
FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES



2013

SATURDAY, DECEMBER FOURTEENTH

PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES CENTER
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA
EVANSVILLE, INDIANA



2013
COMMENCEMENT
EXERCISES

ORDER OF THE 2013 FALL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

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

Saturday, December 14, 2013
10 a.m.

Processional

Evansville Brass Quintet
Pomp and Circumstance, Edward Elgar, Composer

Grand Marshal

Jennifer J. Williams, *Professor of Computer Information Systems*

National Anthem

Briana E. Maddox '16

Welcome and Introductions

Linda L. M. Bennett, *President*

Reflection

Daniel J. Hampton '13

The Commencement Address

Robert E. Boostrom, *Professor of Education*

Conferral of Degrees

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

Presentation of Graduates

Kent W. Scheller, *Associate Professor of Physics*

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 2013 FALL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

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

Saturday, December 14, 2013

1 p.m.

Processional

Evansville Brass Quintet
Pomp and Circumstance, Edward Elgar, Composer

Grand Marshal

Kathryn M. Waters, *Professor of Art*

National Anthem

Briana E. Maddox '16

Welcome and Introductions

Linda L. M. Bennett, *President*

Reflection

Jessica J. Thompson '13

The Commencement Address

Robert E. Boostrom, *Professor of Education*

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

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

ROBERT E. BOOSTROM TO DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS



Robert E. Boostrom

Dr. Robert E. Boostrom, professor of education in the Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education will address the 2013 fall graduates during the two ceremonies today.

He was selected as the speaker because he received the USI Distinguished Professor Award at the 2013 Spring Commencement. According to USI tradition, the Distinguished Professor delivers the fall Commencement address.

Faculty colleagues selected Dr. Boostrom as Distinguished Professor for his two decades of achievements as a leader in improving teaching for graduate and undergraduate students, his service to the profession and to the University, and for his scholarship.

Dr. Boostrom teaches at the undergraduate and graduate level working with pre-service students and professional educators who are completing advanced study. Dr. Boostrom is a national and international expert on the moral dimensions of teaching and learning, and on the ways in which schools unintentionally inhibit students' development as independent thinkers. He has written three books that have been used in teacher education programs throughout the country. In his writing, he explains how society and educators are morally bound to promote reflective thinking and a love of learning.

He has written journal articles, book chapters, book reviews, and has presented papers at national and international professional meetings. He is often on the agenda for the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, the leading professional association for review and dissemination of research and theory in education.

His publications this year include two book chapters (on John Dewey and the moral foundations of rationality) and a co-edited book, *A Moral Critique of Contemporary Education*. He also has been executive editor, for the last 15 years, of *The Journal of Curriculum Studies*, an international journal in curriculum research.

Because of his professional expertise on critical thinking, and through his work on the USI Core Curriculum Review Task Force in the Faculty Senate, he helped guide the thinking about the role and contribution of the First Year Experience course in the revised core curriculum that begins in fall 2014.

In 2008 he completed a term as president of the American Association of Teaching and Curriculum, an organization of university professionals established in 1993 to promote the scholarly study of the intersection of teaching and curriculum.

Former graduate students recall his classroom as a place where they were treated with dignity. They wrote, "The thoughts and ideas students share in his courses are received with attention and respect. Each thought a student voices, itself becomes the next item for consideration and analysis. What could be more empowering than to have your teacher make each of your ideas a successive part of the day-to-day curriculum?"

Dr. Boostrom is a graduate of Elmhurst College and completed his doctoral degree at the University of Chicago. He and his wife Linda live in Evansville. They have three adult sons, Rob, Adam, and Alexander Boostrom.



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA
Candidates for Degrees

CLASS OF 2013

ROMAIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND POTT COLLEGE OF
SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND EDUCATION CEREMONY
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2013
10 A.M.

