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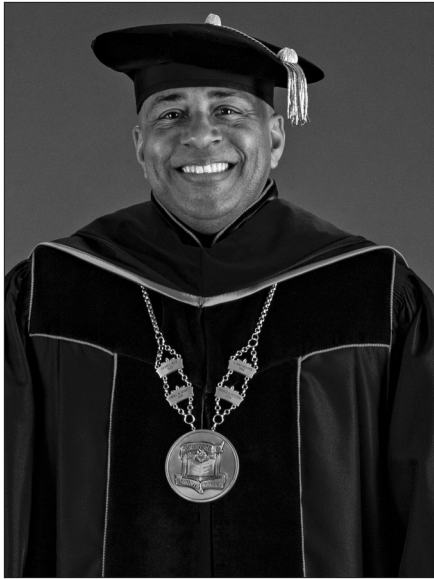
COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM



2020

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA
EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA COMMENCEMENT



Ronald S. Rochon

DEAR CLASS OF 2020:

Commencement is a time to rejoice and recognize accomplishments, and your perseverance to commitments has delivered many reasons to celebrate this year. Your actions have revealed leadership, creativity and a profound capacity to find new modes of success. While my heart is heavy with regret that we cannot be together, I realize your sacrifices and your respect for the health and wellbeing of fellow students, faculty and staff by wearing masks, social distancing and avoiding large gatherings, as we weather this pandemic. These deliberate efforts make me deeply proud that you are Screaming Eagles. Your expression, appreciation and affirmation for each other, illustrates you've achieved an education beyond books during your years at the University of Southern Indiana—you have acquired emotional intelligence as well.

While we were not able to celebrate your triumph together, it is imperative you understand your presence on campus has made the institution intellectually, socially, emotionally, culturally and physically stronger. You alone have mastered your education, but you have not done so alone. All around you are people—some known to you and others not—who have been instrumental in ushering you along this higher-education path. Take a moment to reflect on those individuals—mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles, friends, neighbors, educators, policy makers and more—including yourself—and consider the drive, aptitude, vision and creativity it took on behalf of all involved for you to reach this milestone.

You have demonstrated your immeasurable ability to embrace the unknown and keep striving for more. On the foundation of your grit and resilience, you will forge a life that touches many others. You will be called upon to exhibit your educational and emotional intelligence in both trying and trouble-free times. Remember to be intentionally thankful. To not only say "Thank You," but to demonstrate gratefulness too. Show kindness to all those who cross your path in life.

As I reflect on your journeys, I am reminded of Dr. Maya Angelo's poem "Still I Rise." In it, she speaks of oppression's historic will to undo her and her refusal to oblige. Your plight today does not carry the weight of which she wrote. You do, however, imbue her spirit as "still you rise."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald S. Rochon". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Ronald S. Rochon, PhD
USI President

ROMAIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS REFLECTION SPEAKER



Katelyn N. Kuester '20

When I was younger, I always wondered what it would be like to graduate from college. Often, it felt like that day simply would never come. But now that graduation is finally here, I am filled with many emotions. This is a time of major decisions and life-changing events for all of us that has been intensified by the current coronavirus pandemic.

When I used to envision this day, I expected it would come with an earth-shattering feeling. That I would instantly feel wiser, more informed and accomplished. The truth is, I do not feel much different today than I did yesterday. Instead, what I realize is that my time at USI has involved a steady accumulation of personal and professional growth that has shaped me into who I am today.

That is why the word “growth” represents my time at USI. The once naive, close-minded girl I used to be has grown into an enthusiastic world traveler who is eager to embrace global differences and make a positive impact on this world. We all have a word that describes our time at USI. Maybe it is discovery. Or liberating. Or fulfilling. Whatever your word is, I hope it inspires you to follow your dreams and become the person you are meant to be.

As we graduate, even though a million different emotions are racing through us, I mostly feel an overwhelming sense of gratitude. Gratitude for what USI’s Romain College of Business has provided us. Due to the support and guidance of the wonderful faculty and staff, we can be confident in knowing we are prepared for this next step of life. I personally want to thank my marketing professor and mentor, Dr. Peggy Shields. I hope you know how critical you have been to my, and so many others’, experiences here at USI.

It is an honor to graduate with you all and to congratulate you on achieving such an outstanding accomplishment. We are inventive, diverse individuals who have the power to be the change we want to see in the world, to create the world we want to live in. Be ambitious, do the things you love, take risks, all while being kind to others. And always remember that the lessons and skills you have acquired during your time here at USI can and will extend far beyond the classroom. Thank you.



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA

Candidates for Degrees

CLASS OF 2020

ROMAIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

MASTER DEGREES

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Ryan T. Abbott, Mooresville
Tara L. Adcock, Evansville
Erin A. Akins, Evansville
Mohamed Isa Ali Alhali, Samaheej, Bahrain
Lynda Amarachi Amama, Chesterton
Savannah Lee Anderson, Charlestown
Rabia D. Ari, Brooklyn, New York
Pascal Johnathon Arnes, Indianapolis
Clinton Duke Barger, Springville
Kaitlynn M. Batts, Boonville
Gabriel Luke Bault, Spencer
Grant Charles Beaman, Martinsville
Hunter Ryan Beauchamp, Middletown
Allison N. Belcher, Rushville
Bradley G. Bickett, Henderson, Kentucky
Santosh Vikram Binwade, Indianapolis
Trupti Binwade, Indianapolis
Nathan L. Boerner, Evansville
Lisa G. Boltz, Whiteland
Caitlyn Jo Bradley, Whitestown
Jessica Bradley, Carmel
Sarah M. Brian, New Harmony
Marianne C. Brown, New Albany, Ohio
Justin Lee Buchanan, Mount Vernon
Leah Monica Carter, Honolulu, Hawaii
Steve Center, McCordsville
Mary Champion, Jasper
Peter K. Champion, Calgary, Canada
Wingyan Chan, Hong Kong, Hong Kong
Corey J. Chapman, Evansville
Robert Mills Christian IV, Columbus
Michael Anthony Cicero, Indianapolis
Kyle Cochran, Auburn

Bradley Allen Conrad, Henderson, Kentucky
Brandon Michael Cooper, Newburgh
Jon Adam Cox, Nashville, Tennessee
Taylor Nicole Cravens, Evansville
Brandon Yumol Curry, Fort Wayne
Deann A. D'Onofrio, Southgate, Michigan
Shaunn Renee Dauenhauer, Elwood
Shelby Davis III, Plainfield, Illinois
Jessica Lee Deckard, Owensboro, Kentucky
Zacharea Izzedin Doleh, Indianapolis
Naomi Ruthia Donaldson, San Antonio, Texas
Aron Potter Duymovic, Littleton, Colorado
Emily Elizabeth Eickhoff, Evansville
Carrie Anne Eldridge, West Frankfort, Illinois
Kevin Elmore, Woodland Hills, California
Tyler Edward Erickson, Carmel
Cameron G. Evans, Vincennes
Michael R. Fischer, Evansville
Kyler Hamilton Floyd, Uniontown, Kentucky
Zachary Jay Frederick, Orlando, Florida
William Edward Troutner Fredette, Florence, Kentucky
Karri M. Gates, Fishers
Morganne Nicole Geiser, Evansville
William Curtis George, Orleans
Melissa Anne Geyer, Chicago, Illinois
Darren Joseph Gibson, Henderson, Kentucky
Kiara Leshae Gibson, Evansville
Nikolai Gogol, Karlsruhe, Germany
Hannah N. Gonder, Brownsburg
Jane T. Gonzales, Indianapolis
Praveen Basavaraj Gowdar, Knoxville, Tennessee
Matthew L. Green, Evansville
Jamie L. Gribbins, Evansville

