



2010

COMMENCEMENT

EXERCISES

December 11, 2010

Order of the 2010 Fall Commencement Exercises

Processional

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

Grand Marshal

Thomas M. Rivers, *Professor of English; Director of Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Program*

Marshals

Sandy K. Farmer, *Registrar*

Mary Jo Harper, *Director of Student Financial Assistance*

Pamela F. Hopson, *Director of Multicultural Center*

Nancy L. Johnson, *Director of Alumni and Volunteer Services*

Eric H. Otto, *Director of Admission*

Philip L. Parker, *Director of Career Services and Placement*

Tracy Sinn, *Assistant Registrar*

Kira N. Vaal, *Assistant Director of Alumni and Volunteer Services*

Andrew J. Zellers, *Assistant Registrar*

Welcome and Introductions

Linda L. M. Bennett, *President*

Reflection

Jane A. Johansen, *Professor of Business Communication; Director of Endeavor Awards Program*

The Commencement Address

Brian L. McGuire, *Associate Dean of the College of Business; Professor of Accounting; Director of Master of Business Administration Program; 2010 Integra 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 Liberal Studies

Master of Business Administration

Master of Health Administration

Master of Public Administration

Master of Science In Education

Master of Science In Industrial Management

Master of Science In Nursing

Master of Social Work

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; Chair of Communications Department*

Master Degrees

Graduate Studies

Linda L. M. Bennett, *President*

Awarding of Hoods

Peggy Harrel, *Director of Graduate Studies; Assistant Professor of English*
Assisted by Brian D. Posler, *Assistant Provost for Undergraduate Studies*

Baccalaureate Degrees

College of Business

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

Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services

Julie H. Edmister, *Dean; Professor of Education*

Extended Services

Linda L. Cleek, *Interim Dean; Director of Continuing Education*

College of Liberal Arts

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

College of Nursing and Health Professions

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

Pott College of Science and Engineering

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

Associate Degrees

Ronald S. Rochon, *Provost*

Recessional

Evansville Brass Quintet

Brian L. McGuire will bring Commencement Address



Dr. Brian L. McGuire

Dr. Brian L. McGuire, professor of accounting, associate dean of the College of Business, and director of the Master of Business Administration program, will deliver today's Commencement address. He is the current Integra Bank Distinguished Professor, an award presented to him during the spring USI Commencement recognizing his significant contributions to the University, its students, and the larger community.

Dr. McGuire has 15 years of professional experience in the College of Business. His teaching and research interests include cost accounting, healthcare administration, and accounting information systems.

He is a strong proponent of providing students challenges and

experiences beyond the classroom. His work with students in state and national competitions has resulted in multiple awards for the Accounting Department. In June 2010, a USI student team won the National Institute of Management Accountants Student Case Competition, the third straight year a USI team captured the National Championship.

This summer and fall Dr. McGuire spoke at regional and national conferences for the Institute of Management Accountants. His work has earned numerous Best Paper Awards at national and international academic conferences. Recent journal articles have been published in *Management Accounting Quarterly*, *Review of Business Information Systems*, and the *Journal of Business and Economics Research*.

Dr. McGuire has professional experience in public and corporate accounting and is certified as a public accountant, a management accountant, a business manager, and an information technology professional. He has served as an administrator of a medical center, director of Corporate Operations of a hospital holding company, and as a consultant in the healthcare field.

He holds an exemplary record of service to the University. He is the co-chair of USI's Business and Engineering Combined Programming Task Force. He has chaired the Council of Department Chairs/Program Directors, the

Student Affairs Committee, and the Honor Student Symposium Committee during his career at USI. He also has served on the University Core Curriculum Council and the Service Learning Committee among others. In the College of Business, he has served on or chaired the strategic planning committee, the faculty affairs committee, faculty research seminars, and numerous other college committees.

He holds leadership roles in a professional organization and in local community groups. He is the chair-elect of the Institute of Management Accountants and a trustee with the IMA Foundation for Applied Research, Inc., the IMA Memorial Education Fund, Inc., and the Institute of Certified Management Accountants. In Evansville he has served the Boy Scouts of Buffalo Trace Council, Downtown Evansville, Inc., Girl Scouts of Raintree Council, Inc., and the Southwest Indiana Workforce Development steering committee. He is the immediate past president of the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra.

