
FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES



2014

SATURDAY, DECEMBER THIRTEENTH

PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES CENTER
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA
EVANSVILLE, INDIANA



2014
COMMENCEMENT
EXERCISES

ORDER OF THE 2014 FALL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Romain College of Business and Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education Ceremony

Saturday, December 13, 2014

10 a.m.

Processional

Evansville Brass Quintet
Pomp and Circumstance, Edward Elgar, Composer

Grand Marshal

Jeffery W. Seyler, *Professor of Chemistry; Chair of Chemistry Department*

National Anthem

Antonio L. King '15

Welcome and Introductions

Linda L. M. Bennett, *President*

Reflection

Shawna D. Stone '14

The Commencement Address

Kent W. Scheller, *Associate Professor of Physics*

Conferral of Degrees

Linda L. M. Bennett, *President*
Assisted by Ronald S. Rochon, *Provost*

Presentation of Graduates

Dane M. Partridge, *Associate Professor of Management; Director of University Core Curriculum Assessment*

Master Degrees

Ronald S. Rochon, *Provost*

Baccalaureate Degrees

Mohammed F. Khayum, *Dean of the Romain College of Business; Professor of Economics*
Scott A. Gordon, *Dean of the Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education; Professor of Biology*

Associate Degrees

Ronald S. Rochon, *Provost*

Recessional

Evansville Brass Quintet

A reception will be held in University Center East immediately following the ceremony.

ORDER OF THE 2014 FALL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

College of Liberal Arts, College of Nursing and Health Professions, and Outreach and Engagement Ceremony

Saturday, December 13, 2014

1 p.m.

Processional

Evansville Brass Quintet
Pomp and Circumstance, Edward Elgar, Composer

Grand Marshal

Deborah L. Wolf, *Assistant Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions;*
Assistant Professor of Dental Hygiene; Chair of Dental Hygiene Program

National Anthem

Antonio L. King '15

Welcome and Introductions

Linda L. M. Bennett, *President*

Reflection

Melanie M. Phillips '14

The Commencement Address

Kent W. Scheller, *Associate Professor of Physics*

Conferral of Degrees

Linda L. M. Bennett, *President*
Assisted by Ronald S. Rochon, *Provost*

Presentation of Graduates

J. Wayne Rinks, *Associate Professor of Communications; Chair of Communications Department*

Master Degrees

Ronald S. Rochon, *Provost*

Baccalaureate Degrees

Michael K. Aakhus, *Dean of the College of Liberal Arts; Professor of Art*
Ann H. White, *Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions; Professor of Nursing*
Mark C. Bernhard, *Associate Provost for Outreach and Engagement*

Associate Degrees

Ronald S. Rochon, *Provost*

Recessional

Evansville Brass Quintet

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KENT W. SCHELLER TO DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS



Kent W. Scheller

Dr. Kent W. Scheller, associate professor of physics in the Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education, will address the 2014 fall graduates during the two ceremonies today.

He was selected as the speaker because he received the Distinguished Professor Award at the 2014 Spring Commencement. According to USI tradition, the Distinguished Professor delivers the fall Commencement address.

Faculty colleagues selected Dr. Scheller as the Distinguished Professor for his achievements in scholarship, teaching and University and community service. He is a teacher with enthusiasm who has the ability to conceptualize physics concepts for a range of student backgrounds and is one who develops a strong rapport with his students.

Since his arrival at USI in 1999, Scheller has taught at all levels in the physics curriculum—from Physics 101 for non-majors to upper-level physics offerings to majors. He has an uncanny ability to make physical science relevant, even to non-majors, and his courses have been a favorite for many students. He was recognized in 2007 with the H. Lee Cooper Core Teaching Award for the creativity and success of his teaching. Students often seek his knowledge and advice and are always greeted with encouragement, humor and patience.

In 2011, Scheller was selected through a competitive process by Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels to serve a two-year term as the faculty representative on the 14-member Indiana Commission for Higher Education. As the faculty appointee, he represented the interests of all faculty at publicly-supported institutions of higher education in Indiana. He was an active member and served with distinction, providing the voice of one who knows and understands the challenges and expectations of faculty in higher education today, and he immediately gained the respect of fellow commissioners and university colleagues throughout the state.

He has published journal articles and presented papers on a multitude of topics including nuclear energy, radiation and nuclear astrophysics, as well as education-related topics for instructional development. His current research is focused on the presence and nature of environmental radon in southwestern Indiana. He also has served as keynote speaker for the Gibson Southern High School building dedication, the USI Honor Student Symposium and the EVSC-USI Middle School Inquiry Conference.

Scheller is active in his local community of Haubstadt, Indiana. He has served as president of the South Gibson School Board of Trustees and the Haubstadt Chamber of Commerce; chair of the Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church Finance Committee, School Board, and Parish Council; co-chair of the Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church capital campaign, raising more than \$4 million to enhance the parish; as well as coach of multiple youth athletic teams.