MASTER DEGREES

Awarding of Hoods

Wesley T. Durham, *Director of Graduate Studies; Associate Professor of Communication Studies*
Assisted by Shelly B. Blunt, *Assistant Provost for Academic Affairs; Associate Professor of Chemistry*

**MASTER OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION**

Claire Elizabeth Bosma, Newburgh
Jessica LeeAnn Hanger, Marengo
Ryan S. Hicks, Evansville
Dylan M. Mooney, Saint Charles, Missouri
Asra Abbas Peeran, Bangalore, India
Joshua B. Pugh, Evansville
Katherine M. Waterman, Evansville

**MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN EDUCATION**

Allison M. Bacon, Mount Vernon
Secondary Education
Heidi M. Bailey, Evansville
Elementary Education
Christopher L. Barker, Evansville
School Administration and Leadership

Alan D. Collins, Boonville
Mathematics Teaching-Secondary
Margherita A. DiMaggio, Carmi, Illinois
Secondary Education
Abby D. Kennedy, Jasper
School Administration and Leadership
Brandon Edward Kneer, Evansville
Secondary Education
Kristina M. Lindsey, Rockport
Elementary Education
Tyson A. Martin, Newburgh
Kinesiology, Health, and Sport
Elise C. Murray, Evansville
School Administration and Leadership
April D. O'Grady, Henderson, Kentucky
Mathematics Teaching
Jennifer M. Oberst, Newburgh
Elementary Education
Casey Jean Richison, Evansville
Mathematics Teaching

Angela R. Riggs, Evansville
School Administration and Leadership
Chris K. Robinson, Chandler
Mathematics Teaching
Melissa Jo Schmitt, Newburgh
Elementary Education
Sara M. Thomas, Evansville
Secondary Education
Lindsay E. Thompson, Henderson, Kentucky
Secondary Education
Carrie S. Walker, Lynnville
Elementary Education
Erin Elaine White, Newburgh
Secondary Education
Julie Elizabeth Williams, Evansville
Secondary Education
Lori Ann Wilson, Rockport
Elementary Education
Kaylen D. Winter, Newburgh
Elementary Education

POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATES

ROMAIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Just Jean Grace, Evansville
Professional Accountancy
Brittany M. Krohn, Evansville
Professional Accountancy

Lauren E. Perigo, Evansville
Professional Accountancy

Andrew Collins Smith, Evansville
Professional Accountancy

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

ROMAIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Michael Geoffrey Breining, Birdseye
Accounting and Professional Services,
summa cum laude

Jenny Lynn Brown, Evansville
Business Education

Joshua Caine Embry, Richland
Accounting and Professional Services

Justin L. Forshey, Chrisney
Accounting and Professional Services
and Finance

Alexandra Lee Hershman, Newburgh
Marketing

Kelli M. Housman, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services
and Finance

Heather Elizabeth Long, Boonville
Marketing and Spanish Studies, *cum laude*
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Andrew Magazine, Newburgh
Management

Anna D. McManaway, Evansville
Finance and Accounting and Professional
Services, *magna cum laude*
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Joshua Alan Petrig, Evansville
Business Administration

Donald A. Rexing, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services

Carolyn Marie Smith, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services,
cum laude

Ellena Stumpf, Attendorn-Helden, Germany
Economics, *magna cum laude*

Rodrigo Flores Turcott, Mexico City, Mexico
Marketing

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Rachel E. Adams, Evansville
Marketing

Sulaiman Saud Alsayyari, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Finance

Adam J. Atwood, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services

Brittany L. Bashaw, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services

Brian E. Bates, Evansville
Computer Science

Ryan L. Bell, Rockport
Marketing

Rachel E. Bennett, Evansville
Computer Science

Zachery John Bittner, Evansville
Business Administration and Finance

Dillan G. Black, Tennyson
Finance

Laura E. Blankenship, Evansville
Finance

Beau A. Blemker, Henderson, Kentucky
Finance

Lyndsi M. Bond, Galatia, Illinois
Finance and Mathematics

Dalia Boulangger Del Portal, Puerto La Cruz,
Venezuela
Accounting and Professional Services

