

Nearly 1,100 UWO graduates to be recognized at Dec. 15 Commencement

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Nearly 1,100 graduates will receive their University of Wisconsin Oshkosh degrees as part of the institution's 48th Midyear Commencement Ceremony Saturday, Dec. 15.

The ceremony begins at 9:30 a.m. at Kolf Sports Center. More than 150 graduate students and more than 930 undergraduate students will be recognized. The ceremony will last about two hours; tickets are not needed.

UW Oshkosh Chancellor Richard H. Wells will confer diplomas to the graduating students. State Senator Jessica King and Tim Higgins of the UW System Board of Regents will participate in the ceremony. A reception follows for faculty, new alumni and their parents and guests in Kolf's lower level.

[James Dovalis](#), of Appleton, will be the featured student speaker at the ceremony. Dovalis is graduating with a Bachelor of Liberal Education from the Division of Lifelong Learning and Community Engagement.

This year's faculty commencement speaker is [Dr. Emmanuel Jean Francois](#) from the College of Education and Human Services.

Chancellor Wells will also award the Chancellor's Medallion to [Joachim Janssen](#) for his track record of innovation and collaboration with UW Oshkosh. The Chancellor's Medallion is awarded in recognition of outstanding contributions in the area of community, state and national service. Janssen is recognized as part of the team that shared a vision with UW Oshkosh: Creation and start up of a first-of-its-kind technology in the western hemisphere, [UW Oshkosh's dry fermentation anaerobic Biodigester](#).

For those who cannot attend the midyear commencement ceremony, [a live, streaming video](#) is available beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Here is a quick look back at the pomp and circumstance -- and backstage reflections -- as thousands of graduates and their families and friends participated in UW Oshkosh's 2011 Midyear Commencement ceremonies...

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