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# SPRING COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES



2024

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2024  
COMMENCEMENT  
EXERCISES

# ORDER OF THE 2024 SPRING COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

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## School of Graduate Studies Ceremony

Friday, May 3, 2024

5 p.m.

### **Processional**

*Pomp and Circumstance, Edward Elgar, Composer*

Recording by London Philharmonic, Daniel Barenboim, *Conductor*

### **Grand Marshal**

Dr. Shelly B. Blunt, *Interim Provost; Professor of Chemistry; Deputy Title IX Coordinator*

### **National Anthem**

Morgan L. Stauter '27

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, *President*

### **Reflection**

Trinisia R. Brooks '24

### **Class of 2024 Recognition**

Dr. Michael D. Dixon, *Dean of the School of Graduate Studies; Professor of History*

### **The Commencement Address**

Dr. Kimberly R. McElroy-Jones M'13, *Director of Community Partnerships for Community Health at Eskenazi Health*

### **Presentation of David L. Rice Alumni Achievement Award**

Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, *President*

### **Presentation of Candidates for Honorary Degrees**

Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, *President*

Presented by Dr. Shelly B. Blunt, *Interim Provost; Professor of Chemistry; Deputy Title IX Coordinator*

Dr. Mohammed F. Khayum, *Doctor of Business*

Dr. James D. Anderson, *Doctor of Laws*

### **Conferral of Degrees**

Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, *President*

Assisted by Dr. Shelly B. Blunt, *Interim Provost; Professor of Chemistry; Deputy Title IX Coordinator*

### **Presentation of Graduates**

Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, *President*

Presented by Dr. Kevin J. Valadares, *Chair of Health Administration; Chair of Health Informatics and Information Management; Professor of Health Services*

### **Welcome from the USI Alumni Council**

Melanie N. Rasche '10 M'16, *President of the USI Alumni Council*

### **Alma Mater**

*Constant, Faithful and True*

Original music by Daniel R. Craig, *Associate Professor of Music*

Lyrics by Dr. David G. O'Neil, *Assistant Professor of English*

### **Recessional**

*Trumpet Tune & Bell Symphony, Henry Purcell, Composer*

Recording by Michael Murray and the Empire Brass

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## DR. KIMBERLY R. MCELROY-JONES TO DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

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Dr. Kimberly R. McElroy-Jones M'13

The speaker for the School of Graduate Studies Ceremony is Dr. Kimberly McElroy-Jones, a 2013 Master of Health Administration graduate. She also earned a bachelor's degree in organizational leadership from Purdue University; a master's degree in adult education from Indiana University; a doctorate in organization and management from Capella University; and a doctorate in ministry from the United Theological Seminary.

McElroy-Jones is the Director of Community Partnerships for Community Health at Eskenazi Health in Indianapolis, Indiana. In her role, she is instrumental in developing and executing strategic plans that fortify community partnerships with a keen focus on addressing social determinants of health. McElroy-Jones' collaborative efforts with the Social Determinants of Health team and Eskenazi staff have significantly impacted health outcomes in Marion County.

As a dedicated ambassador for Eskenazi Health, she has played a pivotal role in cultivating relationships with the Eskenazi Health Foundation, attracting crucial financial support for programs addressing social determinants of health. Known for staying abreast of best practices and emerging trends, McElroy-Jones has been a driving force in formalizing partnerships with community-based organizations, developing grant proposals and actively contributing to projects related to social determinants of health, health equity and community development.

In addition to her role at Eskenazi Health, she serves as Director of Diversity Engagement at Hands of Hope. McElroy-Jones serves as a conduit to diverse churches and expands Hands of Hope's network to better serve children in foster care and adoption. She also organizes diversity and inclusion training for Hands of Hope and supports staff in launching diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives.

Achieving the Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE) designation in 2020, McElroy-Jones also holds a Project Management Certificate from IUPUI Continuing Studies and Lean Six Sigma certificates (Green Belt, Lean Six Sigma and Black Belt) from Villanova University. Additionally, she earned a Certificate in Fundraising Management from The Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University and a Human Resources Management Certificate from Purdue University School of Engineering and Technology. This diverse skill set reflects her commitment to excellence in organizational management.

Notably, she serves as a Board-Certified Fellow in Healthcare Management for the American College of Healthcare Executives; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee Chair for the Firefly Children and Family Alliance; Treasurer on the Indiana Healthy Marriage and Family Coalition Board of Directors; and as a member on the Avondale Meadows YMCA and United Northeast Community Development Corporation Boards of Directors.



# ORDER OF THE 2024 SPRING COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

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## Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education Ceremony

Saturday, May 4, 2024  
9 a.m.

### **Processional**

*Pomp and Circumstance, Edward Elgar, Composer*

Recording by London Philharmonic, Daniel Barenboim, *Conductor*

### **Grand Marshal**

Dr. Shelly B. Blunt, *Interim Provost; Professor of Chemistry; Deputy Title IX Coordinator*

### **National Anthem**

Mya L. Jaquemai '25

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, *President*

### **Reflection**

Jessica C. Nickens '24

### **Class of 2024 Recognition**

Dr. William S. Elliott, Jr., *Interim Dean of the Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education;*  
*Professor of Geology*

### **The Commencement Address**

Dr. Robin M. Verble '06, *Director for the Ozark Research Field Station; Associate Professor of Biological*  
*Sciences at Missouri University of Science and Technology*

### **Presentation of David L. Rice Alumni Achievement Award**

Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, *President*

### **Conferral of Degrees**

Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, *President*

Assisted by Dr. Shelly B. Blunt, *Interim Provost; Professor of Chemistry; Deputy Title IX Coordinator*

### **Presentation of Graduates**

Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, *President*

Presented by Dr. Kent W. Scheller, *Professor of Physics*

### **Welcome from the USI Alumni Council**

Melanie N. Rasche '10 M'16, *President of the USI Alumni Council*

### **Alma Mater**

*Constant, Faithful and True*

Original music by Daniel R. Craig, *Associate Professor of Music*

Lyrics by Dr. David G. O'Neil, *Assistant Professor of English*

### **Recessional**

*Trumpet Tune & Bell Symphony, Henry Purcell, Composer*

Recording by Michael Murray and the Empire Brass

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## DR. ROBIN M. VERBLE TO DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

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Dr. Robin M. Verble '06

The speaker for the Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education Ceremony is Dr. Robin Verble, a 2006 Bachelor of Science in Biophysics graduate. She also holds a master's degree in entomology from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, and a doctorate in applied bioscience from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Verble currently serves as Director for the Ozark Research Field Station and as an Associate Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, Missouri. In addition to her primary roles, she acts as an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Natural Resources Management at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas.

Before her current duties, Verble was Director of the Center for Fire Ecology and an Associate Professor in the Department of Natural Resources Management at Texas Tech University. She also served as Curator of Insects at the Watson Museum of Entomology at the University of Arkansas in Little Rock.

Verble's research focuses on wildland firefighter health and safety and ecology of fire-adapted ecosystems and organisms, particularly insect communities' response to prescribed burning in both forests and grasslands. Her diverse interests have fueled interdisciplinary and international collaborations that have examined human impacts on Malaysian world heritage sites, impacts of wildfires on human health and ways to facilitate safe interactions between people and their environments.

Throughout her career, Verble has taught various courses covering topics such as forest insect diversity, environmental conservation and lab courses centered around animal behavior, wildland fire and entomology. She has also provided guidance to numerous students during their undergraduate and graduate careers.

Verble's scholarly work, comprising journal articles, technical papers and a book chapter, has gained national recognition and been featured in publications like the *International Journal of Wildland Fire*, *Journal for Nature Conservation* and *American Entomologist*, among others.

In 2022, Verble received the College of Arts, Science and Education Student Impact Award from Missouri University of Science and Technology, acknowledging her significant contributions to the academic community. Her dedication to innovative teaching was also recognized as a finalist for the College of Arts, Science and Education Innovative Teaching Award in the same year. Additionally, Verble received nominations for the Non-Land-Grant Agriculture and Renewable Resources Universities Outstanding Young Educator Award in 2016 and 2017, showcasing her enduring commitment to advancing educational practices.

In her commitment to service, Verble volunteered as a foster parent, advisor for her campus LGBTQ science group, OUT in STEM, and as a member of the Mill Creek Watershed Coalition. She was elected to serve on the Missouri Prescribed Fire Council and has previously contributed her expertise to boards such as the Texas Prescribed Burn Board and the Botanical Gardens of the Ozarks Education Board.



# ORDER OF THE 2024 SPRING COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

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## College of Liberal Arts Ceremony

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Noon

### **Processional**

*Pomp and Circumstance, Edward Elgar, Composer*

Recording by London Philharmonic, Daniel Barenboim, *Conductor*

### **Grand Marshal**

Dr. Shelly B. Blunt, *Interim Provost; Professor of Chemistry; Deputy Title IX Coordinator*

### **National Anthem**

Rayn M. Miller '26

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, *President*

### **Reflection**

Omar M. Elhanafy '24

### **Class of 2024 Recognition**

Dr. Del D. Doughty, *Dean of the College of Liberal Arts; Professor of English*

### **The Commencement Address**

Shane M. Dearing '07, *Chief Executive Officer of SAIVA AI*

### **Presentation of David L. Rice Alumni Achievement Award**

Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, *President*

### **Presentation of Candidates for Honorary Degrees**

Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, *President*

Presented by Dr. Shelly B. Blunt, *Interim Provost; Professor of Chemistry; Deputy Title IX Coordinator*

Neal A. Franklin, *Doctor of Laws*

Bridget Muldoon McDaniel, *Doctor of Arts*

### **Conferral of Degrees**

Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, *President*

Assisted by Dr. Shelly B. Blunt, *Interim Provost; Professor of Chemistry; Deputy Title IX Coordinator*

### **Presentation of Graduates**

Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, *President*

Presented by Dr. A. David Hitchcock, *Chair of World Languages and Cultures; Professor of Spanish*

### **Welcome from the USI Alumni Council**

Melanie N. Rasche '10 M'16, *President of the USI Alumni Council*

### **Alma Mater**

*Constant, Faithful and True*

Original music by Daniel R. Craig, *Associate Professor of Music*

Lyrics by Dr. David G. O'Neil, *Assistant Professor of English*

### **Recessional**

*Trumpet Tune & Bell Symphony, Henry Purcell, Composer*

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## SHANE M. DEARING TO DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

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Shane M. Dearing '07

The speaker for the College of Liberal Arts Ceremony is Shane Dearing, 2007 Bachelor of Science in Political Science graduate. Currently serving as Chief Executive Officer of SAIVA AI based in Palo Alto, California, Dearing occupies a pivotal role in propelling the company toward unprecedented growth, scalability and financial success. He leads a dynamic management team comprised of Ivy League pedigree and Fortune 500 talent, providing strategic direction in crucial areas such as market development, growth optimization and client acquisition. Under Dearing's leadership, SAIVA AI has fostered a corporate culture defined by honesty, humility and hard work.

Prior to his tenure at SAIVA AI, Dearing assumed the role of Executive Vice President for Growth at Real Time Medical Systems in Baltimore, Maryland. Here, he led initiatives that drove revenue growth, honed the go-to market strategies of sales teams and orchestrated strategic partnerships and government relations endeavors that resulted in public-private partnerships to improve healthcare outcomes in the geriatric and indigent patient populations of Michigan, Maryland and Pennsylvania. He has held roles of significant responsibility in a variety of industries, including as Principal Consultant at Seneca Strategies Group, Inc. in Indianapolis, Indiana, where he advised early-stage digital health startups to create paths to market entry and expansion. Dearing cut his teeth in business leadership during account and corporate roles at Medline Industries, in Northfield, Illinois, managing and developing a business unit responsible for \$1.2B in revenue as Vice President and Executive Vice President of Post Acute National Accounts.

Dearing's journey of leadership and impact extends further, but the most important, meaningful and fulfilling work he does is be husband to his wife Megan, father to his three sons and friend to whoever will put up with him. He devotes his spare time to prayer, the study of scripture and history, as well as coaching football and wrestling for Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church. The remainder of his time is spent enjoying the company of his family and watching his sons Samuel, Simon and Silas play lacrosse.



# ORDER OF THE 2024 SPRING COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

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## Romain College of Business Ceremony

Saturday, May 4, 2024

3 p.m.

### **Processional**

*Pomp and Circumstance, Edward Elgar, Composer*

Recording by London Philharmonic, Daniel Barenboim, *Conductor*

### **Grand Marshal**

Dr. Shelly B. Blunt, *Interim Provost; Professor of Chemistry; Deputy Title IX Coordinator*

### **National Anthem**

Ethan D. Hoover '26

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, *President*

### **Reflection**

Keely M. Fuquay '24

### **Class of 2024 Recognition**

Dr. Sudesh N. Mujumdar, *Dean of the Romain College of Business; Professor of Economics*

### **The Commencement Address**

Shan Sherwan Hussein '14 M'15, *Women's Protection and Empowerment Coordinator-Emergency Roster for the International Rescue Committee; Women7 Advisor to Germany and Italy*

### **Presentation of David L. Rice Alumni Achievement Award**

Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, *President*

### **Presentation of Candidates for Honorary Degrees**

Dr. Linda L. M. Bennett, *President Emerita*

Assisted by Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, *President*

Presented by Dr. Shelly B. Blunt, *Interim Provost; Professor of Chemistry; Deputy Title IX Coordinator*

Cynthia S. Brinker, *Doctor of Laws*

Dr. M. Edward Jones, *Doctor of Laws*

### **Presentation of President's Medal to Shelby L. Clark '24**

Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, *President*

### **Conferral of Degrees**

Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, *President*

Assisted by Dr. Shelly B. Blunt, *Interim Provost; Professor of Chemistry; Deputy Title IX Coordinator*

### **Presentation of Graduates**

Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, *President*

Presented by Dr. Nicholas D. Rhew, *Assistant Professor of Management*

### **Welcome from the USI Alumni Council**

Melanie N. Rasche '10 M'16, *President of the USI Alumni Council*

### **Alma Mater**

*Constant, Faithful and True*

Original music by Daniel R. Craig, *Associate Professor of Music*

Lyrics by Dr. David G. O'Neil, *Assistant Professor of English*

### **Recessional**

*Trumpet Tune & Bell Symphony, Henry Purcell, Composer*

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## SHAN SHERWAN HUSSEIN TO DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

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Shan Sherwan Hussein '14 M'15

The speaker for the Romain College of Business Ceremony is Shan Sherwan Hussein, a 2014 Bachelor of Science in Economics and 2015 Master of Business Administration graduate. She also holds a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Sulaymaniyah and will earn a master's degree in public administration from Harvard University in May 2024.

