



2008

COMMENCEMENT

EXERCISES

December 13, 2008

Order of the 2008 Fall Commencement Exercises

Processional

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

Grand Marshal

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

Marshals

Jennifer A. Briggs, *Associate Registrar*

Linda L. Cleek, *Associate Dean of Extended Services*

Sandy K. Farmer, *Registrar*

Pamela F. Hopson, *Director of Multicultural Center*

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

Eric H. Otto, *Director of Admission*

Tracy Sinn, *Assistant Registrar*

Lee Ann Wambach, *Academic Programs Coordinator/Advisor*

Andrew J. Zellers, *Assistant Registrar*

Welcome and Introductions

H. Ray Hoops, *President*

Reflection

William C. Henderson, *Assistant Dean of the College of Business; Assistant Professor of Computer Information Systems*

The Commencement Address

Sherry B. Darrell, *Professor of English; 2008 Integra Bank Distinguished Professor*

Conferral of Degrees

H. Ray Hoops, *President*

Assisted by Linda L. M. Bennett, *Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

Presentation of Graduates

John L. Deem, *Associate Vice President for Student Affairs*

Master Degrees

Graduate Studies

H. Ray Hoops, *President*

Awarding of Hoods

Peggy Harrel, *Director of Graduate 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

M. Edward Jones, *Dean, Extended Services*

College of Liberal Arts

David M. Glassman, *Dean, Professor of Anthropology*

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

Linda L. M. Bennett, *Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

Recessional

Evansville Brass Quintet

Dr. Sherry B. Darrell Will Bring Commencement Address

Today's commencement speaker is Dr. Sherry Bevins Darrell, professor of English and director of Humanities. She received the 2008 Integra Bank Distinguished Professor Award, recognizing significant achievement in teaching, scholarship, and service at the University of Southern Indiana. This semester she teaches her last courses and will retire in June after a sabbatical.

After earning the Doctor of Philosophy degree at George Peabody College for Teachers (Vanderbilt University), Dr. Darrell joined the University in 1975 as a part-time assistant professor of English and became a full-time faculty member in 1978. She was promoted to associate professor in 1986 and to full professor in 1993. In 2005, she became director of the interdisciplinary Humanities program. She has taught a variety of literature and composition courses, including Shakespeare, Milton, Greek tragedy, freshman rhetoric, and advanced composition as well as Humanities.

Dr. Darrell's contributions to the University extend beyond the classroom. For more than 25 years she organized and led annual trips to the Stratford Shakespeare Festival in Canada. And she has led tours of literary and historical sites in England, Scotland, France, Italy, and Greece. Considered a "teacher of teachers" as well as a teacher of students, Dr. Darrell has served on many faculty committees and mentored junior and adjunct faculty members. Widely regarded for her writing expertise, she frequently edits manuscripts and



Dr. Sherry Bevins Darrell

presentation drafts for faculty, administrators, and representatives of community organizations.

During more than three decades of service, Dr. Darrell has significantly influenced the development of University ceremonial traditions. As the first to propose that USI recognize an outstanding graduating senior, she devised the selection process for the President's Medal, the highest honor given a graduating senior at Commencement.

Dr. Darrell served on the committee that planned the University's first inauguration when H. Ray Hoops became USI's second president. Drawing on knowledge of academic tradition from her study of history, literature, language, and the practices of early churches and universities, she suggested the elements in the presidential seal, which now serves as the University seal, and Dr. Darrell coordinated the investiture ceremony.

In addition to having edited books, journals, and other publications, Dr. Darrell wrote a number of published papers and has presented more than 60 papers at regional and national conferences. She was founding sponsor of the Indiana Iota chapter of Alpha Chi national academic honor society and is a current member of the American Philological Association, the Shakespeare Association of America, and the College English Association.

Dr. Darrell has participated actively in Evansville and Owensboro, serving on a number of community-organization boards and volunteering to write and teach at some of these same organizations. She has taught an adult Sunday School class at Trinity United Methodist Church for 25 years.

The University is proud to celebrate the work of Dr. Darrell and her significant impact in the classroom, on campus, and in the community.