Arrick M. Briles, Evansville
Business Administration

Travis M. Brooks, Henderson, Kentucky
Economics

Deidra A. Brown, Evansville
Management

Ryan D. Brown, Bedford
Management

Kevin M. Buechler, Ferdinand
Accounting and Professional Services

Ryan Dylan Butcher, Bedford
Marketing

Michael J. Byers, Evansville
Business Administration

John Victor Cardinal, Vincennes
Business Administration

Chiayu Chang, Taoyuan, Taiwan
Management

Dustin Taylor Coleman, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services

Zachary Adam Conner, Evansville
Business Administration

Chelsea L. Crook, Evansville
Marketing

Courtney R. Dallmier, Bloomfield
Accounting and Professional Services

Jarod Michael Daming, Rockport
Computer Science

Karli A. Davis, Freeport, Illinois
Accounting and Professional Services

Abram M. Dwyer, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services

Zachary Ryan Easterling, Evansville
Business Administration

Travis R. Ferguson, Owensboro, Kentucky
Accounting and Professional Services

Benjamin L. Fischer, Chandler
Business Administration

Aaron M. Foust, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services

Nicholas Reece Fox, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services

Emily Jean Freeman, Evansville
Business Administration

John W. Fuchs, Evansville
Marketing

Leah Marie Fugate, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services
and Finance, *magna cum laude*

Ethan M. Godwin, Newburgh
Finance, *cum laude*

Christina D. Grass, Vincennes
Management

Christopher Michael Gregory, Newburgh
Business Administration

Daniel F. Hall, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services

Jordan T. Hamblin, Mount Vernon
Finance

Tara R. Hammers, Bristow
Business Administration

Whitney K. Harris, Huntingburg
Management

Seth Allen Harrison, Evansville
Finance, *cum laude*

Kristin Morgana Higgins, Worthington
Accounting and Professional Services

Mary Bryan Hill, Angleton, Texas
Accounting and Professional Services

Dustin S. Holsey, Evansville
Business Administration

Nicholas Allan Jennings, Bridgeport, Illinois
Business Administration

Yu Wen Jiao, Zhengzhou, China
Business Administration

Amber Dawn Johnson, Bloomington
Accounting and Professional Services
and Finance, *cum laude*
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Emily K. Kennedy, Lamar
Accounting and Professional Services

Seul Ki Kim, Cheongju-si, South Korea
Business Administration

Amanda L. King, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services
and Finance

Morgan Renee Kippenbrock, Ferdinand
Marketing

Jacob D. Knight, Evansville
Computer Information Systems

Misty T. LaFollette, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services,
summa cum laude

Joshua M. Lefler, Evansville
Business Administration

Debra Marie Lindenschmidt, Evansville
Finance

Joshua L. Luedeke, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services

Haleigh G. Madden, Newburgh
Business Administration

Katharine Frances Magee, Princeton
Finance

Kyle D. Mangold, Evansville
Economics

Jade Alisa Marinin, Jasper
Accounting and Professional Services

Jenna Marie Masterson, Evansville
Business Administration

Randall R. McGrew, Evansville
Computer Information Systems,
magna cum laude
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Jeffrey Alan McNeely, Evansville
Business Administration

Victor P. Medvedev, Evansville
Management

Cody A. Meyer, Rockport
Business Administration

Jordan M. Minkey, Fortville
Marketing

Nicholas J. Moll, Evansville
Business Administration

Crystal Marie Moore, Owensville
Business Administration

James A. Mott, Albuquerque, New Mexico
Computer Information Systems

Weston H. Nelson, Greenfield
Computer Information Systems

Emily Lauren Neumann, Evansville
Finance

Robert B. Nieters, Columbus
Business Administration

Alexander James Nixon, Mesa, Arizona
Economics

Thomas Ray Nugent, Elhara
Business Administration

Nikkole Elizabeth Papenmeier, Evansville
Marketing

Melissa Terese Pathman, Noblesville
Business Administration

Heidi Lynn Petrig, Evansville
Business Administration

Charles W. Pride, Jr., Bargersville
Computer Information Systems,
magna cum laude