Joshua Allen Gonselamn, Jasper
Mark F. Hardy, Bloomington
Susan Dawn Hayes, Evansville
Cheryl Robin Hook, Jeffersonville
Sarah E. Jackson, Mount Vernon
Kacey Reid Johnson, Indianapolis
Hart Allen Jones, Newburgh
Makenzie Lynn Jones, Newburgh
Shanae Nicole Jones, Scheller, Illinois
Ryan Nicholas Kaczmariski, Evansville
Kristina Angela Kaffenberger, Greenville
Arshdeep Singh Kahlon, Greenwood
Jordan Paris Kalaitsides, North Canton, Ohio
Andrew Jordan Kamplain, Noblesville
Lea R. Karnezis, Terre Haute
Christopher A. Kelly, Newburgh
Steve R. Kelly, Hebron, Kentucky
Sevil Khalilova, Brooklyn, New York
Casey Frank Kick, Evansville
Melissa Anne Kingle, Odon
Cody James LaBean, Newburgh
Amy Lillich, Newburgh
Bret Patrick Lillich, Newburgh
Craig A. Linderman, Tampa, Florida
Anne Marie Lopez, Vista, California
Christina M. Lutes, Bloomington
Trico J. Lutkins, Saint Clair Shores, Michigan
Jared Mitchell Lynch, Granger
Logan Paul Mann, Pace, Florida
Peyton Oglesby Mann, Pace, Florida
Brannon Keith Martin, Indianapolis
Zachary Ryan Marvel, Evansville
Vikas Maurya, Evansville
Diane Sue McBride, Imperial, Mississippi
Morgan J. McCombs-Jones, Indianapolis
Trevor Jay McGill, Mt. Angel, Oregon

Katrina M. McGrath, Plainfield
 Marcus D. McNeal, Richmond
 Kevin Michael McWilliams, Crystal Lake, Illinois
 Megan S. Miller, Indianapolis
 Feroz Ahmed Mohammed, Plymouth, Minnesota
 Vanessa Moline Thompson, Medina, Ohio
 Gabrielle Diana Moreton, Dahlgren, Illinois
 Raymond C. Morris, Bloomington, Illinois
 Luke Alan Mowry, Jacksonville, Florida
 Alexandra R. Muhlbach, Bedford
 Tendo Sharon Nalyaali, Newburgh
 Shanna Sue Narang, Columbus
 Sumit Narang, Columbus
 Erika Leigh O'Rourke, Greencastle
 Mitchell A. Palmer, Evansville
 Ryan Andrew Palmer, Indianapolis
 Michelle Paoletti, Batavia, Illinois
 William E. Pappano, Aubrey, Texas
 Emily Lynn Patton, Henderson, Kentucky
 Joseph DeRon Paul, West Harrison
 Jason D. Perry, Evansville
 Brianna L. Pierce, Lawrenceburg, Kentucky
 Shontay Lafay Porter, Alexandria, Virginia
 Andrew Patrick Pottschmidt, Westfield
 Daniel Radulescu, Calgary, Canada
 Cari D. Randel, Mount Vernon
 Angela Renee Ratcliff, Indianapolis

James T. Read Jr., Indianapolis
 Russell D. Recknor, State Road, North Carolina
 Brett Reichart, Muncie
 Elizabeth N. Reis, Evansville
 Logan Christian Robinson, Newburgh
 Anthony Jacob Ross, Evansville
 Simona Lucia Willison Santabarbara, Indianapolis
 Mara Elizabeth Schmitt, Evansville
 Madison R. Schneid, Louisville, Kentucky
 Jesse Eryn Schneider, Evansville
 Daniel Schnur, Newburgh
 Jessica L. Schramm, Winamac
 Andrew Brian Sears, Fort Mill, South Carolina
 Muhammad Umar Seyal, Louisville, Kentucky
 Muhammad Amjad Seyal, Louisville, Kentucky
 Hayden Conrad Sharp, Sharpsville
 Michael Takeshi Shepherd, Columbus
 Jessica Ann Simpson, Indianapolis
 Robert K. Sinclair, Danville
 Joseph Ray Sipes, Evansville
 Meghan L. Skaggs, Center Point
 Ranithri Slayton, San Jose, California
 Brittany Lee Small, Rockport
 Mark Timothy Smith, Prior Lake, Minnesota
 Bradley M. Sneed, Norris City, Illinois
 Emily Paige Sommers, Vallonia

Alex Charles Springer, Evansville
 Matthew Ryan St. Ledger, Albion, Illinois
 John Mitchell Stahl, Spencer
 Austin Noah Steffen, Elkhart
 Brandon James Stevenson, Zionsville
 Bryce Jordan Stevenson, Frankfort
 Sarah Elizabeth Thomas, Atlanta, Georgia
 Jennifer Marie Thomason, Rochelle, Illinois
 Jalen Marcus Townsend, Fishers
 Vinh Q. Tran, Fairfax, Virginia
 Casey Fletcher Trela, Evansville
 Kenneth A. Turner, Saint John
 Jared Adam Unseld, Fishers
 Garrick Utley, Henderson, Kentucky
 Jennifer D. Valentine, Columbus
 Kenneth Franklin Varble, Hartford, Kentucky
 Tim Wagstrom, Milford, Ohio
 Kristin Maria Walden, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
 Anna Lee Wamack, Midland, Michigan
 Brandy Michelle Washler, New Castle
 Michael Anthony Williams, Brownsburg
 Zachary K. Willis, Indianapolis
 Jessica Diane Wilson, Evansville
 Yean Y. Wong, Chicago, Illinois
 Joshua Faller Wray, Charlestown
 Wenyi Susan Zhuang, Columbus

POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATES

Brandon M. Johns, Evansville
 Accountancy

Nina Marie Mathies, Jasper
 Accountancy

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Shahad Fahad S. Almashaabi, Riyadh,
 Saudi Arabia
 Marketing