**University of Southern Indiana
Candidates for Degrees
Class of 2008**

10 a.m. Ceremony

Master Degrees

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Trina Ann Archer, Clinton, Tennessee
Blair R. Brown, Evansville
Nicholas M. Buchanan, Mount Vernon
Andrew J. Cherry, Evansville
Constantin Donea, Evansville
Matthew Robert Duncan, Henderson, Kentucky
Jill Ann Fischer, Evansville
Ashley Maria Flamion, Holland
Pamela S. Hight, Evansville
Angela Dawn Jones, Evansville
Dena Rachelle Kamman-Kramer, Huntingburg
Paul A. Nielson, Newburgh
Ryan T. Ripperton, Evansville
Luke B. Smith, Evansville
Matthew R. Sponn, Evansville
Caitlin Miranda Talley, Carmi, Illinois
Michael R. Williams, Evansville
Yantao Zhu, Evansville

MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

James P. Bosley, Georgetown
Deborah A. Bruner, Paoli
Justin Burton, Bloomington
Sara E. Butterworth, Owensboro, Kentucky
Barbara L. Cash, Evansville
Kimberly L. Field, Oakland City
James Hiatt, Greenwood
Tiffany P. Horn, Evansville
Callie S. Hubbert, Evansville
Sandee E. McMillen, Evansville
John W. Meriwether, Henderson, Kentucky

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Emily P. Dexter, Madisonville, Kentucky
Nursing Management and Leadership
Audra Michele Douglas, Newburgh
Nursing Management and Leadership

Jennifer Lynn Ellis, Danville, Illinois
Nursing Education
Leslie Ann Gray, Westfield
Nursing Management and Leadership
Karen Higdon, Louisville, Kentucky
Nursing Management and Leadership
Bruce R. Williams, Spurgeon
Nursing Management and Leadership
Kristin Leann Yosanovich, Christopher, Illinois
Nursing Education

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Mary Frances Edwards, Evansville
College of Business

Post-Baccalaureate Certificates

College of Business

Charles W. Pride, Newburgh
Professional Accountancy

Kevin Michael Shelley, Evansville
Professional Accountancy

Baccalaureate Degrees

College of Business

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Michael B. Beaven, Indianapolis
Marketing
Jessica Lynn Bellian, Greenwood
Marketing
Chelsea A. Garringer, Ridgeville
Computer Information Systems
Samuel Bradley Greene, Georgetown
Accounting and Professional Services
Tyler D. Holl, Evansville
Marketing
Lauren Nicole Ingle, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services
and Finance, *magna cum laude*
Ahmet Karaagac, Evansville
Marketing
Brandon James Ladley, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services
Jacey N. Riggs, Evansville
Marketing and Psychology
Joseph Tyler Robbins, Paoli
Management
Emily K. Smith, Crawfordsville
Finance
Kathleen Elise Stoltenberg, Indianapolis
Marketing
Matthew F. Youngs, Evansville
Business Administration

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Hatem M. Abouelnadar, Evansville
Business Administration
Daniel P. Akin, Evansville
Business Education
Sarah A. Al-Nashmi, Evansville
Business Administration
Chad A. Barbre, Fairfield, Illinois
Computer Information Systems, *cum laude*
Rustin K. Bargo, Newburgh
Business Administration