In 1988, he received his bachelor of science degree in physics from the University of Evansville graduating *summa cum laude*. He then continued his education at the University of Notre Dame, obtaining his master's degree in physics in 1991, and a doctorate in nuclear physics in 1994.

Dr. Scheller and his wife, Amy, live in Haubstadt, Indiana, with their children, Nicholas, Abby, and Jacob. He is an avid runner, participating in multiple marathons and half marathons, as well as serving as the director of the Laufenfest 5K Run, Walk and Lil' Dutch Run.



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA
Candidates for Degrees

CLASS OF 2014

**ROMAIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND POTT COLLEGE OF
SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND EDUCATION CEREMONY**
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2014
10 A.M.

MASTER DEGREES

Awarding of Hoods

Mayola Rowser, *Interim Director of Graduate Studies; Associate Professor of Nursing*
Assisted by Shelly B. Blunt, *Associate Provost for Academic Affairs; Associate Professor of Chemistry*

**MASTER OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION**

Nicholas M. Beach, Mount Vernon
Randa Doleh, Newburgh
Justin Lee Duell, Newburgh
Seth P. Essling, Evansville
Dewayne A. Forston, Evansville
Jonathon M. Fox, Connersville
Jared T. Laur, Evansville
Eric William Manley, Evansville
Drew B. Meyer, Evansville
Robert C. Parrent, Evansville
Joshua B. Pugh, Evansville
Eric M. Rexing, Haubstadt

Daniel Downey Schutte, Evansville
John R. Souter, Mount Carmel, Illinois
Christine M. Stieler, Evansville
Amy Michelle Titzer, Henderson, Kentucky
Stephen Wallace, Mount Vernon
Brandon A. Watson, Fairfield, Illinois

**MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN EDUCATION**

Rabab H. Alzaid Alsharif, Evansville
Secondary Education
Jody M. Delp, Evansville
Secondary Education
Christopher Alan Huston, Evansville
Secondary Education

Sara E. Jackson, Newburgh
Elementary Education
Erin M. Moffett, Henderson, Kentucky
Elementary Education
Katherine L. Patchin, Newburgh
School Administration and Leadership
Daniel S. Riggs, Princeton
Secondary Education

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN
INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT**

Thomas J. Calhoun, Evansville
Kiran Melroy D'Silva, Evansville
Rockie S. Wolfe, Evansville

POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATES

ROMAIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Cody Mitchell Osmon, Washington
Professional Accountancy

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

ROMAIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Kaitlin Marie Baker, Newburgh
Accounting and Professional Services
Chelsea Brooke Denhart, Hagerstown
Management
Briana N. Howard, Indianapolis
Business Administration
Marc C. Hubbard, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services
André Michael Mabrey, Elberfeld
Business Administration and Spanish Studies
Rachael A. Mayse, Evansville
Marketing
Andrew J. Scheirer, Lafayette
Economics, *magna cum laude*
Kelsey M. Weideman, Milford
Accounting and Professional Services

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Harvey D. Allen, Santa Claus
Management, *cum laude*
Alex J. Altman, Ferdinand
Management
Todd P. Arnold, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services
Katsiaryna Y. Arustamava-Diedrich, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services,
summa cum laude
Ricardo A. Barksdale Jr., Merrillville
Business Administration
Chelsie Nicole Bieker, St. Anthony
Business Administration
Zachery John Bittner, Evansville
Business Administration
Benjamin J. Blair, Evansville
Computer Science
Josh Bernard Bowman, Lanesville
Finance
Sean J. Boyles, Evansville
Business Administration
Clay R. Boylls, Evansville
Computer Information Systems
Adam D. Brothers, Owensville
Management and Marketing
Anthony J. Brusic, Northbrook, Illinois
Management
Thomas David Bryan, Evansville
Business Administration
Philip Andrew Buening, Huntingburg
Business Administration
Derrek C. Bushman, Frankfort
Computer Science
Shaynna L. Christian, Evansville
Marketing