Joseph D. Priest, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services

Logan Dalton Rainey, Washington
Accounting and Professional Services

Cody Lee Randall, Madison
Marketing

Komail Raza, Newburgh
Accounting and Professional Services

Jordan M. Rector, Boonville
Accounting and Professional Services,
cum laude

Jason R. Reidford, Evansville
Business Administration

Jerod M. Rexing, Mount Vernon
Computer Information Systems

Kaylee I. Richards, Fairfield, Illinois
Accounting and Professional Services

Garrett Wade Rickenberg, Chester, Illinois
Marketing

Abigail L. Roberts, Evansville
Business Administration

Cortlin D. Sawyer, Evansville
Computer Information Systems

Dylan T. Schaefer, Dale
Accounting and Professional Services,
magna cum laude

Chad R. Schmitt, Evansville
Economics

Jeremy D. Seitz, Jasper
Accounting and Professional Services

Jonathan C. Shoptaw, Newburgh
Accounting and Professional Services,
cum laude

Nicholas M. Singler, Newburgh
Business Administration

Caleb M. Spears, Monrovia
Accounting and Professional Services
and Economics

Brandie Sue Springer, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services,
cum laude

Christopher K. Spurgeon, Evansville
Business Administration

Justin Paul Steinback, Evansville
Computer Science

Brittany Ann Townsend, Petersburg
Accounting and Professional Services

Craig Brandon Upstill, Sharpsville
Management

Jeffrey Bryan Van Vorst, Evansville
Computer Information Systems

Bradley T. Wannemuehler, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services,
magna cum laude

Kylie J. Weaver, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services

Joshua C. Weber, Evansville
Computer Science

Jacob Thomas Western, Brownsburg
Management

Adam MacKendrick White, Mount Vernon
Computer Information Systems

Elizabeth M. White, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services,
cum laude

Zeth C. Whitsitt, Huntingburg
Finance

Kasey M. Wiles, Tell City
Management

Craig J. Wilhelm, Evansville
Management

Ashley N. Wilkey, Fort Branch
Business Administration

Charles G. Williams, Evansville
Business Administration

Travis J. Williams, Carmi, Illinois
Business Administration

Matthew David Windhaus, Henderson,
Kentucky
Business Administration

Blake C. Zeller, Evansville
Marketing

Eric R. Zink, Salem
Accounting and Professional Services

POTT COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Jolyn Nicole Alexander, Carlyle, Illinois
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Chase E. Boberg, Evansville
Special Education

Brittany Jo Eckert, Vincennes
Early Childhood Education,
magna cum laude

Katherine E. Rogier, Boonville
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Jencie Marie Tiry, Oolitic
Elementary Education

Will Verkamp, Jasper
Special Education

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Justin M. Ahlbrand, Evansville
Sport Management

Emily Kristine Amos, Petersburg
Elementary Education and Special
Education

Alexander M. Arwood, Evansville
Biology

Alyssa K. Assenza, Evansville
Biology

Emily P. Bammer, Patoka
Elementary Education

Nathan M. Bartholomew, Newburgh
Geology

Anek D. Beabout, Seymour
Industrial Supervision

Michael J. Beam III, Newburgh
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Cassandra Lou Bedell, Daleville
Biology