Kelli J. Becher, Evansville
Business Administration and Marketing
Jeremy Daniel Blankenberger, Haubstadt
Business Administration
James Richard Bogard, Evansville
Management
Arrick M. Briles, Evansville
Business Administration
Kimberly A. Brown, Evansville
Finance
Jarett D. Buck, Evansville
Finance
Schuyler P. Buttrum, Evansville
Business Administration
Debra Ann Clayborn, Boonville
Business Administration, *magna cum laude*
Aaron Lee Coleman, Winslow
Marketing, *magna cum laude*
Nahum Carl Cook, Noblesville
Accounting and Professional Services
Jacob George Cottingham, South Bend
Accounting and Professional Services
Erin M. Cox, Washington
Accounting and Professional Services
Blaine L. Craft, Knox
Marketing
Rebecca Anne Crummley, Mount Carmel, Illinois
Accounting and Professional Services and Finance
Nicholas S. Davidson, Chrisney
Business Administration, *cum laude*
Melissa A. Dewig, Haubstadt
Accounting and Professional Services,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR
Tyler Joe Ditch, Lawrenceville, Illinois
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Jessica L. Elpers, Evansville
Finance
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and Finance
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Marketing
Zachary Alan Herrmann, Evansville
Economics
Blake Alan Hilliard, Olney, Illinois
Marketing
Daisuke Hishida, Evansville
Marketing and Mathematics, *magna cum laude*
Hieu Trung Ho, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services
Scott Thomas Hohler, Jasper
Business Administration
Gregory Mark Horn, II, Plainfield
Management
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Finance and Mathematics
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Finance
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Finance

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Marketing

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Marketing

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Marketing

Christopher Michael Kuzmicz, Frankfort
Management

Cassie L. Laker, Oldenburg
Marketing

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Business Administration, *cum laude*

Lindsey Jane Logan, Carmi, Illinois
Accounting and Professional Services

Michael T. Mahoney, Williams
Business Administration

Stacy A. Manwaring, Crown Point
Accounting and Professional Services

Audrey L. Marshall, Mount Vernon
Finance

Kevin R. McFadden, Crown Point
Marketing

Julie N. Mehringer, Jasper
Marketing and Public Relations
and Advertising, *cum laude*

Brook A. Meier, Rock Falls, Illinois
Business Administration

Logan Daniel Miller, Evansville
Business Administration

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Accounting and Professional Services

Nicholas R. Monroe, Evansville
Business Administration

Brayton T. Moore, Washington
Accounting and Professional Services

Joshua A. Moser, Sebree, Kentucky
Finance

Hunter Drake Nance, Evansville
Computer Information Systems, *cum laude*

Jennifer R. Nolan, Newburgh
Business Administration

Amy Lynnell Oglesby, Galatia, Illinois
Accounting and Professional Services

Andrew M. Ohl, Covington
Business Administration

MaNissa F. Onstott-Lemon, Evansville
Business Administration

Rebecca S. Parkinson, Evansville
Business Administration

Krista Shae Pichon, Mount Carmel, Illinois
Accounting and Professional Services

Micah Allen Prellwitz, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services,
cum laude

Joshua C. Quirey, Evansville
Computer Science, *cum laude*

Michael Jacob Raben, Evansville
Finance

Eric M. Rexing, Haubstadt
Accounting and Professional Services,
magna cum laude

Keith O'Neal Rexing, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services,
magna cum laude

Airam Del Rosario Rico, Gary
Accounting and Professional Services

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Economics

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Accounting and Professional Services

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Marketing

Adam Carl Roth, Evansville
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Finance

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Marketing

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Management

Sarah Kay Shaw, Mitchell
Marketing

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Computer Information Systems

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Business Administration

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Computer Information Systems

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Business Administration

Kyle Scott Stanton, Covington
Business Administration

Melissa Ann Stroessner, Evansville
Management

Ty A. Swisher, Crawfordsville
Management

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Finance

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Accounting and Professional Services,
magna cum laude

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Business Administration

Scott Allen Ward, Morganfield, Kentucky
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Management

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Business Administration

Michael Wayne Willhite, Henderson, Kentucky
Finance

James R. Williams, Evansville
Business Administration

Kerina L. Williams, Evansville
Management

David Joe Wilson, Owensville
Management

Jeffrey Gary Wortman, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services

Kyle Michael Ziliak, Haubstadt
Accounting and Professional Services

Leanne Rae Ziliak, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services
and Finance, *cum laude*

College of Nursing and Health Professions

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Amanda M. Adams, Taswell
Health Services

