



**2011**

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COMMENCEMENT

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**EXERCISES**

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December 10, 2011

# Order of the 2011 Fall Commencement Exercises

## Processional

Evansville Brass Quintet  
*Pomp and Circumstance, Edward Elgar, Composer*

## Grand Marshal

Mehmet C. Kocakulah, *Professor of Accounting*

## Marshals

James H. Bandoli, *Professor of Biology*  
Sandy K. Frank '90 M'96, *Registrar*  
Ernest H. Hall, Jr., *Professor of Management*  
Mary Jo Harper, *Director of Student Financial Assistance*  
Pamela F. Hopson, *Director of Multicultural Center*  
Nancy L. Johnson '83 M'95, *Director of Alumni and Volunteer Services*  
Eric H. Otto, *Director of Admission*  
Philip L. Parker, *Director of Career Services and Placement*  
Julie A. Peak, *Assistant Registrar*  
Tracy Sinn '92 M'11, *Assistant Registrar*  
Linda M. Tribble M'03 '08, *Associate Registrar*  
Kathryn M. Waters, *Professor of Art*  
Ann H. White, *Associate Dean of Nursing and Health Professions; Professor of Nursing*

## Welcome and Introductions

Linda L. M. Bennett, *President*

## Reflection

Peggy F. Harrel, *Director of Graduate Studies and Sponsored Research;*  
*Assistant Professor of English*

## The Commencement Address

Barbara A. Davis, *Professor Emerita of Nursing;*  
*2011 Old National Bank Distinguished Professor*

## Conferral of Degrees

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

## Degrees to be Conferred

Master of Arts in Communication	Bachelor of Arts
Master of Arts in Liberal Studies	Bachelor of General Studies
Master of Business Administration	Bachelor of Science
Master of Public Administration	Bachelor of Science in Engineering
Master of Science in Education	Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Master of Science in Nursing	Bachelor of Social Work
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate	Associate of Science



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## **Presentation of Graduates**

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

## **Master Degrees**

### **Graduate Studies**

Linda L. M. Bennett, *President*

### **Awarding of Hoods**

Peggy Harrel, *Director of Graduate Studies and Sponsored Research;*  
*Assistant Professor of English*  
Assisted by Brian D. Posler, *Associate Provost for Academic Affairs*

## **Baccalaureate Degrees**

### **College of Business**

Mohammed F. Khayum, *Dean, Professor of Economics*

### **College of Liberal Arts**

Michael K. Aakhus, *Dean, Professor of Art*

### **College of Nursing and Health Professions**

Nadine A. Coudret, *Dean, Professor of Nursing*

### **Outreach and Engagement**

Mark C. Bernhard, *Associate Provost for Outreach and Engagement*

### **Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education**

Scott A. Gordon, *Dean, Professor of Biology*

## **Associate Degrees**

Ronald S. Rochon, *Provost*

## **Recessional**

Evansville Brass Quintet

# Barbara A. Davis will bring Commencement Address



**Dr. Barbara A. Davis**

Dr. Barbara A. Davis, professor emeriti of nursing, will deliver today's Commencement address. She is the current Old National Bank Distinguished Professor, an award presented to her during the spring USI Commencement recognizing her significant achievements to the University, its students, and the larger community for her teaching, leadership, and service.

Dr. Davis taught in the undergraduate and graduate nursing programs until her retirement in 2011. "She is an excellent teacher and researcher who motivates students to high levels of performance," said Dr. Nadine Coudret, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions. "She has been a major contributor to the development of our doctoral nursing program and the advancement of scholarship in our college." Colleagues call Dr. Davis a natural mentor and respectfully refer to her as "Dr. Sage" for her seamless blending of scholarship, teaching, and service.

She was a mentor to five students who have completed or are currently completing capstone projects in the Doctor of Nursing Practice program. Dr. Ann White, associate dean, attributes to her guidance the successful implementation of projects that are changing nursing practice.

Having begun her nursing practice in emergency care, Dr. Davis has continued that interest in research. She is internationally known for development of the Consumer Emergency Care Satisfaction Scale (CECSS), a survey used to assess patient satisfaction with hospital emergency nursing services. The tool has been tested in both urban and rural settings across the United States. She has led researchers from other countries to adapt it for their emergency settings. It is now used in Australia, Slovenia, New Zealand, and Sweden.

