
FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES



2012

SATURDAY, DECEMBER EIGHTH

PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES CENTER
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA
EVANSVILLE, INDIANA



2012
COMMENCEMENT
EXERCISES

ORDER OF THE 2012 FALL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

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

Saturday, December 8, 2012
10 a.m.

Processional

Evansville Brass Quintet
Pomp and Circumstance, Edward Elgar, Composer

Grand Marshal

James H. Bandoli, *Professor of Biology*

National Anthem

C. Hope Boeringa '13

Welcome and Introductions

Linda L. M. Bennett, *President*

Reflection

Emily B. Rastl '12

The Commencement Address

Paul A. Kuban, *Associate Professor of Engineering*

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 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 2012 FALL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

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

Saturday, December 8, 2012

1 p.m.

Processional

Evansville Brass Quintet
Pomp and Circumstance, Edward Elgar, Composer

Grand Marshal

Deborah L. Wolf, *Assistant Dean of Nursing; Assistant Professor/Program Director of Dental Hygiene*

National Anthem

C. Hope Boeringa '13

Welcome and Introductions

Linda L. M. Bennett, *President*

Reflection

Kasey E. Burns '12

The Commencement Address

Paul A. Kuban, *Associate Professor of Engineering*

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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PAUL A. KUBAN TO DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS



Paul A. Kuban

Dr. Paul A. Kuban, associate professor of engineering in the Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education, will address the 2012 fall graduates during the two ceremonies today.

He was selected as the speaker because he received the Distinguished Professor Award at the 2012 Spring Commencement. According to USI tradition, the Distinguished Professor delivers the fall Commencement address.

Faculty colleagues selected Dr. Kuban as Distinguished Professor for his achievements in scholarship, teaching, and University and community service. He specializes in digital logic design, embedded systems development, and Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA) system integration. His industry experience includes digital signal processing (DSP) software design and distributed control system (DCS) deployment.

In addition to teaching, he advises students and supervises student design projects. He is the faculty sponsor for the student chapter of the Society of Automotive Engineers. In that role he helps members develop key career skills such as leadership, time management, conflict resolution, and budgeting. He also is the faculty advisor for the USI Eagles wrestling team.

Dr. Kuban was granted a patent for an innovation which relates to improved technology for access between controller area networks and wireless personal area networks.

Prior to joining USI in 1996, Dr. Kuban received two patents related to audio processing in cellular telephones. He holds a Ph.D. in computer science and engineering from the University of Louisville and a master's degree in electrical engineering from Purdue University.

He has presented at technology showcases throughout the region including at IUPUI Columbus, Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne, and the Evansville-Owensboro section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. He also has served on a team of intellectual property (IP) experts to refine an IP mining process for Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division, which greatly accelerated their patent pipeline. The team's work is now a best practice within the Department of Defense Office of Research and Technology.

Dr. Kuban and his wife Kim have two children. Son Sam and daughter Anna both attend USI.



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA
Candidates for Degrees

CLASS OF 2012

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND POTT COLLEGE OF SCIENCE,
ENGINEERING, AND EDUCATION CEREMONY
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2012
10 A.M.

MASTER DEGREES

Awarding of Hoods

Wesley T. Durham, *Interim Director of Graduate Studies; Associate Professor of Communication Studies*

**MASTER OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION**

Ashley M. Babcock, Evansville
Andrea A. Buescher, Vincennes
John F. Bush, Henderson, Kentucky
Andrew S. Danhauer, Newburgh
Joshua Yamen Ellard, Newburgh
Abhimanyu B. Kumbara, Evansville
Erin M. Laur, Evansville
Laura Jeanne Schmitt, Evansville

**MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN EDUCATION**

Hallie E. Denstorff, Evansville
Elementary Education
Amy Michelle Freeman, Newburgh
Elementary Education
Hannah Iolani Terry Jines, Honolulu, Hawaii
Elementary Education
Laura Jean Kohlmeyer, Evansville
Elementary Education
Stacie L. Matheis-Devine, Newburgh
Secondary Education