Mariana Del Carmen Arboleda, Newburgh
 Business Administration

Emily Bacon, Newburgh
 Economics, *summa cum laude*

Logan Ryan Goldman, Evansville
 Accounting and Professional Services,
cum laude

Jacob M. Griffin, Marion, Illinois
 Marketing, *magna cum laude*

Jenna J. Jochum, Jasper
 Business Administration

Dana Christine Jones, Newburgh
 Management, *summa cum laude*

Erin Clara Kinsel, Valparaiso
 Accounting and Professional Services,
cum laude

Madison Noelle Koester, Evansville
 Business Administration

Justin Kashe O'Neal, Bellevue, Nebraska
 Economics, *cum laude*

Joseph William Roan, Richmond
 Marketing

Sidney L. Schneider, Evansville
 Business Administration, *cum laude*

Vanessa V. Seaman, Woodlawn, Illinois
 Business Administration, *cum laude*

Joseph Settersten, Newburgh
 Marketing

Madison McKee Tanner, Marion, Illinois
 Accounting and Professional Services

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Olivia Grace Adler, Evansville Marketing	Marshall Christian Gruber, Evansville Accounting and Professional Services and Management, <i>summa cum laude</i> , UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR	Keith D. Mitchell, Evansville Computer Science
Brian Thomas Alexander, Evansville Economics	Derek Andrew Haas, Evansville Marketing	Jeremy David Moore, Evansville Accounting and Professional Services, <i>cum laude</i>
Evan Joseph Allen, Bedford Finance	Richard Tyler Hooper, Fairfield, Illinois Marketing, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Mackenzie Cardwell Morris, Henderson, Kentucky Accounting and Professional Services
Taylor M. Anderson, Evansville Management, <i>cum laude</i> , UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR	Tyler Jeffery Howell, Leopold, Indiana Management	Olivia Lyn Neff, Evansville Management
Cade Weston Arnold, Elberfeld Management	Lucas R. Hubert, Tell City Marketing	Alyssa R. Newman, Chandler Finance, <i>magna cum laude</i>
James Michael Beckman, Evansville Computer Science	Adam Russell Huntington, Evansville Computer Information Systems, <i>cum laude</i>	Justin Harrison Norris, Newburgh Computer Information Systems and Management, <i>cum laude</i>
Landon W. Bell, Loogootee Accounting and Professional Services and Finance, <i>cum laude</i>	Alex Cristopher Ingran, Evansville Computer Science	Holli Marie Norris, Bloomfield Business Administration
Mitchell Blake Bishop, Evansville Computer Science, <i>cum laude</i>	Wiktór Robert Iskra, Evansville Accounting and Professional Services	Ayden Michael Noyes, Evansville Computer Science
Luke Allan Blackburn, Vincennes Accounting and Professional Services	Kyle Nicholas Jenson, Henderson, Kentucky Computer Science	Liam T. O'Haver, Washington Accounting and Professional Services
Jacob Emerson Bodayla, Evansville Computer Science	Heath Nicholas Kercher, Evansville Computer Information Systems	Sam Addison Oliver, Evansville Finance
Logan E. Boulds, Eldorado, Illinois Accounting and Professional Services	Lacey Nicole King, Foley, Missouri Accounting and Professional Services	Austin Jacob Passmore, Mitchell Marketing
Jayson Alan Bowers, Charlottesville Computer Science	Zachary Lee Kirchoff, Vincennes Accounting and Professional Services	Andrew Jackson Peistrup, Evansville Business Administration, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Quinton Lee Brumett, Evansville Accounting and Professional Services	Colin Philip Klaus, Newburgh Management	Nicholas Allen Piper, Cicero Finance, <i>cum laude</i>
Molly Rose Brunsmann, Huntingburg Business Administration	Elijah Thomas Kramer, Haubstadt Marketing	Dharma Renae Powell, Evansville Business Administration
Landon Riley Carder, Flora, Illinois Finance	Bryce William Krizan, Mount Vernon Computer Information Systems	Nicholas E. Pruden, Evansville Accounting and Professional Services
Lexa Ellen Carney, Eldorado, Illinois Finance	Katelyn Nicole Kuester, Rockport Marketing, <i>magna cum laude</i>	EmmaLee Jo Pruitt, Norris City, Illinois Business Administration
Kelvin Jaycee Cato, Evansville Accounting and Professional Services	Hans David Lagenour, Evansville Computer Science, <i>cum laude</i>	Dalton Christopher Pugh, Evansville Business Administration
Ashlee Ann Coffey, Richmond Accounting and Professional Services, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Cory A. Little, Wadesville Economics	Wesley B. Rees, Evansville Finance
Wyatt Thomas Daly, Newburgh Computer Information Systems	Nicole Ann Maloy, Evansville Accounting and Professional Services	Jared Joseph Reynolds, Evansville Finance
Jeremy Bryant Deel, Huntingburg Computer Information Systems	Dakota Jo McCarter, Vincennes Accounting and Professional Services, <i>cum laude</i>	Cameron James Risinger, Haubstadt Finance
Samuel R. Delong, Fort Branch Business Administration	Paige Marie McCarty, Huntingburg Accounting and Professional Services, <i>cum laude</i>	Sarah Elizabeth Roberson, Wheatland Accounting and Professional Services
Emily Eckstein, Brookville Computer Science	Caleb Jackson Merrimon, Bicknell Business Administration, <i>cum laude</i>	Collin Joseph Robinson, Oakland City Marketing
Reid Alan Edwards, Olney, Illinois Economics and Finance, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Riley Dalton Miller, Evansville Computer Information Systems	
Mitchell Timothy Green, Evansville Finance		

Tyler Eric Russell, Monroe City Computer Science	Evan D. Stahlhut, Greenwood Marketing	Tristan Hunter Whalen, Boonville Management
Matthew Tyler Schnautz, Evansville Marketing, <i>cum laude</i>	Abigail M. Steinkamp, Evansville Marketing	Jennifer Katelyn Whitmore, Henderson, Kentucky Business Administration
Noah Lee Scott, Sellersburg Marketing	Allison Ellen Stradtner, Newburgh Accounting and Professional Services, <i>magna cum laude</i> , UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR	Jonathan Hunter Wigington, Newburgh Economics
Timothy L. Shea, Newburgh Accounting and Professional Services	Clayton Robert Thomas, Loogootee Marketing	Andrew D. Willis, Lawrenceville, Georgia Marketing
Jacob Aaron Simmons, Newburgh Economics and Finance	Matthew Scott Thomas, Henderson, Kentucky Computer Information Systems	Kayla J. Wilson, Scipio Finance, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Amon Reed Simpson, Fairfield, Illinois Computer Science	Hannah Marie Varner, Evansville Accounting and Professional Services	Krystal S. Wilson, Scipio Business Administration, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Brittany R. Skinner, Evansville Business Administration	Devon Odell Veatch, Springville Marketing	Sheri A. Zehner, Evansville Accounting and Professional Services and Management
Ethan M. Smith, Fairfield, Illinois Accounting and Professional Services, <i>cum laude</i>	Cameron Scott Walters, New Albany Accounting and Professional Services and Finance	
Trey Edward Smith, Plainville Management	Lacey Jade Walton, Loogootee Management	
Zachary Snell, Mulkeytown, Illinois Business Administration	Garrett Scott Welch, New Castle Accounting and Professional Services	

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LIBERAL ARTS REFLECTION SPEAKER



Chris York '13 '20

I was worried about returning to USI after so many years. I had completed my degree five years prior and knew I wanted to return for another degree. I knew I would be older than most of my peers, and feared that I would not have the same engaged experience as before because of the age difference. I feared being a “nontraditional student” would hinder my time at school; that I would stand out in a negative way and that I would not make any friends.

It took effort on my part to be open and vulnerable enough to interact with these new faces, but once I was back in class it was clear there would be no problem at all. USI’s students and faculty made me feel included and respected. I realized there is no such thing as a “traditional student” and that we were all here for the same reason: to become the best version of ourselves possible. The most important thing I learned in all my years at USI is to always be true to yourself, and you will find the acceptance and support you deserve.