He earned the Doctor of Philosophy degree in business administration from the University of Central Florida and undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of South Alabama. He is married, and he and his wife Jean have two children. They have lived in Indiana for the past 15 years.

University of Southern Indiana Candidates for Degrees Class of 2010

10 a.m. Ceremony

Master Degrees

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Ryan C. Bacon, Evansville
Jeffrey A. Berger, Evansville
Michael Andrew Cathro, Clinton, Maryland
Preeti Chhabra, Evansville
Vishal Gupta, Koklata, India
Jonathan Heath Hatfield, Morganfield, Kentucky
Brittany Lynn Hinderliter, New Harmony
Robert P. Humphrey, Evansville
Marisa J. Johnson, Evansville
Angela Marie King Miller, Evansville
Matthew Jason Reffett, Evansville
Paul Rocton, Le Mans, France
Swapnil K. Shah, Pune, India
Jeffrey Joseph Snow, Carmel

Brandon Thornburg, Evansville
Faith R. Wells, Evansville
Lance Christopher Woods, Evansville

MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Meagan E. Broerman, Richland
Larry B. Davis, Mount Vernon
Kimberly Anne Knotts, Frankton
Nyosha Lasenie LeFlore, Mount Vernon, Illinois
Emily S. Lynn, Evansville
Sejal Mahesh Patel, Henderson, Kentucky
Craig Robert Phifer, Newburgh
Barbara Anne Bowman Sistelos, Terre Haute
David S. Waterman, Evansville

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT

Sandra L. Banks, Newburgh

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Marinetta J. DeMoss, Evansville
Nursing Education
Lisa J. Hensley, Evansville
Nursing Management and Leadership
Amy L. Noble, Hamlet
Nursing Management and Leadership
Angela R. Shick, Lawrenceville, Illinois
Nursing Management and Leadership

Post-Baccalaureate Certificates College of Business

Dawn M. Whalen Burghard, Evansville
Professional Accountancy

Susan E. Dyer, Holland
Computer Information Systems

Brandon M. Woolen, Chandler
Professional Accountancy

Baccalaureate Degrees College of Business

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Gul Akyel, Ganakkale, Turkey
Management
Taner Artkin, Evansville
Business Administration
Bradley C. Cadden, Carmel
Accounting and Professional Services and
Finance, UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR
Aaron Michael Healy, Montgomery
Accounting and Professional Services and
Finance
Grace E. Maze, Greenwood
Marketing
Courtney R. Mickel, Evansville
Marketing, *summa cum laude*

Heather Lynn Miles, Huntingburg
Finance
Katherine R. Wagoner, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Jesse L. Adams, Boonville
Computer Science
Meredith Nicole Alcorn, Evansville
Management
Ryan J. Almon, Owensville
Management
Tara Lynn Anderson, Mount Vernon
Business Administration

Janessa L. Arney, Henderson, Kentucky
Business Administration
Brittany K. Ashby, Evansville
Management
Matthew B. Bates, Newburgh
Finance
Jonathon W. Benefiel, Indianapolis
Marketing
Floyd C. Bishop, Newburgh
Management
Christopher L. Bobbitt, Evansville
Business Administration
Andrea P. Boyle, Evansville
Marketing

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

Joyce Ann Bratton, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services

Alya Brown, Muscat, Oman
Marketing

Wesley A. Cardin, Evansville
Computer Information Systems

Baba Ceesay, Evansville
Business Administration

Emily Christine Coole, Newburgh
Accounting and Professional Services

David Levi Cox, Wadesville
Business Administration

Travis J. Cross, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services

Anthony P. Domizio, Mount Vernon
Accounting and Professional Services,
magna cum laude

Craig N. Downey, Indianapolis
Business Administration

Laura L. Eichelberg, North Judson
Marketing

Jessica L. Elkin, Portage
Finance

Carissa A. Elpers, Wadesville
Marketing

Mark E. Evans, Mount Vernon
Marketing

Kelsey Jo Fitch, Brazil
Management

Jordan W. Fultz, Mitchell
Business Administration

Timothy M. Goebel, Evansville
Business Administration

Matthew Z. Grisham, Evansville
Marketing

Ashley M. Hancock, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services and
Finance, *cum laude*