Articles by Dr. Davis have been published in an array of professional journals. She has presented at national and international nursing conferences. She is a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Nursing Care Quality. She is a site visitor for the Commission for Collegiate Nursing Education, the only national accrediting body for baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs. Professionals at healthcare organizations in the region seek her expertise. She has served as co-chair of the Nursing Research Council for Deaconess Hospital in Evansville. She is a research consultant for Methodist Hospital in Henderson, Kentucky, and a member of the Medical Reserve Corps in Hopkins County, Kentucky.

Her service to the University has included membership on the Faculty Senate, Institutional Review Board, and Graduate Council. At the college level, she has served on the Research Conference Planning Committee, Community Affairs Committee, Faculty Affairs Committee, and Tenure and Promotion Committee. Her many contributions to the nursing program include involvement in curriculum planning and research related to student success. She was coauthor and editor in 2004 of the accreditation self-study report for the master's-level nursing program and coauthor this year of the accreditation self-study report for the doctoral program.

Dr. Davis earned bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing at the University of Kentucky. She completed a doctorate in nursing at Texas Woman's University.

In 1970, Dr. Davis began nursing practice as a staff nurse in the emergency room at Hopkins County Hospital in Madisonville, Kentucky. She assumed increasing levels of responsibility in positions at medical centers in Tucson, Arizona; Wausau, Wisconsin; and Lexington, Kentucky. Her career as a faculty member in higher education began in 1982 when she joined Murray State University as assistant professor. She was named associate professor at Marshall University in 1990 and was promoted to professor in 1994. In 2001, Dr. Davis relocated to her hometown of Madisonville to care for her aging father. She joined USI that year as associate professor and was promoted to professor in 2004. She retired from USI in May 2011.

# University of Southern Indiana

## Candidates for Degrees

### Class of 2011

#### 10 a.m. Ceremony

### Master Degrees

#### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Jeffery B. Alexander, Evansville  
 Ryan S. Berry, Evansville  
 Jason Charles Chambliss, Newburgh  
 Jennifer L. Fisher, Lilburn, Georgia  
 Jaclyn E. Foote, Evansville  
 Jonathan Heath Hatfield, Morganfield, Kentucky  
 Nancy M. Niemerg, Dieterich, Illinois  
 Jason Erik Parker, Evansville  
 Eric Jacob Priest, Evansville  
 Jonathan L. Rietman, Evansville  
 John David Rose, Evansville  
 Courtney A. Schmidt, Terre Haute  
 Christopher Aaron Weiberg, Newburgh

Jennifer Elaine Thompson Blaize, Vincennes  
 Elementary Education  
 Richard E. Brown, Mount Vernon  
 Mathematics Teaching  
 Jane Weiss Elgin, Evansville  
 Elementary Education  
 Jenifer R. Gossman, Evansville  
 Elementary Education  
 Jason Ryan Harrison, Owensboro, Kentucky  
 Secondary Education  
 Chester Fredrick Hassman, III, Newburgh  
 Secondary Education  
 Hillery K. Koontz, Evansville  
 Elementary Education  
 Susan V. Kroupa, Saint Louis, Missouri  
 Elementary Education  
 Laura Ann Lockyear, Newburgh  
 Elementary Education  
 Andrea L. Longabaugh, Ferdinand  
 Elementary Education  
 Ryan Douglas Merriwether, Evansville  
 Secondary Education

Shonna Renee Miller, Newburgh  
 Secondary Education  
 Stephanie D. Morris, Henderson, Kentucky  
 Elementary Education  
 Erin Kay Morphett Murch, Henderson, Kentucky  
 Elementary Education  
 Emily C. Nolan, Newburgh  
 Elementary Education  
 Michael Robert Oberst, Newburgh  
 Elementary Education  
 Laurie Ann Sammet, Evansville  
 Secondary Education  
 Kara Marie Todd, Evansville  
 Elementary Education  
 Amy L. Walton, Newburgh  
 Secondary Education  
 Brooke Congleton Wheeler, Evansville  
 Elementary Education  
 Brianna D. Wright, St. Croix  
 Secondary Education

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Barbara A. Beckham, Evansville  
 Secondary Education