Currently serving as the Women's Protection and Empowerment Coordinator–Emergency Roster for the International Rescue Committee, Hussein plays a pivotal role in establishing gender-based violence programming in conflict-affected regions globally. Her responsibilities extend to hiring and training staff on humanitarian principles, ensuring effective management of gender-based violence programming.

In parallel, Hussein serves as a Women7 Advisor to Germany and Italy, engaging in advocacy and formulating policy recommendations to support women and girls during conflict, post-conflict and within the development nexus. This role underscores her unwavering dedication to global gender equality.

Hussein's impactful contributions further stretched to Ukraine, where she served as the Gender-Based Violence Program Coordinator for International Medical Corps. In this capacity, she played a crucial role in developing strategies to address the needs and gaps in gender-based violence services. Collaborating with grassroots organizations and service providers, Hussein ensured holistic support for survivors in conflict-affected areas.

Beyond her academic and professional achievements, Hussein has enriched her skills through various training programs. Noteworthy among them are the Gender-Based Violence Case Management Training of Trainer by UNICEF, the Women in Conflict 1325 Fellowship Programme by Beyond Borders Scotland and the Compass Program by Harvard Business Publishing.

During her time at USI, Hussein demonstrated leadership and commitment by co-founding KESHO (Kesho means "tomorrow" in Swahili), a student organization dedicated to raising awareness about global issues. In Iraq, she established Educate to Empower, a local organization focused on supporting and empowering women through non-formal education. Her diverse roles also included serving as a Graduate Assistant Career Advisor and a Student Assistant with USI Photography and Multimedia.



From coordinating gender-based violence subclusters in Iraq to managing economic empowerment initiatives for Women for Women International, Hussein has consistently exhibited a commitment to advocacy, program quality enhancement and active participation in emergency responses. Her work is a testament to her strong belief in the transformative power of education, economic empowerment and strategic partnerships to bring about positive change in the lives of those affected by conflict.

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## College of Nursing and Health Professions Ceremony

Saturday, May 4, 2024

6 p.m.

### **Processional**

*Pomp and Circumstance, Edward Elgar, Composer*

Recording by London Philharmonic, Daniel Barenboim, *Conductor*

### **Grand Marshal**

Dr. Shelly B. Blunt, *Interim Provost; Professor of Chemistry; Deputy Title IX Coordinator*

### **National Anthem**

Sarah M. Smith '25

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, *President*

### **Reflection**

Rylie S. Farr '24

### **Class of 2024 Recognition**

Dr. Julie L. McCullough, *Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions; Associate Professor of Nutrition*

### **The Commencement Address**

Dr. Sandra L. Hall '05, *Director of Clinical Excellence at Children's Hospital Los Angeles*

### **Presentation of David L. Rice Alumni Achievement Award**

Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, *President*

### **Conferral of Degrees**

Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, *President*

Assisted by Dr. Shelly B. Blunt, *Interim Provost; Professor of Chemistry; Deputy Title IX Coordinator*

### **Presentation of Graduates**

Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, *President*

Presented by Dr. Katherine R. Peak '11 M'16 D'22, *Clinical Assistant Professor of Radiologic and Imaging Sciences*

### **Welcome from the USI Alumni Council**

Melanie N. Rasche '10 M'16, *President of the USI Alumni Council*

### **Alma Mater**

*Constant, Faithful and True*

Original music by Daniel R. Craig, *Associate Professor of Music*

Lyrics by Dr. David G. O'Neil, *Assistant Professor of English*

### **Recessional**

*Trumpet Tune & Bell Symphony, Henry Purcell, Composer*

Recording by Michael Murray and the Empire Brass

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## DR. SANDRA L. HALL TO DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

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Dr. Sandra L. Hall '05

The speaker for the College of Nursing and Health Professions Ceremony is Dr. Sandra Hall, a 2005 Bachelor of Science in Nursing graduate. She also holds a bachelor's degree in theatre and drama from Indiana University; a master's degree in nursing education and a master's degree in business administration with an emphasis in healthcare management, both from Western Governors University; a doctorate in nursing practice from California State University (CSU) Southern California DNP Consortium; and is also in the process of completing a doctorate in general psychology from Grand Canyon University.

Currently serving as the Director of Clinical Excellence at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Hall has played a pivotal role in collaborating with quality improvement and patient safety teams to monitor and enhance clinical outcomes. Her unwavering commitment to fostering collaboration and continuous improvement has set a benchmark for excellence in patient care.

In addition to her work in Los Angeles, Hall served as the System Director of Nursing Education at Wellstar Health System in Marietta, Georgia. In this capacity, her visionary leadership was evident as she oversaw nursing professional development practitioners across multiple facilities and specialty fellowship programs. Hall's dedication to evidence-based initiatives revitalized nursing orientation and integrated the Nursing Professional Development model into the standard work for the education team.

Hall's professional journey has been characterized by continuous growth and impactful contributions. From managing Professional Practice at Wellstar Atlanta Medical Center to serving as the Magnet Program Director at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, her leadership consistently elevated nursing standards, leading to positive outcomes.

Acknowledging her contributions, Hall received the Outstanding DNP Student Award from the CSU Southern California DNP Consortium. Furthermore, her dedication was recognized through a nomination for the Morris and Mary Press Humanism Award at Children's Hospital Los Angeles and the Master of Science in Nursing Capstone Field Experience Excellence Award from Western Governors University.

Presently, Hall serves as the Co-Chair for the Hospital-Acquired Conditions Oversight Committee and holds positions on various committees at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, including the Clinical Practice Leadership Committee, Enterprise Quality Strategic Steering Committee, Quality Improvement Oversight Committee and Committee for Expedited Event Review and Corrective Action.

In addition to her impactful healthcare roles, Hall is an active member of professional organizations, including the American Organization for Nursing Leadership, Association for Nursing Professional Development and the American Psychological Association. Beyond her healthcare commitments, she serves as the Vice President for the Indiana University Theatre Circle Board of Directors.



# USI BESTOWS SIX HONORARY DEGREES FOR

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This year's six honorary degree recipients are being celebrated in the University of Southern Indiana community for their dedication to higher education. The recipients are credited for actively shaping their respective communities.

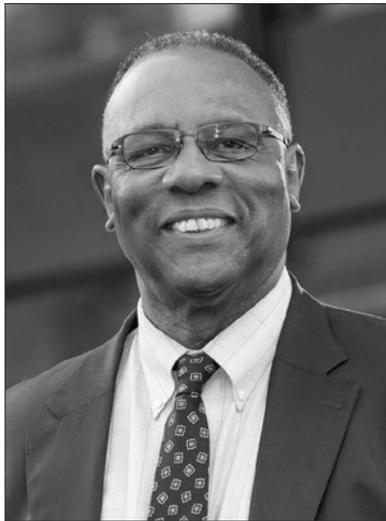
Honorary degrees are awarded for distinguished and extraordinary service consistent with the mission of the University. That service may be to the University itself, or to local, statewide, national or international communities. Individuals selected to receive honorary degrees exemplify the highest ideals of integrity, service and dedication to learning.

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Dr. James Anderson, the Edward William and Jane Marr Gutsell Professor Emeritus of Education at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree for his lifelong dedication to education.

The American Educational Research Association (AERA) honored him with the Presidential Citation, adding to previous recognitions such as the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. His notable contributions also earned him the title of Fellow for Outstanding Research by the AERA in 2012. His reputation as a scholar was solidified with his election to the National Academy of Education in 2008.

In 2021, Anderson achieved a milestone by joining the esteemed American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and in 2020, he assumed responsibilities on the Board of Trustees at Stillman



Dr. James D. Anderson

College, earning induction into the Stillman College Educator Hall of Fame.

Anderson's impactful scholarly work, specifically *The Education of Blacks in the South, 1860-1935*, received the outstanding book award from the AERA in 1990. Serving as Senior Editor of the *History of Education Quarterly* from 2006 to 2016, he also contributed to PBS documentaries on American public education.

Among the numerous honors received from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Anderson was granted the IMPACT award from the Bruce D. Nesbitt African American Cultural Center in 2019. Recognizing his continued influence, he was selected as a Center for Advanced Study Professor of Education for the campus in 2013. His multifaceted contributions underscore the enduring legacy he has left in education.

Anderson received his bachelor's degree in sociology from Stillman College. He earned a master's degree in history and social studies education and a doctorate in history of American education, both from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

# DISTINGUISHED AND EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE

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Dr. Mohammed F. Khayum

**D**r. Mohammed Khayum, University of Southern Indiana Provost Emeritus and Professor Emeritus of Economics, is receiving an honorary Doctor of Business degree for his extensive service and unwavering dedication to USI.

During his tenure as Provost, Khayum spearheaded a range of transformative initiatives at USI. This included establishing graduate and undergraduate degree programs, expanding online learning opportunities and active involvement in community and economic development projects. From 2010 onward, he played a pivotal role in shaping and executing the University's strategic plans. Khayum's efforts were particularly concentrated on bolstering data integration and fostering collaboration within the University, with a

special emphasis on improving student recruitment and retention strategies.

Before becoming Provost, he was the Dean of USI's Romain College of Business from 2006 to 2018. Khayum joined the University in 1991. During his time at USI, he held various positions, including Professor, Department Chair and Associate Dean. Over his 12-year tenure as Dean, he worked to extend the College's business and accounting accreditations, implement an accelerated Master of Business Administration Program and established the Romain College of Business Innovative Speaker Series. This Series featured influential figures such as T. Boone Pickens, Ben Bernanke, Oscar Salazar, General Colin L. Powell, USA (Ret.) and Steve Wozniak.

As a faculty member, Khayum delivered courses spanning global economic issues, statistics, micro- and macroeconomics and forecasting at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. His contributions extended beyond the classroom, encompassing significant scholarly work, including publications in numerous academic journals. He also conducted economic impact studies and forecasts, benefiting the University and a diverse array of businesses and nonprofit organizations in the Tri-state region.

He earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Guyana and master's and doctoral degrees in economics from Temple University in Pennsylvania.

# HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

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Neal A. Franklin

Neal Franklin is receiving an honorary Doctor of Laws degree for her passion, leadership and profound dedication to advancing higher education at the University of Southern Indiana.

With over a decade of service on the USI Foundation Board of Directors, Neal has been a driving force behind the University's strategic advancement. Her deep commitment to USI has been acknowledged through several accolades, including the Honorary Alumni Award in 2023, the Suzanne A. Nicholson Leadership Award in 2019 and induction into the President's Circle in 2017.

In addition to accolades, Neal contributes her time and expertise to the University's Art Collection Committee, fostering the cultural and artistic endeavors of the institution.

A dedicated supporter of USI Athletics, Neal recently marked her

26th year as a season ticket holder for USI Basketball, embodying the spirit of Screaming Eagle pride.

In March 2023, Neal, former Chair of the USI Society for Arts and Humanities, made a generous gift of \$25,000 to underwrite the University's Art Collection Digitization Project, extending its reach to a virtual, global audience. She also has an estate gift in place to support USI Theatre.

Her substantial financial commitment to the University, exceeding \$300,000 through the USI Foundation and an established estate gift, underscores her dedication to its sustained success.

Neal actively champions the arts and humanities in the region, with her significant impact on the community's cultural landscape recognized in 2013 when she received the Mayor's Arts Award.

She continues to generously fund the USI Philip H. Hagemann Performing Arts Department and its Music Program through several initiatives, including contributing to the purchasing of Steinway & Sons pianos on campus and underwriting a portion of *Ruth*, the inaugural opera held on campus, in 2024.

Beyond her contributions to the University, Neal is a prominent figure in various community organizations, including the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra and its Guild, the Public Education Foundation and the Women's Fund of the Vanderburgh County Community Foundation. Her dedication extends far beyond the academic realm, leaving a lasting mark on multiple fronts.

She earned a bachelor's degree in political science and French from Vassar College.

# HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

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Bridget Muldoon McDaniel

**B**ridget Muldoon McDaniel, Founding Flutist and Artistic Director of Tales & Scales, is receiving an honorary Doctor of Arts degree for her innovative approach to engaging children’s imaginations through live musical storytelling in Evansville and the United States.

A classically trained flutist, Bridget moved to Evansville in 1984 to play second flute in both the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra and the Owensboro Symphony Orchestra. Within her first year, she convinced several of her colleagues to join her in creating a less traditional approach for their in-school education performances. She called it music-telling—a unique blend of story, music and theater. The troupe started calling itself Tales & Scales and grew its roots by performing in Evansville

elementary schools. In 1986, Bridget recruited a board of community leaders to incorporate Tales & Scales as a not-for-profit performing arts organization with the mission to ignite and nurture young imaginations with music-telling.