Daniel Patrick Clawson, Evansville
Economics
Derrick C. Cleon, Newburgh
Computer Information Systems
Lauren Nicole Clowers, Mount Vernon
Management
Jane Elizabeth Collins, Evansville
Marketing
Jamie L. Combs, Newburgh
Accounting and Professional Services
Bryant D. Cornelius, Odon
Finance
Samuel J. Courtney, Newburgh
Marketing
Agnes M. Craig, Evansville
Computer Information Systems
Erin Alexandria Creasy, Advance
Accounting and Professional Services
Kayla Renae Cunningham, Winslow
Accounting and Professional Services
Karli A. Davis, Freeport, Illinois
Finance
Skyler R. Davis, Mount Vernon
Business Administration
Matthew William Deig, Mount Vernon
Computer Science
Ryan N. Draper, Bedford
Accounting and Professional Services
Jared T. Ell, Evansville
Marketing
Matthew Scott Ellis, Evansville
Computer Information Systems
Evan Logan Englert, Huntingburg
Business Administration
Kierstyn N. Farrar, Evansville
Marketing
Steven C. Frank, Evansville
Marketing
Tailor Maegan Frymire, Carmi, Illinois
Marketing
Anthony J. Gregory, Nashville
Business Administration
Benjamin L. Gregory, Madisonville, Kentucky
Business Administration
Benjamin J. Haag, Huntingburg
Business Administration
Kyle J. Haney, Mount Vernon
Business Administration
Ashleigh N. Harris, Newburgh
Management
Zachary T. Herbig, Jasper
Computer Information Systems
Kyle H. Hochstetler, Evansville
Computer Information Systems

Jacob D. Hornbrook, Evansville
Finance
Marcie R. Hoskins, Carmi, Illinois
Accounting and Professional Services
Mark A. Hudson, Evansville
Business Administration
Alexander Christian Kempf, Richland
Computer Science
Cynthia Ann King, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services
Stephen Carl Klingler, Noble, Illinois
Finance
Jacob D. Knight, Evansville
Computer Information Systems
Kevin D. Koehler, Evansville
Computer Information Systems
Douglas C. Kraemer, Wadesville
Marketing
Austin A. Lage, St. Louis, Missouri
Finance, *magna cum laude*
Lori Ann Ledbetter, Evansville
Business Administration
Molly Elizabeth Lenaburg, Elkhart
Marketing
Matthew V. Lu, Evansville
Marketing
Stevie R. Lynch, Tennyson
Finance, *magna cum laude*
Chelsea N. Manica, Newburgh
Accounting and Professional Services,
cum laude
Brendan McCormick, Huntingburg
Management
Aaron D. McCullough, Flat Rock, Illinois
Accounting and Professional Services
and Finance, *magna cum laude*
Jeffrey Alan McNeely, Evansville
Business Administration
Tyler W. Messmer, Huntingburg
Business Administration
Dora Josephine Mills, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services
Julia Elizabeth Morris, Newburgh
Accounting and Professional Services
Morgan Raye Naylor, Evansville
Management
Megan Lynne Noe, Boonville
Management
Sara Beth Norrington, Huntingburg
Accounting and Professional Services
David J. O'Leary, Fremont, California
Accounting and Professional Services
Benjamin P. Overfield, Waverly
Computer Information Systems

Addy Marie Perry, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services

Cory M. Ratcliffe, Olney, Illinois
Computer Information Systems

Nicki Reece, Newburgh
Accounting and Professional Services,
magna cum laude,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Alysha Marie Rice, Salem
Marketing

Kevin Mark Ries, Newburgh
Computer Information Systems

Nathan P. Rozzi, Fishers
Economics

Kayla Rae Ruby, Evansville
Management

John Christopher Russell, Springville
Computer Information Systems

Matthew E. Samples, Boonville
Computer Information Systems

Joshua Lee Schenk, Evansville
Computer Science

Jeffrey David Sears, Newburgh
Computer Information Systems

Myka Ember Sechrest, Evansville
Business Administration

Christina Marie Shelton, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services

Andrey S. Sheychuk, Evansville
Computer Information Systems

Nicholas M. Singler, Newburgh
Business Administration

Brittany L. Small, Rockport
Marketing, *cum laude*

Stephanie Caroline Smith, Sellersburg
Marketing

Leisa M. Son, Newburgh
Business Administration

Justin M. Spears, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services

Stacy Ann Spencer, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services

Monique DeShay Stephens, Evansville
Business Administration

Michael W. Stevens, Crawfordsville
Accounting and Professional Services
and Finance

Shawna D. Stone, Lebanon
Business Administration

Erika K. Straub, Evansville
Management

Seth A. Sutton, Henderson, Kentucky
Accounting and Professional Services

Aaron Terry Taffinger, Oolitic
Economics

Matthew C. Talley, Evansville
Business Administration

Ralph A. Toon, Jr., Evansville
Computer Science, *summa cum laude*

Darek Wayne Turpin, Shoals
Finance, *cum laude*

Anthony E. Visk, Newburgh
Business Administration

Lindsey Marie Walden, Princeton
Accounting and Professional Services

Jefferey T. Ward, Evansville
Computer Information Systems

Kevin D. Weinzapfel, Mount Vernon
Computer Information Systems

Aaron Payne White, Covington
Business Administration

Aaron Joseph Will, Wadesville
Computer Information Systems,
magna cum laude

Brent Alan Williams, Jr., Newburgh
Accounting and Professional Services

Joshua Paul Wolske, Columbus
Marketing

POTT COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Eric Wayne Davis, Wadesville
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Kelly Ann Keil, Evansville
Elementary Education