Roger A. Harden, Evansville
Management

Amber Marie Hasenour, Jasper
Marketing

Kristine N. Hass, Newburgh
Management

Jacob Andrew Hatton, Nashville
Accounting and Professional Services

Drew Thomas Helfert, Evansville
Computer Science

Kaycie M. Hibdon, Haubstadt
Accounting and Professional Services,
summa cum laude

Brandon C. Hirsch, Evansville
Finance

Katie E. Houghland, Evansville
Marketing

Lindsey Ann Hovermale, Lawrenceville, Illinois
Finance

Josh Patrick Jacob, Ferdinand
Marketing

Amber R. Jones, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services

Tammy Renee Jones, Crawfordsville
Accounting and Professional Services

Kristi M. Kemper, Ferdinand
Accounting and Professional Services and
Finance, *magna cum laude*

Paul L. Kempf, Wadesville
Economics

Kyle N. Kordes, Jasper
Business Administration

Alex J. Krystosek, Newburgh
Business Administration

Jacob L. Lawalin, Tell City
Marketing

Gary A. Lemon, Washington
Management

Ashley René Lewis, Newburgh
Accounting and Professional Services

Michelle L. Lewis, Evansville
Accounting

Misty M. Lewis, Evansville
Marketing, *cum laude*

Ry S. Logan, Evansville
Management

Robert Mabrey, Evansville
Computer Science

Paul A. Martin, Evansville
Management

Kasey Denea McGuire, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services

Dustin M. McKinley, Evansville
Business Administration

Joseph Patrick Metz, Evansville
Marketing

Steven M. Muehlbauer, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services,
magna cum laude

Nicole D. Murello, Washington
Accounting and Professional Services,
magna cum laude

Vanessa L. Neal, Rockport
Management, *cum laude*

Jared D. Neible, Evansville
Marketing

Michael C. O'Donnell, Evansville
Management

Justin W. Pace, Bedford
Management

Shawn M. Parr, Brownsburg
Management and Marketing

April N. Pasco, Evansville
Finance

Melissa Terese Pathman, Noblesville
Business Administration

Derrick John Powell, Evansville
Finance

Meghan R. Price, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services

Allison M. Raben, Evansville
Marketing

William D. Reid, Plainfield
Marketing and Spanish

Andrew S. Rice, Evansville
Business Administration

Whitney Shanel Roberson, Fort Wayne
Business Administration

Bethanie R. Roberts, Owensboro, Kentucky
Accounting and Professional Services

Christopher K. Ross, New Castle
Computer Information Systems

Rachel R. Rubenacker, Dahlgren, Illinois
Management

Lee M. Rudisill, Parker Settlement
Computer Science

Timothy R. Searcy, Evansville
Finance

Anna C. Shade, Henderson, Kentucky
Accounting and Professional Services and
Finance

Abbey L. Sitzman, Evansville
Business Administration

Nicholas B. Snyder, Haubstadt
Computer Information Systems

Rusty R. Spooner, Arcadia
Accounting and Professional Services

Lori B. Stallings, Evansville
Marketing

Jennifer Kay Stallins, Charleston, West Virginia
Business Administration

Daytwn F. Stitts, Evansville
Computer Science

Megan Marie Tas, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services

Christopher W. Taylor, Linton
Business Administration

Lawrence W. Taylor, Evansville
Finance

Laura J. Thompson, Mount Vernon
Marketing

Shauna N. Thompson, Evansville
Business Administration

Brian M. Ulrich, Evansville
Business Administration

Kimberley D. Vallette, Albion, Illinois
Business Administration

Christina Joy Veatch, Newburgh
Business Administration

Jason M. Walters, Vincennes
Business Administration

Debra S. Weis, Haubstadt
Business Administration

Jenny L. Wiggins, Poseyville
Business Education

Nicholas Joseph Wildeman, Mount Vernon
Business Administration

Ashley N. Zuckschwerdt, Tell City
Accounting and Professional Services

College of Nursing and Health Professions

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Kimberly K. Barnard, Owensboro, Kentucky
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

Amanda M. Bender, Jamestown, New York
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

Melissa A. Bullock, Evansville
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

Melinda R. Busemeyer, Guilford
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