Staci J. Albert, Henryville
Health Services

Jennifer N. Allen, Evansville
Health Services

Brittany D. Barker, Ladoga
Health Services, *magna cum laude*

Paul Robert Broughton, Marengo
Health Services

Jennifer Renee Bryant, Evanston
Food and Nutrition

Tammy Marie Crosby-Lucas, Louisville, Kentucky
Health Services, *cum laude*

Karla G. Cunningham, Bronx, New York
Health Services

Andrea L. Dillback, Evansville
Food and Nutrition

Leah Nicole Dozier, Enfield, Illinois
Food and Nutrition

Erica Jo Durcholz, Huntingburg
Health Services

Kelly Ann Evans, Henderson, Kentucky
Health Services and Biology

Ryan James Gilliland, Aledo, Illinois
Health Services

Samantha L. Helfer, Evansville
Health Services, *cum laude*

Stephanie Marie Holt, Poseyville
Health Services

Heather N. Husk, Henderson, Kentucky
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Amanda R. Jung, Wadesville
Health Services

Lindsey R. Keller, Evansville
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Erica Nicole Klueh, Vincennes
Health Services

Rebecca Ruth Lessmeister, Carmel
Health Services

Jamie A. Litts, Newburgh
Health Services

Rebecca J. McFall, Bloomington
Health Services

Schad C. McGregor, Bedford
Health Services

Leila J. Mohammadzadeh, Evansville
Health Services

Lisa Ann Myers, McCordsville
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

Andrea M. Niemeier, Evansville
Health Services

Megan R. Niemeier, Evansville
Health Services

Laura O'Rourke, Highland
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

Sara Marie Olsthoorn, Newburgh
Health Services

Heather Marie Haviland Opolski, Highland
Health Services

Janelle René Pfaff, Otwell
Health Services

Beth Ann Schaffer, Evansville
Health Services

Dru Kathryn Schmitt, Haubstadt
Health Services

Jessica L. Schneider, Evansville
Health Services

Autumn Gale Smith, Lawrenceville, Illinois
Health Services

Jamie Renee Smith, Richmond
Health Services
Cambren C. Sook, Owensboro, Kentucky
Health Services
Lora L. Traylor, Fishers
Health Services
Richard H. Wallis, Evansville
Health Services
Allison Kay Wilkerson, Morgantown
Health Services
Alissa Ann Wilson, Delphi
Health Services
Hannah May Wise, Sheridan
Health Services

Joan Michelle Woodside, Haubstadt
Health Services

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Sherry L. Griepstroh, Dale
Julie Kay Halter, Oaktown
Kimberly Embry Johnson, Nebo, Kentucky
Deborah L. Kleissler, Indianapolis
Susan E. Kraft, Jasper
magna cum laude
Kimberly Ann MacLeod, Evansville
Amber Lynn Parsons, Odon
Candace E. Polley, Manitou, Kentucky

Moira Jo Pyle, Cedar Park, Texas
Sue Ann Robertson, Calhoun, Kentucky
Patricia J. Scherle, Jasper
magna cum laude
Angela R. Shick, Lawrenceville, Illinois
cum laude
Shanda Dawn Southard, Corydon, Kentucky
Autumn L. Triplett, Madisonville, Kentucky
Gary K. Whitney, Central City, Kentucky
magna cum laude

College of Science and Engineering

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Ashli R. Wentz, Knox
Biology

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Ryan J. Baker, Newburgh
Industrial Supervision
Leslie Ellen Cuma, LaPorte
Biology
Heather Danielle Denton, Evansville
Biology
Kelly Ann Evans, Henderson, Kentucky
Biology and Health Services
Frank David Fickas, Evansville
Biology
Christopher James Fifer, Griffin
Science Teaching

Daisuke Hishida, Evansville
Mathematics and Marketing, *magna cum laude*
Adam Robert House, Wadesville
Mathematics and Finance
Michael Traylor Inman, Boonville
Biology
Caleb J. Ipock, Evansville
Biology
Heather Dawn Kiegel, Whittier, California
Science Teaching, *magna cum laude*
Daniel R. Livesay, Grayville, Illinois
Mathematics
Christopher M. Pyle, Evansville
Biology
Robert E. Sallee, Evansville
Biology
Nathan R. Shelman, Henderson, Kentucky
Biology