Angela C. Qualls, Evansville
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Paige Nicole Ritzert, Newburgh
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Jonathan B. Adams, Plainfield
Special Education

Kara Renae Adams, Evansville
Biology

Paige E. Austin, Evansville
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Christopher J. Barrett, Evansville
Physical Education Teaching

Casey N. Bartlett, Bloomington
Early Childhood Education and
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Alexander James Benedict, Trafalgar
Advanced Manufacturing

Solomon David Bennett, Evansville
Exercise Science

Christopher C. Beren, Chrisney
Advanced Manufacturing

Kristen Leigh Bitter, Evansville
Biology

Aja C. Blair, Norris City, Illinois
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Angela Kay Boezeman, Demotte
Elementary Education

Ronald R. Bordner, Sturgis, Michigan
Advanced Manufacturing

Devan M. Brady, Carthage, Tennessee
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Jordan Tyler Brouillard, Plainfield
Sport Management

Audra Danielle Buechler, Huntingburg
Exercise Science

Katie Lynn Burch, Scottsburg
Sport Management

Taylor Renee Burgess, Evansville
Elementary Education

Colin Lee Burke, Merrillville
Biology

Madison B. Burklow, Harrisburg, Illinois
Exercise Science

Melissa R. Burton, Mount Carmel, Illinois
Kinesiology and Exercise Science

Joseph M. Butler, Evansville
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Briana Francisca Camp, Evansville
Special Education, *magna cum laude*

Amber Elaine Campbell, Pekin
Early Childhood Education

Natalie Nicole Campbell, Boonville
Biology,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Joseph A. Chamberlain, Petersburg
Kinesiology

Roman Lloyd Coffey, Evansville
Exercise Science

Courtney Elizabeth Combs, Evansville
Early Childhood

Elizabeth Dain Conway, Romeoville, Illinois
Mathematics

Kyle M. Courtney, Newburgh
Exercise Science

Alysa Gayle Cox, Poseyville
Special Education

Adam P.J. Crume, Greentown
Sport Management

Ryan T. Dallmier, Fort Branch
Advanced Manufacturing

Nicholas F. Desalvatore, Brentwood, Tennessee
Sport Management

Lauren E. DeShaney, Appleton, Wisconsin
Exercise Science, *cum laude*

Hayley E. Elpers, Evansville
Elementary Education

Mark Jarred Esarey, Bristow
Industrial Supervision

Kelsey Elizabeth Fendel, Evansville
Special Education, *cum laude*

Cody Dale Frye, Evansville
Exercise Science

Slade Barton Gander, Evansville
Sport Management

Jaci Michelle Garrett, Cannelton
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Jennifer B. Gossett, Evansville
Early Childhood Education, *cum laude*

Taylor R. Gossman, Vincennes
Exercise Science

Krista M. Grove, Lafayette
Special Education, *cum laude*

Jay Paul Hachmeister, Tennyson
Sport Management

Christopher R. Haire, Evansville
Elementary Education

Taylor Jason Hall, Derby
Exercise Science

Jill Blye Hanson, Evansville
Early Childhood Education, *cum laude*

Danielle Renee Hart, Evansville
Early Childhood

Clinton Taylor Hartig, Evansville
Exercise Science, *cum laude*

Amber Lynn Hayden, Evansville
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Megan Rae Hipp, Haubstadt
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Amy M. Hixson, Washington
Early Childhood Education

Brandon Joseph Hogg, Edwardsville, Illinois
Kinesiology

William Hooper IV, Evansville
Early Childhood

Kelsey A. Jankowski, Cedar Lake
Elementary Education

Allison M. Jones, Brownsburg
Elementary Education and Special Education

James B. Jones, Owensboro, Kentucky
Biology

Tinley Leann Jones, Catlin, Illinois
Exercise Science

Shannon Marie Joyce, Crawfordsville
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Kristin M. Kerney, Evansville
Exercise Science, *cum laude*

Megan Ryan Kraemer, Rosedale
Exercise Science,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Taylor R. Lynn, Grayville, Illinois
Physical Education Teaching

Jennifer Eileen Maday, Boonville
Elementary Education

Samantha Jo McBride, Evansville
Geology

Laura Rae McGennis, Mount Vernon
Early Childhood

Brandie Lynn Metcalf, Plainfield
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Robert Chandos Monsen, Henderson, Kentucky
Biochemistry

Kristine Michelle Obert, Waverly, Kentucky
Early Childhood Education

Obinna F. Okolocha, Munster
Biochemistry

Reece R. Oliver, Crawfordsville
Sport Management

Braedhan McKenna Orgas, Santa Claus
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Pamela M. Padgett, Washington
Early Childhood, *magna cum laude*