### Post-Baccalaureate Certificates

#### College of Business

Jenya Highman, Vitebsk, Belarus  
 Professional Accountancy

Amanda May Koester, Newburgh  
 Professional Accountancy

Laura Diane Richardson, Evansville  
 Professional Accountancy

### Baccalaureate Degrees

#### College of Business

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Lacy R. Devine, Washington  
 Business Administration  
 Jessica Hernandez, Evansville  
 Business Administration  
 Yesica Miranda, Jasper  
 Business Administration  
 Dylan Michael Mooney, Saint Charles, Missouri  
 Marketing  
 Benjamin T. Pinkstaff, Huntingburg  
 Business Administration  
 Zachary R. Snow, Terre Haute  
 Business Administration

Natalie Starr Stringer, Evansville  
 Business Administration

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Jeffrey Earl Adams, Jasper  
 Accounting and Professional Services  
 Scott N. Adelman, Evansville  
 Computer Information Systems  
 Jenna Rose Adler, Haubstadt  
 Finance, *magna cum laude*  
 Robert H. Angle, Evansville  
 Business Administration  
 Brittany K. Ashby, Evansville  
 Management

Natalie M. Bahl, Evansville  
 Marketing  
 Shane M. Bates, Evansville  
 Accounting and Professional Services  
 Jim D. Beabout, Seymour  
 Management  
 Jonathon W. Benefiel, Indianapolis  
 Marketing  
 Lola Marie Biddle, Kingman  
 Business Administration  
 Scott A. Biggs, Rockport  
 Management

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

Jaclyn Ann Blackford, Evansville  
 Business Education

Jeremy W. Blankenship, Indianapolis  
 Marketing

Jonathan William Bond, Henderson, Kentucky  
 Finance

Laura Rachel Boyer, Boonville  
 Business Administration

Darnita LaChae Carthan, Chicago, Illinois  
 Business Administration

Kelsey Elizabeth Consalus, Evansville  
 Management

Emily Christine Coole, Newburgh  
 Accounting and Professional Services

Daniel S. Cullen, Washington  
 Business Administration

Jason W. Cummins, French Lick  
 Management

William Tyler Darlage, Brownstown  
 Business Administration

Amber Leigh Daugherty, Evansville  
 Management

Dalía Boulanger Del Portal,  
 Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela  
 Management

Taylor R. Dennis, Covington  
 Management

Logan R. Elfreich, Evansville  
 Business Administration

Shaun A. Elsner, Evansville  
 Business Administration

Shawn M. Ewell, Evansville  
 Business Administration

Aaron J. Field, Haubstadt  
 Accounting and Professional Services,  
*cum laude*

Ashton N. Fleck, Birdseye  
 Management

Adam Thomas Franke, Evansville  
 Computer Information Systems and  
 Management

Michelle M. Girgenti, Greenwood  
 Business Administration

Neil T. Goebel, Evansville  
 Management

Keith M. Goodwin, Evansville  
 Accounting and Professional Services

Dawn Stahlke Green, Newburgh  
 Accounting and Professional Services,  
*magna cum laude*

C. Brooke Gusgeski, Cadiz, Kentucky  
 Accounting and Professional Services

Drew Thomas Helfert, Evansville  
 Computer Science

Logan Lee Henry, Vevay  
 Management

Carl J. Herrmann, Evansville  
 Computer Information Systems

Dustin Ray Hornickel, Laconia  
 Management

Nathan Lindell Hyneman, Evansville  
 Business Administration

Chelsie S. Jackson, Vincennes  
 Computer Information Systems

Michael Edward Justice, II, Greendale  
 Business Administration

Randall B. Kessler, Evansville  
 Marketing

Michael C. King, Henderson, Kentucky  
 Management

Shaun M. Kingston, Evansville  
 Accounting and Professional Services

Michael Aaron Koronkiewicz, Goshen  
 Marketing

Michael A. Lawrence, Mount Vernon  
 Business Administration

Adam D. Lewis, Evansville  
 Business Administration

Ashley R. Lewis, Newburgh  
 Accounting and Professional Services

Shijie Liu, Evansville  
 Management

Shad D. Macke, Evansville  
 Management

Derrick Lewis Marshall, Lynnville  
 Economics

Patricia J. McCrary, Oakland City  
 Computer Information Systems

Jessica Nicole Sitzman Michl, Evansville  
 Business Administration

Robert Christopher Moog, Evansville  
 Accounting and Professional Services,  
*magna cum laude*