Frank Catone, Poland, Ohio
Health Services

Jorhdan Chae Cook, Henderson, Kentucky
Health Services

Christopher R. Dodds, Lanesville
Health Services

Ryan Joseph Fisher, Evansville
Food and Nutrition

Marcia A. Hall, Fort Branch
Health Services

Lindsay Michelle Hammond, Spencer
Health Services

Ashley R. Harpring, Franklin
Health Services

Elizabeth Ann Hess, Sellersburg
Health Services

Ashli Ann House, Wadesville
Health Services, *cum laude*

Tessa Lyn Hutchinson, Brownstown
Health Services

Wendy R. Johnson, Leavenworth
Health Services, *cum laude*,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Leslie Elizabeth Kempf, Evansville
Health Services, *cum laude*

Sheri Ann Kipling, Henderson, Kentucky
Dental Hygiene

Brittany J. Knabel, Vincennes
Health Services

Brienne Renee Knowling, New Castle
Health Services

Heather Kaye Mathies, Boonville
Health Services

Lori Michele McDaniel, Newburgh
Health Services

Rhiannon N. Meeks, Crossville, Illinois
Dental Hygiene

Danielle S. Meyer, Otwell
Health Services

Lindsey Anne Meyer, Evansville
Health Services

Katherine P. Meythaler, Evansville
Health Services

Amanda Beth Moyer, Evansville
Health Services

Meagan Lynn Musgrave, Carmi, Illinois
Health Services

Allyssa B. Myers, Washington
Health Services

John Cole Peerman, Evansville
Health Services

Lindsay Renee Ritter, Evansville
Health Services

Katherine Marie Seifert, Mount Vernon
Food and Nutrition

Jeanna A. Small, Indianapolis
Health Services

Kimberly A. Sullivan, Evansville
Health Services, *cum laude*

Michelle Mary Tibbs, Cisne, Illinois
Health Services, *magna cum laude*

Levi Emanuel VanWinkle, Bloomfield
Health Services

Emily Elizabeth Weinzapfel, Mount Vernon
Health Services, *cum laude*

Tiffney Leigh Whitley, Crossville, Illinois
Health Services

Karlene K. Young, Vincennes
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

Megan M. Ziliak, Haubstadt
Health Services, *cum laude*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Kelly D. Kreutzjans, North Vernon

Marica D. Neuhauser, Cicero

Amber Renee Ringham, Owensboro, Kentucky

Tabatha Ann Roberts, Whitesville, Alabama

Amanda B. Stewart, Evansville

Margaret E. Taylor, Evansville

Carolyn Marie Wood, Owensville

Pott College of Science and Engineering

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Steven M. Mesaeh, Rockville
Biology

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Christy L. Dixon, Owensboro, Kentucky
Science

Timothy M. Esarey, Bristow
Industrial Supervision

Kara J. Fisher, Vincennes
Mathematics

Casey J. Helfrich, Evansville
Geology

Amber L. Hougland, Boonville
Biology

Brittany A. Houser, Newburgh
Biology

Kyle W. Kraft, Evansville
Biology

Dericke K. Lavoine, Brazil
Biology

Derek M. Libbert, Jasper
Industrial Supervision

James C. Macke, Evansville
Mathematics

Paul E. Meadors, Wadesville
Biology

Caleb J. Mitchell, Norris City, Illinois
Biology

Patricia Ann Osgatharp, Washington
Biology

Ajay P. Patwari, Munster
Biology

Ann-Marie E. Petranek-Dougan, Evansville
Industrial Supervision

Melanie N. Pund, Ferdinand
Chemistry, *cum laude*

Menachem Rogel, Evansville
Mathematics

Dana M. Schmitt, Evansville
Biology

Brandon M. Sherfield, Carmi, Illinois
Geology

Laquitta L. Sherman, Evansville
Biology

Matthew T. Smith, Odon
Chemistry

Kera L. Zint, Newburgh
Biology

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING

Alex N. Bittner, Haubstadt

Collins M. Chibwe, Evansville

Derek L. Crockett, Tell City

Katharine Ann Funke, Evansville
magna cum laude,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Benjamin A. Halbig, Fort Branch

Crystal Jean Seger, Dubois

Steven T. Spielmann, Aurora

Associate Degrees

College of Business

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Lindsey M. Debord, Hazleton
Business