Of course, it was the past year that turned out to be the most nontraditional thing about our time together. The world looks different, but we as individuals do not. We are still successful, we are still proud and we are still determined. I learned a great deal about myself while being a student, especially one during a worldwide pandemic, and the excited anticipation I have for the future grows every day. There is so much uncertainty that lies ahead, but I have never felt better about who I am because of my time at USI, and feel ready to face the next challenge. I hope you feel the same.

It is with great pride that I congratulate my fellow graduates on all our accomplishments. Together, we will make an impact in our communities and our world, and I’m excited to see what the future will be.



COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

MASTER DEGREES

MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION

Caleb Michael Fendrich, Evansville
Shannon Marie Hoehn, Mount Vernon
Mary E. Reese, Mount Vernon
Willie J. Sanders, Indianapolis

MASTER OF ARTS IN SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION, POLICY AND CULTURE

Lorena Alexandra Baquerizo, Newburgh
Rachel E. Beard, Chesterton
Elle Nicole Floyd, Henderson, Kentucky
Jordan Carol Wright, Fishers

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Tyler Andrew Stock, Evansville

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Mohammad S. Albazzaz, Kuwait City, Kuwait
Journalism

Josie Catherine Ault, Evansville
Psychology, *cum laude*

Hunter Christian Baird, Owensboro, Kentucky
Global Studies

Hope A. Baker, Newburgh
English

Samuel D. Barsan, Cincinnati, Ohio
English Teaching

Mackenzie Taylor Burton, Fowler
Global Studies and Spanish Studies

Jenna Renee Cummins, Vincennes
Psychology

Collin C. Dame, Evansville
Public Relations and Advertising,
magna cum laude

Nadia Tiara Farmer, Columbus, Ohio
English

Hailey Renae Hagan, Newburgh
Psychology

Leanne Marie Helfrich, Newburgh
Visual Art P-12 Teaching

Abigail Elizabeth-Rae Howard, Evansville
Art

John Walter Martin, Mount Vernon
English Teaching, *cum laude*

Casie T. Mathies, Boonville
Public Relations and Advertising

Kalen M. McManus, Newburgh
Psychology

Yesica L. Mejia Morales, Jasper
Anthropology

Jerrith Draco Morrison, Valparaiso
Art

Reba Mae Odom, Evansville
English

Evan Ray Pennington, Greendale
Philosophy, *cum laude*

Olivia Grace Pickerill, Pekin
Sociology, *magna cum laude*

Rachael Matilda Popp, Crown Point
English

River Thomas Priest, Henderson, Kentucky
Art

Sheridan Auguste Proctor-Zenker, Crete, Illinois
Political Science

Joshua Lawrence Ratts, Pekin
History

Summer F. Rhoads, Huntingburg
Psychology and Art

Kendall L. Roberts, Evansville
History

Matthew N. Sims, Evansville
Psychology

Courtney P. Smith, Indianapolis
Communication Studies and
French Studies, *cum laude*

Larissa Ann Sobczak, Mishawaka
Global Studies and Sociology, *cum laude*

Jazmin Solano Sanchez, Newburgh
Criminal Justice

Samuel Marco Talbert, Newburgh
Philosophy

Lillian Claire Turner, Evansville
Anthropology, *magna cum laude*

Christopher Lee Weyer, Boonville
Global Studies

Jaelyn Jean White, Owensville
Political Science and French Studies,
cum laude

BACHELOR OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Andrea C. Aubrey, Newburgh
Individualized Studies

Danielle Frances Cater, Evansville
Individualized Studies

Kimberly Leann Key, Evansville
Individualized Studies

Shannon Maze, Yuma, Arizona
Individualized Studies

Heath W. Reed, Princeton
Individualized Studies

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Oluwabukola Olivia Akerele, Carmel
Psychology

Reily Victoria Atchison, Santa Claus
Psychology

Caroline C. Barrueta Arribasplata, Boonville
Criminal Justice

Whitney Marie Bartley, Evansville
Psychology,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Emily Rose Beaumont, Madison
Psychology, *cum laude*

Alea B. Beckham, Evansville
History, *magna cum laude*

Lexi E. Bell, Newburgh
Criminal Justice, *magna cum laude*

Sarah Anne Bickett, Newburgh
Philosophy

Marci M. Bilskie, Mount Vernon
Art

Erin Rose Blackwell, Borden
Sociology, *cum laude*

Jessica Boudakian, Petersburg
Criminal Justice

William I. Bowens, Evansville
Philosophy

Casi Jo Bower, Williams Visual Art P-12 Teaching	Alaina Charlize Harris, Yorkville, Illinois Psychology	Sarah L. Owens, Avon Art, <i>cum laude</i> , UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR
Michelle Annette Brakie, Evansville Psychology	Samuel Christopher-Alan Herdegen, Henderson, Kentucky English Teaching, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Jessica Louise Pfoff, Vincennes Public Relations and Advertising, <i>cum laude</i>
Kaitlyn Jean Clevenger, Veedersburg Psychology	Ross Alan Heritier, Newburgh History	Stacia E. Pruitt, Boonville Art
Elijah Allen Coatney, Bloomington Anthropology	Tyler Christian Hoel, Elwood Communication Studies	Travis Kenneth Reeves, Franklin English
Jacob Michael Collins, Evansville History	Tyler Scott Jamison, Albion, Illinois Criminal Justice	Angel Isaias Rodriguez, Evansville Psychology
Kaley Ann Crabtree, Utica, Kentucky Psychology, <i>cum laude</i>	Hannah E. Jones, Evansville Art, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Andie Nicole Ruff, Newburgh Art
Brenna R. Curtner, Fairfield, Illinois Psychology	Jillian Jones, Henderson, Kentucky Sociology and Psychology, <i>magna cum laude</i> , UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR	Megan Michelle Schilling, Saint John Public Relations and Advertising, <i>cum laude</i>
Alexandra Marie Davis, Owensboro, Kentucky Art	Caleb J. Kamplain, Palestine, Illinois Psychology	Sarah A. Seward-Genung, Carbondale Political Science, <i>cum laude</i>
Austin James Delano, Louisville, Kentucky Art, <i>cum laude</i>	Shawn E. Kane, Huntingburg History	Abbyanna Lynn Sexton, Evansville Communication Studies, <i>cum laude</i>
Erica Paige Denison, Sellersburg English Teaching, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Maddyson Nichole Lewton, Marion Art	Banjit Singh, Newburgh Psychology, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Anna Maria Diego, Henderson, Kentucky Psychology	Joseph Carl Logsdon, Elizabeth Criminal Justice	Adam Joseph Starceвич, Chicago, Illinois Public Relations and Advertising
Jenna Marie Dore, Chandler Communication Studies	Robert T. Lythgoe, Loogootee Psychology	Seth Stevens, Henderson, Kentucky Psychology
Jace A. Dorsett, Mitchell History	Noah A. Malin, Evansville Public Relations and Advertising, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Tyler Paige Suggs, Henderson, Kentucky Psychology
David J. Duff, Evansville History, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Chaynne Casandra Mann, Carmi, Illinois Art	Benjamin James Turner, Evansville Art
Bridget Jeanne Eckerle, Greenwood Public Relations and Advertising and Art, <i>cum laude</i>	Lauren R. Martin, Evansville Visual Art P-12 Teaching	Kayla Renee Turner, Corydon Art
Kyran Reese Ellis, Evansville Political Science	Katherine O. Matthews, Washington Art, <i>cum laude</i>	Grace Wagner, Westfield Art, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Julia Carol Ennis, Terre Haute Communication Studies	Charles Mitchell McCullough, Noblesville Public Relations and Advertising	Shelby Olivia Rose Walters, Bedford Psychology
Danyè Deshay Faust, Henderson, Kentucky Theatre Arts	Brant A. McGill, Fairfield, Illinois Psychology, <i>cum laude</i>	Kenee' Michelle Walton, Indianapolis Public Relations and Advertising
Allison Marie Fogle, Owensboro, Kentucky Art	Darian Summer Melton, New Albany Psychology	Dakota Rose Ward, Dyer English Teaching
Madison Nicole Fossett, Newburgh Political Science	Brian Austin Mitchell, Taswell History	Jessica G. Weinzapfel, Evansville English
Bryce Hartmann Frimming, Evansville Art	Courtney Michelle Morris, Tennyson Public Relations and Advertising	Christopher Lee Weyer, Boonville Political Science
Jesse G. Goelzhauser, Newburgh Criminal Justice	Mikeala Airiell Myers, Washington Psychology and Criminal Justice	Nikki Leigh Wilson, Clinton Psychology
Austin Burke Gossman, Avon History	Jarrod T. Nation, Evansville Criminal Justice	Jourdan A. Worthington, Evansville Psychology
Bayley Marie Graham, Evansville Art, <i>cum laude</i>	Kane McKenzie Osgatharp, Petersburg Sociology	Christopher R. York, Newburgh Art
Bradie S. Gray, Henderson, Kentucky Psychology	Townsend Ailene Outlaw, Indianapolis Radio and Television	Jenny Zheng, Jasper Public Relations and Advertising, <i>cum laude</i>
Dylan Matthew Hall, Fairfield, Illinois Psychology		

