Pandravada, MCB  
Brian Tibble<sup>N</sup>, MCB Honors Concentration  
Katelyn Toohill, MCB

# GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

The lists are organized by degree. Because of production deadlines, lists may be incomplete. Students who graduated in December 2020 are noted with <sup>F</sup> for Fall. Students planning to graduate in August 2021 are noted with <sup>S</sup> for Summer.

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

### BIOCHEMISTRY

Waqar Arif<sup>F</sup>  
Lauren Carnevale<sup>F</sup>  
Logan Hurst<sup>F</sup>  
Vinh Vu

### BIOPHYSICS & QUANTITATIVE BIOLOGY

Roshni Bano<sup>F</sup>

### CELL & DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY

Mohd Tayyab Adil  
Qinyu Hao  
Xiaohe Li<sup>F</sup>

Yo-Chuen Lin<sup>F</sup>  
Nilmani Singh<sup>F</sup>  
Yuan Tian<sup>F</sup>

### MICROBIOLOGY

Danielle Campbell<sup>F</sup>  
Samantha DeWerff  
Kristen Farley  
Andi Liu  
Preethi Thattai Ragunathan  
T.V. Pritha Rao  
Ananya Sen  
Jiayi Sun<sup>F</sup>

### MOLECULAR & INTEGRATIVE PHYSIOLOGY

Valeria Sanabria Guillen<sup>F</sup>  
Jessica Saw<sup>F</sup>  
Sayyed Hamed Shahoei<sup>F</sup>  
Jiaren Zhang

### NEUROSCIENCE

Connor Courtney  
Ekaterina Gribkova<sup>F</sup>  
Ian Traniello<sup>F</sup>

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

### CELL & DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY

Lindsey Behrens<sup>F</sup>

### SCHOOL OF MOLECULAR & CELLULAR BIOLOGY

Toni Banks<sup>F</sup>  
Michael Compagnone<sup>F</sup>  
Wei-Chun Kao<sup>F</sup>  
Danielle Schuh  
Matthew Sebring  
Cody Tucker<sup>F</sup>

## GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

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#### STUDENTS GRADUATING WITH ACADEMIC DISTINCTION

Connie Bao, MCB Honors Concentration  
Kirsten Birk, MCB  
Madelyn Brotnow<sup>n</sup>, MCB  
Liana Chidichimo<sup>n</sup>, MCB  
Haley Clark<sup>f</sup>, MCB  
Zhixing Dai, MCB Honors Concentration  
Nathanlown Dang, MCB,  
    Highest Research Distinction  
Isabelle Friend<sup>f</sup>, MCB  
Aaron Gephart<sup>f</sup>, MCB  
Chirag Gopinath, MCB

Destiny Henning, MCB Honors Concentration, High Research Distinction  
Michael Kim, MCB  
Kailey Komnick, MCB Honors Concentration  
Chenyao Ni, MCB  
Nathaniel Oommen<sup>m</sup>, MCB  
Abhishek Pandravada, MCB  
Mansi Patel, MCB  
Nitiksh Paul, MCB  
Benjamin Ray<sup>f</sup>, MCB Honors Concentration  
Elisabeth Schwarzkopf,  
    MCB Honors Concentration  
Eric Shin<sup>f</sup>, MCB, Research Distinction  
Satheeshram Tamilselvan<sup>m</sup>, MCB  
Brian Tibble<sup>n</sup>, MCB Honors Concentration  
Megan Tomlin, MCB Honors Concentration,  
    High Research Distinction  
Katelyn Toohill, MCB  
Nisheka Vanjani, MCB Honors Concentration  
Ravina Vasanwala<sup>f</sup>,  
    MCB Honors Concentration  
Sophia Watts, MCB Honors Concentration  
Elaina Wilkens, MCB  
Stella Zhao, MCB

