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FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL

# COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES



2015

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER TWELFTH

PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES CENTER  
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA  
EVANSVILLE, INDIANA



2015  
COMMENCEMENT  
EXERCISES

# ORDER OF THE 2015 FALL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

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## Romain College of Business, College of Liberal Arts and Outreach and Engagement Ceremony

Saturday, December 12, 2015

10 a.m.

### **Processional**

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

### **Grand Marshal**

Ernest H. Hall, *Professor of Management; Master of Business Administration Director*

### **National Anthem**

Briana E. Maddox '16

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Linda L. M. Bennett, *President*

### **Reflection**

Lance M. Grubb '15

### **The Commencement Address**

Kathryn M. Waters, *Professor of Art*

### **Conferral of Degrees**

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

### **Presentation of Graduates**

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

### **Master Degrees**

Ronald S. Rochon, *Provost*

### **Baccalaureate Degrees**

Mohammed F. Khayum, *Dean of the Romain College of Business; Professor of Economics*  
Michael K. Aakhus, *Dean of the College of Liberal Arts; Professor of Art*  
Mark C. Bernhard, *Associate Provost for Outreach and Engagement*

### **Associate Degrees**

Ronald S. Rochon, *Provost*

### **Recessional**

Evansville Brass Quintet

*A reception will be held in University Center East immediately following the ceremony.*

*Join us in the celebration on social media by including #USIGrad in your posts.*

# ORDER OF THE 2015 FALL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

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## College of Nursing and Health Professions and Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education Ceremony

Saturday, December 12, 2015

1 p.m.

### **Processional**

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

### **Grand Marshal**

Jeffery W. Seyler, *Professor of Chemistry; Chair of Chemistry Department*

### **National Anthem**

Renee L. Rink '17

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Linda L. M. Bennett, *President*

### **Reflection**

Laura L. Decker '12 M'15

### **The Commencement Address**

Kathryn M. Waters, *Professor of Art*

### **Conferral of Degrees**

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

### **Presentation of Graduates**

Kent W. Scheller, *Associate Professor of Physics*

### **Doctoral Degrees**

Linda L. M. Bennett, *President*

### **Master Degrees**

Ronald S. Rochon, *Provost*

### **Baccalaureate Degrees**

Ann H. White, *Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions; Professor of Nursing*  
Scott A. Gordon, *Dean of the Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education; Professor of Biology*

### **Associate Degrees**

Ronald S. Rochon, *Provost*

### **Recessional**

Evansville Brass Quintet

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# KATHRYN M. WATERS TO DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

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Kathryn M. Waters

Kathryn M. Waters, professor of art, is the 2015 recipient of USI's Distinguished Professor Award and will present today's Commencement address. She was recognized during the Spring Commencement ceremony for the College of Liberal Arts for her leadership, teaching and creativity.

For over 30 years, Waters has made an outstanding and significant impact on USI and the community. Her leadership includes serving as chair and acting chair of the Art Department, interim associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts, visiting professor of art at Harlaxton College in Grantham, England, and her current positions of professor of art and director of the Kenneth P. McCutchan Art Center/Palmina F. and Stephen S. Pace Galleries.

As director of the McCutchan Art Center/Pace Galleries, Waters plans and directs five to seven shows annually, including artists of international stature.

Teaching remains at the heart of what drives her and is evident in the energy with which she leads discussion and action in the department, and her efforts to help students be successful in their work.

Waters provided leadership on the Efroymsen Bridge Fellowship Committee, where she was instrumental in setting up the \$10,000 post-undergraduate award and served as the mentor to the first recipient. She directed the student in advanced studies, facilitated her final exhibit, and helped her prepare for and get accepted to one of the top graduate programs in the country.

A measure of professional success among artists is achieving a one-person show in a gallery esteemed by critics, art historians and peer artists. Chicago's Wood Street Gallery is one such venue and, in 2000, it hosted one of Waters' one-person shows. She participated in "Mind, Matter, Spirit," a traveling exhibit of 12 contemporary Indiana women artists, at the National Museum for Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C., the same year. In 2015, she was featured in the Master Teacher Series at the Evansville Museum of Arts, History and Science in celebration of USI's 50th anniversary.

Waters serves on the boards of New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art, the Hoosier Salon New Harmony, Alhambra Theatre and Downtown Evansville Incorporated, on the Indianapolis Airport Art Selection Committee, Evansville Residency Committee and numerous committees at USI.

