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**DADS ASSOCIATION CROWNS KING DAD 2017**

The Dads Association at the University of Illinois named Christopher Thilmany (Schaumburg, IL) King Dad 2017 during the annual Dads Weekend on Saturday, November 11. Thilmany was recognized on the field during the football game against Indiana University. He was nominated by his daughter Gabriella Welch, a sophomore studying Public Policy and Law.

Darren Mitchell (Dekalb, IL) and Jeff Zupan (Lansing, IL) were the other finalists.

The other King Dad nominees were;

Dave Hedlin	Scott Block	Jeff Paul
David Potempa	Marty Finis	Ed Dunn
Karl Youngquist	Eric Skoog	Tom Schwingbeck
Creed Tucker	Craig Milkint	Mike Abrahamson
Dainius Staputis	Jeff Crippen	Steven Sigmon
Robert Meyer Jr.	James Jones	J. Guadalupe Lazaro
Craig Price	Jeff Sindewald	Wayne Osoba
Roger Schnitzler	Scott Vanden-Heuvel	
Robert Walker	Andrew Sellars	

A copy of Gabriella's winning essay can be found at the Parent and Family Programs website by visiting [union.illinois.edu/PFPO](http://union.illinois.edu/PFPO).

The Dads Association at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, established in 1922, is believed to be one of the nation's oldest parent organizations. The Association supports programs, services and activities that promote the health, safety and well-being of the University community and serves as a parent liaison to the campus.

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