Able A. Moten, Evansville  
 Computer Information Systems

Ashley N. Murphy, Whitesville, Kentucky  
 Marketing, *magna cum laude*

Michael E. Nelligan, Mount Vernon  
 Business Administration

Eric Tyler Newton, Tell City  
 Economics

Alex Ryan Nicoll, Logansport  
 Accounting and Professional Services

Michelle Anne Offerman, Newburgh  
 Business Administration

Christopher A. Parrish, Brownsburg  
 Marketing

Zane E. Parrott, Lawrenceville, Illinois  
 Accounting and Professional Services and  
 Finance

Matthew Christian Pearce, Evansville  
 Computer Information Systems

Denice Rochelle Perry, Gary  
 Accounting and Professional Services

Jamie M. Perry, Winslow  
 Accounting and Professional Services

Jacob A. Peters, Connersville  
 Finance

Christopher A. Potts, Allendale, Illinois  
 Finance

Bradley A. Reibold, Chandler  
 Accounting and Professional Services,  
*cum laude*

Christopher M. Render, Owensville  
 Computer Information Systems

John M. Ringwall, Evansville  
 Accounting and Professional Services and  
 Finance

Brittany Lee Rogers, Newburgh  
 Marketing

David L. Rowlett, Newburgh  
 Business Administration

David L. Salyer, Evansville  
 Accounting and Professional Services

Jamie Irene Schaefer, Evansville  
 Management

Kyle Aaron Schmidt, Evansville  
 Marketing

Kenneth L. Schneider, Eldorado, Illinois  
 Management

Patrick B. Schroeder, Evansville  
 Accounting and Professional Services

Matthew James Schutz, Mount Vernon  
 Business Administration

Paul G. Seals, Evansville  
 Accounting and Professional Services,  
*magna cum laude*

Ashley N. Seibert, Evansville  
 Accounting and Professional Services

Joshua Ryan Sermersheim, Jasper  
 Marketing

Arthur T. Seuta, Henderson, Kentucky  
 Computer Information Systems

Jennifer Mae Shelby, Loogootee  
 Business Administration

John Mark Short, Jr., Houston, Texas  
 Economics

Zachary Rhett Spees, Zionsville  
 Business Administration

Tabitha Spencer, Grayville, Illinois  
 Economics

David A. Sutton, Morganfield, Kentucky  
 Economics

Melissa R. Taylor, Evansville  
 Accounting and Professional Services,  
*magna cum laude*

Kenny J. Tenbarge, Evansville  
 Accounting and Professional Services

Vladimir A. Toropov, Newburgh  
 Business Administration and Marketing

Adam Christopher Vaal, New Albany  
 Finance

Jeremy M. Wagner, Poseyville  
 Finance

Chance M. Wheeler, Ladoga  
 Business Administration

Zachary Jon Whitsitt, Huntingburg  
 Marketing

Emily A. Wickman, Loogootee  
 Business Administration

Morgan B. Wilhite, Evansville  
 Marketing

Ryan M. Wink, Evansville  
 Finance and Marketing

Shawna Leigh Witshork, Vincennes  
 Marketing

Richard A. Wittman, Plainfield  
 Business Administration

Jordan Brianna Yates, Bedford  
 Marketing

Ellen M. Young, Salem, Illinois  
 Management

Joshua F. Young, Bridgeport, Illinois  
 Business Administration

Wei Zeng, Evansville  
 Finance

Hannah R. Zunk, Haubstadt  
 Management

# Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

Wilma Schwartz Betz, Saint Anthony  
Early Childhood Education

Deirdre M. Hina, Evansville  
Elementary Education

Kristina D. Lenfers, Evansville  
Elementary Education

Kelsey R. Little, Brownsburg  
Elementary Education

Ashley M. Neidig, Evansville  
Elementary Education

Lauren Ashley Ray, Evansville  
Elementary Education

Alex K. Rice, Evansville  
Elementary Education

Andrea M. Schwoeppe, Ferdinand  
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Stephanie D. Smith, Washington  
Elementary Education