Katherine L. Green, Evansville
Business

Jonathan P. Reeder, Fort Branch
Business

Jodi M. Sander, Evansville
Business

College of Nursing and Health Professions

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Laura E. Adler, Haubstadt
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Jacquelyn L. Boger, Vincennes
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Margaret E. Burgess, Mount Vernon
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Dana E. Burton, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Katie L. Curtis, Evansville
Dental Assisting

Megan Rae Day, Newburgh
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Shelby E. Flamion, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Cassandra R. Garland, Jasper
Dental Assisting

Jana L. Gatewood, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Kimberly D. Gregory, Vincennes
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Allison A. Higdon, Evansville
Dental Assisting

Leslie M. Higgins, Evansville
Dental Assisting

Mallory N. Hollander, Santa Claus
Dental Assisting

Brandi N. Horton, Henderson, Kentucky
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Jolene N. Hugo, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Vanessa L. Johnson, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Amy Michelle Kissel, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Brittany J. Knabel, Vincennes
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Rebekah K. Koehler, Center Point
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Logan M. Massat, Evansville
Dental Assisting

Whitney RaShelle Meriwether, Kokomo
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Abigail L. Merkley, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Danielle S. Meyer, Otwell
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Stephanie B. Miller, Dale
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Danielle R. Morris, Lynnville
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Chelsey Rae Price, Elizabethtown
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Ruth Ann Rauch, Bedford
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Megan J. Rice, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Rhonda K. Rubright, Fort Branch
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Kelsey L. Schapker, Owensville
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Jennifer M. Scott, Bluffton
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Leah N. Vaught, Haubstadt
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Ruth Ann Voegel, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Whitney R. Wallace, Owensville
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Emily Elizabeth Weinzapfel, Mount Vernon
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Jennifer Jane Windhaus, Henderson, Kentucky
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Cindra L. York, Mount Carmel, Illinois
Occupational Therapy Assistant

University of Southern Indiana

Candidates for Degrees

Class of 2010

1 p.m. Ceremony

Master Degrees

MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES

Harold S. Esty, Evansville

Lucas Launius, Broughton, Illinois

Mervat N. Odeh, Evansville

Mary C. Platz, Newburgh

Shelby L. Robbins, Evansville

Tracy A. Sinn, Evanville

James L. Turpen, Chicago, Illinois

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Casey L. Hrvatin, Evansville

Peter C. Whiting, Evansville

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Amanda D. Hirsch, Wadesville
Secondary Education

Kathleen Hollenbacher, Evansville
Secondary Education

Tiffany A. Jones, Henderson, Kentucky
Elementary Education

Kary Michael Kahle, Chandler
Secondary Education

Nicole E. Mahone, Evansville
Elementary Education

Molly C. Melvin, Evansville
Elementary Education

Tina M. Mosier, Crossville, Illinois
Elementary Education

Alice L. Murphy-Galbreath, Evansville
Elementary Education

Shelley M. Patton, Evansville
Elementary Education

Sarah Nicole Rader, Evansville
Elementary Education

Madelyn S. Russell, Evansville
Secondary Education

Allyson Nicole Satterfield, Henderson, Kentucky
Elementary Education

Sarah Lynn Truax Versteeg, Murfreesboro,
Tennessee
Elementary Education

Elizabeth Joan Wade, Evansville
Secondary Education

Trudi R. Weihrauch, Mount Vernon
Elementary Education

Richelle A. Williams, Fort Branch
Elementary Education

Megan Christina Wright, Evansville
Elementary Education

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

William Pekar, Fairfield, Connecticut

Baccalaureate Degrees

Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Tracie L. Ambrose, Evansville
Elementary Education

Brienne Marie Greenwell, Vincennes
Elementary Education

Katie M. Hadley, Boonville
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Andrea Marie Hargrove, Evansville
Elementary Education

Robyn Nicole Hochgesang, Jasper
Special Education

Heather M. Jackson, Indianapolis
Education

Maria E. Key, Evansville
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Robin Renelle Kline, Thorntown
Elementary Education

Kyle E. Lawton, Evansville
Elementary Education

Angel C. Orange, Evansville
Elementary Education

Lindsay K. Raikes, Speedway
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Heather J. Reynolds, Monticello
Elementary Education