#### STUDENTS GRADUATING WITH HIGHEST DISTINCTION FOR RESEARCH

*Students listed previously for Academic Distinction will not be listed below.*

David Kostyra, Biochemistry  
Clifford Yerby, Biochemistry

#### STUDENTS GRADUATING WITH HIGH DISTINCTION FOR RESEARCH

*Students listed previously for Academic Distinction will not be listed below.*

Autumn Brandenburg, Biochemistry  
Annie Cheung, MCB  
Matthew Gao, MCB  
Chen Huang<sup>f,n</sup>, MCB Honors Concentration  
Rachel Jones<sup>m</sup>, MCB  
Caroline Kaminsky, MCB  
Aayush Kaul<sup>f</sup>, MCB  
Wiktoria Kowalczyk<sup>f,c</sup>, MCB  
Rukkia Liaqat, Biochemistry  
Aleksandras Lotuzas, Biochemistry  
Sean MacAllister<sup>n</sup>, MCB  
Vincent Prayugo<sup>m</sup>, MCB  
Haider Sarwar, Biochemistry  
Toma Tchernodrinski, MCB

## GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

Abigail Tierney, MCB  
Yiren Tu, Biochemistry  
Anna Vermilya<sup>F</sup>, MCB

### **STUDENTS GRADUATING WITH DISTINCTION FOR RESEARCH**

*Students listed previously for Academic Distinction  
will not be listed below.*

Aaron DeSalvio, MCB  
Aleyah Hattab, MCB  
Tiffany Jong<sup>F, C</sup>, MCB  
Nevers Mushimata, MCB  
Allison Narlock, MCB Honors Concentration  
Khadeeja Shahid, MCB  
Felicia Tan<sup>N</sup>, MCB

### **BIOCHEMISTRY, SPECIALIZED CURRICULUM**

*Students listed previously for Distinction  
will not be listed below.*

Julia Ekiert  
Robert Forsyth  
Vidhi Gabani  
Mingyi Gao  
Samantha Gonski

Conor Harrington  
Tyler Hodgett  
Elizabeth Lewis  
Alyssa Massman  
Era Mecó  
Ben Tran  
Alexandra Wierzbiak<sup>F</sup>

### **MOLECULAR & CELLULAR BIOLOGY HONORS CONCENTRATION**

*Students listed previously for Distinction  
will not be listed below.*

Nicole Cast  
Noah Costabilo  
Jack Gerling<sup>F, N</sup>  
Rajita Kanapareddy  
Manasi Lingamaneni  
Jordan Machalek  
Ilber Manavbasi<sup>S</sup>  
Richard Moraga  
Vijay Nellutla<sup>F</sup>  
Eilish Newcomb  
Ishani Patel  
Tessa Phillips  
Aila Rahman

Erin Sahn  
Emma Wu

### **BIOLOGY**

Robert Colon<sup>F</sup>  
John Dugan III, Biology  
Teacher Education Option  
Matthew Hopkins, Biology  
Teacher Education Option

### **MOLECULAR & CELLULAR BIOLOGY**

*Students listed previously for Distinction  
will not be listed below.*

Ivana Aboagye  
Adam Abushamaa  
Dakshina Acharya  
Akhil Aerra  
Ariana Afonso  
Benjamin Ahn  
Wahab Ahsan<sup>F</sup>  
Rami Alzein  
Amritha Anand  
Jatan Anand  
Shawn Anderson  
Ryan Ang

## GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

Caitlyn Anonuevo  
Eghosa Atoe<sup>N</sup>  
Divya Avula<sup>F</sup>  
Jenna Bacerra  
Anna Barannikova<sup>F</sup>  
Ashley Barz  
Meghna Basavaraju<sup>F</sup>  
Aarya Bavare  
Brittini Belcher<sup>F</sup>  
Megan Benson  
Austin Beyer  
Malikah Black<sup>F</sup>  
Brianna Bowman<sup>F,N</sup>  
Cary Brandolino<sup>M</sup>  
Emily Brown  
Natalia Brzezinski  
Samantha Burgin<sup>F</sup>  
Grace Burlison  
Nika Byrne  
Joseph Calabrese  
Yvette Calvillo  
Austin Carmody  
Cheyenne Carr  
Kristopher Carredano Toledo<sup>F</sup>  
John Carroll Jr.

