2011 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

December 10, 2011
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
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Philip L. Parker, Director of Career Services and Placement
Julie A. Peak, Assistant Registrar
Tracy Sinn ’92 M’11, Assistant Registrar
Linda M. Trible 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
Master of Arts in Liberal Studies
Master of Business Administration
Master of Public Administration
Master of Science in Education
Master of Science in Nursing
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate
Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of General Studies
Bachelor of Science
Bachelor of Science in Engineering
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Bachelor of Social Work
Associate of Science
Presentation of Graduates

J. Wayne Rinks, Associate Professor of Communications; Chairman 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**

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ASSOCIATE DEGREES
College of Business

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE
Lindsey M. DeBord, Hazleton
Business

Daniel A. Vogel, Mount Vernon
Business

Vanessa Verdin, 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
University of Southern Indiana
Candidates for Degrees
Class of 2011

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Master Degrees

MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION
Lauren Sue Rickelman, Evansville

Christopher Rutter, Evansville
Michelle Renne Sholar-McManus, Owensboro, Kentucky

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

Bachelor 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

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

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. Schenck, 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 Warhen, Indianapolis
Psychology and Spanish Studies
Brittany A. Williams, Evansville
Communication Studies
Jamie Gray Williams, Evansville
Arts, cum laude
Natalie Marie Wolf, Evansville
English, cum laude
Hilary M. Wolfe, Evansville
Sociology
Meredith Grace Woodard, Evansville
Theatre Arts, cum laude,
University Honors Scholar
Thomas B. Young, Washington
International Studies

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
Brittney Lynn Anoskey, Evansville
Communication Studies
Janessa M. Armstrong, Princeton
Art, cum laude
Alex R. Atkinson, Evansville
History
Hannah Caitlin Bailey, New Albany
Art
Tiffany S. Beasley, Indianapolis
Communication Studies
Christopher A. Beck, Evansville
Political Science
Georgena E. Bobe, Bristow
Psychology
Alison B. Brandt, Evansville
Public Relations and Advertising
Evan P. Brosmer, Jasper
Radio and Television
Michael R. Bryan, Evansville
Psychology
Hank M. Burton, Edinburgh
Social Science
Bethany Christine Buschkill, Evansville
Psychology
Deidra L. Butterworth, Evansville
Psychology
Megan Ann Canary, Greenwood
Psychology
Kathy Maria Carr, Evansville
Public Relations and Advertising
Kyle M. Coates, Evansville
Social Science Teaching
Megan K. Cushman, Evansville
Social Science Teaching, magna cum laude
Michael R. Dean, Mount Carmel, Illinois
Public Relations and Advertising
Erin M. Deisher, Mount Carmel, Illinois
Public Relations and Advertising
Amanda Nicole Depuy, Madison
Public Relations and Advertising, cum laude
Brittany R. DeWeese, Evansville
Criminal Justice Studies and Sociology
Paige Nicole Dossert, Evansville
Public Relations and Advertising, magna cum laude
Ashley Elece Emery, Indianapolis
English Teaching
A.J. Evans, Henderson, Kentucky
Social Science Teaching
Rance Logan Evans, Newburgh
Criminal Justice Studies
Katelyn June Farmer, Evansville
English Teaching
Paige Elizabeth Feller, Evansville
English Teaching
Mary Elizabeth Fields, Evansville
Art
Alisha Raquel Foster, Cave in Rock, Illinois
Psychology, magna cum laude
Nicholas Levi Fowler, Bainbridge
Public Relations and Advertising
Ryan James Gribben, Evansville
Radio and Television
Ernest Thomas Griffin, Evansville
Social Science Teaching, magna cum laude
Seth A. Grundhofer, Evansville
Journalism
Alexis Y. Haney, Evansville
Psychology
Preston A. Harris-Dunlap, Henderson, Kentucky
Theatre Arts
Raquel L. Heisner, Fairfeld, Illinois
Art
Cory R. Hodges, New Albany
Art
Kristian Hulsey-Seaton, Newburgh
Art
Jake Michael Ionhood, Henderson, Kentucky
Criminal Justice Studies
Katherine E. Jean, Muncie
Radio and Television
Darla Jean Jones, Henderson, Kentucky
Theatre Arts
Blake Michael Keen, Elberfeld
Criminal Justice Studies
Tiffany V. Keener, Evansville
Public Relations and Advertising
Joshua W. Kemp, Terre Haute
Criminal Justice Studies
Amber M. Kemper, Wadesville
Art
Shannon N. Kendle, Haubstadt
Public Relations and Advertising
Kasey A. Kennedy, Evansville
History
Anthony Scott King, Evansville
Psychology, summa cum laude
Emily Nicole Kirk, Evansville
Theatre Arts
Brad A. Kolley, Chandler
Radio and Television
Malcom Joseph Krepp, Connerville
Political Science
Corey L. Lasley, Indianapolis
Public Relations and Advertising
Tara J. Lee, Owensboro, Kentucky
Theatre Arts
Nicole Kristin Lemons, Greenwood
Public Relations and Advertising
Grant Evan Lively, Evansville
Communication Studies
Brian Douglas Locker, Evansville
Social Science Teaching, cum laude
Eric Wayne Lyons, Newburgh
Philosophy
Sarah Elizabeth Mahlke, Evansville
Psychology
Nicholas J. Manente, Newburgh
Radio and Television
Tamra L. Marx, Evansville
Sociology
Mary Elizabeth McGeehan, Carmel
Communication Studies
Nicholas D. Melling, Coatesville
Radio and Television
Ashton Rachel Mertens, Morton, Illinois
Art
Chandler Bain Meyer, Evansville
Social Science Teaching
Rachel A. Miller, Evansville
Psychology
Kasee Michelle Mosier, Scottsburg
Social Science Teaching
Magen L. Naul, Evansville
English
Jonathan Michael Nussmeier, Evansville
Criminal Justice Studies
Elizabeth Ann Osburn, Evansville
Communication Studies
Courtney Rae Patron, Jasper
Radio and Television
Shawn A. Paxton, Newburgh
Radio and Television
Leah Granger Peoples, Terre Haute
Psychology
Melenie Anne Persinger, Evansville
Psychology
Caleb Michael Pool, Lexington
History
Adam Michael Poulisse, Greenwood
Radio and Television
Andrew J. Prieshoff, Anderson
Political Science
Shanna L. Rodenberg, Evansville
Art
Joshua Lee Samper, Brownsburg
Public Relations and Advertising
Audra Michelle Sanders, Evansville
Art and Psychology
Nicholas S. Schneider, Ferdinand
Criminal Justice Studies
Edward Upton Stein, Manhattan, New York
History
Nicholas R. Simon, Mount Vernon
Art
Ryan M. Singer, Evansville
Public Relations and Advertising
Jacob Lee Smith, Shelbyville
Sociology
William B. Smith, Coatesville
Psychology
Amanda Gail Steinkuhl, Evansville
Art
Andrew J. Tekoppel, Mount Vernon
Social Science Teaching
Brittni Jean Torstenson, Ferdinand
Art
Ryan Louis Valandra, Evansville
Public Relations and Advertising
Maria C. Van Dyke, Newburgh
Public Relations and Advertising
Linda Mayer Volt, Mount Vernon
Art, magna cum laude
Katie J. Warren, Carmi, Illinois
Communication Studies
Robert A. Warren, Evansville
Art
William B. Smith, Coatesville
Psychology
Amanda Gail Steinkuhl, Evansville
Art
Andrew J. Tekoppel, Mount Vernon
Social Science Teaching
Donald C. Wilhelms, Boonville
Political Science
Desmond D. Williams, Evansville
Public Relations and Advertising
Kiel Christian Young, Evansville
Criminal Justice Studies