Breanne Sue Sollman, Huntingburg
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Tiffany R. Williams, Evansville
Elementary Education

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Andrew M. Backes, Evansville
Elementary Education

Brett A. Belcher, Evansville
Elementary Education

Jennifer N. Brumley, Evansville
Elementary Education

Amanda S. Byers-Barnes, Zionsville
Elementary Education

Emily A. Carnahan, Evansville
Elementary Education

Tyler J. Choate, Carmi, Illinois
Physical Education, *cum laude*

Zachary Zane Clark, Chandler
Elementary Education

Justin Brian Cortez, Evansville
Kinesiology

Katherine L. Dearmond, Evansville
Elementary Education

Justin M. Dodd, Evansville
Elementary Education

Katie Elane Eckleberry, Cisne, Illinois
Elementary Education, *summa cum laude*

Stacie Lynn Evans, Evansville
Elementary Education

Justin L. Fehn, Newburgh
Kinesiology

Michael W. Feller, Newburgh
Exercise Science

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

Austin L. Fischer, Chrisney
Special Education

Elizabeth C. Frazier, Newburgh
Exercise Science

Kimberly Paige Gottwald, Fort Wayne
Early Childhood Education and Public
Relations and Advertising, *cum laude*

Melissa Danielle Gunter, Newburgh
Elementary Education

Meghann B. Hall-Herrenbruck, Newburgh
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Jana Marie Head, Evansville
Elementary Education

Cassandra A. Hisch, Haubstadt
Elementary Education, *summa cum laude*

Sallie Ann Jung, Wadesville
Kinesiology

Elyse M. Kraft, Evansville
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Abbie R. Lamping, Newburgh
Elementary Education

Shajuan Michelle Lindsey, Midlothian, Illinois
Elementary Education

De'Shea Joy Lintzenich, Mount Vernon
Elementary Education

Thomas C. Lovvorn, Plainfield
Kinesiology

Emily Sue Mangold, Newburgh
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Virginia Lin Marsee, Henderson, Kentucky
Elementary Education, *summa cum laude*

Trent Ray Miller, Bedford
Kinesiology

Christopher M. Nalin, Evansville
Kinesiology

Hailey M. Parker, Eldorado, Illinois
Elementary Education

Christine Kay Pence, Louisville, Kentucky
Elementary Education

Patrick T. Peyton, Princeton
Elementary Education

Hannah Michal Quirey, Evansville
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Audrey L. Reich, Evansville
Early Childhood Education

Emily L. Retter, Newburgh
Elementary Education

Kearstyn Lea Ritter, Evansville
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Rosanna M. Sartore, Evansville
Elementary Education, *summa cum laude*

Zachary M. Schilling, Jasper
Physical Education

Lee D. Schutz, Evansville
Kinesiology

Jessica Loretta Scott, Boonville
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Kirk M. Smoot, Bedford
Elementary Education

Tara M. Spradley, Boonville
Elementary Education

Ashly B. Steckel, Evansville
Early Childhood Education

Lindsay M. Taylor, Evansville
Elementary Education

Jacquelyn Ann Wagner, Evansville
Elementary Education

Stacy J. Watson, Evansville
Elementary Education

Meagan L. Weber, Holland
Kinesiology

Ashley J. White, Boonville
Physical Education

Spenser Thomas Young, Henderson, Kentucky
Elementary Education

Curtis J. Zehner, Terre Haute
Kinesiology

Erin Lea Zehr, Rockport
Elementary Education

Amy Beth Zenthoefer, Haubstadt
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Christina M. Ziegler, Jasper
Elementary Education

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Amy M. Davidson, Newburgh
cum laude

Katherine Marie Feldmeier, Lynnville
Norma Shawn Hardy, Evansville

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Zachary K. Absher, Boonville
Public Relations and Advertising

