



# COMMENCEMENT OF THE Class of 2018 Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy<sup>®</sup>

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**Saturday, June 2, 2018 at 3:30 pm**  
NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION CENTER,  
DEKALB, IL

# PROGRAM

## SELECTIONS PERFORMED BY IMSA 2018 CLASS MEMBERS

### **POMP & CIRCUMSTANCE FROM MILITARY MARCHES Op.39, No.1 Edward Elgar**

(Please rise as the graduates enter and remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.)

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Rebecca Xun** President Student Council, Class 2018

### **REFLECTIONS ON GRADUATION DAY**

**Diego Alanis** CAB Director, Class of 2018

### **REFLECTIONS ON IMSA**

**Connor Elmore** Vice President Student Council, Class of 2018

### **INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER**

**Erin Roche, Ed.D.** Chairman, Board of Trustees

### **COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

**Robert Rosner, Ph.D.** William E. Rather Distinguished Service Professor

### **PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS OF 2018**

**Robert Hernandez, Ed.D.** Principal

### **ACCEPTANCE OF THE CLASS OF 2018**

**José M. Torres, Ph.D.** President

### **PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS AND MEDALLIONS**

**Erin Roche, Ed.D. and José M. Torres, Ph.D.**

### **PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES**

**Luis Martinez** Class of 2018

**Jaelyn Evans** Class of 2018

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### **GRADUATION MARSHALS Members, Class of 2019**

Aleah Brown, Sol Hwangbo, Marisa Patel-O'Connor, Devika Prasad, Jimmy Ren, Faris Shaikh

(Please remain in the Center until all graduates and staff have exited.)

# CLASS OF 2018

**Gunwati Agrawal**  
North Aurora

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Crystal Lake

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Pinckneyville

**Vidya Babu**  
Naperville

**Justin A. Baldrige**  
Chicago

**Isabella Theresa Baldwin Zurek**  
Staunton

**Lindsay Danae Lauren Beers**  
Hillsboro

**Katya Y. Bezugla**  
Algonquin

**Abhiudaya Bhalla**  
Wood Dale

**Sivam J. Bhatt**  
Lake In The Hills

**Ishita Bhattacharya**  
Aurora

**Cameron A. Birtcher**  
Herrin

**Zachary Mayank Brahmhatt**  
Orland Park

**Rainier Carlos Bandelaria Bravo**  
Huntley

**Angitha Bright**  
Elgin

**Ken Kuroki Brudnak**  
Springfield

**Sarah Lynn Caldwell**  
St. Charles

**Nyxel Camarena**  
Berwyn

**Kyle Braeden Campbell**  
Riverton

**Harrison Benjamin Carcione**  
Plainfield

**Christopher Andrew Chang**  
Oak Brook

**Maelee Isenberg Chen**  
Highwood

**Jessica Jeliuz Chtilianova**  
Aurora

**Gina Chung**  
Naperville

**Jake Pierre Cooley**  
Homer Glen

**Nathan Issaih Corsino-Estrada**  
Brookfield

**Monique I. Crum**  
Oswego

**Alana Jean Dawson**  
Hoffman Estates

**Thomas Patrick DeMastri**  
Chicago

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Aurora

**Lawrence Bernard Donahue, IV**  
Palos Heights

**Kathryn Veronica Downey**  
Antioch

**Sandra Dana Dragan**  
Villa Park

**Amanda Grace Eckstrom**  
Elburn

**Fernando Augustin Elesterio**  
Bolingbrook

**Clay Connor McCloud Elmore**  
Park Forest

**Lauren Kathleen Etzkorn**  
Lisle

**Jaelyn Olivia Evans**  
Chicago

**Manuel Alejandro Favela**  
Elmhurst

**Alexander James Federici**  
DeKalb

**Dmitry Alexander Feofanov**  
Dixon

**Gregory Alan Fernandes**  
Darien

**William Albert Fiedler**  
Lena

**Martin Dawson Filbert**  
Pittsfield

**Sona Roseanne Fokum**  
Springfield

**Jessica Lauren Forbes**  
Aurora

**Edmund C. Fornoff**  
Springfield

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Niles

**Takudzwa Akinwunmi George**  
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Aurora

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Magnolia

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Chicago

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Plainfield

**Sean Ryan Golinski**  
Yorkville

**Matthew Benjamin Gombar**  
Elburn

**Glorielly Gonzalez**  
Sleepy Hollow

**Severance Joseph Graham**  
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Monee

**Christopher Yuming Guo**  
Nashville

**Abhay Gupta**  
Moline

**Sohum Gupta**  
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**Sonya Vijay Gupta**  
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**Goutam Gutta**  
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**Nikhita Kasana**  
Naperville

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**Andrew Kim**  
Arlington Heights

**Istvan Zain Kovach**  
Moline

**Mounisha V. Kovour**  
Palatine

**Charles J. Kuch**  
Wheaton

**Priya Kumar**  
Aurora

**Mosopefoluwa Adeleke Kusoro**  
Country Club Hills

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Dolton

**Ja Yoon Lee**  
Peoria

**Zhaozhi Li**  
Glenview

**John Lin**  
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Libertyville

**Amy L. Lisitza**  
Deerfield

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**Mark Lou**  
Bolingbrook

**Albert Yupeng Lu**  
Lisle

**Robert Zong Yuan Luo**  
Glen Carbon

**Madison Miriam Mack**  
Bolingbrook

**Nikhil Madugula**  
Normal

**Elyas Alfredo Marr**  
Park Ridge

**Luis Julian Martinez**  
Aurora

**Esther Sarah Jai Mathew**  
Schaumburg

**Rebecca Mathew**  
Palatine

**Eric Z. McCarthy**  
Naperville

**Cherilyn Zafra Mendoza**  
Woodridge

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<b>Tessa Ewenam Ntow</b> Plainfield	<b>Megha Ramanan</b> Algonquin	<b>Emily Tian-yi Su</b> Naperville	<b>Jesse D. Yan</b> Libertyville
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If we do what we know and feel is right, it is bound to happen that among our graduates there will be numbered scientists, engineers, and those who go on to earn degrees in law and letters. There are likely to be those few who create new intellectual worlds, cure a dreaded human ailment or in some other way significantly influence life on our planet. Our philosophy will be to treat our charges as if each one is capable of this extraordinary achievement. Only one such product will make the effort and expense of this school for its entire duration worthwhile.

Dr. Leon Lederman, Adopted by IMSA Board of Trustees, 1985

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