Through instituting an artistic collaborative process with composers, writers and directors, Bridget created an expansive view of the arts. Her ability to learn from artists and lead the way set her apart. As a result, Tales & Scales caught fire in Evansville. The excitement moved to include a national touring company that created and performed 25 original productions with companion workshops across the U.S., reaching over a million children in schools, libraries, community centers, festivals, theaters and

symphony orchestras during its 30-year history.

In 2003, Bridget was presented with the Jaqueline Kennedy Onassis Award for Outstanding Public Service, part of the prestigious Jefferson Awards. The Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana further recognized her commitment to arts and the community with the Mayor’s Arts Award and previously the Artist of the Year Award.

Her legacy of using a collaborative process to create opportunities for young people to explore live musical storytelling has ignited a whole generation of kids, now adults, with an enduring passion for artistic endeavor.

# HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

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**D**r. M. Edward Jones, Vice Provost Emeritus for Outreach and Engagement, and Cynthia S. (Cindy) Brinker, Senior Vice President Emerita for Government and University Relations, are being awarded honorary Doctor of Laws degrees for their combined 75 years of service to the University of Southern Indiana and their efforts to garner external support for USI as a young university. The couple met through their shared administrative roles at USI and have been married for 30 years, doubling their vision and commitment to education in Indiana.



Dr. M. Edward Jones and  
Cynthia S. Brinker

Jones joined Indiana State University – Evansville (ISUE) (now USI) in 1974 and quickly became a driving force in establishing and expanding outreach initiatives.

As the founding Director of Continuing Education at ISUE in 1974, Jones reshaped the traditional framework, going beyond skill development to foster collaboration with regional businesses and organizations. His strategic approach transformed the University into the region's premier resource for community and workplace leadership development, innovation practices and skill enhancement.

Upon his retirement in 2010, Jones left an indelible mark on USI's identity, and his legacy continues through the annual M. Edward Jones Engagement Award, recognizing faculty

excellence in outreach practices. His commitment to advancing learning and scholarship, enhancing civic and cultural awareness, fostering partnerships and serving the greater good is evident in successful initiatives such as Connect with Southern Indiana regional leadership program, College Achievement Dual Credit Program and Crane Naval Warfare Center partnership.

Jones' significant dedication to USI is reflected in 36 years of service, even post-retirement, as he chaired the Historic New Harmony Advisory Board and remains a passionate advocate for USI's Outreach and Engagement.

Brinker came to the University in 1979 as Director of Human Resources, and immediately her leadership prowess was evident. In 1991, she was promoted to Assistant Vice President of

Business Affairs and Legislative Liaison, and she continued to wear multiple hats with unwavering enthusiasm.

Brinker's dedication to USI was exemplified through meticulous legislative liaison duties, earning her recognition as the most senior legislative liaison in higher education in Indiana. She maintained a constant presence at the Statehouse during legislative sessions and earned praise for her tenacity and integrity. Brinker's advocacy extended to student internships, mentoring those interested in state politics and collaborating with faculty on education issues.

Her passion for enhancing civic and cultural awareness was evident in organizing USI Day at the Statehouse, providing students with a firsthand understanding of state government. Brinker's strategic efforts in Indianapolis elevated USI's reputation, laying the groundwork for fruitful partnerships and service for the greater good of the University.

Brinker's 39-year commitment to USI, from redefining Commencement Ceremonies to organizing the successful 50th-anniversary celebration, left a permanent mark. In retirement, she continues to give leadership to the USI Retirees organization, affirming that her time at USI was the pinnacle of her career.

# SHELBY L. CLARK TO RECEIVE PRESIDENT'S MEDAL

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Shelby L. Clark '24

Shelby L. Clark, who will graduate *summa cum laude* with a bachelor's degree in marketing and minors in management, public relations and advertising, has been named the recipient of the President's Medal, the highest honor bestowed to an undergraduate in the University of Southern Indiana Class of 2024.

A committed member of the USI Honors Program and Beta Gamma Sigma, Clark is dedicated to advancing the University's continuous improvement. Throughout her tenure at USI, she played a crucial role at *The Shield*, the University's student-run newspaper. Joining as a Staff Writer in October 2020 during the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic, when the newspaper faced a significant decline in leadership and staff, Clark persevered and assumed the role of Editor-in-Chief in May 2021. In this capacity, she led a team of over 40 students, fostering growth in their writing,

editing, journalism, social media, business, sales and marketing skills.

Clark revamped *The Shield's* staff structure and training processes, contributed to content creation and editing for diverse audiences and platforms, and oversaw the publication of 400 stories, 72 weekly newsletters and 12 monthly print editions, including the first-ever print edition dedicated to the USI Black community.

Notably, as the third two-term Editor-in-Chief for *The Shield* since its founding in 1968, Clark and her student team produced a 56-page special edition magazine, "Unmasked," to tell the stories of how COVID-19 affected the USI community. She and her team also planned one of the largest student-organized events of the 2022-23 academic year, Unmasking USI, to commemorate the magazine release and celebrate returning to a "new normal" post-pandemic.

Presently, Clark serves as Publicity Chair of the Asian Student Union (ASU). In this capacity, she assists ASU with event planning, hosting and promotion, as well as assists ASU officers in leading members and providing education about Asian culture. She also serves as Marketing Officer for the inaugural USI Business Professionals of America Chapter, assisting with the foundation of the organization, event planning and execution and the promotion of its events.

In addition, during her time at USI, Clark has served as a Welcome Week Team Leader, assisted with New Student Convocation and hosted several

*Shield*-related events, including awards ceremonies, bonding experiences and media days. She was also on the 2024 Homecoming Court.

Beyond the University, she is an integral part of the Greater Grace Apostolic Church. Clark's responsibilities include designing media, managing the Church's online presence, executing marketing campaigns and actively participating in weekly praise team sessions. Her involvement extends to collaboration with the Oakland City Ministerial Association to promote community events.

Clark is a recipient of the Presidential Scholarship and was named a Top 10 Student Leader during the 2021-22 academic year. Under her leadership at *The Shield*, her team won several awards from the University and externally, including from the Indiana Collegiate Press Association in Online, Division II Newspaper and Advertising categories.

Those who recommended her describe her as a naturally collaborative leader with unmatched integrity to every task she touches. Her devotion to, and passion for, USI has left a positive mark on the institution.

Other finalists for the President's Medal from the Class of 2024 included Christina Butler, Omar Elhanafy and Alexis Reed. The Student Affairs Committee of Faculty Senate annually selects the recipient of the President's Medal.

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## Candidates for Degrees

### CLASS OF 2024

#### SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES CEREMONY

Friday, May 3, 2024

5 p.m.

#### DOCTORAL DEGREES

##### Awarding of Hoods

Faculty mentors will award hoods to the degree candidates.

##### DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Trinisia Rena Brooks, Evansville  
Educational Leadership  
Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Wilkins

Courtney D. Ferguson, Henderson, Kentucky  
Educational Leadership  
Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Wilkins

Karen Schnellenberger Gerhart, Jasper  
Educational Leadership  
Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Tori Colson

Elise Christine Murray, Evansville  
Educational Leadership  
Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Moriah Smothers

##### DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Taylor Marie Cora, Greenville  
Family Nurse Practitioner  
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Katrina M. Etter, Nineveh  
Organizational and Systems Leadership  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Kathy Riedford

Annemarie Judith Humphress, Newburgh  
Family Nurse Practitioner  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Mikel W. Hand

Alexandria Neal Klueg, Evansville  
Family Nurse Practitioner  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Ryan Butler

Matthew Stephen Luecke, Plainfield  
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Faculty Mentor: Dr. Mikel W. Hand

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Organizational and Systems Leadership  
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Mary Ngendo Ngugi, Berrien Springs, Michigan  
Advanced Practice  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Ryan Butler

Byron Joseph Rademacher, Evansville  
Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner-Acute  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Charlotte Connerton

Jamye Lyn Shelley, Brownsburg  
Organizational and Systems Leadership  
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Kristen Breanne Tobin, Evansville  
Organizational and Systems Leadership  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Ryan Butler

Breanna Nichole Wright, Evansville  
Family Nurse Practitioner  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Charlotte Connerton

#### POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATES

Kristin Rachel Anderson, Evansville Educational Leadership and Administration	Elizabeth Casalini, Indianapolis Educational Leadership (EdS)	Angela Denise Wood Hamby, Locust, North Carolina Family Nurse Practitioner
Jennifer Mae Berry, Montague, Michigan Educational Leadership (EdS)	Ashley Cassem, Sumner, Illinois Addiction Science	Emily Kaye Murphy, Evansville Family Psychiatric Mental Health Practitioner
Kendra Elizabeth Bowling, Indianapolis Family Nurse Practitioner	Stephanie Jo Doench, Richland Family Psychiatric Mental Health Practitioner	Lucy Nellis, Newburgh Educational Leadership and Administration

Watez E. Phelps II, Evansville  
Educational Leadership (EdS)  
Jami Elizabeth Stuckwisch, Seymour  
Educational Leadership and Administration

Anya Sarah Tomkiewicz, San Francisco,  
California  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Karina Zehr, Ellettsville  
Family Nurse Practitioner

## MASTER DEGREES

### MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION

Abraham Nabeel Beidas, Evansville  
Julie A. Cobbs, Evansville  
Addison Grace Hearrin, Sebree, Kentucky  
Kathryn Stahl, Campbellsburg

### MASTER OF ARTS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Kailey Fisher, Evansville  
Trenton James Moore, Neoga, Illinois  
Twyla Yvonne Moore, Springfield, Illinois  
Kathryn Jean Reuss, Fairfield, Illinois  
Tiffany Mekia Soaper, Indianapolis  
Allison Jewel Wolfe, Albion, Illinois

### MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

Claire E. Ellis, Evansville  
Craig Norman Keepes, Evansville

### MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES

Cassidy Lynn Kanzler, Evansville  
Zachary David Kuhs, Evansville

### MASTER OF ARTS IN SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION, POLICY AND CULTURE

Mika Koiso, Ibaraki, Japan  
Asuka Nakagawa, Hachioji, Japan  
Adrienne Marie Ritchie, Saratoga Springs, Utah

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 Kaylea Torr, Greencastle  
 Clyde Benedict Tsianguebeni, Columbus, Ohio  
 Jennifer Waters, South Lebanon, Ohio  
 Paige Marie Wieland, Herrin, Illinois

### **MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

Alexander Lee Caudill, Henderson, Kentucky  
 Public Sector Administration  
 Nicole Lynn Glover, Evansville  
 Non-Profit Administration  
 Crystal R. Willis, Evansville  
 Non-Profit Administration

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION**

Kylie Marie Bennett, Evansville  
Educational Leadership and Administration

Jenny Lynn Brown, Evansville  
Educational Leadership and Administration

Bart Bradford Burke, Evansville  
Educational Leadership and Administration

Katherine Elizabeth Devine, Newburgh  
Educational Leadership and Administration

Gabrielle Michelle Emberton, Carmel  
Curriculum and Instruction

Parker Laine Everett, Fairfield, Illinois  
Curriculum and Instruction

Benjamin David Garrett, Evansville  
Educational Leadership and Administration

Jessica Goodman, Greenwood  
Mathematics Teaching Secondary

Molly Gray, Evansville  
Curriculum and Instruction

Matthew Robin Hahn, Evansville  
Educational Leadership and Administration

Taylor O'Neil Hall, Munster  
Educational Leadership and Administration

Hilary Diane Hester, Evansville  
Educational Leadership and Administration

Jacquelynne Hill, Evansville  
Curriculum and Instruction

Ashley Kappler, Evansville  
Mathematics Teaching Secondary

Kaitlyn Renee Lay, Evansville  
Mathematics Teaching Secondary

Brandon Stuart Lewin, Plainfield  
Mathematics Teaching Secondary

Justin Marshall, Evansville  
Educational Leadership and Administration

Olivia Nicole Mastison, Evansville  
Curriculum and Instruction

Deraina Miller, Indianapolis  
Curriculum and Instruction

Nicholas Kyle Morris, New Whiteland  
Mathematics Teaching Secondary

Laura Anne Norris, Evansville  
Educational Leadership and Administration

Haylie Starr Passmore, Jeffersonville  
Mathematics Teaching Secondary

Joshua A. Price, Evansville  
Mathematics Teaching Secondary

Abigail Randall, Mount Vernon  
Educational Leadership and Administration

Kimberly Jean Robertson, Tipton  
Mathematics Teaching Secondary

Sarah Schwartz, Sellersburg  
Mathematics Teaching Secondary

Erin Smeltzer, Goshen  
Mathematics Teaching Secondary

Rachel Verkamp, Newburgh  
Curriculum and Instruction

Kelsey Williams, Cedar Lake  
Curriculum and Instruction

Cori Suzanne Wohlhueter, Evansville  
Educational Leadership and Administration

Mawin Wongveerakul, Richland  
Mathematics Teaching Secondary

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

Manal Alharsha, Orland Park, Illinois  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Kayleigh Morgan Appleton, Franklin  
Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist

Amanda Jane Brasher-Ling, Owensboro,  
Kentucky  
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Margaret Kathleen Burke, Indianapolis  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Angel Crist, Terre Haute  
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Whitney Morgan Curlin, Indianapolis  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Ashley Ruth Diaz, Miami, Florida  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Aryel Elizabeth DiCharia, Fishers  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Amanda Rachael Faucett, Evansville  
Nursing Education Leadership

Micci Lynn French, Evansville  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Kelly McKnight Friday, Noblesville  
Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner-Acute

Hope Danielle Gavigan, Prospect, Connecticut  
Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner-Acute

Vandi Gooch, Evansville  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Jacob Lee Grisham, Evansville  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Alicia Kailyd Guillemette, Lakewood, New Jersey  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Emily Kay Harsh, North Vernon  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Alicia L. Helgeson, Thornton, Colorado  
Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner-Acute