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Brandy Amber Bender, Evansville
Social Science

Jennifer Yelena Lehman, Carmel
Social Science

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COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS REFLECTION SPEAKER



Shelby L. England '16 M'20

Congratulations, Graduates! The fact that we are not gathered on campus should not take away from the incredible accomplishments of everyone who is graduating today. Graduating is a tremendous accomplishment but doing so while juggling the responsibilities of being a graduate student with the challenges of being a spouse, parent, son or daughter, and practicing healthcare professional is an incredible feat. Everyone should be tremendously proud of themselves.

My name is Shelby England and I am graduating today with my MSN in Nursing Education. I graduated in 2016 with my BSN, and since then I've gotten married, had two babies, built a house and made the transition from bedside nursing to nursing education. To say my life has changed a lot since starting the graduate program would be an understatement, and I'm sure most of my classmates could say the same thing about their lives.

When asked to prepare a speech, I had no difficulty choosing the moment I wanted to share. I am sure that we have all had challenging moments and we must not forget the trials, tears and obstacles we overcame to get here. The most challenging moment of this journey for me was the birth of my daughter, who was born between my third and fourth year of this graduate program. I was really struggling to stay on task and study. I was so unsure if I could handle the workload, and I emailed Dr. Mellisa Hall to explain the situation. I asked her if I should withdraw. She said, "No." Dr. Hall reminded me how much work I'd already put in, encouraged me to stay, pursue the education track and graduate. The conversation with Dr. Hall could have ended much differently and I am so grateful it did not. I believe this speaks volumes about the type of nursing program that USI offers. I encourage all of you to reflect on those defining moments and the people who have shaped your journey.

While graduating today is so exciting and gratifying, it also feels bittersweet because USI has been a constant in my life for nearly the last nine years. I am thankful to this University, and to my nursing professors specifically, for providing me with endless opportunities to grow both professionally and personally. I am proud to call USI home, and I hope everyone graduating today feels the same way.

Congratulations to the Class of 2020. Thank you.



COLLEGE OF NURSING & HEALTH PROFESSIONS

MASTER DEGREES

MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Linda Sue Fox, Austin

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Shelby Lynn England, Mitchell
Nursing Education

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Abdulaziz Jumah S. Alanazi, Najad Riyadh,
Saudi Arabia
Health Services

Denisha Rae Alexander, Caneyville, Kentucky
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

Abdulah Ahmed N. Almuslim, Dammam,
Saudi Arabia
Health Services

Kimberly D. Arnold, Newburgh
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

Allison Renee Bailey, Nashville
Respiratory Therapy

Kaitlyn M. Bauer, Dubois
Health Services

Samantha Marie Bauman, Sainte Genevieve,
Missouri
Health Services

Tricia Dolores Baumgart, Mount Carmel,
Illinois
Health Services, *cum laude*

Kymber Jo Baumholser, Wadesville
Health Services

Kelsey Nicole Boswell, Owensboro, Kentucky
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

Ryleigh Alyce Bowers, Greenfield
Health Services, *magna cum laude*

Lisa Marie Bowlds, Hawesville, Kentucky
Health Services

Alexa Brooke Brosmer, Evansville
Food and Nutrition

Alexandra Lynn Bullington, Evansville
Health Services, *cum laude*

Sarah Kristine Burk, Newburgh
Health Services

Kristie Belle Cavanaugh, Mooresville
Health Services

Cleomariel Mendoza De Jesus, Evansville
Health Services, *magna cum laude*

Kortnie Nicole Dunn, Greenville, Illinois
Health Services, *cum laude*

Gabriel Thomas Elliott, Winslow
Health Services, *magna cum laude*

Annie R. Ferguson, Huntingburg
Health Services, *cum laude*

Danielle Renee Gorham, Martinsville
Respiratory Therapy

Olivia J. Harry, Newburgh
Health Services

Sarah J. Hicks, Evansville
Food and Nutrition, *cum laude*

Malia Ales Hughes, Fishers
Health Services

Haley Nicole Kase, Owensboro, Kentucky
Health Services

Alexandria Isabella King, Newburgh
Health Services, *magna cum laude*

Ashleigh Ann Kormelink, Evansville
Health Services, *magna cum laude*

Mary Elizabeth McNeely, Shelbyville
Health Services

Megahn C. Newlin, West Union, Illinois
Health Services

Christopher Prifogle, Newburgh
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

Shawna J. Rafferty, Columbus
Health Services

Kendra Michele Reynolds, Evansville
Health Services

Matthew D. Sanders, Solsberry
Health Services

Emily Nicole Scott, Owensville
Health Services

Rhegan A. Seiler, Fishers
Health Services

Claudia Rae Spotanski, Ashley, Illinois
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

Alex D. Stoneberger, Mount Carmel, Illinois
Health Services, *magna cum laude*

Allyssa Trimble, Savannah, Georgia
Health Services

Ahjynai Raichelle Turentine, Indianapolis
Health Services

Bayleigh Olivia Wessel, Evansville
Food and Nutrition

Haley N. Wilt, Corydon
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

Callie B. Young, Buckner, Illinois
Health Services

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH INFORMATICS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Reagon E. Bieber, Boonville