Waters was the recipient of the USI Community Faculty Award and Phenomenal Women of USI Award in 2014 and 2015, the USI Faculty Research and Creative Work Award in 2009 and 2013, the USI College of Liberal Arts Dean's Award for Scholarship and Creative Activity in 2007, national Visual Artist Residency Fellowships including Yaddo, Ragdale and the Virginia Center for the Arts and, most notably, the 2004 Mayor's Arts Awards Artist of the Year Award from the Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana.

In 1971, she received her bachelor's degree in art education from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, graduating *magna cum laude*. She then continued her education at Ohio University, obtaining her master's degree in fine arts in 1979.

Waters and her husband, writer and USI professor of English Matthew Graham, live in Evansville.



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA  
Candidates for Degrees

CLASS OF 2015

ROMAIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS  
AND OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT CEREMONY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015

10 A.M.

MASTER DEGREES

**Awarding of Hoods**

Mayola Rowser, *Director of Graduate Studies; Associate Professor of Nursing*  
Assisted by Shelly B. Blunt, *Associate Provost for Academic Affairs; Associate Professor of Chemistry*

**MASTER OF ARTS IN  
COMMUNICATION**

Alohi Minna Leanora Bikle, Kaaawa, Hawaii  
Kyle Brandon Tharp, Van Nuys, California

**MASTER OF BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATION**

Eric J. Brooks, Elkhart  
Rebecca Lynn Buckman, Henderson, Kentucky  
Andres Cavezza, Evansville  
Dewayne A. Forston, Evansville  
James T. Girten, Wadesville

Michael G. Hagedorn, Evansville  
David Richard Klass, Evansville  
Alissa Nichole Knable, New Albany  
Julia E. Kohnen, Florissant, Missouri  
April Suzanne Luigs, Wadesville  
Courtney Fife McNett, Evansville  
Joshua L. Raleigh, Evansville  
Kristin Elizabeth Reagan, Evansville  
John David Rohling, Nashville, Tennessee  
Sarah Elizabeth Timmons, Evansville  
Benjamin Read Wallace, Newburgh

**MASTER OF PUBLIC  
ADMINISTRATION**

Katrina Renee Blaser, Evansville  
Public Administration  
Elliot M. Howard, Indianapolis  
Public Administration  
Ian Thomas Mathew, New Harmony  
Public Sector Administration  
Linda G. Thomas, Cannelton  
Public Administration  
Marian Camille Yoder, Topeka  
Public Administration

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

ROMAIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

**BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Kara Fay Empson, Bloomfield  
Business Administration  
Kassidy Danielle Kinner, Evansville  
Economics, *cum laude*,  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR  
Sarah Wahoski, Evansville  
Business Administration

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Rania Fareed Abdalgar, Evansville  
Accounting and Professional Services  
Mohammed Baqer Alhashim, Al Ahsa,  
Saudi Arabia  
Business Administration  
Khalid M. Alrasheed, Evansville  
Management

Kimberly Kay Amick, Wadesville  
Marketing  
Austin S. Anderson, Mount Carmel, Illinois  
Management  
Treva Bandy, Ridgway, Illinois  
Accounting and Professional Services  
Zachary Micheal Beal, Evansville  
Accounting and Professional Services

Michelle Lynn Bennett, Evansville  
Management

Mark A. Berry, Evansville  
Accounting and Professional Services

Matthew A. Bevers, Evansville  
Marketing

Joshua F. Bredhold, Jasper  
Management, *cum laude*

Robert Lee Buhmann, Indianapolis  
Marketing

Vanessa R. Bye, Oakland City  
Management

Coy DaVean Caffrey, Marengo  
Marketing

Eryn K. Campbell, Evansville  
Computer Information Systems

Molly A. Carey, Evansville  
Marketing

Hwa Chung, Evansville  
Accounting and Professional Services

Sean E. Collins, Indianapolis  
Business Administration

Christopher Daniel Corgan, Hobart  
Management

Dustin James Crawford, Charlestown  
Computer Science

Levi Charles-Young Davis, Henderson, Kentucky  
Accounting and Professional Services,  
*magna cum laude*