Samantha Jo Hobbs, Oaktown  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Jennifer Nicole Hoffman, Jasper  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Taylor Nicole Hoffman, Santa Claus  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Audrey Lynn Hollman, Evansville  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Aimee Cooper Hopkin, Provo, Utah  
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Katelyn Ellen Horton, Evansville  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Jillian Nicole Huff, Brownsburg  
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Jessica Paige Jenkins, Middle River, Maryland  
Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist

Navi Johal, Nashville, Tennessee  
Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner-Acute

Chanice Marie Johns, Indianapolis  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Andrea Sharon Johnson-Farmer, Evansville  
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Keli M. Jones, Springfield, Missouri  
Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner-Acute

Haley Nicole Kaufman, Tell City  
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Jessica Marie Kerr-McClung, Albuquerque,  
New Mexico  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Brittney Kirk, Evansville  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Meagan Taylor Knepp, Montgomery  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Stephanie Konicek, Bloomington  
Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist

Lisa Gail Littrell, Wichita, Kansas  
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

McKayla Ann Lively, Buhl, Idaho  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Lauren Finley Lohse, Ames, Iowa  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Jeremy J. Mabis, Evansville  
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Jessica Michelle Marino, Newburgh  
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Stacy Yvonne Tharp Marlin, Bryan, Texas  
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Zia Mars, Albany, California  
Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner-Acute

Jess Marvin, Hazard, Kentucky  
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Savannah Noel Maxey, Whittier, California  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Stephanie McGuire, West Baden  
Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist

Stephen Michael Miller, Danville, Illinois  
Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner-Acute

Kayla Jo Morris, Evansville  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Jaclyn Marie Nalin, Evansville  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Deborah Nies, Indianapolis  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Megan Elise Nunley, Salem, Illinois  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Kathleen Hamilton O'Sullivan, Leesburg, Virginia  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Brittany Winona Plahn, Newburgh  
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Heidi Michelle Ratzlaff, Olathe, Kansas  
Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist

Courtney Marie Ray, Marina Del Rey, California  
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Sarah Lynn Richardson, Richmond, Kentucky  
Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner-Acute

Aaron Richard Sattler, Sioux Falls, South Dakota  
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Scott Gregory Shelp, San Francisco, California  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Elena Stankevich, Virginia Beach, Virginia  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Kaitlyn Erin Taylor, Boonville  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Hristiela Vladimirova, Hanover, Maryland  
Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist

Sara Rose Warner, Petersburg  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Lauren Ashley Watson, Bloomington  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Sarah Elizabeth Wieligman, Bloomington  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Averi Bryn Workman, Bloomfield  
Family Nurse Practitioner

Vicki Wyatt, Olney, Illinois  
Family Nurse Practitioner

### **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**

Alexis Nicole Bell, Richmond

Paighthen Brechel Blades, Newburgh

Meghan Nichole Bock, Princeton

Annemarie Cardin, New Harmony

Christopher Joseph Clements, Evansville

Jaelyn Nicole Duncan, Hawesville, Kentucky

Tammy Sue Fields, Paoli

Cameron Danielle Hamilton, Owensboro,  
Kentucky

Hannah Claire Herma, Demotte

Anna K. Hoefling, Evansville

Jocelyn O. Holm, Westfield

Alexis Nicole Huskisson, Owensboro, Kentucky

Ashley Lynn Keller, Newton, Illinois

Shea Elizabeth Keller, Nashville

Kristen E. Kuykendoll, Evansville

Johanna Lasher, Evansville

Aaron Joseph Lents, Loogootee

Mary Elizabeth Lippert, Lexington, Kentucky

Abigail Grace Magruder, Vincennes

Madison Gracie Manhart, Robinson, Illinois

Kara Gable Martin, Herrin, Illinois

Haley Dawn Messic, Wadesville

Grace Danielle Modglin, Newburgh

Cassandra Rae Napier, Indianapolis

Shealynn Marie Richards, Fairmount, Illinois

Alexis Roeder, Lafayette

Emily Stevens, Fishers

Kate Julianna Toennies, Albers, Illinois

Hailey Shea Wagner, Evansville

Olivia Kaitlynn Wildeman, Evansville

### **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPORT MANAGEMENT**

Nathanial Dean Barbee, Wayne City, Illinois

Tyler Joseph Garrett, Martinsville

Ethan Riley Goddard, Avon

Liana Noelle Torres, Dallas, Texas

### **MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK**

Jaylin Hope All, Evansville

Elizabeth Marie Alexander, Wadesville

Mia Jaynell Baker, Mount Vernon

Molly Elizabeth Barron, Evansville

Lindsey Nicole Beard, Spencerville

Zachary Ryan Beel, Princeton

Teaira Bloodworth, Evansville

Brianna Kay Bump, Lawrenceville, Illinois

Natalya Brianna Carter, Evansville

Elizabeth Joy Combs, Bloomfield

Lauren Elizabeth Cosgrave, Naperville, Illinois

Kelci Crandall, Sullivan

Shaila Nikole Dalrymple, Cambridge City

Leah Nicole Dugan, Evansville

Colin Jeffrey Duncan, Evansville

Xavier Freni, Evansville

Katherine Elizabeth Gerren, Washington

Jaci Ann Hagan, Union County, Kentucky

Cassandra Kaye Hancock, Owensboro,  
Kentucky

Emily Nicole Hill, Oakland City

Cara Elizabeth Hoene, Floyds Knobs

Isaiah Johnson, Indianapolis

Rachel Dee Jones, Carmi, Illinois

Janna Lynn Justice, Evansville

Kennedy Keith, Evansville

Haley Katrina Keown, Evansville

Emma Marsh, Vincennes

Michaela Anne McGregor, Evansville

Mallory Nicole Meeks, Evansville

Savannah MacKenzie Patterson, Evansville

Daxton Peach, Mt. Carmel, Illinois

Mya Reeder, Evansville

Seanna Rodrick, Bridgeport, Illinois

Hannah P. Schofield, Evansville

Mackenzie Snider, Vincennes

December Kay Stroud, Evansville

Beth Ellen Thomas, Evansville

Cassidi Jade Todd, Evansville

Delana Wentzel, Evansville

Kendra Michelle Wilson, Aurora

Hailee Marie Wolfe, Newburgh

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# POTT COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND EDUCATION CEREMONY

## Saturday, May 4, 2024

### 9 a.m.

#### BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Emma Marie Baur, Tell City  
Early Childhood Education and  
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

John Epping, Mitchell  
Sport Management

Sydney Rayne Lawson, Plainfield  
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Madison Reigh Martens, Newburgh  
Elementary Education and Special  
Education, *summa cum laude*

Erin Nicole Otte, Seymour  
Geology, *magna cum laude*

Tekeyia Asha Parker, Indianapolis  
Sport Management

Gracie Lynn Schmidt, Haubstadt  
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Kelsey Noelle Smith, Newburgh  
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Katelyn Nicole Ahart, Owensboro, Kentucky  
Exercise Science, *cum laude*

Logan James Alli, Centralia, Illinois  
Biochemistry, *cum laude*

Jordan Renee Ambrose, Mount Vernon  
Exercise Science

Ashley Maryeth Arauz, Panama  
Biology

Mason Lee Auker, Evansville  
Sport Management

Paige Elizabeth Ausenbaugh, Batesville  
Elementary Education and Special  
Education, *magna cum laude*

Brendan Scott Bailey, Greenwood  
Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Jarrett Michael Bailey, Auburn  
Sport Management

Owen Michael Ballard, Seymour  
Kinesiology, *magna cum laude*  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Isabel Del Rosario Barba Mitre, Panama  
Biology

Garrett Robert Barnes, Shirley  
Sport Management, *magna cum laude*

Carlie Marie Barron, Evansville  
Exercise Science

Lauren Jenae Bass, Wayne City, Illinois  
Exercise Science, *cum laude*

Brooke Danielle Bassler, Breese, Illinois  
Chemistry, *cum laude*  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Jordan Rose Bauer, Dubois  
Exercise Science, *magna cum laude*

Alex Baysinger, Hamilton  
Biology

Hunter Smitley Beckort, Tell City  
Manufacturing Engineering Technology,  
*magna cum laude*

Jillian Alysse Best, Fairfield, Illinois  
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Peter Dominick Bittner, Evansville  
Geology, *summa cum laude*

Hallie Alicia Bland, Owensboro, Kentucky  
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Harrison Massey Briles, Nashville, Illinois  
Biology

Blake Edward Brosmer, Chandler  
Exercise Science

Jessica Lucille Browder, Loogootee  
Elementary Education

Dezeray Alexandria Browder, Providence,  
Kentucky  
Exercise Science

Abigail Ann Brown, Evansville  
Sport Management, *cum laude*

Dylan Thomas Brown, Evansville  
Exercise Science

Maggie Lee Elizabeth Brown, Ferdinand  
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Melissa A. Brown, Evansville  
Geology

Peyton Thomas Brown, Clemmons, North  
Carolina  
Exercise Science

Sara Lynn Brown, Boonville  
Biology

Shylynn Michelle Brown, Frankfort  
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Grace Eman Buchanan, Lawrenceville, Illinois  
Exercise Science, *summa cum laude*  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Nolan Wyatt Buckner, Sheridan  
Sport Management

Peyton James Catt, Vincennes  
Sport Management, *magna cum laude*

Audrey Michelle Comastri, Evansville  
Exercise Science, *cum laude*

Judson Kyle Compton, Indianapolis  
Biology

Camron Michael Cotton, Evansville  
Sport Management, *cum laude*

Ciara Evelyn-Maria Cruz, Petersburg  
Biochemistry

Erika Rae Daniels, Boonville  
Elementary Education, *summa cum laude*

Varuna Dhanabal, Carmel  
Biochemistry, *magna cum laude*  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Haven Marie Doll, Olney, Illinois  
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Omar Mohamed Elhanafy, Bloomington  
Biochemistry and Biophysics,  
*summa cum laude*

Kara Embry, Tell City  
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Haylee Morgan Exline, Poseyville  
Exercise Science, *cum laude*

Alexis Marie Fair, Greenwood  
Biology, *cum laude*

Hannah L. Fehrenbacher, Mount Vernon  
Elementary Education

Madisyn Rene Frazee, Evansville  
Mathematics Teaching

Reagan Nicole Fulkerson, Henderson, Kentucky  
Biology, *summa cum laude*  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Aden Michael Burl Gill, Mount Carmel, Illinois  
Biology, *summa cum laude*

Autumn J. Goelzhauser, Newburgh  
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Lily Jane Goldsborough, Boonville  
Mathematics, *cum laude*

Jordan Lee Goodman, Monrovia  
Biology

David Drew Graber, Loogootee  
Biology, *summa cum laude*

Katelyn Grace Grell, Sterling, Illinois  
Mathematics Teaching, *cum laude*

Madalyn Grace Hankins, Floyds Knobs  
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Elizabeth Anne Harris, Greenfield  
Environmental Science and Art,  
*magna cum laude*  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Elizabeth Lynn Hill, Charlestown  
Biology, *magna cum laude*

Isaac Drew Housman, Evansville  
Exercise Science

Noah Michael Hufnagel, Santa Claus  
Kinesiology, *cum laude*

Joslyn Grace Hume, Lafayette  
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Erin Jones, Evansville  
Exercise Science, *cum laude*

Tyler Kapust, Sellersburg  
Sport Management

Emily Rose Kirsch, Evansville  
Biology, *cum laude*

Sara E. Kitten, Ferdinand  
Exercise Science

Kaaleigh Anna-Louise Krieger, Mount Vernon  
Biology

Mason LaGrange, Borden  
Sport Management

Charleigh E. Land, West Baden Springs  
Elementary Education and Special  
Education, *magna cum laude*

Levi Lillpop, Lynnnville  
Sport Management

Garrett Michael Lindsey, Mitchell  
Exercise Science

Logan Dean Lively, Elberfeld  
Biology, *summa cum laude*  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Justin Alexander Locher, Evansville  
Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Uday Sekhar Lomada, Carmel  
Biochemistry, *summa cum laude*

Hannah Rose Long, Haubstadt  
Exercise Science, *magna cum laude*

Dennis Arely Lopez Martinez, Indianapolis  
Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Kaelynn Luker, Holland  
Exercise Science

Mariah Rae Mackey, Mount Vernon, Illinois  
Elementary Education

Cian Tyler Magura, Evansville  
Biology

Hannah Jade Marchand, Dale  
Special Education, *magna cum laude*

Evan J. Martin, St. Louis, Missouri  
Sport Management, *cum laude*

Kyle Patrick Martin, Elberfeld  
Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Emily Christine Mathews, Olney, Illinois  
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Madison Marie Matz, Lafayette  
Biology, *magna cum laude*

Emma Nicole Mayo, Indianapolis  
Exercise Science

Isis Andrea Mendez Saucedo, Indianapolis  
Biology

Ryan Nicholas Merrell, Owensville  
Exercise Science, *magna cum laude*

Makinzi Marie Meurer, Bicknell  
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Maddix Elisabeth Mitchell, Evansville  
Biology, *cum laude*

Eva Del Carmen Moreno Stanziola, Panama  
Biology

Tanner Nicholas Morgan, Nashville, Tennessee  
Sport Management

Kamren Wesly Mullican, Richland  
Kinesiology

Brendan Isaac Murphy, Fort Branch  
Biology

Hannah Rae Needham, Belleville, Illinois  
Exercise Science

Bradyn Joseph Neuhaus, Evansville  
Exercise Science

Molly Michelle Newton, Ridgway, Illinois  
Mathematics Teaching, *magna cum laude*