Yoselin Castillo  
Meghana Chaganti  
Pearl Chanma<sup>S</sup>  
Andy Chen  
Simna Chen<sup>F</sup>  
Ashley Childress  
Nicole Cho  
In Hyuk Choi<sup>F</sup>  
Thomas Tsz Him Chow<sup>N</sup>  
Tiffany Chu<sup>F</sup>  
Sierra Coyne  
Kristine Cranford  
Claire Cunningham<sup>F,N</sup>  
Quynh Anh Dao<sup>F,N</sup>  
Suhina Das  
Caitlin Daza  
Anthony Delgado Jr.  
Rohan Dhiman  
Thomas Dohr  
Timothy Donaho III  
Justin Donato  
Timothy Dworkin  
Jacob Emerson<sup>F</sup>  
Ronell Esquivel  
Steven Faouaz<sup>F</sup>

Elyse Fell<sup>F</sup>  
Samantha Flesch  
Daryl Forney  
Carolyn Francart  
Rachel Fuller  
Allison Galvin  
Darwin Garay  
Abigail Garcia<sup>F</sup>  
Diana Garcia  
Joshua George  
Remy Gerew  
Robert Gikas Jr.  
Abigail Glavin<sup>N</sup>  
Adrianna Glisan<sup>F</sup>  
Declan Glueck<sup>C</sup>  
Yuliya Gofman  
Britten Gordon  
Deepa Prakashini Govindasamy Rajagopal<sup>N</sup>  
Evelyn Gu  
Peter Guadagno<sup>F</sup>  
Ashna Gupta<sup>F</sup>  
Suryaa Gupta  
Eugene Ham<sup>N</sup>  
Christina Hamil  
Sukji Han

## GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

Yu Jin Han  
Mira Hassan  
Beau Hendren-Santiago  
Caroline Hernandez<sup>F</sup>  
Brianna Hitchingham  
Christine Hong  
Melissa Horton  
Zackary Houghton  
Sydney House  
Michael Hrabak<sup>M</sup>  
Andrew Hwang  
Kristi Isola  
Justin Jacobs<sup>F</sup>  
Nadia Jahromi<sup>N</sup>  
Sachin Jajoo  
Daniel Jesuthasan<sup>N</sup>  
Yunyi Jiang  
David Johnson<sup>F</sup>  
Leia Jones  
Akhil Joseph  
Bhavya Joshi  
Tanvi Joshi  
Eric Jung  
Nolan Kaleel  
Florence Kang

Norikazu Kasai  
Meghana Kaza  
Neil Kelekar<sup>F</sup>  
Thomas Kennedy  
Zuhair Khan  
Roumaissa Kibech  
Alexander Kozuch  
Trevor Krause  
Sean Krueger  
Niresh Kuganeswaran<sup>F</sup>  
Ethan Kuruc  
Joshua Lain  
Matthew Laubscher<sup>F</sup>  
Esther Lawal<sup>F</sup>  
Eunice Lee  
Joanne Lee  
Mark Lee<sup>F</sup>  
Micah Lee  
Sung Ho Lee<sup>N</sup>  
Caroline Leffler  
Alexander Leja<sup>M</sup>  
Amber Lewis  
Danielle Leyva<sup>F</sup>  
Yikun Li  
Zixiao Li<sup>S</sup>

Andy Lieu  
William Lim  
Yisong Lin  
Madeline Link<sup>F</sup>  
Angela Liu  
Anna Liu  
Michelle Liu  
Gabrielle Loeck  
Sofija Lopotaite  
Tianyu Lu  
Akram Mahdi  
Grace Maloney  
Matthew Malter  
Aichem Malubay  
Keely Mannoochahr<sup>S</sup>  
Dante Marcozzi  
Shari Markowitz  
Jennifer Martinez  
Leslie Martinez-Delgado  
Claire Marzolf<sup>F</sup>  
Srija Matukumalli<sup>F,N</sup>  
Austin Mayfield  
Moustapha Mbaye<sup>F</sup>  
Ashley McKee<sup>C</sup>  
Zachary Meeker

## GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

Karan Menon<sup>F</sup>  
Sanjna Menon  
Bailey Metcalf<sup>F</sup>  
Ryan Michet<sup>M</sup>  
Blashko Milenkovski<sup>N</sup>  
Sanya Mishra<sup>F</sup>  
Tomas Misiunas  
Arnav Mitra<sup>F</sup>  
Oliwia Mlodawska  
Aiman Mohammad<sup>N</sup>  
Shaan Moheet  
Anna Mugg  
Muzammil Muztar  
Ariel Myint<sup>F</sup>  
Lauren Novy<sup>F</sup>  
Angela Nuccio<sup>N</sup>  
Shelby Nunamaker  
Saif Onbargi  
Vanessa Ortiz<sup>M</sup>  
Lauren Pabyanskus  
Joshua Palces  
Ryan Pandya  
Kajal Patel  
Niyati Patel<sup>C</sup>  
Parth Patel

Aldo Perez  
Liliana Perez  
Dylan Peters  
Gabija Petrus  
Yegor Piatrou  
Tonu Pius  
Matthew Popovic<sup>F</sup>  
Saakshi Pothina  
Michael Prabhu  
Gabriella Prado  
Ellis Qualls  
Ammara Qureshi<sup>N</sup>  
Daniel Raab  
Jessica Rajkumar  
Eddie Ramirez  
Surabhi Rao  
Anisha Reddy  
Manisha Reddy  
Carmensa Remolina  
Zoriamin Rivera Jr.<sup>F,N</sup>  
Kendall Robbins  
Zachary Robins  
Orlando Rojas  
Madeline Ruestman  
Kathy Ryan<sup>F</sup>

Nishith Sagubadi<sup>F</sup>  
Adam Said III  
Julija Sakutyte  
Sreehitha Sanku  
Allison Schierer  
Nicholas Severin  
Dhananjay Shahdadhuri  
Abhinu Sharma<sup>C</sup>  
Nicole Silber  
Fatimata Soumare  
Nathaniel Srinivas Rao<sup>F</sup>  
Nicholas Stone  
Douglas Stuehler Jr.  
Ricardo Suarez  
Eva Sue  
Osman Syed  
Jayana Tabbilos<sup>F</sup>  
Jarrett Tan<sup>F</sup>  
Stephanie Tan  
Dylan Tapia  
Neha Tewary  
Divya Thomas<sup>N</sup>  
Arch Topouzian  
Eduardo Torres  
Rameen Usman

## GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

Sameep Vakharia<sup>F</sup>  
Garrett Vandermyde  
Rose Varney  
Melissa Vasquez  
Kristina Velcani  
Sandra Villalobos  
Thomas Villanueva  
Aldo Vivero  
Quinta Wang  
William Wang<sup>F</sup>  
Neeti Warhekar  
Jackie Way  
John Webster<sup>M</sup>  
Eunice Whang  
Ryan Wickenhauser  
Adrian Wierzbiak<sup>F</sup>  
Molly Wong<sup>F</sup>  
Kristin Woo<sup>F</sup>  
Olivia Wuethrich  
Kerraline Wurl<sup>F</sup>  
Xihe Xu  
Jingyi Yang  
Sunjung Yang  
Yiwei Yang  
Daniel Yong<sup>F</sup>

Han Su Yoon<sup>F,M</sup>  
Kara Zehr<sup>F</sup>  
Luke Zerwic  
Yifan Zhao<sup>C</sup>  
Yu Zheng<sup>F,C</sup>  
Alem Zukancic<sup>S</sup>

## **A SPECIAL NOTE TO OUR GRADUATES**

It has been our absolute joy to work with you over the past several years. We have had the pleasure of getting to know you and watching you grow into the remarkable individuals that you are today. This is certainly not how any of us planned to celebrate your years of hard work and dedication. However, we know that you will do amazing things with or without the formal Pomp and Circumstance. We congratulate you all on your achievements and wait in anticipation of the accomplishments your brilliant minds and kind hearts will achieve in the years to come. Please keep in touch. Be well. Do good.

Forever in orange and blue,

*Your MCB and Biochemistry Advisors*



### **Degree Information**

This program contains an unofficial list of degree candidates for May 2021, as well as a list of graduates who received degrees in August and December 2020. Due to printing deadlines, names of some degree recipients may not appear while names of some degree candidates who have not yet completed degree requirements may be included.

The University's official registry for conferral of degrees is the Office of the Registrar, 901 W. Illinois St., Urbana, IL 61801.



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