Conner J. Dembroski, Evansville  
Business Administration

Kirstie Rene' Dempsey, Evansville  
Accounting and Professional Services

Kristofer Roy Deutsch, Evansville  
Marketing

Tyler L. Dowling, Mitchell  
Computer Information Systems

Cody Alan Duff, Evansville  
Computer Science

Jordan Renae Dunkel, Newburgh  
Management

Jacob T. Eckert, Evansville  
Computer Science

Brooke René Elliott, Indianapolis  
Management

Jacob Andrew Ewers, Mount Vernon  
Accounting and Professional Services

Adam R. Finn, Evansville  
Accounting and Professional Services  
and Finance

Jasmine Sky Fleming, Winslow  
Finance

John Michael Folz, Evansville  
Management

Mohamed Farhan Fowzer, Owensboro,  
Kentucky  
Accounting and Professional Services

Kathi E. Fromme, Ferdinand  
Management

Kelsey Marie Fulton, Evansville  
Finance, *cum laude*

Benjamin Michael Gallant, Evansville  
Management, *cum laude*

Charles Gilbert Garrison, Chandler  
Finance

Michael A. Gibbs, Newburgh  
Computer Information Systems, *cum laude*

Ui-Hyun Gu, Incheon, Kiribati  
Computer Information Systems, *cum laude*

Andrew J. Heid, Evansville  
Computer Science

Floyd Andrew Hines, Mount Vernon  
Marketing

Lindsey J. Howes, Petersburg  
Computer Information Systems

Matthew R. Hudson, Henderson, Kentucky  
Marketing

Michael Ray Hueston, Franklin  
Business Administration

Dylan James Keeling, Veedersburg  
Management, *magna cum laude*

Logan M. Kelly, Evansville  
Business Administration

Melanie R. Kessler, Newburgh  
Business Administration

Cameron Joseph Klemczewski, Evansville  
Finance

Andrew Kuper, Mount Vernon  
Marketing

Landon S. LaBarbera, Evansville  
Marketing

Mary Lela Lewis, Brownsburg  
Management

Diane S. Lintzenich, Mount Vernon  
Accounting and Professional Services

Amy D. Liikenuh, Santa Claus  
Finance

Kassandra Lea Lucius, Springville  
Marketing

Emily Anne Lutz, Haubstadt  
Management

Derek M. McNew, Clarksville  
Finance

Clair Nicole McPhearson, Evansville  
Accounting and Professional Services

Andrew Neil James Mercer, Evansville  
Business Administration

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

Kelsey L. Messer, Monroe City  
Accounting and Professional Services

Mitchell D. Meurer, Evansville  
Accounting and Professional Services

John Lucas Meyer, Rockport  
Computer Information Systems

Tatenda Mhaka, Evansville  
Finance

Jesse Montank, Evansville  
Finance, *cum laude*

Grant Michael Muller, Evansville  
Finance

Michelle K. Muse, Greenwood  
Marketing

Jessica N. Newman, Newburgh  
Accounting and Professional Services

Ryan M. Niemeier, Evansville  
Management

Zachary James Parkhurst, Mount Carmel, Illinois  
Computer Information Systems

Amber Rose Powers, Evansville  
Business Administration

Tyler Michael Raben, Evansville  
Management

Andrea Jean Ribelin, Springfield, Illinois  
Marketing

Mehgan N. Riecken, Wadesville  
Accounting and Professional Services

Mackenzie Nicole Riley, Evansville  
Management

Love O. Rowell-Evans, Evansville  
Management

Jacob N. Schaefer, Mount Vernon  
Management

Lauren Elaine Schweizer, Evansville  
Business Administration

Elliott R. Seifert, Jasper  
Marketing

Dillon Ray Smith, Morganfield, Kentucky  
Computer Science

James Edward Snepp, Franklin  
Accounting and Professional Services

Rachel A. Snyder, Rockport  
Finance, *magna cum laude*

Brian Joseph Sonderman, Jasper  
Marketing

James R. Stanley, Chandler  
Finance

Jay Michael Stanley, Fairfield, Illinois  
Management

Morgan Renee Stierley, Wadesville  
Accounting and Professional Services  
and Finance, *cum laude*

Taylor Strange, Evansville  
Economics

Alec J. Stroud, Henderson, Kentucky  
Accounting and Professional Services

Raegan Mae Sweppy, Allendale, Illinois  
Marketing

Colton Lewis Tanner, Alexandria, Kentucky  
Accounting and Professional Services

Samuel Lewis Tanoos, Newburgh  
Business Administration, *cum laude*

William E. Terbrack, Mount Vernon  
Marketing

Briony Nicole Towler, Indianapolis  
Finance

Alex T. Trinkle, Evansville  
Business Administration  
Jamie Leigh Tucker, Evansville  
Marketing