Michael C. Motta, Evansville
Secondary Education
Susan Renee Pylant, Evansville
Secondary Education
Annette Marie Scott, Owensville
Secondary Education
Paula F. Viner, Evansville
Secondary Education
Matthew John Wagner, Newburgh
Elementary Education
Amanda K. Woods, Mount Vernon
Elementary Education

POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATES

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

John F. Bush, Henderson, Kentucky
Professional Accountancy

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Joshua Logan Beach, Evansville
Marketing, *magna cum laude*,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Nathaniel Andrew Burnett, Indianapolis
Business Administration
Carrie Lynn Grochowski, Homer Glen, Illinois
Business Administration and French Studies,
cum laude

Jeffrey M. Hughes, Indianapolis
Management
Duong Hong Nguyen, Ha Noi, Vietnam
Finance and French Studies

Francis J. Ortiz, Brownstown
Finance

Jordan Reese, Huntingburg
Accounting and Professional Services,
cum laude

Jennifer L. Tempel, Santa Claus
Accounting and Professional Services,
cum laude

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Makenzie Laine Adler, Evansville
Marketing

Kevin Lee Aeschliman, Evansville
Computer Science

Tabatha Kay Alford, New Albany
Accounting and Professional Services and
Finance, *magna cum laude*

Sarah Marie Allen, Loogootee
Business Administration

Hussain Abdullah Alyami, Evansville
Computer Information Systems

Mohammed Hussain Alyami, Evansville
Marketing

Kent Lee Anderson, Santa Fe, New Mexico
Management

Austin A. Andrekus, Saint Charles, Illinois
Finance, *cum laude*

Jaclyn Ann Blackford, Evansville
Business Education

Matthew J. Buckman, Corydon, Kentucky
Finance

Brittany M. Bunnell, Crown Point
Accounting and Professional Services

Corey Michael Callis, New Washington
Management

Wesley W. Camp, Evansville
Business Education, *cum laude*

William Deshalawn Cannon, Indianapolis
Finance

Joseph R. Cobb, Mitchell
Marketing

Chelsea L. Connell, Alton, Illinois
Management and Health Services

Matthew D. Cooper, Newburgh
Accounting and Professional Services and
Finance

Mark A. Creighton Jr., Martinsville
Computer Information Systems

Andrew A. Crowell, Evansville
Finance

Taylor R. Dennis, Covington
Management

Celeste Kristine Drew, Elberfeld
Accounting and Professional Services,
magna cum laude

Jared T. Ell, Evansville
Marketing

Hadley E. Finn, Evansville
Marketing

Jared G. Flake, Evansville
Computer Information Systems

Matthew Joseph Fleck, Evansville
Finance

Cyril Jeffrey Fraker, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services