Ryan D. Wallace, Patoka
Science Teaching

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING

Stephen R. Borg, LaPorte
Matthew J. Chipps, Evansville
Gregory K. Haller, Evansville
Christopher Lee Jeffries, Evansville
Nicholas Ray Schenk, Evansville
Joshua Daniel Schnell, Schnellville
Ryan R. Snyder, Jasper
cum laude
Mark A. Taylor, Evansville
David J. Yohe, Evansville

Associate Degrees

College of Business

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Amanda Jo Brunton, DeMotte
Business
Matthew E. Childs, Evansville
Business

Derek W. Fisher, Evansville
Business
Nicholas James Fleck, Jasper
Computer Information Systems
Michael Gawthorp, Evansville
Business

Sterling R. Pasha, Michigan City
Computer Information Systems
Brenda G. Seiler, Chandler
Business
Diane M. Ziliak, Evansville
Business

College of Nursing and Health Professions

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Christopher S. Austin, Terre Haute
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Brittany D. Barker, Ladoga
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Lindsey Boyd, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Kara LaChele Burrow, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Traci Gail Devers, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Kathleen J. Donnelly, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Candace R. Evrard, Tell City
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Robin Lynn Fehrenbacher, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Sarah Elizabeth Gentry, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Katie S. Glenn, Mount Carmel, Illinois
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Amanda J. Goebel, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Katie M. Grose, Grandview
Dental Assisting
Stacie M. Hardin, Pikeville
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Emily C. Igel, Vincennes
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Chelsey Dawn Jeffers, Loogootee
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Andrea Lynn Klaus, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Heather L. Klem, Jasper
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Jaime L. Langhans, Lyons
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Monica C. Leonard, Carmel
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Spicey Dawn Meeks, Princeton
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Nicole Irene Pollard, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Jennifer M. Richter, Haubstadt
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Sara B. Riggins, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Julie N. Schmuck, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Whitney Sellers, Elberfeld
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Amanda Kaye Shulaw, Chrisney
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Amanda L. Stath, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Lindsey A. Strouse, Henderson, Kentucky
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Mallory A. Trice, Boonville
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Ashley Marie Van Winkle, Depauw
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Marcia Nicole Weflen, Rossville
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Valerie J. Woodson, Rockport
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Megan M. Ziliak, Haubstadt
Occupational Therapy Assistant

University of Southern Indiana
Candidates for Degrees
Class of 2008

1 p.m. Ceremony

Master Degrees

MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES

Jason Dean Crowe, Newburgh
Chad Jeffery Fetscher, Evansville
Clifford R. Holm, Evansville
Matthew D. Krevda, Evansville
Eric L. Padgett, Evansville

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Linda K. Bailey, Evansville
Timothy L. Hart, II, Newburgh
Kendra L. Melchior, Evansville
Kelly Ronea Salee, Newburgh
David S. Waterman, Evansville

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Kristyn Faith Brown, Hawesville, Kentucky
Secondary Education

Julie Rose Bryan, Evansville
Elementary Education
Kristine M. Deig, Mount Vernon
Elementary Education
Kristal Dawn Dellay, Evansville
Elementary Education
Sonya Gayle Farmer, Evansville
Elementary Education
Michele Lee Branson Gmutza, Evansville
Elementary Education
Jennifer A. Harpenau, Newburgh
Elementary Education
Cathy Leigh Hoffman, Evansville
Elementary Education
Jessica K. Huff, Evansville
Secondary Education
Scott McElwee, Evansville
Secondary Education
Barbara R. Miller, Evansville
Elementary Education
Heather J. Palmer, Winter Haven, Florida
Elementary Education

Tina M. Parker, Mount Vernon
Elementary Education
Lynn M. Price, Chrisney
Elementary Education
Marcia Birge Rhodes, Newburgh
Elementary Education
Susan E. Schmitt, Wadesville
Elementary Education
Sheilah M. Stucker, Newburgh
Secondary Education
Heather J. Wagner, Winter Haven, Florida
Elementary Education
Buffy D. Wannemuehler, Mount Vernon
Secondary Education
Christina M. Willey, Alexandria
Elementary Education
Lisa M. Wilson, Chandler
Secondary Education
Carolyn S. Wuertz, Evansville
Secondary Education