Zachary James Watson, Carterville, Illinois  
Management  
Kathryn Jean Wildeman, Mount Vernon  
Accounting and Professional Services

Austin Wayne Zentmyer, Mount Vernon  
Marketing

## COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

William C. Adams, Marion, Kentucky  
History  
Stephanie Ann Alan Cox, Evansville  
English Teaching  
Dario F. Arboleda La Torre, Newburgh  
Psychology  
John Thomas Barton, Evansville  
History, *cum laude*  
Jasmine Nicole Brenda, La Porte  
French Studies  
Ashley R. Call, Camby  
English  
Shelby Lynn Davis, Westfield  
Psychology, *summa cum laude*,  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR  
Kara E. DiDomizio, Evansville  
International Studies, *magna cum laude*  
Jordan Allen Eickhoff, Evansville  
History  
Lance Michael Grubb, Evansville  
French Studies Teaching  
LaNikitah Jovana Kiara Harris, Westfield  
Psychology  
Tiffanie Dawn Hendricks, Evansville  
Art  
Abigail E. Hering, Greenwood  
Public Relations and Advertising and  
Spanish Studies  
Eli Nethaneel Jay, Evansville  
French Studies  
Lauren Ann Johnson, Zionsville  
Spanish Studies, *magna cum laude*  
Carolyn Eleanore Jones, Evansville  
Radio and Television  
Brellyne McDowell Jordan, Newburgh  
Spanish Studies  
Kathryn Ann Kaiser, Evansville  
Psychology  
Taylor Ann Kearschner, Salem  
Theatre Arts, *summa cum laude*  
Jessica Lynn Kelley, Evansville  
Communication Studies,  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR  
Maryhannah S. Kissel, Evansville  
International Studies  
Merrick Travis Korach, Evansville  
Criminal Justice Studies  
Anthony Alan Landers, Evansville  
Art

Michael James Lauer, South Bend  
History  
Andrew M. Lendy, Newburgh  
Spanish Studies, *magna cum laude*  
Brooke Elizabeth Marquardt, South Bend  
English  
Cassandra Lynn Mattingly, Evansville  
Theatre Arts  
Kortney Elizabeth McGill, Evansville  
Psychology  
Odalys Miranda-Reyes, Roanoke  
Public Relations and Advertising  
Ajmal Myakhel, Evansville  
Political Science  
Cecil King Neville III, Newburgh  
English, *cum laude*  
Ji Young Park, Newburgh  
Public Relations and Advertising  
Rachael Brynn Peyton, Corydon  
Psychology and International Studies  
William Gustav Rasch IV, Cynthiana  
History  
Josey Lynn Roth, Evansville  
English  
Andrew Ryan Simpson, Fairfield, Illinois  
Art, *cum laude*  
Kyle Smith, Rockport  
Public Relations and Advertising  
Alyssa P. Svanteckis, Fishers  
English, *summa cum laude*,  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR  
Jacob D. Timmons, Evansville  
History

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Erica S. Anderson, DeMotte  
Radio and Television  
Jodie C. Arguello, Newburgh  
Political Science  
Danielle S Artis, East St. Louis, Illinois  
History  
Sydney E. Barcelli, Portage  
Public Relations and Advertising  
Philip Matthew Barnett, Santa Claus  
Radio and Television  
Grace Anne Barrett, Newburgh  
Communication Studies, *cum laude*  
Joshua C. Barrow, Pittsboro  
Criminal Justice Studies  
Eleanor Jane Bartholomew, Fishers  
Sociology