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK
Shelley K. Smith, Terre Haute

College of Nursing and Health Professions

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
Emad M. Al Yami, Najran, Saudi Arabia
Health Services
Andrea Nicole Almon, Evansville
Health Services
Matthew R. Bauer, Vincennes
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences
Jennifer Lynn Bement, Lawrenceville, Illinois
Health Services
Rachel D. Bohall, Shelbyville
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences
Emily Jo Bretz, Wadesville
Food and Nutrition, cum laude
Alyssa P. Brown, Evansville
Food and Nutrition
Paul William Brandage, Santa Claus
Health Services
Samantha Nichole Callis, New Washington
Health Services, magna cum laude
Deann M. Carver, Evansville
Health Services
Ashley Nicole Claxton, Greenwood
Health Services
Courtney Ann Claybrooks, Evansville
Health Services
Grant A. Cohen, Evansville
Health Services
LeAnn Renee Collins, Rolling Prairie
Health Services
Adria B. Cox, Washington
Health Services, cum laude
Erin N. Crawford, Mount Vernon
Health Services
Erin Marie Durechol, Newburgh
Health Services
Casey L. Freels, Elberfeld
Health Services
Hayley Christine Hess, Logansport
Health Services
Kathleen M. Jensen, Crawfordsville
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences
Ranzi Nichole Kempf, Dubois
Health Services
Amanda M. Kermode, Patoka
Health Services
Kylene M. Ketting, Pendleton
Health Services, magna cum laude
Michelle Lee Kiley, Glen Burnie, Maryland
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences
Katherine A. Knies, Jasper
Food and Nutrition, cum laude
Katelyn J. Lemond, Winslow
Health Services, cum laude
Kendall M. Lyles, Newburgh
Health Services, magna cum laude
Tara Lee McConnell, Henderson, Kentucky
Health Services
Amber Kristine Meyer, Evansville
Health Services
Emily Lynn Miles, Evansville
Health Services
Devin M. Miley, Oakland City
Health Services
Megan Marie Miller, Evansville
Health Services and Psychology
Joni A. Muchler, Salem
Health Services
Sheena Nicole Orames, Vincennes
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences
Brittany Michelle Owens, Borden
Health Services
Renee N. Peter, Huntingburg
Health Services
Jason R. Prater, Pisgah Forest, North Carolina
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences
Jessica Elizabeth Danielle Prater, Noblesville
Health Services
Loly-Ann A. Redmon, Newburgh
Health Services
Taylor Christine Schoch, Indianapolis
Health Services
Derek A. Sitzman, Huntingburg
Health Services
Kelsey E. Sollman, Jasper
Health Services
Nicole Diane Stafford, Newburgh
Health Services
Amber D. Staller, Greenwood
Health Services, cum laude
Carin Rachie Thomann, Noble, Illinois
Health Services
Lacey M. Turner, Mitchell
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences
Jasmine Doneé White, Richmond
Health Services
Lacy L. White, Evansville
Health Services
Christina Kaye Will, Evansville
Health Services
Cathy Lynn Willis, Eldorado, Illinois
Health Services, cum laude
Ashley D. Wilson, Mayfield, Kentucky
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences
Gillian Lee Wilson, Evansville
Health Services
Lisa Anne Ziliak, Evansville
Food and Nutrition