Baccalaureate Degrees

College of Education and Human Services

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Heather N. Borman, Evansville
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR
John P. Brandt, Evansville
Exercise Science
Mallory A. Eisenhut, Dubois
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*
Kara Noelle Grooms, Newburgh
Elementary Education, *cum laude*
Keri Suzanne Land, Noblesville
Elementary Education, *cum laude*
Amanda J. Nussmeier, Evansville
Elementary Education
Sarah L. Sharp, Greenwood
Elementary Education
Amanda L. Wheatley, Evansville
Elementary Education

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Jennifer L. Abbey, Knox
Special Education
Lindsey Anne Adler, Evansville
Exercise Science, *cum laude*
Kathryn Lynn Barisano, Newburgh
Elementary Education
Holly R. Basnett, Fairfield, Illinois
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*
Jessica B. Bender, Evansville
Early Childhood Education
Angela Renee Berg, Fulda
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*
Debbie L. Berkley, Newburgh
Elementary Education, *cum laude*
Bridget Ann Bruggeman, Saint Marks
Elementary Education, *cum laude*
Brett D. Devault, Evansville
General Physical Education
Mistie D. Doyle, Evansville
Elementary Education, *cum laude*
Erika Lynn Dubois, Fort Wayne
Elementary Education

Jessi K. Dunkel, Haubstadt
Early Childhood Education
Seth A. Dyer, Plainville
Elementary Education
Nicole Elizabeth Eastham, Terre Haute
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*
Marybeth Brooks Lewis Eckleberry, Evansville
Early Childhood Education
Blake M. Elpers, Haubstadt
Elementary Education
Stephanie M. Fritz, Newburgh
Elementary Education
Katherine R. Goebel, Evansville
Elementary Education
Stephanie Lynn Gresham, Evansville
Elementary Education
Ashley Nichole Harwell, Newburgh
Elementary Education, *cum laude*
Grant J. Hasenour, Fort Branch
Exercise Science
Margaux Beth Head, Henderson, Kentucky
Elementary Education
Trent Daniel Hetsler, Gosport
Special Education
Adrienne M. Hinkle, Indianapolis
Elementary Education
Terah Ann Hoskins, Norris City, Illinois
Elementary Education, *cum laude*
Janelle Rose Johnson, Owensville
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*
Brett Ashley Jones, Monroe City
Physical Education
Cory M. Julian, Lynnville
Physical Education
Tiffany Rae Mann, Albion, Illinois
Elementary Education
Trent M. Martin, Rockport
Elementary Education
Erin Nicole McCaslin, Evansville
Elementary Education
Melissa Anne Mills, Goshen
Elementary Education, *cum laude*
Randi Lee Morris, Plainfield

Elementary Education
Kathryn Elizabeth Mull, Evansville
Elementary Education
Jennifer C. Mullikin, Greenwood
Physical Education
Meghan E. O'Rourke, Evansville
General Physical Education
Clayton L. Raber, Odon
Elementary Education, *cum laude*
Danielle Marie Rankin, Carmi, Illinois
Elementary Education, *cum laude*
Lindsay Rae Rasure, Evansville
Elementary Education
Jamie Lynn Renaker, Brownstown
Elementary Education
Blake Erin Riggleman, Greens Fork
Early Childhood Education
Robert David Roads, Terre Haute
Physical Education, *cum laude*
Sabrina R. Roark, Waterloo
Exercise Science, *cum laude*
Jonathan M. Robertson, Evansville
General Physical Education
Sarah Jane Schwartz, Bristow
Elementary Education
Hillary Paige Seaton, Evansville
Elementary Education
Nicole B. Seckinger, Saint Meinrad
Elementary Education, *cum laude*
Darren K. Smelser, Paoli
Elementary Education
Peggy Maxine Winkleman, Evansville
Elementary Education, *cum laude*
Lisa Kay Wolfe, Newburgh
Elementary Education