Danielle R. Bennett, Indianapolis
Biology

Levyn M. Bertram, Hazelton
Sport Management

Audrey A. Bickel, Newburgh
Biology, *magna cum laude*

Hannah Lynn Blount, Chrisney
Special Education, *cum laude*

Stephanie L. Bodamer, Highland
Biology

Lyndsi M. Bond, Galatia, Illinois
Mathematics and Finance

Wylie E. Brown, Odon
Industrial Supervision

Joshua Matthew Burton, Evansville
Kinesiology

Nicholas R. Campbell, Boonville
Advanced Manufacturing

Yena Choi, Munster
Biology, *cum laude*
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Lauren Nicole Clark, Mount Vernon
Exercise Science

Elizabeth Dain Conway, Romeoville, Illinois
Mathematics

Katelyn JoAnna Cordell, Evansville
Chemistry

Maggie Kathleen Cosker, Cincinnati, Ohio
Biology
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Morgan M. Devine, Nineveh
Early Childhood

Miles F. Durham, Madisonville, Kentucky
Exercise Science, *magna cum laude*

Jasmine A. Feldhaus, Newburgh
Elementary Education

Rachel M. Freyberger, Evansville
Mathematics Teaching, *magna cum laude*

Michael P. Frohbieter, Haubstadt
Theatre

Michael J. Fuchs, Evansville
Special Education

Ashley E. Fuhs, Fort Branch
Elementary Education

Skyler R. Gadau, French Lick
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Ross E. Gentry, Jasper
Elementary Education

Brace Rayel Gibson, Evansville
Biology
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

James Michael Goodwin, Evansville
Chemistry

Courtney Brooke Govert, Newburgh
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Katie Cecelia Hall, Evansville
Biology, *magna cum laude*

Emily T. Hartz, Evansville
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

William Burgess Heberer II, Saint Meinrad
Biology

Danielle N. Heck, Evansville
Elementary Education

Colin T. Heeke, Celestine
Advanced Manufacturing

Adam T. Herrmann, Evansville
Industrial Supervision

Christopher Marcus Holt, Evansville
Biochemistry

Sarah Beth Hopf, Jasper
Early Childhood

Craig L. Jochem, Evansville
Advanced Manufacturing

Olivia Beth Kleeman, Troy
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Dana Nicole Knust, Jasper
Elementary Education and Early
Childhood Education, *cum laude*

Vanessa Marlena Lockett, Evansville
Kinesiology

Kevin Jeffrey Lombard, Long Beach
Physical Education

Matthew Robert Mahrenholz, Evansville
Advanced Manufacturing

Amelia Ann Martin, Elkhville, Illinois
Biology

Joshua Keith McDaniel, Indianapolis
Exercise Science

Chase Michael Meyer, Evansville
Advanced Manufacturing

Kendra Ann Meyer, Jasper
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Lauren Nicole Minor, Evansville
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Jeffrey Joseph Mitsch, Lowell
Exercise Science

Cody D. Moll, Evansville
Physical Education

Graham Gustin Myers, Evansville
Mathematics

Kayla Ann Neidig, Evansville
Elementary Education

Jessica M. Nordhoff, Jasper
Exercise Science, *cum laude*

Ashley L. Nunning, Evansville
Early Childhood

Kaitlin A. O'Reilly, Maroa, Illinois
Physical Education

Bryan R. Osborne, Bedford
Sport Management

Paul William Osburn, Evansville
Mathematics

Erika Michael Parker, Evansville
Mathematics

Jessica J. Pearce, Fairfield, Illinois
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Elizabeth Anne Pervenecki, Henderson,
Kentucky
Exercise Science