Kendall Rae March, Indianapolis
cum laude

Kimberly Ann Moeller, Huntingburg

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Jason Ambrose, Evansville	Diana R. Heshelman, Ridgeville	Zachary Joseph Rahaim, Cincinnati, Ohio
Kelli Ambrose, Nicholasville, Kentucky	Rachel M. Holman, Evansville	RayChell M. Ray, Indianapolis
Emily N. Ashby, Henderson, Kentucky	Angela L. Howell, Princeton	Autumn Lynn Recker, Ferdinand <i>cum laude</i>
Laura Beale, Henderson, Kentucky	Haley Ivers, Vincennes	Christina Lynne Riggs, Morganfield, Kentucky
Donzeil Louis Bell, Evansville	Rachel S. Kell, Haubstadt	Jessica Elizabeth Riley, New Albany
Amanda Denise Blankenkemper, Martinsville, Illinois	Kayla R. Kiefer, Lynnville	Sadie Marie Simpson, Evansville
Brandi Lynn Bozarth, Washington	Catherine Anne Kuester, Evansville	Allison Nicole Slifer, Lawrenceville, Illinois
Sabrina Royale Brockett, Henderson, Kentucky	Jillian Kate Lanning, Leo	Jessica Lynn Smothers, Barnhill, Illinois
LeeAnn R. Calvert, Mount Zion, Illinois	Jeremy J. Mabis, Evansville	Lizzie Mae Sparks, Vincennes
Jaime Scheyne Clark, Lawrenceville, Illinois	Maria Macy, Utica, Ohio	Baleigh Marie Spicer, Seymour
Meghan Elaine Coomes, Evansville	Sarah Marshall, Madisonville, Kentucky	Mackenzie May Staib, Carmel
Allison Bailie Crook, Madisonville, Kentucky	Carrie Lynn McColl, Nebo, Kentucky	Julie Carole Sykes Hutslar, Bloomington
Ethan Ray Dale, Evansville <i>cum laude</i>	Shelby J. Miller, Columbus	Marissa G. Taylor, Gosport
Joseph Edward Franklin, Robinson, Illinois	Fethia Mohammed, Carmel	Haley Victoria Terrell, Ellettsville
Dawn Goodman, Spencer	Kelsey Parks, Bluford, Illinois	Kathy Lynn Thornton, Evansville
Taylor Grider, Mooresville	Dana Michelle Peterson, Butte, Montana	Elise Arielle Valentine, Newburgh
	Laura L. Place, Lewisport, Kentucky	Stacey Dawn Witter, Newburgh

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Kaitlyn M. Bauer, Dubois Occupational Therapy Assistant	Allison E. Cronan, Rehoboth, Massachusetts Occupational Therapy Assistant	Allee Nichole Mills, Morganfield, Kentucky Occupational Therapy Assistant
Samantha Marie Bauman, Sainte Genevieve, Missouri Occupational Therapy Assistant	Ashley N. Dillow, Brownsburg Occupational Therapy Assistant	Christi N. Neumayer, Evansville Occupational Therapy Assistant
Ashley Jo Bell, Evansville Occupational Therapy Assistant	Logan Hunter Engle, Henderson, Kentucky Occupational Therapy Assistant	Megahn C. Newlin, West Union, Illinois Occupational Therapy Assistant
Ryleigh Alyce Bowers, Greenfield Occupational Therapy Assistant	Patience S. Fulton, Evansville Occupational Therapy Assistant	Morgan Julayne Rutledge, Norris City, Illinois Occupational Therapy Assistant
Gretchen LaDell Brown, Washington Occupational Therapy Assistant	Rayven Bree Graber, Washington Occupational Therapy Assistant	Makayla Kathleen Schirmer, Lizton Occupational Therapy Assistant
Taylor Nicole Brown, Evansville Occupational Therapy Assistant	Kayley Beth Gregory, Lewisport, Kentucky Occupational Therapy Assistant	Zoe D. Smith, Lowell, Michigan Occupational Therapy Assistant
Brooke Skylar Buchanan, Carmi, Illinois Occupational Therapy Assistant	Charis Greiwe, Fishers Occupational Therapy Assistant	Alex D. Stoneberger, Mount Carmel, Illinois Occupational Therapy Assistant
Jaden Lee Cleek, Evansville Occupational Therapy Assistant	Ashley Heinz, Vincennes Occupational Therapy Assistant	Hayley Delaine Swain, Bluffton Occupational Therapy Assistant
Amber Conley, Henderson, Kentucky Occupational Therapy Assistant	Haley Nicole Kase, Owensboro, Kentucky Occupational Therapy Assistant	Chance Lee Williams, Evansville Occupational Therapy Assistant
	Megan L. Lemmons, Rosedale Occupational Therapy Assistant	

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

POTT COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND EDUCATION REFLECTION SPEAKER



Payton M. Jacob '20

It is easy to get caught up in life and forget about the important things. We sometimes think too much about the way we are dressed, the question we accidentally mixed up on an exam, the upcoming assignment we have not even started or the few hours we might miss at work to take some much-needed family time. For me, college has been about finding a balance in life.

In 2018, I transferred to USI as a commuter. I, like many of you, worried I would not easily make connections with other on-campus students. Yet, I met many new friends with whom I share some great memories, including dancing at my wedding, trying sushi for the first time and rushing to figure out that last homework problem. Like many, I worked throughout college and always felt as though I needed to be working if I was not in class. Juggling school, work and life was not easy, and probably never will be, but I am thankful for the people who reminded me that time passes quickly. While it is important to finish that endless MATLAB code, we should still make time for going to Los Bravos or supporting a husband at a tractor pull. Work will always be waiting for us, but the time we have together may not. Finding your balance between all the variables in life is key. Spend time on school and work hard at your job, but still take time to enjoy life.

I have always been one to take comfort in a community, and that is what I have felt in my three years at USI. Our families, friends and the faculty here have helped shape us into who we are today. COVID-19 has shown us that the world can change quicker than we would like to believe, but we managed to stick with our studies and finish strong. I am thankful USI has given us this opportunity, and I cannot wait to see where our paths take us as our time at USI ends. Congratulations to the Fall Class of 2020!



