



# Convocation

Friday, December 20, 2024

Wendell W. Wright Education Building



Dear School of Education Graduates,

**Congratulations!** We are exceptionally proud of your accomplishments as IU School of Education students, and we join you in celebrating this landmark event in your professional lives.

We trust that the experiences you have had and the relationships you developed here with us will stay with you as you pursue your dreams and goals. As members of our esteemed alumni community, we welcome you to a growing network of accomplished graduates who are making important contributions close to home and around the world.

I personally encourage you to take full advantage of a tremendous support group of peers and friends — your IU School of Education family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anastasia J. Morrone". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a light gray rectangular background.

Anastasia Morrone  
*Dean, IU School of Education*

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Meredith Park Rogers

*Associate Dean for Undergraduate and Teacher Education  
IU School of Education*

## **HONORING THE GRADUATES**

Anastasia Morrone

*Dean, IU School of Education*

## **ALUMNI SPEAKER**

John A. Kuykendall, Ph.D.

*Dean and Professor*

*University of Indianapolis | College of Education & Behavioral Sciences*

## **UNDERGRADUATE SPEAKER**

Emma Steiner

*Elementary Education, B.S.Ed*

## **GRADUATE SPEAKER**

Gina London-Smolar

*Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction –  
Specialization in Science Education*

## **FACULTY READERS**

Laura Stachowski

*Clinical Professor, Director of Global Gateway for Teachers*

Katie Cierniak

*Director, INSPIRE Living-Learning Center*

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

Sarah Lubienski

*Executive Associate Dean*



# 2024 WINTER GRADUATE CLASS

## DOCTORAL

### *Ed.D.*

#### **Curriculum and Instruction - Specialization in Science Education**

Gina Londino-Smolar  
Kristen Poindexter  
Stephanie Rothman  
Tina Stamper

#### **Educational Leadership**

Jamie Henderson  
Branden Roeder  
Ryan Merriwether

#### **Higher Education**

Mercedes Randall  
Jessica Risk

#### **Instructional Systems Technology**

Kristine Bailey  
Aishat Balogun  
Florentina Closser  
Shannon Cooper  
Kathryn Dixon  
Paula Marcelle

#### **Literacy, Culture, and Language Education**

Camilla Fulvi  
Michelle Harkins  
Lindsay Herron  
Lisa Lee  
Melanie Manuel  
Rehab Morsi  
Joshua Nettles  
Araceli Salinas

### *Ph.D.*

#### **Curriculum and Instruction - Specialization in Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies**

Jihe Han

#### **Literacy, Culture, and Language Education**

Simon Pierre Munyaneza

#### **Special Education**

Laila Abdulwahab Aljumah

### *Education Specialist*

#### **Higher Education Administration**

Stephen LeBeau  
William Lemmon  
Shawn Peters  
Shawn Wilson

#### **Education - Instructional Systems Technology**

Luke Jones





# 2024 WINTER GRADUATE CLASS *(cont.)*

## MASTERS

### *M.S.Ed.*

#### **Adult Education**

Marisa Cornewell  
Audrie Grimes

#### **Educational Leadership**

Brittney Almond  
Victoria Arther  
Valeri Bailey  
Brittney Billups  
Valeria Chamorro  
Lauren Gillis  
Laura Lorentzen  
Evan Ritchey  
Riley Sunday  
Sarabeth Willis

#### **Instructional Systems Technology**

Nicolas Peterson  
Surbhi Sardana

Madison Stepherson  
Brandon Williams  
Chuying Yuan

#### **Learning and Developmental Sciences - Counseling Psychology Track**

Cayden Rooks  
Yiyao Zhou

#### **Mental Health Counseling and Counselor Education - Mental Health Track**

Zakirat Abimbola  
Mercedes Brewster-  
Donaldson  
Mariana Corpus  
Stephen Figert  
Mary Horine  
Emily Kuhfeld  
Mindy McCutchan  
Rachael Randall  
Ryan Spicer-Gordon

#### **Teaching, Learning, and Curriculum - Teacher Leadership and Instructional Coaching Track**

Kylie Kaminski

#### **Teaching, Learning, and Curriculum - STEM and Arts Innovations Track**

Justin Kelsheimer

#### **Teaching, Learning, and Curriculum - Early Childhood Care and Education Track**

Patricia Richardson

## GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

#### **Alcohol and Drug Counseling**

Phillip Dawalt

#### **Dyslexia**

Shereen Abdel Aal  
Nancy Meyer

#### **Education Law**

Nathan Bothwell  
Lauren Gillis  
Sydney Reynoso  
Evan Ritchey

#### **Higher Education and Student Affairs**

Harlee Dorman  
Lauren Levendoski

#### **Improvement Science**

Valeri Bailey

#### **Instructional Systems Technology**

Jodi Shuck

#### **Qualitative Research and Inquiry Methodology**

Sally Duplantier  
Kimberly Figaro  
Amanda Kira  
Melanie Manuel

#### **Quantitative Research and Inquiry Methodology**

Da'Ja'Nay Askew  
Frank Aviles  
Steven Heil



## 2024 WINTER UNDERGRADUATE CLASS

Jenna Aimone  
*Elementary Education B.S.Ed*

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*Counseling & Student Services  
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*Choose courage  
over comfort.*

*Choose whole hearts  
over armor.*

*And choose the  
great adventure of  
being brave and afraid.*

*At the exact same time.*



*- Brené Brown*



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