Sara N. Behnke, Carmi, Illinois  
Art  
Kirsten Patricia Bell, Evansville  
Art  
Rachel Christine Bemis, Evansville  
Art  
Kaytlyn Rae Black, Bloomington  
Criminal Justice Studies  
Myra Rhyannon Bowles, Evansville  
Philosophy  
Evan Christopher Boyer, Paoli  
Art  
Sheryl Elaine Briner, Evansville  
English Teaching, *cum laude*  
Nicholas Randolph Bush, Bloomington  
Communication Studies  
Jamie Lee Callahan, Winamac  
Psychology  
Morgan Marie Cochran, Evansville  
Political Science,  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR  
Maureen Anne Conner, Newburgh  
Psychology, *cum laude*  
Zackary T. Cormier, Chatham, Illinois  
Public Relations and Advertising  
Allie Jo Cortez, Evansville  
Psychology  
Richard C. Covington, Evansville  
Radio and Television  
Neal G. Cozart, Evansville  
History  
Alexis Marie Craft, Winamac  
Psychology  
Christine L. Cullison, Newburgh  
Art  
Tori Brooke Densley, Newburgh  
Public Relations and Advertising,  
*magna cum laude*  
Kyle J. Dischinger, Huntingburg  
Communication Studies  
Nicole Renee Ealy, Indianapolis  
Psychology  
Hillary A. Edmondson, Evansville  
Public Relations and Advertising  
Bailey Anne Faughn, Evansville  
Psychology  
Jarrod Michael Fawks, Dubois  
Art  
Christopher Robin Froman, Evansville  
History, *magna cum laude*



Alex John Georges, Evansville  
History, *cum laude*

Scott P. Glesige, Evansville  
Psychology

Brittany Nichole Graber, Montgomery  
Psychology

Shannon Elise Gray, Indianapolis  
English

Daniel J. Hambidge, Newburgh  
English Teaching

Kelsey Paige Hawkins, Newburgh  
Psychology

Nicole Lynn Hayes, Chrisney  
Public Relations and Advertising

Montell Armand Hendricks, Carmel  
Psychology

Katelyn J. Henning, Newburgh  
Public Relations and Advertising

Derek Charles Hill, Valparaiso  
Criminal Justice Studies

Nicholas M. Holmes, Evansville  
English

Devon Lynn Huff, Indianapolis  
Psychology

Allen Arthur Hurst, Mount Vernon  
Political Science

Taylor Len Isom, Ellettsville  
Psychology

Jordan T. Jones, Fort Branch  
History

Matthew James Koewler, Evansville  
Art

Payton Arthur Krempely, Indianapolis  
Radio and Television

Audrey Nicole Lashbrook, Washington  
English Teaching

Brian Cody Lawalin, Cannelton  
Criminal Justice Studies

Megan D. Lengacher Dickens, Loogootee  
Art

Amanda Ann Lopez, Evansville  
Communication Studies

Christopher Scott Luttrell, Rockport  
Anthropology

Dennis Kyle Marshall, Evansville  
Journalism

Zachary James Masterson, Fairfield, Illinois  
Criminal Justice Studies

Meagan E. Meadows, Fort Branch  
Visual Art K-12 Teaching

Grigoriy P. Medvedev, Evansville  
Art

Carson Taylor Mier, Anderson  
Art

Alexander Nathaniel Moseley, Evansville  
Political Science

Ashley Dawn Murray, Lexington, Kentucky  
Public Relations and Advertising

Tyler James Nichols, Evansville  
Public Relations and Advertising

Nichole M. Nolan, Murphysboro, Illinois  
Public Relations and Advertising

Baleigh Raeann Nosal, Saint John  
Public Relations and Advertising

John Thomas Paris, Henderson, Kentucky  
History

Chelsea Christine Parker, Henderson, Kentucky  
Criminal Justice Studies

Matthew Steven Perez, Evansville  
Art

Aaron D. Porter, Wadesville  
Public Relations and Advertising

Johnna Mae Preidt, Shelbyville  
Sociology and Criminal Justice Studies

Marissa Quinn Puntney, Evansville  
Art

Christopher Blair Ragains, French Lick  
English

Clinton David Rauch, Ingraham, Illinois  
Psychology, *summa cum laude*

Andrea Lynn Raymond, Indianapolis  
Art

Kenya S. Roberson, Saint Louis, Missouri  
Psychology

LaShonda Lynette Roberts, Indianapolis  
Public Relations and Advertising

Lana E. Robertson, Evansville  
Psychology

Tamara R. Robey, Evansville  
Art

Emily Adair Rodgers, Evansville  
Psychology

Eduardo M. Rodriguez, Cedar Lake  
Psychology

Alan Franklin Rossi, Fremont  
Sociology

Jenna E. Rueger, Mount Vernon  
Art, *cum laude*,  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Joan Leslie Sauter, Chandler  
History