Jonathon M. Fox, Connersville
Accounting and Professional Services

Charles G. Garrison, Chandler
Finance

Brian A. Gentry, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services

Trace William Gilbert, Evansville
Economics

Matthew Thomas Gore, Boonville
Business Administration

Dwight D. Graper, Fort Branch
Finance

Matthew Quinn Gray, Henderson, Kentucky
Management

Reid Grossman, Evansville
Business Administration

Helen T. Haycraft, Petersburg
Accounting and Professional Services

Angela Renee Head, Evansville
Management

Drew T. Helfert, Evansville
Computer Science

Caleb J. Holtz, Evansville
Business Administration

Katie E. Houghland, Tell City
Marketing

Roy Ice, Vincennes
Accounting and Professional Services

Michelle E. Jobe, Newburgh
Finance

Alexandria M. Jones, Evansville
Management

Launora Jusufi, Carmi, Illinois
Business Administration

Cody A. Keith, Washington
Business Administration

Sara M. Khaja, Wadesville
Management

Kyle L. Kiefer, Jasper
Marketing

Sunkyoung Kim, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services

Alex Carroll Kingston, Evansville
Finance

Brooke E. Kinkade, Noble, Illinois
Accounting and Professional Services

Kathleen Maria Kissel, Evansville
Management

Kevin S. Knepp, Montgomery
Management

Jessica J. LaFoe, Princeton
Management

Natasha L. Landes, Evansville
Computer Information Systems

Melissa J. Lauderdale, Wadesville
Management and Marketing

Cory Like, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services

Stephen L. Lubbehusen, Jasper
Finance

Margaret Rose Lueken, Ferdinand
Management

Daniel Martin Marshall, Mount Vernon
Management

Quentin Cord Masterson, Boonville
Accounting and Professional Services

Diana K. McConnell, Evansville
Marketing

Joseph D. McElroy, Evansville
Management

Robert J. McMillan, Evansville
Business Administration

Stacey L. Meredith, Henderson, Kentucky
Accounting and Professional Services

Joshua Aaron Meyer, Evansville
Business Administration

Taylor A. Miller, Boonville
Business Administration

Jonathon Andrew Mitchell, Mount Vernon
Management

Michael Lee Mitchell, Mount Vernon
Management

Robert C. Moog, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services,
magna cum laude

Sara A. Nelson Grubb, Evansville
Business Administration

Martin A. Niswonger, Evansville
Business Administration

Mohammed Awad Omayrah, Evansville
Computer Information Systems, *cum laude*

Matthew Charles Otten, Cincinnati, Ohio
Marketing

Nathon J. Parsons, Bedford
Management

Pretesh A. Patel, Evansville
Marketing

Emmily Ann Patterson, Henderson, Kentucky
Accounting and Professional Services

Tamara R. Payne, Evansville
Management

Caleh A. Perry, Monroe City
Management

Danny R. Pratte, Florissant, Missouri
Management, *cum laude*

Vivian Rose Purnell, Terre Haute
Accounting and Professional Services

Kelli Denise Rainey, Mount Vernon
Business Administration

Adam Joseph Rasche, Jasper
Management

Emily B. Rastl, Vincennes
Computer Science, *summa cum laude*,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

David J. Rees, Pendleton
Computer Information Systems

Benjamin M. Roberts, Newburgh
Accounting and Professional Services,
cum laude

Zachary T Rogier, Branchville
Business Education

Jacob Christopher Rosman, Marion
Management

Adrienne N. Ruder, Evansville
Economics, *cum laude*

Brittany Rae Ruffin, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services

Nathan L. Sansing, Evansville
Business Administration

Mary B. Schwambach, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services,
magna cum laude

Zachary C. Scott, Owensville
Accounting and Professional Services
and Finance, *magna cum laude*

Cody S. Sharkey, South Bend
Business Administration, *magna cum laude*

James B. Shaw, Olney, Illinois
Economics

Xiaomo Shi, Wuhan, China
Finance

Jennie M. Simpson, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services,
cum laude

Thomas O. Strange, Rinard, Illinois
Management

Ryan A. Strouse, Evansville
Computer Information Systems

Louis M. Tennis Jr., Browns, Illinois
Finance

Elizabeth Rae Thomas, Paoli
Business Education,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Brenna Magdalene Tobin, Huntingburg
Accounting and Professional Services

Evan M. Tomes, Evansville
Business Administration

James A. Trapp, III, Evansville
Management

Brandon W. Underhill, English
Economics

Katharyn D. Underhill, Evansville
Business Administration

Luke Alan Voegel, Wadesville
Economics

Ashley Dyan Ward, Evansville
Computer Information Systems

Evan M. Watts, Tell City
Management

Beth Ann Wead, Ridgway, Illinois
Computer Information Systems,
magna cum laude

Joe A. Wehr, Saint Anthony
Business Administration

Joshua A. Weis, Evansville
Computer Information Systems

Christopher R. Whitman, Evansville
Computer Information Systems

Alex David Wiley, Evansville
Management

Zachary L. Williams, Washington
Accounting and Professional Services

Robert J. Wright, II, Princeton
Management, *cum laude*

Kendra M. Zirkelbach, Newburgh
Management

POTT COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Megan Ranae Criss, Reelsville
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Katelyn N. Crowe, Evansville
Elementary Education, *cum laude*,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Elaine Elizabeth Elliott, Greenville
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Carissa A. Richie, Evansville
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Bailey Jean Roeder, Evansville
Elementary Education, *summa cum laude*,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Julie Michell Sears, Evansville
Elementary Education

