



ENGINEERING COMMENCEMENT

12:00 pm

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**THE UNIVERSITY
OF IOWA**

Charge to the Graduates



Amanda Mikhail (BSE Mechanical Engineering 1999) began her career at IBM in 1999 as an engineer in hardware development. In 2002 she was promoted to project lead, where she managed a \$1.5M budget and led multiple teams through expedient program delivery. Mikhail is an inventor on more than 25 US Patents and was the second female in IBM Rochester's 50+ year history to receive an IBM Master Inventor award. She was also the recipient of the Outstanding Technical Achievement award. In 2010, she became a product development manager where she led a teams across many US states through significant product development commitments.

In 2014, Mikhail left IBM to join Mayo Clinic. She currently serves as the administrative lead for research for the Mayo Clinic Department of Medicine addressing the needs of patients through strategic discovery, translation, and application of capabilities. Mikhail also serves as co-chair of Mayo's COVID-19 Research Task Force and co-leads the DERIVE initiative—Departments Engaging Research for Innovation. She has a strong track record of employee development and commitment to diversity.

Mikhail has been a devoted member of our College of Engineering Advisory Board since 2005. She previously helped transform the undergraduate curriculum to better serve student development and overall success. She currently co-chairs the Industry Strategic Partnerships committee to strengthen our industry outreach.

Amanda Mikhail will be inducted into the College of Engineering's Distinguished Engineering Alumni Academy which was created to honor University of Iowa engineering alumni for their personal contribution toward engineering achievement, leadership, and service to the profession and to society.

College of Engineering Commencement

Program

Celebrating Iowa

President's Message

Bruce Harreld,
President, University of Iowa

Provost's Message

Kevin Kregel,
Interim Executive Vice President & Provost

Presiding & Welcome

Harriet Nembhard,
Dean, College of Engineering

Address by Graduating Senior

Alec Hanson,
Biomedical Engineering

DEAA Induction & Charge to the Graduates

Amanda Mikhail,
Research Administrator, Mayo Clinic

The Conferring of the Degrees

Bruce Harreld,
President, University of Iowa

Presentation of the B.S.E Graduates & Name Reader

Jane Dorman,
Director of Admissions & Student Life

Closing Remarks

Harriet Nembhard,
Dean, College of Engineering

Regent's Message

Michael J. Richards, M.D.,
President, Board of Regents, State of Iowa