Jessica Catherine Nickens, Newburgh  
Biochemistry, *summa cum laude*

Seth Eric Norquist, Rockford, Illinois  
Exercise Science

Allison L. Orr, Newburgh  
Environmental Science, *cum laude*

Netra Sanjay Patel, Mount Vernon  
Exercise Science

Dylan Michael Patterson, Henderson, Kentucky  
Biology

Jada Lee Paul, Evansville  
Biology  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Ryan Joseph Payne, Owensboro, Kentucky  
Exercise Science

Rosalie Jinmin Perkins, Evansville  
Exercise Science, *cum laude*

Charity Rose Pflederer, Naperville, Illinois  
Biology, *magna cum laude*  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Lissette Del Carmen Pinzon Lima, Santiago,  
Panama  
Biology, *magna cum laude*

Olivia Jane Ragan, McLeansboro, Illinois  
Early Childhood Education,  
*magna cum laude*

Baylie Jacole Ray, Mount Carmel, Illinois  
Early Childhood Education

Jacob Matthew Reuter, Evansville  
Exercise Science

Eric Ryan Reynolds, Evansville  
Sport Management, *cum laude*

Taylor Alexia Riggelman, Linton  
Elementary Education and Special  
Education, *cum laude*

Hannah Elizabeth Robinson, Evansville  
Chemistry

Brianna Lyn Rogge, Evansville  
Exercise Science, *summa cum laude*

Avery Jae Roosevelt, Albion, Illinois  
Biology, *magna cum laude*

Joseph Michael Russler, Evansville  
Mathematics and Statistics,  
*summa cum laude*

Libby Emma Schneider, Allendale, Illinois  
Biology, *summa cum laude*

Avery Annette Schone, Columbus, Ohio  
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Lauren Madison Schoon, Mount Carmel, Illinois  
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Barett Schultz, Princeton, Kentucky  
Biochemistry

Ryan Edward Sensmeier, Evansville  
Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Andrea Nichole Seto, Evansville  
Biology

Vanessa Shafford, Linton  
Kinesiology, *cum laude*

Preston Samuel Shake, Newburgh  
Biology, *cum laude*  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

William Brian Shehorn, Newburgh  
Environmental Science

Katie Shumate, Evansville  
Elementary Education, *summa cum laude*

Easton Michael Sibbitt, Evansville  
Chemistry, *cum laude*

Julia Nicole Perlas Smith, Carmi, Illinois  
Mathematics Teaching

Rhett Theodore Snodgrass, Mount Vernon  
Kinesiology, *magna cum laude*

Adam Patrick Spenk, Carpentersville, Illinois  
Sport Management

Lauren Michelle Stilwell, Troy, Illinois  
Biochemistry, *magna cum laude*

Justin Wayne Strickland, Oakland City  
Exercise Science, *cum laude*

Jurney Nicole Sturgeon, Stendal  
Special Education

Demi L. Summers, Evansville  
Exercise Science, *magna cum laude*

Elijah John Toavs, Evansville  
Mathematics and Economics,  
*summa cum laude*

Alexandra Ann Traylor, Evansville  
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Mersadies Lee Wagner, Mount Carmel, Illinois  
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Nicholas Trey Waldon, Bloomington  
Exercise Science

Kaitlin Marie Weber, Haubstadt  
Exercise Science, *cum laude*

Kyson R. Western, Petersburg  
Exercise Science

MaKayla Jacqueline White, Indianapolis  
Exercise Science

Morgan Elyse Wilmes, Evansville  
Exercise Science, *summa cum laude*

Levi Leonard Wilson, Richland  
Sport Management, *cum laude*

Jeffrey Tyler Wimmer, Bloomington  
Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Brian Winkler, Philpot, Kentucky  
Exercise Science

Austin Thomas Wulff, Evansville  
Manufacturing Engineering Technology

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING

Karlee Summer Barton, Evansville

Tanner Scott Berg, St. Anthony

Lisa M. Botello, Evansville

Eric Olmedo Espino Vergara, Guararé, Panama  
*magna cum laude*

UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Dalton Michael Folz, Evansville  
*cum laude*

Cole Gibson, Floyds Knobs

Ruth Marie Heile, Milan  
*magna cum laude*

Hunter Ray Irwin, Campbellsburg

Maria De Los Angeles Lopez Arrocha, Panama  
*cum laude*

Darek Thomas Reuter, Evansville  
*cum laude*

Teryn Elizabeth Stanley, Angola  
*magna cum laude*

Derrick James Thompson, Evansville

Paige Caroline Vanek, St. Charles  
*cum laude*

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Nathan Todd Dawkins, Bloomington

Wymon Noah Dowell, Hardinsburg, Kentucky

Hagan Arik Hollinger, Mount Vernon  
*summa cum laude*

Tyler Lee Litkenhus, Chrisney

Luke Daniel Scofield, Evansville  
*cum laude*

Gavin Vaal, Haubstadt

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING

Jacob Keith Hosford, Boonville

Cesar Isaac Mendez De Leon, Boquete,  
Panama

Sean Michael Moore, Newburgh  
*magna cum laude*

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING

Leo Earl Osborne, Bartlett, Tennessee  
*magna cum laude*

Joshua Alan Thurman, Bloomingdale

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Jeremiah John Bissey, Washington

Seth Cooper, Owensboro, Kentucky

Hanno de Coning, Newburgh

Seth Owen DeLong, Fort Branch

Colton A. Edwards, Mount Vernon

Isaiah Francis Kiesel, Haubstadt  
*cum laude*

Deznee Jade Kinsey, Evansville

Teddy Jual Lashley, Bloomington  
*magna cum laude*

UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Rachel E. McCorkle, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma  
*magna cum laude*

Mason J. Moore, Bloomington

Aevar Andri Amundinusarson Oefjoerd,  
Grindavik, Iceland

Jhair Ortega Noriega, San Miguelito, Panama

Chase Edward Reising, Newburgh

Preston Blake Risinger, Haubstadt

Joseph Scheller, Evansville  
*magna cum laude*

Elise Marie Schultheis, Evansville

Evan Garrett Slover, Linton

Cole Michael Theobald, Greensburg

Carson A. Tipton, Evansville

Brandon Werner, Evansville  
*cum laude*

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# COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS CEREMONY

## Saturday, May 4, 2024

### Noon

#### BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Amira Amir Alashi, Newburgh Sociology and World Languages and Cultures, <i>magna cum laude</i> UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR	Omar Mohamed Elhanafy, Bloomington World Languages and Cultures, <i>summa cum laude</i> UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR	Rebecca Danielle Lanham, Linton Public Relations and Advertising, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Conner Wayne Alford, Evansville Criminal Justice, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Kira Nicole England, Depauw Psychology	Sydni Danielle-Warrum Marshall, Lapel World Languages and Cultures
Rachel Allison Angermeier, Evansville Radio and Television	Preston C. Erickson, Avon English, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Alexandra Nicole McKinney, Belleville, Illinois World Languages and Cultures, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Quinn Steven Arial, Ottawa, Canada World Languages and Cultures	Allison Hope Fleck, Evansville Psychology, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Meagan Kristine Miller, Montgomery World Languages and Cultures Teaching, <i>summa cum laude</i> UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR
George Robert Belt, Evansville Philosophy, <i>cum laude</i>	Nikita Marie Fischer, Dubois, Illinois Global Studies	Riley Oakes, Evansville World Languages and Cultures
Kyla Grace Bower, Springville Anthropology and Global Studies, <i>magna cum laude</i> UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR	Adrianna Elizabeth Nichole Garcia, Washington Political Science and Philosophy	Hannah Elizabeth Robinson, Evansville World Languages and Cultures
Samantha Rose Bradley, Tipton Political Science, <i>cum laude</i>	David Drew Graber, Loogootee World Languages and Cultures, <i>summa cum laude</i> UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR	Cassidy Michelle Sozio, Newburgh Psychology, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Tia Brosmer, Schnellville Art, <i>cum laude</i> UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR	Alice Rose Graves, Evansville English Teaching and English, <i>magna cum laude</i> UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR	Ethan James Thieneman, Corydon Art, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Asher Marie Bulleit, Santa Claus Psychology, <i>cum laude</i>	Alexa Sky Haines, Indianapolis English	Megan MacKenzie Thomas, Wentzville, Missouri World Languages and Cultures Teaching, <i>summa cum laude</i>
Emily Ann Burgdorf, Evansville History	Clarissa Grace Hays, Noblesville Art, <i>cum laude</i> UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR	Emily Ann Thurman, Wadesville Global Studies, <i>summa cum laude</i>
McKenna Rose Carter, Louisville, Illinois World Languages and Cultures Teaching, <i>magna cum laude</i> UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR	Braeden Austin Hodge, Chandler World Languages and Cultures Teaching	Ryan Thomas VanBuskirk, Greenwood Political Science and World Languages and Cultures, <i>cum laude</i>
Cassandra Lynn Lee Cunningham, Evansville Psychology	Chase Matthew Hollenkamp, Woodlawn, Illinois Global Studies and World Languages and Cultures, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Kaitlen Elaine Wood, Wilmington, North Carolina Global Studies, <i>cum laude</i> UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR
		Jade Kathleen Young, Evansville Art

#### BACHELOR OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Brianna Lynn Aldana, Henderson, Kentucky Individualized Studies	Belinda S. Brown, Evansville Individualized Studies	Reace Coy, McLeansboro, Illinois Individualized Studies
Maria C. Austin, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota Individualized Studies	Logan D. Camp, Boonville Individualized Studies	Destiny L. Davenport, Indianapolis Individualized Studies
Donnevun Banks, Evansville Individualized Studies	Amelia Rose Cashel-Cordo, Newburgh Individualized Studies	Tammy Arlenda Forston, Boonville Individualized Studies
Anna Borowiecki, Newburgh Individualized Studies	Lane Cooper, Monrovia Individualized Studies	Roy Holcomb, Saint Joseph, Missouri Individualized Studies
Amber Nicolette Brinton, Evansville Individualized Studies	Eston F. Cotton, Henderson, Kentucky Individualized Studies	Steven Griffin Honeycutt, Henderson, Kentucky Individualized Studies

Da'Jour Duane Howard, Muncie  
Individualized Studies

Jack Ryan Hutchison, Newburgh  
Individualized Studies

Diana Joest, Evansville  
Individualized Studies

Ian Alexander Klingler, Evansville  
Individualized Studies

Emily Kovarik, Sesser, Illinois  
Individualized Studies, *cum laude*

Katie Lonneman, Terre Haute  
Individualized Studies

Brooke Lynn Luttrell, Evansville  
Individualized Studies

Parker Lane Maddox, Columbus  
Individualized Studies

Sheli L. Mays, Lexington, Kentucky  
Individualized Studies

Cassandra D. McCord, Newburgh  
Individualized Studies

Colton Matthew Meyer, Evansville  
Individualized Studies

Reghan Ann Moody, Linton  
Individualized Studies

Keegan A. Osmon, Zionsville  
Applied Studies

Kyndra Raye Parton, Evansville  
Individualized Studies

Kiyron Powell, Evansville  
Individualized Studies

Kale Wyatt Rister, Evansville  
Individualized Studies

Alexa Breanne Roach, Evansville  
Individualized Studies

Justin Douglas Rose, Mount Vernon  
Individualized Studies

Micah Marie Rothenberger, Bicknell  
Individualized Studies

Gavin Seebold, Jeffersonville  
Individualized Studies

Lillian Elizabeth Shrode, Evansville  
Individualized Studies

Kody James Steed, Evansville  
Individualized Studies

Muhau KirstinLinn Tippery, Odon  
Individualized Studies

Ricardo Andres Van Grieken Moran, Merida,  
Venezuela  
Individualized Studies

Michelle Lynn Vanosdol, Butlerville  
Individualized Studies

Tanner Scott Walton, Jackson, Missouri  
Individualized Studies

Spencer Warren, Dexter, Missouri  
Individualized Studies

Madison Marie Webb, Bedford  
Individualized Studies

Lucas Sergey Weinzapfel, Evansville  
Individualized Studies

Mackenzie Lin Wilson, Belleville  
Individualized Studies

Mar'Shai Ar'Chelle Wisdom, Evansville  
Individualized Studies

Rhonda Ronell Woolsey, Evansville  
Applied Studies, *cum laude*

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Daniel Amadi, Fishers  
Criminal Justice

Hannah Olivia Babbitt, Evansville  
Public Relations and Advertising, *cum laude*