Katherine Ellen Thurston, Floyds Knobs
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Kendra Rae Veale, Washington
Elementary Education

Katelynn Patrice Weisheit, Jasper
Early Childhood Education

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Janessa L. Arney, Henderson, Kentucky
Elementary Education

Courtney Renee Barrett, Eldorado, Illinois
Elementary Education

Audrey N. Bates, Tell City
Early Childhood

Abbie Marie Bickett, Ridgway, Illinois
Elementary Education

Benjamin B. Boaz, Henderson, Kentucky
Sport Management

Katie Ann Bockting, Evansville
Early Childhood

Matthew A. Braker, Evansville
Elementary Education

Alice Marie Brescher, Jasper
Exercise Science

Laura G. Brumfield, Evansville
Mathematics

Kristen W. Burns, Evansville
Elementary Education

Christopher Wayne Butler, Newburgh
Biology

Sasha Ann Cason, Evansville
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Brittney Jean Clark, Evansville
Elementary Education

Bethany N. Clodfelter, Parkersburg, Illinois
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Donald Waldon Conner, Scottsburg
Sport Management

Lacy A. Conner, Boonville
Elementary Education

Lynsey Jo Theresa Cusic, Eldorado, Illinois
Early Childhood, *cum laude*

Maxwell P. B. Dahlquist, Newburgh
Geology, *cum laude*

Thao P. Do, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Biology

Stuart R. Dooley, Newburgh
Mathematics Teaching

Nicole Ann Durbin, Effingham, Illinois
Elementary Education

Richard E. Edwards, Depauw
Elementary Education

Samantha J. Ellington, Evansville Elementary Education	Chauncy Martese Kery, Elkhart Kinesiology	Alexander M. Peaugh, Evansville Elementary Education
Jami Michelle Englert, Poseyville Early Childhood	Danielle L. Kieffner, Jasper Elementary Education	Ashley Joy Pedigo, Evansville Biology
Emari Taylor Faith, Sellersburg Early Childhood	Ashley Ann Kinsey, Newburgh Elementary Education, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Anna Lynn Plassman, Cedar Lake Sport Management
Alicia M. Farney, Evansville Elementary Education	Paige Renee Knepp, Montgomery Elementary Education, <i>cum laude</i>	Britni N. Purdue, Indianapolis Elementary Education
Aaron J. Fehrenbacher, Mount Vernon Industrial Supervision	Caitlin B. Krantz, Newburgh Elementary Education	Luke Darnell Pyle, Carmi, Illinois Physical Education
Eric W. Fisher, Owensville Elementary Education, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Adam S. Kron, Evansville Industrial Supervision	Kristin N. Raker, Indianapolis Elementary Education, <i>cum laude</i>
Sarah Jacalyn Folz, Evansville Elementary Education	Stephanie Lynn Later, Vincennes Elementary Education, <i>cum laude</i>	Mitchell B. Roe, Carmi, Illinois Advanced Manufacturing
David Trey Fosburgh, Collinsville, Illinois Exercise Science, <i>magna cum laude</i>	John August Latta, Brazil Elementary Education, <i>cum laude</i>	Jacklyn D. Rohner, Boonville Elementary Education
Ashley N. Gardner, Greenville, Kentucky Exercise Science	Kyle David Lemond, Evansville Biology	Erin D. Roush, Greenwood Elementary Education
Tina M. Granderson, Boonville Elementary Education, <i>cum laude</i>	Kelsea Jo Lytle, Oakland City Elementary Education and Special Education	Taylor J. Schmitt, Poseyville Industrial Supervision
Caitlin Marie Guetling, Haubstadt Early Childhood Education	Brennan Robert Malham, Auburn, Illinois Kinesiology	Rachel Nichole Seitz, Newburgh Elementary Education