POTT COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND EDUCATION

MASTER DEGREES

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Jennifer Leigh Dill, Newburgh
Mathematics Teaching Secondary

Angela Yarrell, Mishawaka
Mathematics Teaching Secondary

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT

Angelo James Vissas, Hadley, Massachusetts

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPORT MANAGEMENT

Laura A. Bruno, Wolcott, Connecticut

Kenneth F. Hansen, Evansville

Deshaun A. Johnson, Evansville

Thomas Kent Katzman, Evansville

Jalen Tyler Madison, Washington

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Olivia N. Brown, Newburgh
Elementary Education

Hannah Lynn Burney, Portage
Elementary Education and Special
Education, *magna cum laude*

Daniela Gonzalez Gatica, Mexico City, Mexico
Elementary Education, *cum laude*,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Christian Jensen Green, Conneaut, Ohio
Special Education

Valerie Marie LaValle, Evansville
Elementary Education

Baily Carol Underwood, Evansville
Elementary Education

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Fahd Alferjani, Evansville
Industrial Supervision

Feras Alferjani, Evansville
Industrial Supervision

Jacob Michael Bacon, Newburgh
Biophysics, *cum laude*

Amber Lea Baize, Evansville
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Peighton Nicoleice Barber, New Castle
Biology, *cum laude*,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Kayley Ann Bauer, Dale, Illinois
Elementary Education

Holly Noel Becker, DeMotte
Biology

Hayden Thomas Bell, Loogootee
Advanced Manufacturing

Matthew J. Bertram, Newburgh
Biology

Gabrielle Lyn Blosser, Evansville
Special Education and Elementary
Education

Hayley Nicole Brantley, Wabash
Elementary Education and Special
Education

Christiana Rose Carron, Mount Vernon
Elementary Education

Carson N. Carter, Carmi, Illinois
Elementary Education

Greta Joy Claywell, Belmont, Illinois
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Jennifer Claire Comastri, Indianapolis
Kinesiology

Karley Landon Evans, Evansville
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Kaitland Dorain Filbert, Owensboro,
Kentucky
Environmental Science, *cum laude*

Allison Michelle Folz, Mount Vernon
Elementary Education and Early
Childhood Education

Oliver Fröschl, Vienna, Austria
Exercise Science

Braeden Scot Fults, Mitchell
Sport Management

Jeffrey L. Gaither, Flora, Illinois
Advanced Manufacturing, *cum laude*

Bryce David Gilbert, Bedford
Sport Management, *cum laude*

John Camden Hahn, Evansville
Industrial Supervision

Sarah M. Harmon, Newburgh
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Silaf Harris, Morganfield, Kentucky
Exercise Science

Griffin Eric Hart, Carmi, Illinois
Elementary Education and Special
Education, *magna cum laude*

Shaelin Ann Heiman, Nashville, Illinois
Biology, *cum laude*

Kathryn K. Hergenrother, Evansville
Exercise Science, *magna cum laude*

Ty Allen Hickey, Petersburg
Sport Management

Caitlyn Rebecca Charlene Hoffman,
Plainfield
Early Childhood Education, *cum laude*

Sommer Rose Hofman, Indianapolis
Elementary Education

Dakota L. Hollars, Mitchell
Advanced Manufacturing

Justin Levi Hollars, Mitchell
Advanced Manufacturing

Paige Renee Holley, Roann
Biochemistry, *cum laude*

Chad Joseph Hoppenjans, Birdseye
Mathematics

Tatjana Ivanova, Evansville
Biology, *cum laude*

Jasmine R. Jacob, Ferdinand
Early Childhood Education,
magna cum laude

Zachary G. James, Magnet
Industrial Supervision

John Michael Jarvis, Evansville
Science Teaching

Ashley M. Johnson, Louisville, Kentucky
Biology

Alexandra Leigh Jordan, Martinsville
Elementary Education

Alexus Noel Krantz, Newburgh
Early Childhood Education

Kirithika A. Lakshmanan, Dublin, Ohio
Biology, *cum laude*,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Mallory Rose Lowe, Wadesville
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Mackenzie Jane Martin, Martinsville
Elementary Education

Ryan A. May, Newburgh
Sport Management

Sarah E. Mewes, Albion, Illinois
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Amber Lynn Mondt, Wadesville
Early Childhood Education and
Elementary Education

Shaelie Nicole Nichols, Sullivan
Elementary Education and Special
Education

Riley Marie Niehaus, Carmi, Illinois
Early Childhood Education and
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Lauren Elizabeth Obermeier, Jasper
Exercise Science, *magna cum laude*

Shelby Deniece Patton, Bloomfield
Industrial Supervision

Taylor Lea Patton, Poseyville
Elementary Education and Special
Education

Kami R. Pennington, Sellersburg
Exercise Science

Derek E. Powell, Evansville
Sport Management

Griffin Scott Quarles, Newburgh
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Trenton A. Rainey, Tell City
Industrial Supervision

Kayla Lee Ann Rice, Eldorado, Illinois
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Taylor Nichole Ricketts, Georgetown,
Kentucky
Early Childhood Education

Mason Wayne Rode, Princeton
Industrial Supervision

Jordan Rogers, Newburgh
Elementary Education

Bryce Alan Rowe, Haubstadt
Sport Management

Shelby Dawn Sharp, Xenia, Illinois
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Aron Allen Sheridan, Indianapolis
Biology

Trey Steven Slaughter, Newburgh
Geology

Taylor R. Small, Jasper
Elementary Education

Lucas Smithhart, Oakland City
Mathematics

Mallorie Ellen Stein, Evansville
Biology

William J. Talbert, Newburgh
Biochemistry, *magna cum laude*

Samantha S. Thomas, Centerpoint
Biology

Gwenyth May Thompson, Bedford
Elementary Education

Ethan W. Topham, Indianapolis
Advanced Manufacturing

Kyle Henry Tuley, Dale
Exercise Science

Morgan A. Weddle, Evansville
Advanced Manufacturing

Kierstin Olivia Weiss, Bridgeport, Illinois
Exercise Science

Mackenzie Mae Whitten, Fort Branch
Exercise Science, *magna cum laude*

Karla Jean Williams, Indianapolis
Early Childhood Education and
Elementary Education

Javan Alan Winders, Mansfield, Tennessee
Elementary Education

Micheala Jean Wobler, Fort Wayne
Elementary Education

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING

Adam Joseph Dauby, Tell City
cum laude

Kyler Nicholas Klein, Boonville
summa cum laude

Justin Harrison Schorr, Newburgh

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING

Mohammed Abdullah Al Khalifah, Saihat,
Saudi Arabia

Muayed Saeed Al Samah, Qatif, Saudi Arabia

Adam Joseph Dauby, Tell City
cum laude

Mauricio Godinez Medina, San Diego, California

Austin James Healy, Evansville

Jacob Hess, Evansville

Payton Morgan Jacob, Ferdinand
cum laude

Kyler Nicholas Klein, Boonville
summa cum laude

James M. Libby, Evansville

Daniel Wayne Mobley, Evansville
cum laude

Christopher W. Pierson, Newburgh
magna cum laude

Justin Harrison Schorr, Newburgh

Zachary William Shoulders, Sebree,
Kentucky

Tonderai Sibanda, Evansville

Laura Ann Wahl, Evansville

Cheyenne Summer Warren, Henderson,
Kentucky

Connor M. Watkins, Thousand Oaks,
California

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Teah Ruth Allen, Evansville

Justus W. Askren, Newburgh

Devon Markus Bequette, Evansville

Zachary Nelson Breault, Bridgeport, Illinois
cum laude

Brian Wesley Cooper, Owensboro, Kentucky

Dakota Justice Douglas, Winslow

Logan Alan Elpers, Fort Branch
magna cum laude

Haley M. Greer, Bedford

Eric Bradley Marchand, Evansville

Dalton Joe Murdock, Palestine, Illinois

Justin L. Raines, Bartlett, Tennessee

Emma Rose Wargel, Evansville
magna cum laude

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Kwaku Atuahene, Accra, Ghana

Brian Scot Brown, Washington

Jose Hanzell Fregozo Sandoval, Evansville

Mauricio Godinez Medina, San Diego,
California

Austin James Healy, Evansville

Katherine I. Leon Chambi, Evansville

Christopher W. Pierson, Newburgh
magna cum laude

Tonderai Sibanda, Evansville

Laura Ann Wahl, Evansville

Connor M. Watkins, Thousand Oaks,
California

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA: KNOWLEDGE FOR LIFE



President Ronald S. Rochon became the fourth president of the University of Southern Indiana in 2018. USI's presidential seal is embossed with the motto *education by the people, education for the people*. One of Rochon's core messages following his appointment was, "This campus is a community institution. It is, and always will be, the peoples' campus."