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN NURSING
Jennifer L. Bayer, Huntingburg
Staci Lynn Chambers, Boonville
Dawn Marie Conway, Chicago, Illinois
Nicole Michelle Miles, Tell City
Rebecca June Sapp, Evansville
Samantha L. Schwartz, Owensboro, Kentucky
Theresa Lynn Storkman, Allendale, Illinois
Cynthia M. Williams, Newburgh
Outreach and Engagement

BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES
Michael J. Freeman, Evansville
Individual Studies
Talisa Marsha Gregory, Evansville
Individual Studies
Raymond O. Kanipe, Evansville
Individual Studies
Terry Priest, Evansville
Individual Studies, summa cum laude
Cory J. Norman, Jeffersonville
Individual Studies
Patrick Rodger Seib, Evansville
Individual Studies

ASSOCIATE Degrees
College of Liberal Arts

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE
Amanda Kristen Steiner, Princeton
Social Science

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE
Bradley M. Abbott, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Joy Kaye Abel, Owensboro, Kentucky
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Emily Katherine Adler, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Amber N. Bradley, Henderson, Kentucky
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Jordan A. Branyon, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Brandi N. Brown, Henderson, Kentucky
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Adria B. Cox, Washington
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Amy Faye Ellis, Calhoun, Kentucky
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Brittany Lynn Elpers, Fort Branch
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Molly M. Flamion, Magnet
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Cassandra R. Garland, Jasper
Dental Assisting
Steven R. Scheller, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Ashley N. Gray, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Chelsea Dawn Simpson, Owensboro, Kentucky
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Christine M. Kraft, Virginia Beach, Virginia
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Amber D. Staller, Greenwood
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Blake Gilbert Lemmon, Richmond
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Meghan E. Massie, Mount Vernon
Dental Assisting
Rachel J. Van, Angola
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Amber K. Meyer, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Leah N. Vaught, Haubstadt
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Jenna M. Nelson, Henderson, Kentucky
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Ali C. Vowels, Henderson, Kentucky
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Kathryn J. O'Bryan, Owensboro, Kentucky
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Amber L. Porter, Montezuma
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Lacey L. White, Vincennes
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Nicole M. Rasche, Jasper
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Audra Lea Williams, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Sara A. Roehm, Chandler
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Sarah E. Ziegler, Mount Vernon
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Presidential Medallion

During the Middle Ages, medallions signified membership in religious orders and guilds; in the Renaissance, membership in elite orders of knighthood and prominence in government office. Today, colleges and universities strike medallions to commemorate important events and achievements. Donated by the late Melvin Denner, professor emeritus of biology, and Anne Denner, former instructor in nutrition and biology, and their family, this medallion was fabricated by Honorcraft for the 1995 inauguration of H. Ray Hoops. Dr. Denner served as grand marshal at the University's first inauguration.

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

Gonfalons

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

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

University Seal

The University seal, designed by Nussmeier Engraving, bears the University's colors—red, white, and blue—with gold. The shield signifies the importance of higher education in defending citizens against ignorance. Between the two banners displaying the University's name appear a band and an open book bound together by the torch of knowledge. In the band, rays of light emanate simultaneously from a rising sun, symbolizing the young University, and from the torch, symbolizing the light of knowledge and the passion for scholarship. Trees on either side of the flame suggest not only the University's pastoral southern Indiana setting but also life, growth, and continuity.

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

University Mace

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Academic hoods vary in length according to the degree attained and are lined with the colors of the institution by which the degree was granted. 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.

Hooding Ceremony

Hooding varies 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.

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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