Clare Elizabeth Scheller, Evansville  
Public Relations and Advertising

Erik C. Schleicher, Vincennes  
Philosophy

Kameryn Elizabeth Schmelzer, Henderson,  
Kentucky  
Psychology

Payton L. Schnarre, Evansville  
Psychology

Amber Lynn Seibert, Evansville  
English Teaching

Dakota Patrick Sheehan, Boonville  
English Teaching

Samantha Michelle Simmons, Evansville  
Psychology

Jessica Louise Simpson, Greenwood  
Art

Christina Lynn Skelton, Evansville  
History

Adrian Rehanelle Small, Evansville  
Theatre Arts and Public Relations and  
Advertising

Brandy Nicole Small, Huntingburg  
Communication Studies, *cum laude*

Ashley Dominique Smith, Portage  
Communication Studies

Daniel Vincent Spurlock, Santa Claus  
Public Relations and Advertising

Ashley Michelle Steele, Evansville  
Art

Kathrene Elizabeth Stout, Tobinsport  
Art

Chinna C. Suggs, Henderson, Kentucky  
Psychology

Casey J. Voelker, Poseyville  
Radio and Television, *cum laude*

Jacob J. Voyles, Evansville  
History

Zachary Michael Wathen, Henderson, Kentucky  
Communication Studies

Morgan Watkins, Georgetown, Kentucky  
Communication Studies

Thomas J. Weigle, Evansville  
History, *magna cum laude*

Kenzie Joyce White, West Lebanon  
Sociology, *magna cum laude*

Heather Dawn Williams, Monticello  
Art

Christina Nicole Wilson, Rockville  
Art,  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Lindsey Frances Witty, Evansville  
Art

Madelyn Ray Woodruff, Evansville  
Communication Studies

## OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

### **BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES**

Reid Alexander Duncan, Ferdinand  
Individual Studies

Ashley Lynne Franks, Knox  
Individual Studies

Whitney Marie Lux, Evansville  
Individual Studies

### **BACHELOR OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES**

Caleb Aaron Breeden, Bloomington  
Individual Studies

Tiffany Renee Lafferty, Fairfield, Illinois  
Individual Studies

Angela D. Mullis, Evansville  
Individual Studies

## ASSOCIATE DEGREES

### COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

### **ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE**

Tiffany E. Lang, LaGrange  
Social Science

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

# COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND POTT COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND EDUCATION CEREMONY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015

1 P.M.

## DOCTORAL DEGREES

### Awarding of Hoods

Faculty mentors will award hoods to the degree candidates.

#### DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Carol Ann Pogue, Indianapolis  
Advanced Practice

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Marilyn J. Ostendorf

Debra Lynn Sipes-Fears, Plainfield  
Organizational and Systems Leadership

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Ann H. White

## MASTER DEGREES

### Awarding of Hoods

Mayola Rowser, *Director of Graduate Studies; Associate Professor of Nursing*

Assisted by Shelly B. Blunt, *Associate Provost for Academic Affairs; Associate Professor of Chemistry*

#### MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Laura Leigh Decker, Evansville

Meagan L. Kempf, Evansville

Amy Suzanne McConnell, Princeton

Kandra A. Norris, Indianapolis

Andrea D. Oeding, Ferdinand

Amy J. Schneider, Evansville

Melissa A. Stepro, Evansville

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Maisoon Nashmi Alreshidi, Jubail Industrial City,  
Saudi Arabia  
Secondary Education

Samuel A. Harrell, Evansville

School Administration and Leadership

Brian David Steinkamp, Evansville

Secondary Education

Amani Ibrahim Thawab, Evansville

Elementary Education

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Kambra Jo Long, Dawson Springs, Kentucky  
Adult Gerontology Nursing Practice, Acute

## BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

### COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Kramer Malicia Ahrens, Evansville  
Food and Nutrition

Morgan Danae Bartlett, Heltonville  
Health Services

Leslie M. Betz, Schnellville

Health Services, *summa cum laude*

Nicole Renee Boyd, Vincennes

Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

Christina Diane Brocker, Martinsville  
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences,  
*magna cum laude*

Gemma Calvert, Jasper  
Health Services

Kristin Elizabeth Cameron, Evansville  
Health Services

Jonah G. Carpenter, Flora, Illinois

Health Services

Melissa Anne Cobb, Indianapolis  
Health Services

Cierra N. Collins, Indianapolis  
Health Services

Victoria Lynn Crafton, Jeffersonville  
Food and Nutrition

Ryan B. Crooke, Henderson, Kentucky  
Health Services

James Eric Crowe, Owensboro, Kentucky  
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