Tim R. Alcorn, Evansville
Social Science

Rachael Ann Anderson, Chandler
English

Evan M. Appel, Gentryville
Art

Laura Marie Auxier, Evansville
Social Science

Kimberly J. Meyer Ayers, Evansville
Public Relations and Advertising

William Walker Bailey, Clay City
Social Science

Claire A. Ballard, Evansville
Radio and Television

Carrie Virginia Baugh, Evansville
Public Relations and Advertising

Jeffrey S. Berry, Seymour
Radio and Television

Kevin B. Bickwermert, Evansville
Theatre Arts, *cum laude*

Allison Ashley Biggs, Noblesville
English

David A. Blackford, Newburgh
Social Science

Joshua R. Board, Evansville
Journalism

Savannah D. Boop, Evansville
Sociology and Criminal Justice Studies

Melody Paige Boots, Harrisburg, Illinois
Public Relations and Advertising

Kyle M. Bradley, Evansville
Visual Art, *cum laude*

David M. Brandt, Evansville
Art

Sean W. Brescher, Jasper
Radio and Television

Bryant M. Brewer, Evansville
Sociology

Nicholas S. Briscoe, Evansville
History

Bryan J. Brown, Evansville
Philosophy and English

Raymond C. Bruce, Fountaintown
Sociology

Ashley Renee Burke, Evansville
English

Andrew J. Burklow, Evansville
English

Brandy D. Byers, Evansville
Psychology

Amanda K. Camp, Indianapolis
Communication Studies

Meagan E. Cobb, Boonville
Psychology

Christopher C. Cole, Versailles
Radio and Television

D'Angelo Jontel Coles, East Chicago
Radio and Television

Ashley N. Combs, Tennyson
History

Lori Elizabeth Cotton, Rockport
Public Relations and Advertising

Peter J. Craig, Mount Carmel, Illinois
Social Science, *cum laude*

Joshua L. Curry, Mount Vernon
History and Social Science

Vincent Bernard Davey, Indianapolis
Theatre Arts

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Art

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Commencement Traditions

Presidential Medallion

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

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

Gonfalons

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

At the University of Southern Indiana, gonfalons represent each major academic unit; typically deans or

department heads act as gonfaloniers. Here gonfalon colors derive from traditional hues associated with each college's academic disciplines. Our commencement gonfalons come as a gift from the USI Bookstore.

University Seal

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

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

University Mace

In the Middle Ages, bodyguards of French and English monarchs carried ceremonial maces. Later, the mace became an important symbol of office in civil processions and academic

pageantry. At the University of Southern Indiana, the grand marshal, a distinguished member of the faculty, carries the mace.

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

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

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

Academic Regalia

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

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

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

Academic hoods vary in length according to the degree attained and are lined with the colors of the institution by which the degree was granted. The honorary doctoral hoods of the University of Southern Indiana are black, lined with blue satin with red satin chevrons. They are edged with white velvet.

Retired members of the University faculty and administrative staff can be recognized in today's ceremony by the red, white, and blue cords worn with their regalia.

Hooding Ceremony

Academic hoods vary in length according to the degree attained and are lined with the colors of the institution by which the degree was granted. Hooding signifies the induction of the graduate into the fellowship of the academy, a welcoming gesture by those who represent the high standards of scholarship and creative achievement. During today's ceremony, master's degree candidates will receive hoods distinctive to their degrees.

Baccalaureate Scholarship Honors

The baccalaureate degree candidate graduating with the highest scholarship index is graduated *summa cum laude*. Baccalaureate students graduating with a scholarship index of 3.80 or higher are graduated *magna cum laude*. Those with a scholarship index between 3.60 and 3.80 are graduated *cum laude*. These achievements are set forth on the individual diplomas. Honor students can be recognized in the Commencement Exercises by colored stoles and tassels. Gold indicates *summa cum laude*; red, *magna cum laude*; and blue, *cum laude*.

Because students enrolled in master's degree programs are expected to maintain a minimum grade-point average of 3.0, and most achieve much higher levels, scholarship honors at Commencement are given only to baccalaureate students.

University Honors Scholars

The designation of University Honors Scholar is awarded to students who successfully complete the Honors Program. They can be recognized in 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.

Photography During Ceremony

A commercial photographer is taking photographs of each graduate as he/she shakes hands on stage. Each graduate will receive a proof from which duplicates can be ordered. Family members who wish to take still or video photographs during the ceremony are asked to use the restricted area on the floor. Your cooperation 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 Instructional Technology Services in cooperation with the USI Alumni Association. The DVD includes the entire ceremony, depicting each graduate receiving a diploma cover, as well as candid behind-the-scenes shots. 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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