Sarah Elizabeth Hampton, Newburgh Elementary Education	Brittany Lei Martin, Wadesville Elementary Education	Jessica Marie Seskey, Mount Vernon Biology
Melissa Ann Hardy, Chandler Elementary Education, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Rachel D. Martin, Newburgh Mathematics Teaching	Laura M. Sherman, Huntingburg Elementary Education, <i>cum laude</i>
Laura N. Harris, Muncie Science	Allyce M. McDowell, Fort Riley, Kansas Elementary Education	Heather R. Shinn, Owensboro, Kentucky Elementary Education
Christine D. Harry, Evansville Elementary Education	Kristina M. McDowell, Evansville Elementary Education and Special Education, <i>cum laude</i>	Trey J. Showalter, Montgomery Elementary Education, <i>cum laude</i>
Aaron Dale Heim, Evansville Mathematics Teaching	Colleen P. McGovern, Evansville Elementary Education	Kelsey L. Smith, Evansville Elementary Education
Craig A. Heinz, Vincennes Kinesiology, <i>cum laude</i>	Benjamin M. McNeill, Evansville Kinesiology	Chelsea Renee Stafford, Vincennes Elementary Education
Amanda N. Higdon, Rockport Elementary Education and Special Education, <i>cum laude</i>	Tanya M. Merkel, Lynnville Elementary Education, <i>cum laude</i>	Cori Marie Stanley, Mooresville Elementary Education, <i>cum laude</i>
Levi Charles Holscher, Vincennes Biology	Nicholas Allen Messier, Evansville Exercise Science	Jacqueline E. Taylor, Freeburg, Illinois Biology, UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR
Andrea Dawn Hopster, Evansville Elementary Education	Andrew Michael Miller, Greenwood Exercise Science	Emily Rose TenBarge, Evansville Elementary Education and Special Education, <i>cum laude</i>
Jessica C. Howard, Indianapolis Mathematics Teaching	Rachel A. Miller, Newburgh Elementary Education, <i>cum laude</i>	Derrick Ray Thomas, Elkhart Mathematics Teaching
Michelle Rena Hubbard, Indianapolis Early Childhood	Danielle N. Monks, Evansville Special Education, <i>cum laude</i>	Kayla Dawn Thomas, Mount Vernon Elementary Education
Matthew E. Hurst, Salem Chemistry	Kathleen Ann Mowery, West Lafayette Biology, UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR	Jessica Nicole Thrasher, Owensboro, Kentucky Elementary Education, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Chelsea Diane Igel, Solsberry Elementary Education	Brian L. Nelson, Boonville Elementary Education, <i>cum laude</i>	Mary Jane Tindle, Evansville Elementary Education, <i>cum laude</i>
Lauren Danielle Jackson, Lewisport, Kentucky Elementary Education, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Rhenda A. Newton, Newburgh Elementary Education	Shealy R. Todd, Henderson, Kentucky Biology
Nicholas Andrew Johnson, Lanesville Exercise Science	Stephanie Kathryn Orsburn, Evansville Early Childhood Education	Melissa Maria Vega, Terre Haute Elementary Education, Special Education, and History
Scotty L. Kern, Evansville Physical Education	Amanda M. Pearl, Owensboro, Kentucky Biology	

Emilie Pauline Villain, Linton
Elementary Education and Special Education

Todd E. Waddell, Newburgh
Elementary Education

Allen D. Waller, Mount Vernon
Elementary Education

Melody Renee Weiler, Evansville
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Trevor K. West, Evansville
Physical Education

Eric M. Westlund, Princeton
Advanced Manufacturing

Jenna M. Whorl, Evansville
Elementary Education

Mallorie Kate Wilhite, Evansville
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Caryn Lynn Yochum, Evansville
Physical Education