Amy Lynn Dulworth, Greenfield  
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

Caitlin Farmer, Madisonville, Kentucky  
Health Services

Alex J. Flynn, Tell City  
Health Services

Alison Lynne Gaton, Oakland City  
Health Services

Baylee Jean Gill, Clay City, Illinois  
Health Services

Latrice S Hillard, Indianapolis  
Health Services

Abigail J. Hollis, Fort Branch  
Food and Nutrition

Bethany Nicole Huber, Floyd's Knobs  
Food and Nutrition

Amanda E. Hutchinson, Bedford  
Health Services

Viktoriya V. Inzhiriv, Evansville  
Health Services

Michelle P. Kimmell, Evansville  
Health Services

Sandra L. Kinsall, Princeton  
Health Services

Laura Jean Kochmer, Brownsburg  
Health Services

Kelley Dean Mason, Lynnville  
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

Hannah Jo Myers, Newburgh  
Health Services

Danielle LeAnne Pate, Solsberry  
Health Services

April A. Peach, Mount Carmel, Illinois  
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

Sarah M. Perdue, Evansville  
Health Services

Heather L. Reeves, Danville  
Health Services

Matthew J. Riley, Princeton  
Health Services

Erin L. Schaefer, Ferdinand  
Health Services, *cum laude*

Morgan Brianne Schaeffer, Santa Claus  
Health Services, *magna cum laude*

Lesley Lynn Schapker, Evansville  
Health Services

Lauren N. Schellenberg, Evansville  
Health Services

Theresa M. Scheller, Evansville  
Food and Nutrition

Alyssa Erin Sebastian, St. John  
Health Services

Kelsey L. Seifrig, St. Meinrad  
Health Services, *cum laude*

Laurel Dale Smith, Owensville  
Health Services

Sarah Kathryn Smith, Washington  
Health Services

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Childhood Education, *cum laude*

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Sport Management

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Sport Management

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Elementary Education, *cum laude*

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Elementary Education, *cum laude*

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Biochemistry

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Mathematics

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Early Childhood, *magna cum laude*

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Elementary Education, *cum laude*

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Kinesiology

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Taylor E. Gray, Evansville  
Elementary Education

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Sport Management

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Biology

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Kinesiology

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Early Childhood

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*magna cum laude*

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Education, *cum laude*

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Chemistry, *magna cum laude*

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Elementary Education, *cum laude*

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Occupational Therapy Assistant

Ashley Ann Baumgart, Mount Carmel, Illinois  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Tricia Dolores Baumgart, Mount Carmel, Illinois  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

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Occupational Therapy Assistant

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Occupational Therapy Assistant

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Occupational Therapy Assistant

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Occupational Therapy Assistant

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# UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA: CELEBRATING 50 YEARS, 1965 TO TODAY

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USI is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2015. The mission of the University continues to be one of access and quality education for the region and beyond.

President Linda L. M. Bennett became the third president of the University of Southern Indiana in 2009. In her inaugural address, she referenced the University's founding in 1965 and said, "Service to a greater good was a primary reason the University of Southern Indiana was created. It is our touchstone, and years after our founding and emergence as a separate state University, there is little doubt that USI is delivering on the promise of its founding."

USI began as a regional campus administered by Indiana State University. During the initial 20 years, the institution experienced enrollment growth and developed under an administration led by President David L. Rice with faculty dedicated to teaching and serving the community. Dr. Rice's vision of public higher education led to the modern, thriving institution we know today.

The institution started with 412 students and increased steadily to 2,420 students by 1985. In the next two decades, growth continued as the institution's name changed to the University of Southern Indiana, and the student population

grew to more than 10,000 students by 2004. More buildings opened including student apartments, residence halls, a fitness, wellness and recreation center, an Education Center and Torrington Science Center wing and Rice Library.

From 1994 to 2009, President H. Ray Hoops led institutional growth with new construction, continued academic program development and an ever-increasing, diverse student population coming from counties throughout Indiana, the Midwest and around the world. Throughout his presidency, Hoops positioned USI to be an agent for workforce and economic development. He encouraged USI faculty to be of service as consultants to industry, education, healthcare, business and other fields important to Indiana.