Jessica M. Parker, Bloomington
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Allison Kay Pfister, Evansville
Early Childhood Education

Erica C. Preston, Edwardsville, Illinois
Early Childhood Education,
summa cum laude

Bryan Alexander Reese, Mount Vernon
Chemistry

Melissa Rose Reynolds, Omaha, Illinois
Early Childhood

Patrick J. Rice, Evansville
Elementary Education

Samuel A. Rice, Evansville
Exercise Science

Ashley Ann Richter, Haubstadt
Physical Education Teaching

Joey David Riggins, Odon
Exercise Science

Jennifer Dallas Robertson, Cynthiana
Biology, *magna cum laude*

Laura Peyton Russelburg, Evansville
Biology

Eli Zachary Ryder, Vincennes
Advanced Manufacturing

Therese R. Sahn, Indianapolis
Mathematics

Zachary T. Scheller, Evansville
Advanced Manufacturing

Shelby Rae Seaton, Batesville
Early Childhood Education

Micha Marie Seng, Evansville
Early Childhood Education

Kimberlyn B. Simpson, Evansville
Biology

Taylor Anne Sisk, Belleville, Illinois
Sport Management

Aaron T. Spahr, Evansville
Biochemistry, *magna cum laude*

Brooke K. Spitzer, Valparaiso
Biochemistry

Carla S. Tenbarge, Evansville
Early Childhood

Janelle Rose Tonnie, Sellersburg
Sport Management

David Matthew Toth, Danville, Illinois
Sport Management

Tyler Craig Watts, Vincennes
Biology

Kelsey E. Whitehead, Evansville
Elementary Education

Shevaughn K. Whitehead, Indianapolis
Elementary Education

Brandon Thomas Whitfield, Evansville
Advanced Manufacturing

Jesse Matthew Williams, Newburgh
Exercise Science

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING

Zachary Ross Adams, Tennyson

Tyler Jacob Banschbach, Aurora

Tyler M. Brames, Huntingburg

Travis R. Brown, Newburgh

Tanner S. Hayes, Evansville

Richard Louis Helmerich, Boonville

Ethan Keith Jacob, Jasonville

Meghan A. Martin, Evansville

Landon Russell Oliver, Evansville

Jesse M. Rhodes, Evansville

John Joseph Sawa, Hebron
magna cum laude

Nicholas S. Schwenk, Jasper

John H. Stanfield, Newburgh

James Logan Turner, Wadesville

Aaron M. Williams, Washington

Derek A. Woods, Henderson, Kentucky

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

ROMAIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Jordan W. Collins, Flora
Business

Joshua D. Jackson, Mount Vernon
Business

Jenna Rueger, Mount Vernon
Business

POTT COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND EDUCATION

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Ashley Lynne Franks, Knox
Early Childhood Education
Kelsey Marie Hayden, Newburgh
Early Childhood Education

Blair N. Morris, New Harmony
Early Childhood Education
Andrea N. Purlee, Sellersburg
Early Childhood Education

Cassandra L. Wollrab, Roswell, New Mexico
Early Childhood Education

This printed list of candidates for degrees does not include late changes.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS,
COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS,
AND OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT CEREMONY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2014

1 P.M.

MASTER DEGREES

Awarding of Hoods

Mayola Rowser, *Interim Director of Graduate Studies; Associate Professor of Nursing*
Assisted by Shelly B. Blunt, *Associate Provost for Academic Affairs; Associate Professor of Chemistry*

MASTER OF ARTS IN
COMMUNICATION

Liesl Kristin Disch, Evansville
Sarah Beth Harlan, Evansville
Koryn Nikole Parsons, Evansville

MASTER OF ARTS IN
LIBERAL STUDIES

Betsy Jo Farley Mullins, Henderson, Kentucky
Andrea Mae Jefferson, Evansville

MASTER OF HEALTH
ADMINISTRATION

Julie Lynn Dingman, Evansville
Elizabeth A. Fisher, Vincennes

Lisa M. Gray, Newburgh
Lana D. Seibert, Evansville
Janet M. Sievers, Vincennes
Kristina M. Walker, Evansville
Bradley J. Youngblood, Fishers

MASTER OF PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION

Lesley A. Attebury, Newburgh
Heather M. Hortenstine, Henderson, Kentucky
Kathleen Ann Kuebler Oeth, Evansville

MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN NURSING

Jared M. Christianson, Jerome, Idaho
Family Nurse Practitioner

Meros-Ann Fortney
Nursing Education
Cara D. Huebner, Evansville
Nursing Management and Leadership
Christina G. Paige, East Falmouth, Massachusetts
Nursing Management and Leadership
Vicki D. Potts, Lawrenceville, Illinois
Nursing Management and Leadership
Martha L. Sims, Owensboro, Kentucky
Nursing Education
Brenda K. Winkler, Vincennes
Nursing Management and Leadership