From its initial stages of planning in the early 1960s, community leaders have supported the University by providing a solid base for its present success and future growth. For more than 55 years, the University has continued to uphold its mission under the strong leadership of its first three presidents, David L. Rice, H. Ray Hoops, Linda L. M. Bennett and now Rochon.

The University of Southern Indiana was established on September 15, 1965, in the old Centennial School Building, offering classes to 412 students. In 1967 Southern Indiana Higher Education, Inc. (SIHE) raised nearly \$1 million to acquire the land where the campus now sits. The University moved to its present site four miles west of the city limits of Evansville in September 1969. The University graduated its first class of baccalaureate degree students in 1971 and achieved initial North Central Association accreditation in 1974.

USI Today

USI enrolls more than 10,000 undergraduate, dual credit and graduate students in more than 130 areas of study. A public higher education institution located on a beautiful 1,400-acre campus, USI offers programs through the Romain College of Business, College of Liberal Arts, College of Nursing and Health Professions, and the Pott Collee of Science, Engineering, and Education. The College of Nursing and Health Professions also offers classes at the Stone Family Center for Health Sciences

in downtown Evansville. The University offers study-abroad opportunities in many countries and is host to international students from around the globe.

USI is a two-time Carnegie Foundation Community Engaged University and provides continuing education and special programs to more than 20,000 participants annually through Outreach and Engagement. Outreach programs include the administration of Historic New Harmony, USI-Crane Partnership, I-69 Innovation Corridor and Lifelong Learning noncredit programs, among others.

A competitive member of NCAA Division II and the Great Lakes Valley Conference, USI offers 17 varsity intercollegiate men's and women's sports.

Under the leadership of President Rochon, the University continues a tradition of affordable excellence through innovation and engagement, and positions USI as a top choice for high-caliber college students across the state, nationally and internationally.

The University of Southern Indiana's vision is a simple but powerful one: *USI will be a recognized leader in higher education boldly shaping the future and transforming the lives of our students through exceptional learning and intentional innovation.*

Its mission statement is: *USI is an engaged learning community committed to exceptional education. We exist to provide an educated citizenry that can engage in a civil manner within a community with divergent ideas and cultural differences. We prepare our students to lead and make positive contributions to our state, their communities, and to be lifetime learners in a diverse and global society.*

USI is engaged in its 2021-2025 five-year strategic plan which includes four overarching goals:

- Improve student success
- Foster impactful engagement
- Elevate visibility and reputation
- Strengthen financial viability

These goals, along with the campus master plan, frame the University's strategies as it moves forward.

Today, more than 46,000 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 proudly serve as role models in their communities.

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. The University of Southern Indiana Presidential Medallion signifies the authority bestowed upon the president.

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

For President Rochon's inauguration a new medallion was struck with the updated Seal and a new chain was fabricated. In addition to the names of USI's presidents on the reverse side of the medallion, the new chain was commissioned bearing their names on four separate plates. Made by Medalcraft Mint, Inc., the medallion and chain were underwritten by a generous gift from University trustee and alumnus, Ronald D. Romain '73 and alumna Connie Dartt Romain '74. The former medallion will be on permanent display in the David L. Rice Library's Ruth M. Klymeyer Hall of Presidents.

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; faculty members and department heads serve as gonfaloniers. First used in 2005 and presented to the University as a gift from the Campus Store, new gonfalons were needed and fabricated for the 2019 Inauguration Ceremony.

University Seal

The University Seal, originally designed by Nussmeier Engraving and updated in 2018, bears the University's colors—blue, red and white—with gray. The shield signifies the importance of higher education in defending citizens against ignorance.

Between the two banners displaying the University's name appears an open book, illuminated by the torch of

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

The 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 motto *education by the people, education 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. 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.

COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

Academic Regalia

The academic garb 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 garb 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. 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.

Doctoral and master's degree candidates will receive hoods distinctive to their degrees. 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 can be recognized by the red, white and blue cords or a replica of the Presidential Medallion with a blue ribbon worn with their regalia.

The Distinguished Professor Award is the highest recognition bestowed upon a faculty member at the University of Southern Indiana. Faculty who have received this award can be recognized by the blue and red stole embroidered with the University Seal worn with their regalia.

Baccalaureate Scholarship Honors

The baccalaureate degree candidate graduating with either a 4.0 or the highest grade point average graduates *summa cum laude*. Baccalaureate students with a grade point average of 3.80 or higher graduate *magna cum laude*. Those with grade point averages between 3.60 and 3.79 graduate *cum laude*. These achievements are set forth on the individual diplomas. Honor students receive 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 receive white honor cords to be worn with their regalia.

Alumni Association Pins

Each graduate is receiving an alumni lapel pin with the University logo as a gift from the University of Southern Indiana Alumni Association. The Alumni Association was organized with the first graduating class in 1971.

2020 Virtual Commencement Celebration

On January 30, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) a public health emergency of international concern. By mid-March 2020, all USI courses moved to online or alternative instruction for the remainder of the Spring Semester. University owned and operated locations remained open only to authorized personnel. All events for the remainder of the semester, including Spring 2020 Commencement ceremonies were postponed or ultimately cancelled.

The University opened for the Fall 2020 Semester as scheduled with new safety measures for all students, faculty and staff including required face coverings, enhanced hand hygiene, physical distancing of six feet or more and limited event capacities. As coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases continued to rise in the greater Evansville area, it was announced on October 1, 2020 that Fall 2020 Commencement would take place as a virtual celebration for all 2020 graduates.



Trustees of the University

Kenneth L. Sendelweck '76
Chair, Jasper

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First Vice Chair, Evansville

Christine H. Keck
Second Vice Chair, Evansville

Josi M. Barszcz '22
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AND THE EAST MEETS THE WEST,
WHERE ROADS CROSS TALL FIELDS OF GRAIN,
WHERE EVANSVILLE STANDS ON THE OHIO'S ROUGH SANDS,
MAY WE EVERMORE HEAR THAT REFRAIN.

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WE'LL REMEMBER OUR HOME, WHEREVER WE ROAM.
IN OUR HEARTS, WE'LL BE LOYAL TO YOU.

ON THESE GROUNDS BY THE PEOPLE,
FOR THE PEOPLE ENDOWED,
WE HONOR THE RED, BLUE, AND WHITE
AND THAT NAME WE'LL HOLD DEAR
TO THE END OF OUR YEARS
AS WE LIFT UP OUR VOICES ON HIGH.

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