Madison Christina Bahl, Crown Point  
Political Science

Annalee Payton Baltimore, Franklin  
Radio and Television, *cum laude*

Tyler Donald Beehn, Geff, Illinois  
History, *magna cum laude*

Mary Catherine Bender, Owensville  
Psychology, *summa cum laude*

Richard Alan Bennett, Evansville  
Art

Daniela Patricia Benson Peña, Evansville  
Psychology

Conner Alexander Benston, Jasper  
English

Allen Joseph Besing, Evansville  
History, *summa cum laude*

Kiernan E. Bittner, Evansville  
Art, *magna cum laude*

Madison Elisabeth Bockelman, Newburgh  
Psychology and Criminal Justice

Taylor Dawn Bogard, Evansville  
Psychology

Lia Marie Botello, Evansville  
Art

Alexis Arden Branch, Tennyson  
Art

Kristi Lynn Brantley, Henryville  
Radio and Television, *magna cum laude*

Madeline Breivogel, Evansville  
Criminal Justice, *cum laude*

Aubree Jo Brown, Lamar  
Public Relations and Advertising,  
*magna cum laude*

Lucas Thompson Brown, Mitchell  
History

Harli Browning, Franklin  
Psychology

Jada Marie Burton, Evansville  
Psychology

Mallory Brooke Burton, Olney, Illinois  
Journalism

Ness Calloway, Boonville  
English Teaching

Caroline Michelle Campbell, Newburgh  
Art

Samantha Rae Cardoza, Indianapolis  
Psychology, *cum laude*

Shane Xavier Carlisle, Newburgh  
Criminal Justice

Alexis Sue-Ann Carmack, Avon  
Psychology

Ethan Cameron Cecil, Newburgh  
Public Relations and Advertising

Jade Colclasure, West Salem, Illinois  
Psychology

Fletcher Riley Cook, Terre Haute  
English Teaching

Joshua James Cook, Loogootee  
Philosophy

Jacey Kay Cordray, Newburgh  
English Teaching

Cara Nicole Crosser, Evansville  
Psychology

Dillon Patrick Davidson, Evansville  
Criminal Justice, *cum laude*

Jace Morgan Day, Bloomington  
Public Relations and Advertising, *cum laude*

Corrinne Daisy Deffendall, Vincennes  
Psychology

Shaw Thomas Deters, Boonville  
Psychology, *magna cum laude*

Noah Walker DeVous, Equality, Illinois  
Psychology

Alyssa DeWig, Evansville  
Journalism, *cum laude*

Riley Dale Donoho, Salem, Illinois  
History, *cum laude*

Breona Michelle Doughty, Owensville  
Psychology

Kameron Reed Douglas, North Vernon  
Radio and Television

Evie Olivia Duncan, Evansville  
Political Science and Philosophy, *cum laude*

Molly Joan Durchholz, Evansville  
Art

Breanna Alizabeth Evans, Henderson, Kentucky  
Criminal Justice

Austin Jacob Ferrari, Evansville  
Theatre Arts

Chase Bryant Forston, Boonville  
Criminal Justice

Jenna Marie Frank, Evansville  
Psychology

Shayna Allison Franklin, Mount Vernon  
Psychology

Sebastian Neo Thomas Fulkerson, Evansville  
Communication Studies

Grace Anna Marie Ganster, Bloomfield  
Psychology

Alex Michael Garcia, New Harmony  
Psychology

Allie Drew Gee, Carmi, Illinois  
Art

Laura Marie Gobert, Jasper  
Public Relations and Advertising,  
*summa cum laude*

Elizabeth Lakin Goodman, Newburgh  
Psychology, *cum laude*

Callie Grace Graves, Evansville  
Psychology

Hunter Ford Greenwell, Terre Haute  
Art, *magna cum laude*

Isabel Rose Greiner, Nashville  
Art

Macy Rose Griner, Greenfield  
Psychology, *magna cum laude*

Meredith Kathleen Hagerty, Evansville  
Communication Studies and Public  
Relations and Advertising, *cum laude*

Abigail Kathleen Haines, Greenwood  
English Teaching

Rebekah Lynn Hamilton, Evansville  
Political Science, *summa cum laude*

Melissa Renee Hanebutt, Huntingburg  
Theatre Arts

Elizabeth Anne Harris, Greenfield  
Art and Environmental Science,  
*magna cum laude*

Andrew Charles Head, Evansville  
Sociology

Kati Reese Heinemann, Louisville, Kentucky  
Psychology  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Mariah Caitlyn Hief, Jasper  
Psychology

Justin Aaron Homberg, Westfield  
Criminal Justice and Political Science,  
*magna cum laude*

Gabriella Danae Howard, Owensboro, Kentucky  
Psychology

Pierce Michael Howard, Evansville  
Political Science

Eva Marie Hubbard, Greencastle  
Psychology  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Cole J. Hughes, Rockport  
History

Tyler Andrew Huyser, Evansville  
Radio and Television

Steven Robert James, Evansville  
Anthropology

Bronwyn Michelle John, Evansville  
Psychology

Mya Rae Johnson, Hope  
Psychology

Kaleb Alan Josey, Evansville  
Art, *magna cum laude*

Thomas Edward Kautzman, Owensville  
Political Science

Grant Thomas Lee, Evansville  
Criminal Justice

Julianna Lizzano, Princeton  
Psychology

Ethan Miles MacCowan, Franklin  
Radio and Television

Riley Katherine Marshall, Mount Vernon  
Criminal Justice

Madison Judith Martin, Evansville  
Psychology

Patricia Grace Martz, Peotone, Illinois  
History

Midori Matsuura, Chiba, Japan  
Political Science, *summa cum laude*

Blair Karla McKown, Auburn  
Theatre Arts

John Franklin McQuay IV, Evansville  
English

Grace Vivian Meece, Huntingburg  
Psychology and Criminal Justice, *cum laude*

Amanda Marie Meuth, Evansville  
Art, *cum laude*

Mackenzie Meyer, Newburgh  
Psychology

Taylor Lauren Minnette, Evansville  
Public Relations and Advertising

Jenna Marie Moise, Culver  
Psychology

Kenzie Layne Morris, Bloomfield  
Psychology

Ayane Jennifer Mundy, Dubois  
Sociology

Mollie Lynn Myers, Boonville  
Art, *cum laude*

Riley Oakes, Evansville  
Psychology

Jackelin Padilla-Silva, Jasper  
Criminal Justice, *cum laude*

Brianna Nicole Page, Freelandville  
History, *magna cum laude*

Bostyn Shaylee Parkhurst, Franklin  
Communication Studies

Kate Ann Phegley, Vincennes  
Psychology

Faith Evelyn Phelps, Elizabeth  
Psychology

Abbie Diana Pierce, Steepleville, Illinois  
Criminal Justice and Accounting and  
Professional Services

Karsten J. Powers, Evansville  
Anthropology

Jasmine M. Pozos, Petersburg  
Psychology

Sara Christine Pressley, Evansville  
Psychology

Kade Scooby Preston, Evansville  
Psychology, *cum laude*

Kierstin Olivia Prewitt, Evansville  
Theatre Arts and Psychology

Reanna L. Radford, Swansea, Illinois  
Criminal Justice

Skyler Faye Raley, Boonville  
Psychology, *magna cum laude*

Anthony Joseph Rawley, Evansville  
Political Science, *magna cum laude*  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Alexis Kahlan Reed, Monrovia  
Communication Studies, *magna cum laude*  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Emily Reiner, Tennyson  
Psychology

Soffia Grace Rieckers, Evansville  
Psychology

Eli Rae Rodenbarger, West Lebanon  
English

Aaron Josiah Rodgers, Evansville  
Anthropology, *magna cum laude*

Stephanie Marie Rowley, Corydon, Kentucky  
Psychology

Mariah Samm, Jasonville  
Art

Katelyn Sayyalinh, Rockford, Illinois  
Psychology

Alexander Robert Scheller, Evansville  
Political Science

Audrey Lynn Seng, Evansville  
Public Relations and Advertising, *cum laude*

Shawn Shepherd, Carmel  
Radio and Television

Ryan Alexander Sidney, Mount Vernon  
Psychology

Brian Douglas Sievers, Vincennes  
Radio and Television

Brandon Skidmore, Francisco  
Art, *cum laude*

Jayla Denise Smith, Henderson, Kentucky  
Psychology, *cum laude*

Meagan Danielle Smith, Newburgh  
Criminal Justice

Sydney Smithhart, Henderson, Kentucky  
Psychology

Taylor Brant Splittorff, Evansville  
Criminal Justice

Althea Rose Stachyra, Mount Vernon, Illinois  
Public Relations and Advertising,  
*magna cum laude*

Chloe M. Stirling, Troy, Illinois  
Public Relations and Advertising

Ashton Elyse Stone, Oakland City  
History and Philosophy

Kaitlyn Michelle Thomas, Bicknell  
Psychology and Sociology

Brooke Mackenzie Thomason, Noblesville  
Psychology

David John Thompson, Newburgh  
Public Relations and Advertising

Emily Ann Thurman, Wadesville  
Anthropology, *summa cum laude*  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Allison Mecay Trogden, Richland  
Public Relations and Advertising, *cum laude*

Timothy P. Tyler, New Richmond, Ohio  
History

Courtney Elizabeth Vittitow, Dubois  
Psychology, *magna cum laude*

Ethan Lane Wakeman, Carmel  
Communication Studies

Hannah Grace Waterkotte, Festus, Missouri  
Psychology

Madison Marie Watkins, Owensville  
Criminal Justice

James Quinton Watt, Carmi, Illinois  
Radio and Television

Braden J. Watts, Evansville  
Psychology

Elexus Kiara Mae Wells, Indianapolis  
Psychology

Emily Nicole Whitcomb, Evansville  
Art

Destiny Jeanette Williams, Evansville  
Public Relations and Advertising,  
*magna cum laude*

Jaylen Dewayne Williams, Evansville  
Theatre Arts

Kera Jade Wilson, Owensboro, Kentucky  
Psychology

Jennifer Lyn Winder, Jasper  
English

Kaitlen Elaine Wood, Wilmington, North Carolina  
English, *cum laude*

Bethany Simone Leah Woods, Gary  
Criminal Justice

Owen Jason Woods, Evansville  
Criminal Justice and Computer  
Information Systems

Rhonda Ronell Woolsey, Evansville  
Communication Studies, *cum laude*

Kaitlyn Louise Yurchiak, Greenfield  
Psychology

## BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

ShawnLee Jason Ackman, Evansville

Norah Elizabeth Armstrong, Greenwood  
*magna cum laude*

Baleigh Grace Ayers, Avon

Jacob Michael Bambenek, Newburgh  
*magna cum laude*

Olivia Carlene Bass, Evansville  
*magna cum laude*

Josie Leigh Louise Betsch, Mount Carmel, Illinois

Delaney Catherine Bigler, Georgetown  
*cum laude*

Leah Mae Bowers, Barnhill, Illinois  
*summa cum laude*

Austin Michael Boyer, Lawrenceville, Illinois  
*magna cum laude*

Grace Elizabeth Brown, Evansville  
*summa cum laude*

Madison Rai Bruce, Evansville

Taylor Renee Buedel, Evansville

Lexis Shae Collins, Evansville  
*magna cum laude*

Heleana Rhiann Dersch, Oakland City  
*cum laude*

Victoria Lynne Fetter, Ferdinand  
*cum laude*

Taylor Marie Fisher, Tennyson

Leah Danielle Fruit, Newburgh  
*cum laude*

Shelby Brooke Galey, Evansville  
*cum laude*

Kelly L. Gilley, Evansville

Kara Christine Gourley, Newburgh  
*magna cum laude*

Andrea Brooke Graber, Loogootee

Jasmine Ruth Hall, Dugger  
*magna cum laude*  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Chelby Maree Harper, Evansville

Dylan McCray Haskins, Chicago, Illinois  
*cum laude*

Kendra Marie Hoffman, Birdseye  
*magna cum laude*

Tianna Renee Inmon, Evansville

Elizabeth Jamison, Harrisburg, Illinois

Alecia Nicole Kalaher, Evansville  
*cum laude*

Leah Catherine Kerstiens, Celestine

Hannah Nicole Kleiser, Jasper

Paige Makenzie Macy, Wabash

Katlynn Marie Mayer, Evansville

Megan A. McCrory, Evansville

Anna Ruth Mleczeko, Lynnville

Faith Elizabeth Peak, Evansville  
*summa cum laude*

Thea Lynn Petry, Ferdinand  
*cum laude*

Skylar Lee Phelps, Evansville  
*magna cum laude*

Kailey Powers, Evansville  
*magna cum laude*

Natalie Kay Powers, Evansville  
*magna cum laude*

Sydney Ann Reininga, Henderson, Kentucky

Andrew Paul Rohloff, Bedford

Alexis M. Sales, Evansville  
*cum laude*

Audrey Erin Schoenbachler, Newburgh

Bryanna Nyee Scott, Evansville

Brendon J. Shoptaugh, Evansville

Kylee Marie Shoultz, Petersburg

Mark David Storms, Vincennes

Sadie Faye Summers, Taswell  
*magna cum laude*

Sadie Ann Suter, Martinsville

Madison Jade Wagoner, Loogootee  
*cum laude*

Paris Renae Wallace, Evansville

Madelynn Nicole Wood, Evansville  
*cum laude*

## ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Amaryllis Madeline Rose Hobbs, Wadesville  
Social Science

Adriane Brooke Long, Shelbyville, Kentucky  
Social Science

Kimberly Ann Pearson, Mount Vernon  
Social Science

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# ROMAIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS CEREMONY

## Saturday, May 4, 2024

### 3 p.m.

#### BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Alyssa Jade Bohleber, Evansville Business Administration	Emily Violet Keeler, Evansville Business Administration, <i>cum laude</i>	Connor Thomas Quick, Elberfeld Marketing
Andrew Joseph Brown, Newburgh Business Administration, <i>cum laude</i>	Tomas Matias, Evansville Finance	Hairo Rivas, Indianapolis Management
Keely Fuquay, Evansville Accounting and Professional Services, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Morgan Nicole McDonald, Newburgh Marketing	Mariia Sysoliatina, Togliatti, Russia Accounting and Professional Services
Isabelle Jean Hardebeck, Atlanta Business Administration	Suhaib Mohammed, Evansville Finance	Gabriel David Teruel, Evansville Accounting and Professional Services, <i>cum laude</i>
	Eric Ondash, Evansville Finance	