Aleisha Arlene Poindexter, Hopkinsville,
Kentucky
Early Childhood

Jordan G. Porter, Newburgh
Advanced Manufacturing

Heather D. Reine, Evansville
Elementary Education

Cynthia E. Resener, Indianapolis
Elementary Education

Austin Crawford Schmidt, Zionsville
Biology

Matthew R. Schnabel, Hobart
Biology

Danielle K. Shain, Norris City, Illinois
Elementary Education, *summa cum laude*

Emily K. Shipton, Maryville, Illinois
Elementary Education

Teresa J. Shoemaker, Henderson, Kentucky
Mathematics

Melissa A. Smith, Avon
Early Childhood Education

Lauren E. Spaetti, Rockport
Elementary Education

Dylan James Swartzell, Winamac
Kinesiology, *magna cum laude*

Daniel W. Taylor, Bedford
Advanced Manufacturing

Holli S. Taylor, Odon
Elementary Education

Adam T. Thimling, Jasper
Advanced Manufacturing

Tiffany N. Vansickle, Lebanon
Elementary Education

Brittany Verble, Hatfield
Biology

Margaret R. Wagner, Poseyville
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Ashton Lynn Weil, Mount Vernon
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Lucas A. White, Evansville
Kinesiology

Courtney A. Wolf, Evansville
Elementary Education

Charles Lucas York, New Harmony
Advanced Manufacturing

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING

Eric A. Bradshaw, Fort Branch

Ezzdeen Doleh, Newburgh

Brandon S. Durchholz, Newburgh

Bryan Thomas Garst, Madisonville, Kentucky

Nathaniel L. Gerlach, Evansville
summa cum laude

Diego A. Gimenez Velasquez, Barquisimeto,
Venezuela
Wenjun Guo, Newburgh
Daniel Joseph David Hampton, Honolulu,
Hawaii
Andrew David Horn, Tennyson

Jonathan D. Kerchief, Wadesville
cum laude
Eli J. Kern, Haubstadt
magna cum laude
Cody Allen McGill, Boonville
Christopher E. Nelson, Evansville

James M. Payne, Owensboro, Kentucky
Juan M. Quiroz Jimenez, Valencia, Venezuela
cum laude
Shawn Edward Smith, Princeton

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

ROMAIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Michelle L. Ballard, Evansville
Business

Joshua R. Boze, Evansville
Business
Heather Dawn Goad, Newburgh
Business

Joshua D. Jackson, Mount Vernon
Business
Kathleen Marie Mathew, Evansville
Business

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

**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS,
COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS,
AND DIVISION OF OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT CEREMONY**
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2013
1 P.M.

DOCTORAL DEGREES

Awarding of Hoods

Faculty mentors will award hoods to the degree candidates.

**DOCTOR OF
NURSING PRACTICE**

Norma E. Hall, Indianapolis
Advanced Practice
Faculty mentor: Karen L. Parker

MASTER DEGREES

Awarding of Hoods

Wesley T. Durham, *Director of Graduate Studies; Associate Professor of Communication Studies*
Assisted by Shelly B. Blunt, *Assistant Provost for Academic Affairs; Associate Professor of Chemistry*

**MASTER OF ARTS IN
COMMUNICATION**

Bryce Wayne Law, Evansville

**MASTER OF ARTS IN
LIBERAL STUDIES**

Corrie J. Sarol, Evansville
Casey F. Trela, New Harmony

**MASTER OF PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION**

Amanda A. Kloepfel, Evansville
Emily S. Lynn, Evansville
Marsha Gail Salee, Evansville
Patrick Rodger Seib, Evansville

**MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN NURSING**

Kinzy Dawn Amos, Evansville
Family Nurse Practitioner

Robin L. Curnel, Marion, Kentucky
Nursing Management and Leadership
John Tyler Green, Owensboro, Kentucky
Nursing Management and Leadership
Cathy Lightsey Payne, Kings Mountain,
North Carolina
Nursing Management and Leadership
Karen L. Werskey, Seymour
Nursing Management and Leadership

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Lydia Kathleen Abell, Henderson, Kentucky
English, *cum laude*
Cindy Guadalupe Alfaro, Evansville
English
Jonathan D. Ambriz, Indianapolis
Psychology
Gina Maeling Azzarello, Evansville
International Studies
Cristina Maria Bonales, Whiting
Spanish Studies