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Christi Atherton, Evansville
English and French Studies,
magna cum laude
Kami Lenae Bender, Goshen
Psychology, *summa cum laude*,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR
Kayla Marie Braden, Evansville
Art
Jennifer Marie Brickner, Evansville
Psychology, *magna cum laude*
Valerie L. Campbell, Holland
International Studies and Spanish Studies,
cum laude,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR
Abel Eli Carreon Perez, Evansville
International Studies and Spanish Studies
Nathaniel Martin Damon, New Salisbury
Psychology

Kenneth Wayne DeMoss, Evansville
Art
Adrienne Michelle Eades, Newburgh
Art and French Studies, *magna cum laude*,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR
Ethan B. Englert, Huntingburg
Public Relations and Advertising
Alexandra Nicole Everley, Wadesville
English Teaching,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR
Andrew Keith Fry, Evansville
English
Casey E. Gillingham, Vincennes
English, *magna cum laude*
Christian Walter Gold, Newburgh
Philosophy
Katie Elizabeth Greenwell, Evansville
Spanish Studies
Emily Katherine Johnson, Evansville
Art, *magna cum laude*

Alayna L. Kaim, Highland
Public Relations and Advertising
Chelsey M. Karcher Mayser, Evansville
International Studies
Mary Elizabeth Kunkel, Fishers
Psychology
Miguel A. Latorre, Evansville
Art
André Michael Mabrey, Elberfeld
Spanish Studies and Business Administration
Juan Carlos Mayser Roca, Santa Cruz, Bolivia
International Studies and Spanish Studies
Kristina D. Moblely, Floyds Knobs
Public Relations and Advertising,
magna cum laude,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR
Henry R. Parson, Poseyville
English Teaching, *magna cum laude*

Melanie May Phillips, Owensville
Psychology, *cum laude*,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Rachel Louise Price, Evansville
English

Mary Ellen Reynolds, Evansville
Psychology

Ashley Nicole Rudicel, Elizabethtown
Art, *magna cum laude*

Lacey D. Stepro, Chrisney
History

Cecilia Marie Szmuto, Huntsville, Alabama
Anthropology

Caroline Adell Templin, Washington
History, *cum laude*

Kelly Jo Watson, Evansville
Psychology

Demi M. Wetzel, Newburgh
Public Relations and Advertising

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Mazen Fahad Al Sharif, Taif, Saudi Arabia
Psychology

Joseph Jeffrey Allen, Elberfeld
History

Nathan D. Baird, Evansville
Art

Joshuah David Baker, Evansville
Communication Studies

Marie Alice Barnes, Evansville
Public Relations and Advertising

Shelby C. Bates, Evansville
Public Relations and Advertising

Rodney Jordan Joseph Bayes, Lexington
Journalism

Samantha Jo Bekx, Newburgh
Art

Max Christian Beloot, Evansville
Psychology

Robert Jacob Bennett, Newburgh
History

Johnny Ray Bradburn, Evansville
Art

Emma Katherine Bridges, Henderson, Kentucky
History

Breally Nicole Bunch, Richmond
Psychology

Amelia Christine Ray Calilung, New Albany
Psychology, *magna cum laude*

Abbie C. Clark Pietrowski, Evansville
Public Relations and Advertising

Chelsea Amanda Cline, Evansville
Criminal Justice Studies

Eric Christopher Craft, Evansville
Public Relations and Advertising

Christine L. Cullison, Newburgh
Art

Jamie Jo Cummings, Vincennes
Public Relations and Advertising

Siera Jane Cummings, Greenwood
English

John R. Davis, Chandler
Art

Joshua M. Demunbrun, Evansville
Psychology

Isabella L. DeVoy, Evansville
Visual Art Teaching

Ashley Nicole Earls, Evansville
Public Relations and Advertising

Michael T. Ernst, Tell City
Radio and Television

Ryan P. Evancoe, Evansville
Art

Ashley Elizabeth Flynn, Washington
Psychology

Hannah Elizabeth Forkel, Cynthiana
English, *magna cum laude*

Michelle K. Frederick, Evansville
History, *magna cum laude*

Alaina M. Gonzalez, Auburn
Public Relations and Advertising

Ashley L'Rae Grounds, Bloomfield
Criminal Justice Studies

Tyler Andrew Hammond, Evansville
Political Science

Catherine S. Harvey, Princeton
History, *summa cum laude*

Adam Bradley Haskins, Evansville
Public Relations and Advertising

Katherine Ann Heath, Terre Haute
Psychology

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Occupational Therapy Assistant
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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA: IN TRANSITION FROM 1965 TO TODAY



President Linda L. M. Bennett became the third president of the University of Southern Indiana in 2009. In her inaugural address, she referenced the University's founding in 1965 and said, "Service to a greater good was a primary reason the University of Southern Indiana was created. It is our touchstone, and years after our founding and emergence as a separate state University, there is little doubt that USI is delivering on the promise of its founding."