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Piercen Stephen Abbett, Jasper Business Administration	Adam Charles Brewer, Calhoun, Illinois Business Administration	Alden Clipp Crosby, Bedford Business Administration
Joseph Matthew Abdnour, Pittsboro Business Administration	Jacob Andrew Britt, Fairfield, Illinois Accounting and Professional Services, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Kaylee Ann Crowder, Cynthiana Business Administration
Addison Paige Ainscough, Cannelburg Business Administration	Taylor Grace Burkett, Trafalgar Business Administration	Daniel Joseph Darby, Newburgh Business Administration
Rushil Pathil Amin, Newburgh Finance	Christina Jolie Butler, Evansville Finance, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Christopher L. Davidson, Evansville Business Administration
Payton Taylor Bailey, Evansville Management	Evelyn Collins Campbell, Evansville Business Administration	Kyle J. Davidson, Evansville Management
Reece Gavin Bailey, Terre Haute Finance and Economics	Dawson Wayne Caswell, Evansville Business Administration	Haley Nicole Davis, Mount Vernon Accounting and Professional Services
Kara Baize, St. Croix Business Administration	Shelby Lenae Clark, Oakland City Marketing, <i>summa cum laude</i> UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR	Isabelle Ann Deisher, Mount Carmel, Illinois Marketing
Bryce William Baker, Shoals Economics	Dayana Colas, Evansville Business Administration	James Duffy Dillion III, Lanesville Marketing
Maxwell Robert Beadles, Princeton Business Administration	Ella Joleigh Conner, Evansville Accounting and Professional Services, <i>cum laude</i>	Joshua Erol Dolen, Evansville Business Administration
Tyler Conrad Beeson, Mount Vernon Business Administration	Preston Dana Coots, West Lafayette Finance	Olivia Lauren Frank Donovan, Evansville Business Administration
Samuel Mason Benoist, Foristell, Missouri Economics	Jean Coupet, Lawrence Computer Information Systems	Mark Thomas Doyle, Santa Claus Business Administration, <i>cum laude</i>
Kairvi Vipulkumar Bhatt, Evansville Computer Science	Logan Tyler Crawford, Mount Vernon Finance	Jameson Cain Duce, Evansville Computer Science
Alexa Marie Blank, Lanesville Marketing	Vincent Amato Crispino-Spillane, New Harmony Computer Information Systems	Katherine Elizabeth Durcholz, Indianapolis Business Administration
Camryn Elizabeth Boylls, Elberfeld Computer Information Systems		Mason Hanley Durnil, Grandview Computer Information Systems
Reese Allen Brady, Bedford Finance and Marketing		Charles David Logan East, Evansville Computer Information Systems

Tucker James Ebest, Evansville  
Business Administration

Cruz Riley Effinger, Evansville  
Business Administration

Jack Donald Ellis, Jeffersonville  
Business Administration

Braeden Sebastian Etienne, Leopold  
Computer Information Systems

Adam Lee Euler, Evansville  
Management

Blake Alan Fehr, Evansville  
Finance

Elizabeth Marie Fifer, Wadesville  
Management, *cum laude*

Caleb Fish, Bloomfield  
Business Administration

Steven R. Folz, Evansville  
Business Administration, *cum laude*

Hunter Alexander Fox, Evansville  
Computer Information Systems

Griffin E. Freudenberg, Newburgh  
Computer Science

Nicholas Cameron Fulling, Evansville  
Finance

Alec Delain Garner, Carmi, Illinois  
Computer Information Systems

Leanna Elizabeth Gatton, Lanesville  
Economics

Sydney N. Given, Newburgh  
Computer Science, *cum laude*

Cassidy Sue Goebel, Evansville  
Business Administration

Kassandra Michelle Goebel, Evansville  
Business Administration

Max Gonzales, Evansville  
Computer Science, *cum laude*  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Benjamin Robert Gordon, Evanston  
Business Administration

Audrey Rene Graber, Odon  
Economics and Finance

Jonathan Owen Graves, New Harmony  
Finance and Economics

Nicholas Riley Grayer, New Albany  
Computer Science

Jacob Alexander Greenwell, Evansville  
Business Administration

Halle Grace Gutwein, Demotte  
Management, *cum laude*

Clayton Halbig, Mount Carmel, Illinois  
Management

Garland Patrick Hall, Evansville  
Accounting and Professional Services,  
*summa cum laude*

Tyler Jeremiah Hammonds, Evansville  
Business Administration

Raymond Cole Happe, Evansville  
Business Administration

Camden Matthew Hart, Haubstadt  
Computer Information Systems

Jessica Elaine Hart, Washington  
Management

McKenna Marie Hawblitzel, Warsaw  
Business Administration, *cum laude*

Abigail Haynes, Vincennes  
Business Administration

Nicholas Alphonsus Hittle, Indianapolis  
Business Administration, *cum laude*

Chase Matthew Hollenkamp, Woodlawn, Illinois  
Economics, *summa cum laude*  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Samantha Gene Hopf, Jasper  
Marketing and Business Administration

Madeline Elizabeth Taylor Houston,  
Owensboro, Kentucky  
Business Administration and Economics,  
*magna cum laude*  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Pelita Virtudazo Huffman, Evansville  
Accounting and Professional Services

Gaven Michael Hughes, Columbus  
Business Administration and Marketing

Roger Duane Hunter III, Huntingburg  
Accounting and Professional Services,  
*magna cum laude*

Alaire Elisabeth Hutchins, Evansville  
Business Administration

Connor James Jaynes, Indianapolis  
Business Administration and Finance,  
*magna cum laude*

Delajah Raine Johnson, Indianapolis  
Business Administration

Tevin William Johnson, Indianapolis  
Computer Science

Emily D. Jones, West Salem, Illinois  
Business Administration

Craig Karcher, Evansville  
Business Administration

Connor Reese Keeling, Evansville  
Accounting and Professional Services

Lois Kate Kinser, Bedford  
Management, *summa cum laude*

Madison Alexis Klem, Dale  
Business Administration

Kaedan E. Kluesner, French Lick  
Management

Wiktor Tomasz Kobylanski, Newburgh  
Marketing

Christian Philip Kocher, Evansville  
Finance, *magna cum laude*

Parriah Shibre Laramore Milton, Warsaw  
Accounting and Professional Services

Emma C. Lasher, Evansville  
Marketing, *magna cum laude*

Dylen Matthew Lawson, Corydon  
Management

David Clark Lengacher, Loogootee  
Marketing, *cum laude*

Jaeden Kade Lengacher, Montgomery  
Accounting and Professional Services  
and Finance, *summa cum laude*  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Jeremy James Levine, Queen Creek, Arizona  
Computer Science, *cum laude*

Taylor Nicole Litteken, Foristell, Missouri  
Business Administration and Marketing

Zachary Wyndham Lynn, Evansville  
Computer Information Systems

Sydni Danielle-Warrum Marshall, Lapel  
Business Administration

Hannah Rene Martin, Fort Branch  
Business Administration

Valine Massenat, Greenwood  
Business Administration

Braden Shane Matthews, Princeton  
Management, *cum laude*

Jack T. Mattingly, Evansville  
Economics

Grace Elizabeth McConnell, Boonville  
Business Administration, *magna cum laude*

Matthew Ryan McCoy, Attica  
Computer Science

Conner James McGinnis, O'Fallon, Illinois  
Management

Mackenzi Eryn McIntosh, Oblong, Illinois  
Business Administration and Finance,  
*magna cum laude*

Vaida Nell Medler, Allendale, Illinois  
Marketing

Hunter James Meredith, Trafalgar  
Management

Samuel Maxwell Mervis, Indianapolis  
Management, *magna cum laude*

Nicholas Dean Meucci, Memphis, Tennessee  
Business Administration

John Webster Mielke, Downers Grove, Illinois  
Accounting and Professional Services,  
*magna cum laude*

Alexis Suann Mitchell, Eldorado, Illinois  
Accounting and Professional Services  
and Finance, *magna cum laude*

Malakye Aaron Moody, Princeton  
Business Administration, *cum laude*

Garett Allon Morley, Washington  
Marketing

Joshua Malcolm Myers II, Greensburg Computer Science, <i>cum laude</i>	Jacob Rusk, Evansville Marketing	Aubrey M. Sullivan, Columbus Business Administration
Chloe Layne Naas, Haubstadt Marketing	Haleigh Elizabeth Rynski, Woodlawn Accounting and Professional Services, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Race D. Summers, Evansville Business Administration
Connor Nelson, French Lick Management	Gilberto Sanchez, Evansville Finance	Jacob Lee Sumner, Evansville Business Administration
Jacob Michael Newman, Wadesville Accounting and Professional Services	Cole Thomas Sanders, Bedford Business Administration	Raito Takeoka, Japan Business Administration, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Garrett Bradley Nix, Santa Claus Computer Science	Ashley Julianne Schwartz, Fort Branch Business Administration	Nathan A. Teller, Lancaster, South Carolina Computer Information Systems
Zachary Mason Ortman, Crothersville Computer Information Systems, <i>cum laude</i>	Ajay Jeffrey Sermersheim, Jasper Accounting and Professional Services, <i>cum laude</i>	Kalin Faith Tenbarge, Louisville, Kentucky Business Administration
Esther Sui Par, Evansville Accounting and Professional Services	Jacob Andrew Sermersheim, Evansville Accounting and Professional Services, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Tucker Nathan Thiel, Brazil Accounting and Professional Services
Het Patel, Newburgh Marketing and Computer Information Systems	Jaylyn Makanalani Shake, Carmel Marketing	Eleanor Grace Thomas, Fairfield, Illinois Business Administration
Calyssa J. Peralta, Evansville Finance	Triston D. Sheets, Bedford Business Administration	Tanner Joe Tichenor, Owensville Finance
Jordan Perkins, Evansville Management	Peyton M. Short, Greenwood Accounting and Professional Services	Elijah John Toavs, Evansville Economics and Mathematics, <i>summa cum laude</i>
Faith Abigail Peterlin, Evansville Business Administration	Evan Wayne Simmons, Petersburg Accounting and Professional Services, <i>cum laude</i>	Taylor Mackenzie Tracy, Robinson, Illinois Management
Abbie Diana Pierce, Steeleville, Illinois Accounting and Professional Services and Criminal Justice	Bryce Daniel Simpson, Fort Branch Finance, <i>magna cum laude</i>	James Frank Vincent III, Evansville Economics
Jacob Matthew Pierre, Evansville Marketing	Hayley Lauren Sink, Macedonia, Illinois Finance	Kyler Ray Wagner, Evansville Finance, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Bryce Michael Pope, Dugger Finance, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Gideon Smith, Bone Gap, Illinois Business Administration	Gavin Alexander Wallen, Brazil Business Administration
William Brandon Potts, Henderson, Kentucky Business Administration	Taylor Paige Snell, Greensburg Marketing	Tiffany Marie Waninger, Tell City Business Administration
Elijah David Price, Henderson, Kentucky Computer Information Systems	Brevin Dean Snellenberger, Lewis Computer Science	Noah Christopher Whann, Otwell Business Administration
Kally Ann Priest, Henderson, Kentucky Business Administration	Diego Alejandro Socorro Neira, Maracaibo, Venezuela Marketing	Austin Lee Whittedge, Evansville Accounting and Professional Services
Meredith Grace Raley, Haubstadt Marketing and Finance	Carter Alexander Stamm, Jasper Finance	Drake Joseph Wies, Boonville Business Administration
Salvador Curiel Reyes, Newburgh Computer Information Systems	Claire Marie Steinkuhl, Evansville Computer Information Systems, <i>cum laude</i>	Scott Castiel Winchester, Evansville Computer Science
Cameron W. Rich, Evansville Management	Aidan Stiles, Newburgh Computer Science, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Jacob Daniel Winternheimer, Evansville Finance and Economics, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Lance Roach, Washington Finance, <i>cum laude</i>	Kaitlyn Ann Sturgeon, Bristow Accounting and Professional Services and Finance	Owen Jason Woods, Evansville Computer Information Systems and Criminal Justice
Benjamin Andrew Rugani, Evansville Business Administration		Daniel B. Yeager, Chrisney Business Administration

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# COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

## CEREMONY

### Saturday, May 4, 2024

### 6 p.m.

#### BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Danielle Adams, Birdseye Health Services, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Ellison Belle Burton, French Lick Health Services	Kaitlyn Griffie, Brazil Respiratory Therapy
Jawad Eissa A. Alabed, Alqatif, Saudi Arabia Respiratory Therapy, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Whitnye Lee Burton, Westport Respiratory Therapy, <i>cum laude</i>	Kayla Jane Griffin, Waco, Texas Radiologic and Imaging Sciences
Noor Jawad Alameer, Al-Ahsa, Saudi Arabia Diagnostic Medical Sonography, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Keely Danielle Byers, Newburgh Health Services, <i>cum laude</i>	Emma Elizabeth Hahn, Mount Olive, Illinois Dental Hygiene, <i>cum laude</i>
Emily Grace Armstrong, Corydon Health Administration, <i>cum laude</i>	Kaleb Arthur Childers, Herrin, Illinois Radiologic and Imaging Sciences, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Abeba Kabtyimer Haile, London, United Kingdom Respiratory Therapy
Megan Elizabeth Armstrong, Evansville Health Administration, <i>cum laude</i>	Ella Nicole Clapacs, Owensboro, Kentucky Radiologic and Imaging Sciences	Heather Lea Hannah, Poseyville Food and Nutrition, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Abigail Elise Arroyo, Evansville Diagnostic Medical Sonography, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Emma Rose Clark, Newburgh Dental Hygiene, <i>cum laude</i>	Sydney Diana Hardin, Evansville Radiologic and Imaging Sciences, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Abigail Dianne Aubuchon, St. Louis, Missouri Health Administration	Peyton Marie Crace, Marysville Dental Hygiene, <i>cum laude</i>	Taylor Brooke Hayes, Springville Food and Nutrition, <i>summa cum laude</i>
Alyssa Jewl Awrey, Indianapolis Respiratory Therapy	Kalyn Ru Tao Craig, Evansville Diagnostic Medical Sonography, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Analisa Suzanne Hein, Evansville Health Services, <i>cum laude</i>
Chaney Suzanne Barrett, Huntingburg Dental Hygiene, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Benjamin M. Davis, Boonville Respiratory Therapy, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Kathryn Nicole Horeis, Normal, Illinois Dental Hygiene
Riley Cassandra Beaman, Bruceville Dental Hygiene, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Miranda Dressler, Beech Grove Health Services	Anna Hotz, Evansville Diagnostic Medical Sonography
Morgan Michelle Bender, Evansville Diagnostic Medical Sonography, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Morgan Elizabeth Dunlap, Argos Dental Hygiene, <i>cum laude</i>	Kara Jenae Hughes, Cannelburg Radiologic and Imaging Sciences, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Deniece Carroll Biggerstaff, Bloomfield Health Services	Daphanie Lynn Ehrmann, Gosport Health Services	Kennedy Olivia Johnson, Vincennes Dental Hygiene
Lauren Taylor Blank, Olney, Illinois Health Services	Rylie Shea Farr, Wadesville Respiratory Therapy, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Shaolin Iesha Johnson, Carrier Mills, Illinois Health Administration
Brynnan Michelle Booth, Owensboro, Kentucky Diagnostic Medical Sonography, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Kassidy Cammeyl Fennig, Portland Radiologic and Imaging Sciences, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Emily Beatrice Jones, Lanesville Dental Hygiene
Allannah Nichole Brenner, Upland Health Services	Ashlyn Marie Ferree, Bloomfield Dental Hygiene	Elizabeth Dawn Jost, Elberfeld Radiologic and Imaging Sciences, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Katelyn Ann Brewer, Sussex, Wisconsin Dental Hygiene, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Hannah Lee Fichter, Newburgh Radiologic and Imaging Sciences, <i>cum laude</i>	Crystal Killian, Bloomington Health Services, <i>cum laude</i>
Tabari Brickhouse, Amelia, Virginia Respiratory Therapy	Makinly Taylor Fitzwater, Rockport Diagnostic Medical Sonography	Mary Klinghagen, Evansville Diagnostic Medical Sonography
Alyssa Ann Bright, Owensville Respiratory Therapy	Cheyenne Lei Graham, Greencastle Dental Hygiene	Victor Aaron Kostbade, Newburgh Radiologic and Imaging Sciences
Miah Kristine Bromm, Jasper Radiologic and Imaging Sciences	Colby Thomas Graves, Springville Health Administration	Phoebe Aira Kuhlig, Evansville Health Services

