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Immediately following the ceremony, please join us for a reception in the Illini Union, Room 104
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Department of Chemistry 2017 Convocation

May 14, 2017



PROGRAM

Music	Aduro Brass
Processional	Graduates and Faculty
Opening Remarks	Professor Martin Gruebele James R. Eisner Endowed Chair Department Head, Chemistry
Greetings	Professor Feng Sheng Hu Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
Introduction of Speaker	Professor John Katzenellenbogen
Speaker	Dr. Michael Sofia Chief Scientific Officer and Co-founder Arbutus Biopharma, Inc.
Presentation of Graduates	Professor Martin Gruebele Dr. Vera Mainz Professor Scott Silverman
Closing	Professor Martin Gruebele

This program contains an unofficial list of candidates for Spring 2017 and Summer 2017 graduation and a list of graduates who received degrees in Summer 2016 and Fall 2016. Due to printing deadlines, the names of some degree recipients may not appear, while the name of some degree candidates who have not completed their degree requirements may be included.

2017 Chemistry Convocation Speaker Dr. Michael J. Sofia, Arbutus Biopharma, Inc.



Dr. Michael J. Sofia is the Chief Scientific Officer and co-founder of Arbutus Biopharma, Inc., a company focused on discovering and developing a cure for chronic hepatitis B virus infection.

Dr. Sofia is a native of Baltimore, MD. He received a B.A. degree from Cornell University and then obtained his Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Subsequently, he went on to complete an NIH postdoctoral fellowship at Columbia University.

Dr. Sofia has spent the last 30 years in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry where his principal areas of research focus have been inflammatory and infectious diseases. He has introduced many drugs into clinical development and is the inventor of the breakthrough drug sofosbuvir, the backbone agent for curing chronic hepatitis C virus infection.

For his contributions to the field of drug discovery, Dr. Sofia has received numerous awards including the ACS Heroes of Chemistry Award, the 2015 IUPAC-Richter Prize, the 2015 Economist's Innovation Award and the 2016 Lasker-DeBakey Clinical Medical Research Award.

❖ Bronze Tablet recipient * Chancellor's Scholar + James Scholar ◆ Phi Beta Kappa ▶▶ Double Major †† Dual Degree
▲ Distinction ★ High Distinction ⚙ Highest Distinction ⚙ Chemistry Merit Program for Emerging Scholars

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Joseph D. Amoruso	Daniel Jacob Defenbaugh	Paulina Natalia Ongkowijoyo	Zhilu Wang
Raymond Cao	Nicholas Toshio Iwai ★	Nathan William Reed ⚙	Jiaqi Yao
Yueqian Chen ††	Gue Hyung Kim	Andrea Salazar ⚙	Johan A. Yapo
Yu-Yu Chen	Paul C. Klauser ★	Luke Andrew Adolph Schulz	Jiarui Zhang ▲
Benjamin Cheng	Yu-Hsuan Lee ★	Eric T. Sedlack	Kuo Zhao ⚙
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Bachelor of Science in the Teaching of Chemistry

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Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts & Sciences

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Hamza K. Ahmed ▶▶	Nicole E. Hasamear	Andrew James Mann	Benjamin S. Riley
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Salvador Alvarez	Harrison K. Hee	Leticia Mayorga	Robert B. Rossdeutcher
Noman Baig +	Adrian A. Hernandez	Jaime Catherine McAuliffe	Alexis Marie Rowland
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Zachary Alexander Cox	Jeongbin Kim	Soo Min Park	Shuyan Wang ▶▶
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