USI began as a regional campus administered by Indiana State University. During the initial 20 years, the institution experienced enrollment growth and developed under an administration led by President David L. Rice with faculty dedicated to teaching and serving the community. Dr. Rice's vision of public higher education led to the modern, thriving institution we know today.

The institution started with 412 students and increased steadily to 2,420 students by 1985. In the next two decades, growth continued as the institution's name changed to the University of Southern Indiana and the student population grew to more than 10,000 students by 2004. More buildings opened including student apartments, residence halls, a fitness, wellness, and recreation center, an Education Center and Torrington Science Center wing, and Rice Library, named in honor of the University's first president.

The impact of USI's focus can be seen most dramatically in the rise in regional college-going attendance, from 33 percent of public high school graduates in 1985 when USI was established as a separate state institution, to 82 percent in 2013. These gains outpace both state and national averages and speak to the strong partnership USI established with P-12 educational programs, other higher education institutions, and business and industry.

From 1994 to 2009, President H. Ray Hoops led institutional growth with new construction, continued academic program development, and an ever-increasing, diverse student population coming from counties throughout Indiana, the Midwest, and around the world. Throughout his presidency, Dr. Hoops positioned USI to be an agent for workforce and economic development. He encouraged USI faculty to be of service as consultants to industry, education, healthcare, business, and other fields important to Indiana.

Academic offerings also increase

USI's academic offerings in business, liberal arts, nursing and health professions, and science, engineering, and education are available in four colleges. In addition to undergraduate programs, master's degrees in multiple areas and a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) are offered in graduate programs. Traditional-aged students and adult students continue to enroll in these programs and business development and continuing education classes offered at USI.

More than 35,500 alumni have been awarded diplomas from the University of Southern Indiana. USI graduates are renowned surgeons, bank executives, artists, leaders in K-12 education, accounting executives, lawyers, nurses, hospital administrators, college professors, and elected officials—and they are involved in their communities.

The Business and Engineering Center and an iconic 92-foot-tall tower in the University Center complete the ring of structures around the quadrangle on campus. The Applied Engineering Center opened in fall 2013. The University will open a new teaching theatre in spring 2015 and The Griffin Center in fall 2015.

USI will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2015. The mission of the University continues to be one of access and quality education for the region and beyond.

COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

Presidential Medallion

During the Middle Ages, medallions signified membership in religious orders and guilds; in the Renaissance, membership in elite orders of knighthood and prominence in government office. Today, colleges and universities strike medallions to commemorate important events and achievements.

Donated by the late Melvin Denner, professor emeritus of biology, and Anne Denner, former instructor in nutrition and biology, and their family, this medallion was fabricated by Honorcraft for the 1995 inauguration of H. Ray Hoops. Dr. Denner served as grand marshal at the University's first inauguration.

The University of Southern Indiana Presidential medallion signifies the authority invested in the president. The medallion's obverse carries, at its center, a three-inch reproduction of the University seal and, surrounding the seal, a half-inch rim. On the reverse appear the names and dates of appointment for the University's presidents. The president wears this medallion for all formal academic ceremonies.

Gonfalons

Ceremonial flags called gonfalons originated in the Middle Ages for civil and military processions, often appearing beneath the steel head of a knight's lance. In Italy, gonfalons designated individual Italian republics; the chief magistrate or other high official served as gonfalonier carrying the banner.

At the University of Southern Indiana, gonfalons represent each major academic unit; typically deans or department heads act as gonfaloniers. Here, gonfalon colors derive from traditional hues associated with each college's academic disciplines. Our commencement gonfalons come as a gift from the USI Campus Store.

University Seal

The University seal, designed by Nussmeier Engraving, bears the University's colors—red, white and blue—with gold. The shield signifies the importance of higher education in defending citizens against ignorance. Between the two banners displaying the University's name appear a band and an open book bound together by the torch of knowledge. In the band, rays of light emanate simultaneously from a rising sun, symbolizing the young University and from the torch, symbolizing the light of knowledge and the passion for scholarship. Trees on

either side of the flame suggest not only the University's pastoral southern Indiana setting but also life, growth and continuity.

Beneath this band, an open book emphasizes the importance of teaching and learning; *academia populi* and *academia populo* indicate that the University of Southern Indiana is a scholarly academy founded and supported by the people, for the people. Finally, the laurel branches to the right and left of the book represent victory: the light of learning overcomes the darkness of ignorance.