Extended Services

BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

Earl B. Cummings, Poseyville
Individual Studies

Julia M. Francis, Evansville
Individual Studies
Lynne Anne Greenfield, Boonville
Individual Studies

Therese M. Hawkins, Evansville
Individual Studies
Brent L. Vincent, Poseyville
Individual Studies

College of Liberal Arts

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Jana R. Baechle, Paoli
Spanish and Psychology
Stephanie Brooke Bailey, Henderson, Kentucky
Political Science and Spanish, *cum laude*
Jasmine Lynnee Baines, Jeffersonville
Public Relations and Advertising
John D. Barford, Albion, Illinois
English
Carson David Baum, Boonville
Theatre Arts
Brittney R. Bowles, Huntingburg
Art and Public Relations and Advertising
Chastity N. Boyd, Winchester
Psychology
Vanessa M. Burke, Evansville
Public Relations and Advertising, *cum laude*
Robert N. Calton, Henderson, Kentucky
English
Patricia Vanessa Churque, Evansville
Spanish, *cum laude*
Jana L. Donoho, Centralia, Illinois
International Studies
Reginald U. Egede, Evansville
International Studies
Emily A. Endress, Evansville
English
Peace J. Farless, Bedford
Sociology
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Presidential Medallion

During the Middle Ages, medallions signified membership in religious orders and guilds and, in the Renaissance, membership in elite orders of knighthood and prominence in government office. Today, colleges and universities strike medallions to commemorate important events and achievements. The University of Southern Indiana Presidential Medallion signifies the authority invested in the president.

Fabricated in bronze, the Presidential Medallion celebrates the 1995 inauguration of President H. Ray Hoops. At its center the bronze medallion bears a three-inch reproduction of the University seal, surrounded by a half-inch rim; on the back of the medallion are the names and dates of appointment of the University's presidents.

Gonfalons

Gonfalons, ceremonial flags, originated in the Middle Ages for military and civil processions. They often appeared beneath the steel head of a knight's lance. In Italy, gonfalons designated Italian republics; and the bearer, or gonfalonier, served as chief magistrate or held other high office. The University of Southern Indiana gonfalons represent each of the academic units of the institution, and they are carried by deans or department heads. Gonfalon colors derive from traditional colors for academic disciplines in each college. Our commencement gonfalons come as a gift from the USI Bookstore.

University Seal

The University seal 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 carrying 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, 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 the walking cane of Richard Owen (1810-1890) serves as the centerpiece of the University mace. A respected geologist and

professor of natural science at Indiana University, Owen became the first president of Purdue University. He was a son of Robert Owen (1771-1858), 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 Kenneth D. Owen, served as the Grand Marshal's staff until the mace was fabricated for the University's first Presidential Inauguration in 1995.

Designed and fabricated by Nicholas Logsdon of Indianapolis, the University mace encloses a replica of the Owen cane and is gold-plated. At the top, above the cane's golden head, an open orb holds a replica of the University seal. The free-flowing design of the orb symbolizes the interrelationships among all academic disciplines. Below the cane's tip are three golden rings engraved with the names and appointment dates of the University presidents. A finial at the tip of the cane bears the names of Kenneth Dale Owen, Jane Blaffer Owen, and James A. Sanders, donors of the mace.

Created by alumnus Kenny Fisher '77, the replica of the cane and the base are made of walnut from the Owen mansion built in New Harmony during the 1830s. The University mace is cared for by Paul F. Groeninger, Master Jeweler.

Commencement Traditions

Academic Dress

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.

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.

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.

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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.

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 may do so from their seats. Your cooperation and respectfulness of those seated nearby ensures the dignity of the Commencement ceremony.

Commemorative Video

In response to requests from graduates and families, a high quality commemorative videotape of today's ceremony is being produced by the USI Office of Instructional Technology Services in cooperation with the USI Alumni Association. The tape includes the entire ceremony, depicting each graduate receiving a diploma cover, as well as candid behind-the-scenes shots. To order a videotape (\$20 each) please call 800/813-4238 or 812/464-1924.



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