Kristen M. Stoll, Evansville  
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Heather E. Swarts, Gas City  
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Desirée D. Wisser, Redlands, California  
Special Education, *cum laude*

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Lauren M. Adcock, Evansville  
Biochemistry

Adil Akram, Newburgh  
Biology

Brie A. Ammerman, Boonville  
Elementary Education

Katherine G. Ballou, Henderson, Kentucky  
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Ann Maria Barker, Elberfeld  
Elementary Education

Latricia LeAnn Barnes, Tennyson  
Elementary Education

Heather Lynn Beard, Westfield  
Mathematics

Kendra L. Beasley, Dale  
Early Childhood Education

Joseph O. Berry, Newburgh  
Elementary Education

Amy L. Bleichroth, Henderson, Kentucky  
Geology

Amanda Lee Brendel, Salem, Illinois  
Physical Education Teaching, *cum laude*

Michelle Lynn Bryant, Owensboro, Kentucky  
Biology

Emily Anne Carnahan, Evansville  
Elementary Education

Brianna B. Cooke, Carmel  
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Curtis R. Cornman, Ellettsville  
Kinesiology

Colleen Maria Cox, Mount Vernon  
Biology

Laura E. Cox, Nashville  
Elementary Education

Kristina D. Dell, Evansville  
Elementary Education

Shannon Lea Donnelly, Santa Claus  
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Stephanie A. Duncan, Browns, Illinois  
Elementary Education

Adam T. Enright, Hammond  
Exercise Science

Jamison F. Foley, Boonville  
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Bryce Alan Fonner, Evansville  
Elementary Education

Jamie Rae Garwood, Grayville, Illinois  
Mathematics

Mallory Lynn Gee, Carmi, Illinois  
Elementary Education

Benjamin S. Getz, Evansville  
Biology

Katherine E. Glover, Evansville  
Elementary Education

Eric D. Gourieux, Newburgh  
Biology

Melissa Austine Goward, Elkhart  
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Haley Marie Grigsby, Indianapolis  
Elementary Education

Sarah E. Groeger, Newburgh  
Biology and Spanish Studies,  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Nicholas Sean Grothouse, Jasper  
Elementary Education

Stephanie Nicole Groves, Tell City  
Elementary Education

Heather Renee Grubbs, Washington  
Biology

Kailey Jane Hall, Newburgh  
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Sarah Ann Hall, Mount Vernon  
Mathematics Teaching

Jill C. Hammack, Tell City  
Elementary Education

Erin L. Hampton, Jeffersonville  
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

William David Hartsaw, Evansville  
Elementary Education

Jace S. Hasenour, Ferdinand  
Physical Education Teaching

Tina L. Hasenour, Huntingburg  
Elementary Education and Early Childhood  
Education

Stephanie Brooke Havill, Evansville  
Early Childhood Education

Rebecca Michelle Hays, Odon  
Special Education

Zachary E. Hendren, Evansville  
Kinesiology

Tyler Miles Hercamp, New Palestine  
Elementary Education

Samantha Ann Hickey, Kokomo  
Special Education, *cum laude*

Lindsey K. Hickman, Indianapolis  
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Travis W. Hodges, Indianapolis  
Mathematics

Rachel Sue Hopf, Petersburg  
Elementary Education

Andrew B. Hudson, Evansville  
Elementary Education

Sarah Renee Huebner, Jasper  
Special Education and Elementary Education

Sydney N. Huseman, Monticello  
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Ellen Elizabeth Jackson, Mount Vernon  
Biology, *summa cum laude*

Ashleigh Michelle Janiga, Portage  
Biology

Cecilia Ann Joffee, French Lick  
Mathematics

Sheena Nicole Julian, Lynnville  
Elementary Education

Lisa Marie Kaetzel, Wadesville  
Biology

Kristy Lynn Keene, Branchville  
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Luke A. Keller, Jasper  
Physical Education Teaching

Nicholas M. Kerner, Evansville  
Special Education

Krystal E. Knust, Saint Anthony  
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Lien Kim Le, Evansville  
Biology

Whitney L. Litherland, Tell City  
Elementary Education

Kelsey Mae Malone, Bicknell  
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Cynthia R. May, Fort Branch  
Elementary Education