University Mace

In the Middle Ages, bodyguards of French and English monarchs carried ceremonial maces. Later, the mace became an important symbol of office in civil processions and academic pageantry. At the University of Southern Indiana, the grand marshal, a distinguished member of the faculty, carries the mace.

A replica of Richard Owen's walking cane serves as the staff for the University mace. A respected geologist and professor of natural science at Indiana University, Owen was the first president of Purdue University. He was a son of Robert Owen, the Welsh industrialist who established New Harmony, Indiana, as a center for education and enlightened social reform in the early 1800s. The 32-inch-tall wooden cane was presented to Richard Owen in 1874; and through the generosity of his descendant, the late Kenneth D. Owen, that cane, lent to USI, served as the grand marshal's staff in all commencement exercises from 1985 to 1995.

Designed and fabricated by Nicholas Logsdon of Indianapolis, the gold-plated mace bears at the top, above the cane's golden head, an open orb with a replica of the University seal. The orb's free-flowing design symbolizes interrelationships among all academic disciplines. Immediately below the cane's orb, three two-inch, golden rings bear the names and appointment dates of the University presidents. The names of Kenneth Dale Owen, Jane Blaffer Owen, and James A. Sanders, donors of the mace, appear on a finial near the bottom of the cane replica.

Designed and created by alumnus Kenny Fisher '77, the replica of the cane and its base are made of walnut from the Owen mansion built in New Harmony during the 1830s.

Academic Regalia

The academic costume dates from medieval days when university students wore woolen and fur garments for warmth in damp and drafty buildings. Most of those studying were clerics in holy orders; they wore a cloak to which was attached a hood that could be pulled up to cover their tonsured heads. Simplified today, the costume serves to remind us that its wearer is a member of an ancient and venerable profession; it also indicates by its color and design the wearer's degree and the institution by which the degree was conferred.

In the United States, black has been the traditional color for academic gowns, but some institutions authorize holders of their doctorates to wear colors of the institution. The bachelor's gown is distinguished by its long, open sleeves; the master's by its closed, slitted sleeves; the doctor's by its full sleeves trimmed with bands of velvet, which may be black or a color denoting the field in which the degree was taken.

The mortarboard cap, proper for all degrees, is black. Tassels, usually black, are worn over the left front quarter of the cap. Holders of the doctorate may wear tassels of gold thread.

Academic hoods vary in length according to the degree attained and are lined with the colors of the institution by which the degree was granted. The honorary doctoral hoods of the University of Southern Indiana are black, lined with blue satin with red satin chevrons. They are edged with white velvet. Retired members of the University faculty and administrative staff can be recognized in today's ceremony by the red, white, and blue cords worn with their regalia.

Hooding Ceremony

Academic hoods vary in length according to the degree attained and are lined with the colors of the institution by which the degree was granted. Hooding signifies the induction of the graduate into the fellowship of the academy, a welcoming gesture by those who represent the high standards of scholarship and creative achievement. During today's ceremony, master's degree candidates will receive hoods distinctive to their degrees.

Baccalaureate Scholarship Honors

The baccalaureate degree candidate graduating with the highest scholarship index is graduated *summa cum laude*. Baccalaureate students graduating with a scholarship index of 3.80 or higher are graduated *magna cum laude*.

Those with a scholarship index between 3.60 and 3.80 are graduated *cum laude*. These achievements are set forth on the individual diplomas. Honor students can be recognized in the Commencement Exercises by colored stoles and tassels. Gold indicates *summa cum laude*; red, *magna cum laude*; and blue, *cum laude*.

Because students enrolled in master's degree programs are expected to maintain a minimum grade-point average of 3.0, and most achieve much higher levels, scholarship honors at Commencement are given only to baccalaureate students.

University Honors Scholars

The designation of University Honors Scholar is awarded to students who successfully complete the Honors Program. They can be recognized in the Commencement ceremony by the white honor cords worn with their regalia.

Alumni Association Pins

Graduates in each ceremony are receiving alumni lapel pins with the University logo as a gift from the University of Southern Indiana Alumni Association. Organized with the first graduating class in 1971, the association commemorated 40 years in 2011.

Photography During Ceremony

A commercial photographer will take a photo of each graduate as he/she receives his/her diploma on stage. A second photograph will be taken as the graduate departs from the stage. Graduates will receive proofs of the photos from which duplicates can be ordered. Family members who wish to take still or video photographs during the ceremony may do so from their seats. Your cooperation ensures the dignity of the Commencement ceremony.

Commemorative DVD

In response to requests from graduates and families, a commemorative DVD is being produced by the USI Office of Information Technology in cooperation with the USI Alumni Association. The DVD covers the platform ceremony, including each graduate receiving a diploma cover. To order a DVD (\$20 each), call 800-813-4238 or 812-464-1924 or order online at USI.edu/commencement/commencement-dvd.



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