Christopher Edwin William Brace, Evansville
Spanish Studies
Whitney R. Brown, Evansville
Anthropology
Jacob Bradley Couturiaux, Evansville
English and Spanish Studies, *cum laude*
Hayden C. Dayson, Evansville
Anthropology
Stephanie M. Deig, Evansville
Political Science and German Studies,
summa cum laude
Brent David Duncan, Huntingburg
Criminal Justice Studies

Mark A. Galey, Evansville
Criminal Justice Studies
Zachary David Paul Gent, Mount Vernon
Theatre Arts
Taylor James Gogel, Dale
Political Science, *cum laude*
Kara Marie Gostley, Evansville
International Studies
Leah Abigail Graham, Evansville
International Studies, *magna cum laude*
Andrea Lynn Greive, Evansville
Sociology

Gwen Ellen Gude, Evansville
Psychology

Ashley Jordan Harris, Simi Valley, California
International Studies

Alexandra Morgan Hastings, Evansville
Spanish Studies, *cum laude*

Megan Sue Huber, Columbus
English and Spanish Studies,
magna cum laude

Jacob Thomas Kohlmeyer, Evansville
English

Haley Renee Lashbrooks, Salem
Psychology

Brian Ross Lewallen, Avon
Spanish Studies and International Studies

Heather Elizabeth Long, Boonville
Spanish Studies and Marketing, *cum laude*
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Kayla Corine McCarty, Indianapolis
Radio and Television and Spanish
Studies, *summa cum laude*
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Jared Kirk Miller, Owensboro, Kentucky
English

Rebecca Leah Morris, Sebree, Kentucky
International Studies and Spanish Studies

Curtis L. Nelson, Mount Vernon
English, *magna cum laude*

Andrew Michael Northrup, Cloverdale
English

Lindsay C. Patterson, Evansville
Psychology

Matthew Patrick Riley, O'Fallon, Illinois
International Studies

Amanda Lanae Risher, Mount Vernon
German Studies

Stephanie Dawn Rockman, Evansville
Psychology

Leda Danielle Ruppel, Newburgh
English

Kendra Dawn Russell, Hopkinsville, Kentucky
International Studies

Veronica A. Shelton, Dahlgren, Illinois
Art

Lauren Nicole Smith, Evansville
Psychology and Spanish Studies,
summa cum laude

Emily Jo Allen Thomas, Evansville
English

Laura Elizabeth Marie Vadbunker, Evansville
Communication Studies

Sandra Luz Villanueva, Washington
Public Relations and Advertising and
Spanish Studies

Whitney Anne Weilbrenner, Mount Vernon
Journalism, *magna cum laude*

Kristi R. Worley, Evansville
International Studies

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Joshua David Allsopp, Newburgh
Radio and Television

Craig W. Austin, Evansville
History

Dusty J. Ayer, Tennyson
History

Evelyn Bako, Evansville
Communication Studies

Katherine Ann Bartley, Newburgh
Psychology

Brandon D. Baxter, Henderson, Kentucky
Anthropology

Daniel Russell Beabout, Boonville
History

Hannah Elizabeth Birkla, Evansville
Radio and Television

Paul A. Boren, Evansville
Philosophy

Todd A. Born, Evansville
Criminal Justice Studies

John Dewitt Bowles, Norris City, Illinois
Psychology

Mark Wayne Brandt Jr., Franklin
Public Relations and Advertising

Chelsea Morae Brown, Evansville
Public Relations and Advertising

Trenton Price Bruner, Tennyson
Communication Studies

William Joseph Burke, Evansville
Radio and Television

Isaac Norman Cage, Evansville
Art

Kellie Nichole Caniff, Oakland City
Art

Chelsi N. Carter, Lynnville
Communication Studies

Rachel L. Cartwright, Evansville
Art

Erin L. Clark, Freedom
Art

McKinsey Leigh Clifford, Royal Center
Art

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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 85 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 34,000 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 and the University will open a new teaching theatre in fall 2014.

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 www.usi.edu/commencement/ssl/dvds.asp.



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