Stephanie Sue McSparin, Marion, Illinois  
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Stacey Jeanne Michel, Fort Branch  
Elementary Education

Meghann A. Miller, Haubstadt  
Special Education

Christina G. Mitchell, Tennyson  
Chemistry

Karl Erik Moe, Colorado Springs, Colorado  
Biology

Kathryn M. Murtaugh, Evansville  
Biology

Felicia LeeAnn Myers, Cannelton  
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Amy Nicole Nau, Evansville  
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Neeraja J. Neel, Newburgh  
Sport Management

Christopher Ryan Nowak, Rockport  
Elementary Education

Sarah Ann Orte, Crown Point  
Elementary Education

Ella L. Palamarchuk, Evansville  
Biology

Jerrod S. Parker, Silver Lake  
Kinesiology

Zachery S. Paul, Mount Vernon  
Industrial Supervision, *magna cum laude*

Laura Elizabeth Payne, Rockport  
Elementary Education

Amanda M. Pearl, Honolulu, Hawaii  
Biology

Jennifer Whitney Peckenpaugh, Evansville  
Elementary Education

Courtney L. Perry, Crown Point  
Biology

Jessie Lee Putnam, Batesville  
Elementary Education

Samantha Lee Rausch, Avon  
Elementary Education

Amber M. Redfield, Evansville  
Kinesiology

Jared D. Rehmel, Jasonville  
Sport Management

Marissa L. Reidford, Poseyville  
Elementary Education

Heather L. Reinbrecht, Boonville  
Elementary Education and Early Childhood  
Education

Rebecca Paige Reynolds, Carmel  
Biology, *magna cum laude*,  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Sarah E. Rushing, Fishers  
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Zachary John Ryder, Vincennes  
Physical Education Teaching

John E. Schelhorn, Mount Vernon  
Physical Education Teaching

Abby Rae Schmitt, Jasper  
Early Childhood Education

Isaac W. Schmitt, Boonville  
Mathematics Teaching

Casey M. Sermersheim, Jasper  
Elementary Education

Kristen L. Singleton, Vincennes  
Elementary Education and Special Education,  
*cum laude*

Abby Renee Steele, Mount Vernon  
Early Childhood Education

Thomas Jordan Sturbaum, Bloomington  
Elementary Education

Amanda E. Summers, Evansville  
Elementary Education

Shelli L. Surma, North Judson  
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Allyson Elizabeth Taber, Newburgh  
Elementary Education

Amanda J. Thomas, Owensville  
Elementary Education

Leigha D. Thompson, Teutopolis, Illinois  
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Kimberly Marie Tucker, Newburgh  
Elementary Education

Tessa R. Turnipseed, Avon  
Early Childhood Education, *magna cum laude*

Shawn Michelle Turpen, Evansville  
Elementary Education

Vanessa Vertin, French Lick  
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Brittany Kay Vogel, Evansville  
Elementary Education

Robert Austin Walker, Mount Vernon  
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Megan Elise Weinzapfel, Jasper  
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Jason Robert Edward Willis, Evansville  
Biology

Molly E. Winklepleck, Odon  
Elementary Education

Tammy L. Work, Evansville  
Biology

Molly P. Wyman, Evansville  
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Robert Wayne Yates, Henderson, Kentucky  
Chemistry

Chelsea D. Ziliak, Haubstadt  
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING

Lucas B. Conrad, Henderson, Kentucky

Erik T. Davis, Owensville

Adam M. Gilles, Evansville

Daniel J. Horstman, Evansville

Whitney Faye Land, Jasper

Dakota T. Scheiber, Tell City

Kenneth Wesley Schnautz, Evansville

Matthew Kent Sparrow, Dale

Steve R. Utterback, Evansville

## Associate Degrees College of Business

### ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Lindsey M. DeBord, Hazleton  
Business

Daniel A. Vogel, Mount Vernon  
Business



# University of Southern Indiana

## Candidates for Degrees

### Class of 2011

#### 1 p.m. Ceremony

### Master Degrees

#### MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION

Lauren Sue Rickelman, Evansville

#### MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES

Christopher Rutter, Evansville

Michelle Renne Sholar-McManus,  
Owensboro, Kentucky

#### MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Dana E. Drury, Evansville

Zachary J. Heronemus, Evansville

Royce A. Newton, Evansville

Brent Lee Owen, Evansville

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Erica R. Culp, Indianapolis

Nursing Management and Leadership

Erin M. Fuhrer, Evansville

Nursing Management and Leadership

Tamera L. Halter, Vincennes

Nursing Education

Rebecca Jane Kelley, Glen Burnie, Maryland

Nursing Education

Aaron Dale Napier, Seymour

Nursing Management and Leadership

Jamie Leigh Napier, Seymour

Nursing Management and Leadership

Angela J. Sawyer, Evansville

Nursing Education

Deborah D. Tate, Sacramento, Kentucky

Nursing Management and Leadership

Carole Eyvette Turner, Eldorado, Illinois

Nursing Education

Catherine Denise Wichman, Columbus

Nursing Management and Leadership

Debra Cole Wilson, Newburgh

Nursing Management and Leadership

### Baccalaureate Degrees

#### College of Liberal Arts

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Lisa M. Adamson, Mount Vernon

Radio and Television

Justin E. Ampon, West Chester, Ohio

English

Megan Lynn Barchet, Evansville

Visual Art Teaching

Ashley Mae Beaman, Gosport

Spanish Studies, *magna cum laude*

Lauren N. Beck, Jasper

Public Relations and Advertising

Kelsie N. Busby, Pendleton

Psychology and Public Relations and  
Advertising

Kayce N. Clevenger, Owensville

Psychology, *magna cum laude*

Carol Lynn Diaz, Elkhart

Political Science and International Studies

Janet Escobar, Evansville

International Studies

Ashley Nicole Fancher, Corydon

International Studies, *cum laude*

Brittany Ann Fields, Evansville

Political Science

Cameron M. Fields, Newburgh

English

Collin M. Gentry, Huntingburg

Spanish Studies Teaching, *cum laude*

Sarah E. Groeger, Newburgh

Spanish Studies and Biology,

UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Steven Ryan Hamilton, Evansville

French and International Studies

Megan L. Ingle, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

English

Shane Aaron Jackson, Vevay

English

Jared S. Kinkade, Evansville

Radio and Television

Lauren Mary Lafferty, Nashville

Communication Studies

Jeremy Lee Luman, Evansville

Radio and Television

Erika Lynn Meikle, Evansville

Psychology

Megan Marie Miller, Evansville

Psychology and Health Services

Samantha J. Miller, Cloverdale

Public Relations and Advertising and French  
Studies, *magna cum laude*

Karen E. Mills, Indianapolis

Spanish Studies and English

Sarah Elizabeth Mitchell, Evansville

English Teaching, *cum laude*

Anastasia Strodel Montgomery, Evansville

Psychology

Chelsey Ann Mullins, Robinson, Illinois

International Studies and Spanish Studies,

*magna cum laude*,

UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Josiah T. Newmaster, Newburgh

English Teaching

Daniel J. Osborne, Evansville

Art

Karen A. Rogal, Evansville

Visual Art Teaching

Brittani L. Roques, Evansville

German Studies

Abby E. Schenk, Evansville

Radio and Television

Meghan J. Seibert, Newburgh

Public Relations and Advertising

Heather N. Summitt, Indianapolis

Spanish Studies

Chelsea A. Thomas, Indianapolis

Public Relations and Advertising

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

Adam Lee Wadsworth, Boonville  
English Teaching

Monika Lynn Wathen, Indianapolis  
Psychology and Spanish Studies

Brianna F. Williams, Evansville  
Communication Studies

Jamie Gray Williams, Evansville  
Art, *magna cum laude*

Natalie Marie Wolf, Evansville  
English, *cum laude*

Hiliary M. Wolfe, Evansville  
Sociology

Meredith Grace Woodard, Evansville  
Theatre Arts, *cum laude*,  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

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# Commencement Traditions

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## 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.

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## 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 doctoral and 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 today's ceremony by the white honor cords worn with their regalia.

## Alumni Association Pins

Graduates in today's ceremony are receiving 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 commemorates 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 after each 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 and respectfulness of those seated nearby ensures the dignity of the commencement ceremony.

## Commemorative DVD

In response to requests from graduates and families, a high-quality commemorative DVD of today's ceremony 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 <https://www.usi.edu/commencement/ssl/dvds.asp>.



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