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING

David C. Arnold, Evansville

Colten J. Burress, Evansville

Christopher C. Burton, Henderson, Kentucky

Michael Aaron Creek, Poseyville

Matthew Eigen Harms, Bone Gap, Illinois

Chase L. Holzmeyer, Haubstadt

Samantha Colleen Smith, Newburgh

Logan J. Storrer, Boonville
magna cum laude

Andrew R. Waldroup, Evansville

Kyle B. Wilhite, Elberfeld

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Connie J. Brasel-Dougan, Evansville
Business

Cassie M. Forbes, Boonville
Business

Jason L. Hall, Evansville
Business

Roy Alan Veatch, Mount Vernon
Business

Eric M. Wade, Evansville
Business

POTT COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND EDUCATION

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Madolyn Marie Murphy, Indianapolis
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 DIVISION OF OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT CEREMONY**
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2012
1 P.M.

MASTER DEGREES

Awarding of Hoods

Wesley T. Durham, *Interim Director of Graduate Studies; Associate Professor of Communication Studies*

**MASTER OF ARTS IN
COMMUNICATION**

Samantha Brown Fentress, Evansville

**MASTER OF ARTS IN
LIBERAL STUDIES**

Kyle W. Kraft, Evansville

Wynn Ellen Mitchell, Evansville

Lauren A. Van Hook, Evansville

**MASTER OF PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION**

Angela P. Allen, Evansville

Rebecca Sue Deeg, Mount Vernon

Michael J. Duckworth, Sr., Evansville

**MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN NURSING**

Tina Renee Adams, Morganfield, Kentucky
Nursing Management and Leadership

Kirsten M. Emmons, Evansville
Nursing Management and Leadership

Kelly Kramer Jenkins, Waverly, Kentucky
Nursing Management and Leadership

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Mario Adon, Jasper
Spanish Studies

Kidan Siyoum Asgedom, Indianapolis
Radio and Television

Stephen Wayne Barker, Newburgh
Social Science

Megan L. Belcher, Henderson, Kentucky
Radio and Television

Heath A. Bowen, Evansville
English

Krista Lynn Breitwieser, Celestine
French Studies and Art

Kasey Elizabeth Burns, Odon
English, *magna cum laude*

Roxanne Elaine Burton, Veedersburg
Art, *magna cum laude*

Jesse Walker Bush, Evansville
English

Mary Jo Cashel-Cordo, Island Trees, New York
French Studies

Morgan Elyse Cochren, Huntingburg
Political Science

Tara Lynn Creighton, Martinsville
International Studies

Catherine A. Decker, Evansville
Journalism

Annette N. Delaney, Henderson, Kentucky
Art

Vitalino R. Domingo, Owensboro, Kentucky
Psychology

Jessica E. Durkin, Houston, Texas
International Studies

Morgane R. Embree, Mitchell
Communication Studies

Zachary A. Felstead, Evansville
Radio and Television

Emily Suzanne Fox, Evansville
German Studies

Zachary S. Goldbach-Hall, Evansville
English

Gabriel Grady, Indianapolis
International Studies

Carrie Lynn Grochowski, Homer Glen, Illinois
French Studies and Business
Administration, *cum laude*

Mason Keith Green, Ellery, Illinois
Public Relations and Advertising

Elizabeth Ellen Herrenbruck, Evansville
Spanish Studies, *summa cum laude*,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Amanda Leigh Hilger, Jasper
German Studies

Travis L. Hillenbrand, Newburgh
German Studies

Kristin L. Kelley, Chicago, Illinois
Art, *magna cum laude*

Rachael Alyse Korte, Pekin
Spanish Studies

Cory James Lawrence, Evansville
Art

Keith Ashton Macaulay, Halifax, Canada
Psychology

Elizabeth Ann Miley, Washington
Psychology

Daniel Nathan Murphey, Evansville
English

Trista Shiana Nelson, Evansville
Psychology

Duong Hong Nguyen, Ha Noi, Vietnam
French Studies and Finance

Amy Lea Ofer, Jasper
Psychology

Morgan T. Opolski, Highland
English, *magna cum laude*

Dawn M. Paris, Cannelton
English, *summa cum laude*

Andrea Michael Parker, Evansville
International Studies

Melissa Ann Parker, Newburgh
English, *cum laude*,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Lesley Nicole Payne, Evansville
Psychology