A Business and Engineering Center and an iconic 92-foot-tall Cone in the University Center complete the ring of structures around the quadrangle on campus. The Applied Engineering Center, with state-of-the-art equipment, opened in fall 2013, and the new Performance Center opened spring 2015. The Griffin Center, a meeting and event building, is scheduled to open in 2016.

The impact of USI's focus can be seen most dramatically in the rise of regional college-going attendance. In 1985, when USI was established as a separate state institution, 33 percent of public high school graduates were college bound. Today, 82 percent continue on to college. These gains outpace both state and national averages and speak to the strong partnership USI established with P-12 educational programs, other higher education institutions and business and industry.

Academic offerings also have increased. USI offers degrees in business, liberal arts, nursing and health professions, and science, engineering and education in four colleges. In addition to undergraduate programs, master's degrees in multiple areas and a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) are offered. Traditional-aged students and adult students continue to enroll in these programs and business development and continuing education classes offered at USI.

More than 37,000 alumni have been awarded diplomas from the University of Southern Indiana. USI graduates are renowned surgeons, bank executives, artists, leaders in K-12 education, accounting executives, lawyers, nurses, hospital administrators, college professors and elected officials—and they are involved in their communities.

# COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

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## Presidential Medallion

During the Middle Ages, medallions signified membership in religious orders and guilds; in the Renaissance, membership in elite orders of knighthood and prominence in government office. Today, colleges and universities strike medallions to commemorate important events and achievements.

Donated by the late Melvin Denner, professor emeritus of biology, and Anne Denner, former instructor in nutrition and biology, and their family, this medallion was fabricated by Honorcraft for the 1995 inauguration of USI President 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 came as a gift from the USI Campus Store.

## 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. 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

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## Academic Regalia

The academic costume dates from medieval days when university students wore woolen and fur garments for warmth in damp and drafty buildings. Most of those studying were clerics in holy orders; they wore a cloak to which was attached a hood that could be pulled up to cover their tonsured heads.

Simplified today, the costume serves to remind us that its wearer is a member of an ancient and venerable profession; it also indicates, by its color and design, the wearer's degree and the institution by which the degree was conferred.

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

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

Academic hoods vary in length according to the degree attained and are lined with the colors of the institution by which the degree was granted. The honorary doctoral hoods of the University of Southern Indiana are black, lined with blue satin with red satin chevrons. They are edged with white velvet. Retired members of the University faculty and administrative staff can be recognized in today's ceremony by the red, white and blue cords worn with their regalia.

## Hooding Ceremony

Academic hoods vary in length according to the degree attained and are lined with the colors of the institution by which the degree was granted. Hooding signifies the induction of the graduate into the fellowship of the academy, a welcoming gesture by those who represent the high standards of scholarship and creative achievement.

During the Graduate Ceremony, doctoral and master's degree candidates will receive hoods distinctive to their degrees.

## Baccalaureate Scholarship Honors

The baccalaureate degree candidate graduating with the highest scholarship index graduates *summa cum laude*. Baccalaureate students graduating with a scholarship index of 3.80 or higher graduate *magna cum laude*. Those with a

scholarship index between 3.60 and 3.80 graduate *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 the Commencement ceremony by the white honor cords worn with their regalia.

## Alumni Association Pins

Graduates in each ceremony are receiving alumni lapel pins with the University logo as a gift from the University of Southern Indiana Alumni Association. Organized with the first graduating class in 1971, the association commemorated 40 years in 2011.

## Photography During Ceremony

A commercial photographer will take a photo of each graduate as he/she receives his/her diploma on stage. A second photograph will be taken as the graduate departs from the stage. Graduates will receive proofs of the photos from which duplicates can be ordered. Family members who wish to take still or video photographs during the ceremony may do so from their seats. Your cooperation ensures the dignity of the Commencement ceremony.

Photographs taken by USI Photography and Multimedia also will be available following the ceremonies in two locations. You can find USI Photography and Multimedia on Facebook, or view a gallery of images and order prints at [www.usi.edu/gradphotos15](http://www.usi.edu/gradphotos15).

## Commemorative DVD

In response to requests from graduates and families, a commemorative DVD is being produced by the USI Office of Information Technology in cooperation with the USI Alumni Association. The DVD covers the platform ceremony, including each graduate receiving a diploma cover. To order a DVD (\$20 each), call 800-813-4238 or 812-464-1924, or order online at [USI.edu/commencement/commencement-dvd](http://USI.edu/commencement/commencement-dvd).



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