Constance L. Pilcher, Evansville
French Studies

Jennifer N. Pitt, Evansville
International Studies and Spanish Studies

Lacy G. Rhea, Monrovia
Public Relations and Advertising

Camille Jean Ruckriegel, Jasper
English, *cum laude*

Mauricio Javier Paniagua Saucedo, Santa Cruz, Bolivia
International Studies and Spanish Studies

Emily Lauren Schkeryantz, Fishers
International Studies, French Studies,
and Psychology,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Aryn L. Schutzius, Evansville
English

Robyn Paige Scott, Bargersville
Public Relations and Advertising,
magna cum laude

Veronica A. Shelton, Dahlgren, Illinois
Art

Antoinette M. Small, Evansville
Political Science

Marissa Leigh Smith, Boonville
Spanish Studies

Hollan Alysabeth Staker, Denver
English and German Studies,
magna cum laude,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Zachary G. Watson, Evansville
Social Science, *magna cum laude*

Taylor Beth Weiss, Mount Vernon
Spanish Studies and Art

Alexandrea Christianne Wells, Evansville
Psychology

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

CharLecia DeAnn Allen, Evansville
Radio and Television

Jack N. Ashley, IV, Newburgh
Art

Christina Maurine Baxter, Evansville
Art

Raul Abella Baylon, Jr., Evansville
Psychology

Brittany Nicole Bess, Scottsburg
Public Relations and Advertising

Aaron R. Bickwermert, Huntingburg
Communication Studies

Kristen M. Bickwermert, Huntingburg
Art

Staci L. Boardman, Evansville
English

Reva Shane Bourgrasser, Carlisle
Art and Public Relations and Advertising

Krista Lynn Breitwieser, Celestine
Art and French Studies

Andrew Keith Brown, Henderson, Kentucky
Art

MaCabe T. Brown, Evansville
Art

Kayla L. Burns, Odon
Communication Studies

Christina A. Butler, Poseyville
Art

Kassidy R. Caldwell, Evansville
Sociology

Courtney Cantrell, Farmland
Public Relations and Advertising

Justin Robert Carroll, Plainville
Social Science

Chelsi N. Carter, Lynnville
Communication Studies

Joy A. Cassitty, Winslow
Psychology

Charlie Whitney Cochran, Vincennes
Public Relations and Advertising

Cromartie Picard Connell, Indianapolis
Public Relations and Advertising

Renee Danielle Crowe, Bicknell
Psychology

Darrick T. Curry, Terre Haute
Criminal Justice Studies

Kelsey M. Davis, Henderson, Kentucky
Public Relations and Advertising

Benjamin Matthew Dempsey, Evansville
History

Shayna Renae Dossett, Newburgh
Public Relations and Advertising

Jerrica D. Dowling, Mitchell
English, *magna cum laude*,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Dustin R. Emerick, Elmwood, Illinois
History

Kyle J. Frederick, Newburgh
Social Science

Mark Alexander Funke, Evansville
History

Jaime L. Garner, Richmond
English

James Jacob Gay, Evansville
Public Relations and Advertising

Richard T. Gentry, Henderson, Kentucky
Political Science

Jaime C. Goebel, Evansville
History

Mallory May Goebel, Evansville
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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 2011. 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 32,000 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.

A Business and Engineering Center and an iconic 92'-tall tower in the recently expanded University Center complete the ring of structures around the quadrangle on campus. Construction of the Applied Engineering Center is currently underway and the University broke ground for a new teaching theatre in mid-summer 2012.

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 Bookstore.

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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