Emily Madison LeMasters, Shelbyville Dental Hygiene	Crystal Aika Peterson, Greenfield Diagnostic Medical Sonography, <i>magna cum laude</i> UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR	Alexis Kennedy Stafford, Dubois Dental Hygiene, <i>summa cum laude</i>
Rebeka Mesfen Luis, Hyattsville, Maryland Respiratory Therapy	Sadie Elizabeth Petty, Indianapolis Dental Hygiene, <i>cum laude</i>	Michaela Rose Stevens, Haubstadt Respiratory Therapy, <i>cum laude</i>
Gabrielle Cristina McCarty, Plainfield Health Services	Abigail Mae Provines, Bloomington Radiologic and Imaging Sciences, <i>cum laude</i>	Makayla Renee Swafford, Mooresville Dental Hygiene, <i>cum laude</i>
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Alexis Carson Merchant, Troy, Illinois Health Services, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Jillian Ivy Reeves, Vincennes Health Services, <i>cum laude</i>	Emily Christine Thomas, Loogootee Dental Hygiene
Amie Renae Morell, Newburgh Health Services, <i>cum laude</i>	Carol Ann Richter, Mount Olivet, Kentucky Radiologic and Imaging Sciences, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Limpo Dianna Tippery, Evansville Health Services, <i>cum laude</i>
Valentina Mariana Moskal, Salem, Illinois Radiologic and Imaging Sciences, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Alyson Sinclair Riddle, Indianapolis Health Services	Chanda Turpin, Evansville Health Administration
Brittany Marie Murray, Washington Radiologic and Imaging Sciences	Lisa Ronquillo, Foster City, California Respiratory Therapy	Kara Bentleigh Tynes, Newburgh Radiologic and Imaging Sciences, <i>summa cum laude</i>
Zachary John Negulis, Greenville, Kentucky Respiratory Therapy	Katelyn Nicole Runyan, Clinton Health Services, <i>cum laude</i>	Vanessa Marie Van Bibber, Evansville Food and Nutrition
Kenzie Allison Neukam, Huntingburg Food and Nutrition	Brittany D. Rutter, Sturgis, Kentucky Radiologic and Imaging Sciences	Karlana Joy Wagler, Loogootee Respiratory Therapy
Katelyn Nichole Norman, Evansville Respiratory Therapy	Miranda Lynn Schlachter, Ferdinand Health Services, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Hadley Mae Weatherly, Equality, Illinois Dental Hygiene, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Sarah Jane Obermeier, Jasper Food and Nutrition, <i>cum laude</i>	Jayden Elizabeth Shaff, Mitchell Health Services	Courtney Nicole Weisheit, Haysville Dental Hygiene, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Adeline Paige Osborne, Westfield Diagnostic Medical Sonography, <i>cum laude</i>	Susan Shepherd, Plainfield Respiratory Therapy	Hadley Welden, Waverly, Kentucky Health Services, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Taryn Renae Osha, Boonville Dental Hygiene, <i>cum laude</i>	Adison Claire Smith, Martinsville Radiologic and Imaging Sciences	Mattison Louise Wescher, Valparaiso Radiologic and Imaging Sciences, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Sydney Paige Parsons, Haubstadt Dental Hygiene, <i>magna cum laude</i>		Sydney Lynn Yates, Dixon, Kentucky Dental Hygiene, <i>magna cum laude</i>

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Shelby A. Adkins, Rockport	Grace Elizabeth Butrum, Evansville	Lily Madeline Dahl, St. Charles, Missouri <i>summa cum laude</i>
Cassandra Vasiliki Aegerter, Saint Louis, Missouri	Jesarey Logronio Caalim, Fort Branch	Ryan Clay Davidson, Indianapolis
Cassandra O. Barnett, Evansville	Cameron Andrew Chapman, Boonville	Terra Delano, Evansville <i>cum laude</i>
Mackenzie G. Bedrick, Brownsburg <i>summa cum laude</i>	Abigail Lisa Childs, Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania	Kassidy May Drone, Mount Carmel, Illinois <i>cum laude</i>
Danielle Elizabeth Benton, Huntingburg	Casey Dion Clark, Oakland City <i>magna cum laude</i>	Kristen Leann Earhart, Mount Vernon <i>magna cum laude</i>
Alyssa Blair, Westfield	Madison Nicole Cozart, Norris City, Illinois	Sydney R. England, Elberfeld
Alaina C. Boorman, Newburgh	Caylyn Nicole Cronin, Tell City <i>magna cum laude</i>	Abigail Elizabeth Enright, Boonville
Abigail Marie Braun, Sellersburg <i>magna cum laude</i>	Drake Allan Cunningham, Linton	
Autumn Bumps, Louisville, Kentucky		

Tatyana May Escalante-Robertson, Greensburg	Amelia Ruth Janes, Lanesville	Claire Elizabeth Remley, New Ross
Autumn Nicole Evans, Radom, Illinois <i>cum laude</i>	Kylie Lynn Jernigan, Manchester, Tennessee <i>cum laude</i>	Mackenzie Jo Reuter, Versailles
McKenna CJ Evans, Peotone, Illinois <i>cum laude</i>	Sarah Michelle Jones, Evansville <i>cum laude</i> UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR	Selena Richardson, Greenwood
Raegan Kailynn Fasig, Bloomington, Illinois	Amber Nicole Judy, Indianapolis	Jasmine Taylor Robbins, Evansville <i>cum laude</i>
Miranda Ferrero, Newburgh	Hailey Marie Kessler, Hoyleton, Illinois <i>summa cum laude</i> UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR	Giuliana Rubinacci, Terre Haute
Molly Finn, Newburgh	Alexis Haley King, Jasper <i>cum laude</i>	Brooklyn Grace Scales, Boonville
Jennifer Louise Flynn, Bloomington	Hannah Ambrosia Lemmel, Corydon	Amaris Sheaks, Camby
Amanda Marie Ford, Saint Louis, Missouri <i>magna cum laude</i>	Taylor Lauren Lepper, Monroeville	Spencer Elizabeth Smith, Boonville
Taleesha Monae Ford, Indianapolis	Madelyn Rose Martin, Borden	Chaela Lee Soulliere-Sparks, Harrisburg, Illinois
Ricky Cooper Forshee, Newburgh	Mallory Lashae Maynard, Zephyrhills, Florida <i>cum laude</i>	Carina Ann Stanley, Houston, Texas
Kalie Marie Fry, Greensburg <i>magna cum laude</i>	Ellie Kate McGowin, Greenwood	Ashton Elisabeth Stine, Mount Carmel, Illinois <i>cum laude</i>
Hannah M. Fulcher, Greenville, Kentucky	Madison Jane McIntire, Mount Carmel, Illinois <i>cum laude</i>	Emma C. Swanson, Evansville <i>cum laude</i>
Dennis A. Gaviria Vargas, Indianapolis	Breann Nicole Mehringer, Jasper <i>summa cum laude</i>	Lisa Thayer, Goshen
Jerzee Rane Gee, Williams	Sandra Mensah-Bonsu, Accra, Ghana	Rebecca Ryan Therber, Rockport
Keely Jon Gehring, Newburgh	Darian Montgomery, Ladoga	Christine Lea Treece, Terre Haute
Kelsie Michelle Gerth, Madison	Madelyn Rose Morris, Mooresville	Cari Anne Trowbridge, Morganfield, Kentucky
Adam Glaze, New Lisbon	Julie Ann Mueller, Evansville	Madison Grace Underwood, Seymour
Madison Paige Goodley, Pittsburg, Illinois <i>cum laude</i>	Regan Lea Mundy, Jasper <i>magna cum laude</i>	Shaunna Marie Voss, Terre Haute
Callie Grace Graves, Evansville	Madisen Nicole Nomanson, Crown Point	Rebecca Ann Wagner, Lawrenceville, Illinois <i>cum laude</i>
Taylor Ann Gries, Evansville	Laura Jean Nunn, Henderson, Kentucky	Erin Jean Wall, Martinsville
Alyssa Renea Harris, Bedford	Hannah Rae Nurrenbern, Mount Vernon	Kiera Denice Waller, Washington
Cecelia Brianna Hartmann, Evansville	Bukola Inioluwa Olatunde, Indianapolis	Hayley Marie Sue Waninger, Saint Meinrad <i>cum laude</i>
Sofia Alexandra Hernandez, Newburgh <i>cum laude</i> UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR	Megan A. Onay, Newburgh	Claire Elizabeth Wendholt, Huntingburg
Kylie Grace Hicks, Princeton <i>cum laude</i>	Lauren Christine Rakers, Trenton, Illinois <i>magna cum laude</i>	Taylor Dannielle Wesner, Bedford
Abigail Cherie Holmes, Owensville	Hailey Rebecca Reas, Corydon	Emma Kristine Williams, Monrovia UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR
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# UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA



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

From its initial stages of planning in the early 1960s, community leaders have supported the University by providing a solid base for its present success and future growth. For more than 59 years, the University has continued to uphold its mission under the strong leadership of its first three presidents, David L. Rice, H. Ray Hoops, Linda L. M. Bennett and now, Rochon.

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

## USI Today

USI enrolls nearly 9,300 dual credit, undergraduate and graduate students in more than 130 areas of study. A public higher education institution located on a beautiful 1,400-acre campus, USI offers programs through the Romain College of Business, College of Liberal Arts, College of Nursing and Health Professions, the Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education and the School of Graduate Studies.

The College of Nursing and Health Professions also offers classes at the Stone Family Center for Health Sciences in downtown Evansville. The University offers study-abroad opportunities in many countries and is host to international students from around the globe.

USI is a two-time Carnegie Foundation Community Engaged University and offers programs and services to more than 15,000 participants annually through Outreach and Engagement. Programs and services include the Center for Applied Research, College Achievement Program, Community Engagement, Historic New Harmony, Historic Southern Indiana, New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art, Corporate Partnerships and Customized Training, Lifelong Learning Noncredit Programs, ROTC, Safety Training, Service Learning, Southern Indiana Japanese School, and the Veteran, Military and Family Resource Center.

A competitive member of NCAA Division I and the Ohio Valley Conference, USI offers 19 varsity intercollegiate men's and women's sports.

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

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

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

USI is engaged in its 2021–25 five-year strategic plan which includes four overarching goals:

- Improve Student Success
- Foster Impactful Engagement
- Elevate Visibility and Reputation
- Strengthen Financial Viability

These four goals, along with the core values of integrity, exceptional education, transformative learning, inclusive and diverse community and external engagement, are a roadmap for the University's future.

Today, more than 52,000 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 through the knowledge gained from here—USI, their alma mater—they ignite transformation 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. The University of Southern Indiana Presidential Medallion signifies the authority bestowed upon the president.

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

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

During the Romain College of Business Ceremony, a replica of the Presidential Medallion will be presented to Shelby L. Clark '24. This is the highest honor given to a graduating senior.

## Gonfalons

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

At the University of Southern Indiana, gonfalons represent each major academic unit; faculty members and department heads serve as gonfaloniers. First used in 2005 and presented to the University as a gift from the Campus Store, new gonfalons were needed and fabricated for the 2019 Inauguration Ceremony.

## University Seal

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

Between the two banners displaying the University's name appears an open book, illuminated by the torch of knowledge. Trees on either side of the flame suggest not only the University's pastoral Southern Indiana setting but also life, growth and continuity.

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

## University Mace

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

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

Designed and fabricated by Nicholas Logsdon of Indianapolis, the gold-plated mace bears at the top, above the cane's golden head, an open orb with a replica of the University Seal.

The orb's free-flowing design symbolizes interrelationships among all academic disciplines. Immediately below the cane's orb, three two-inch, golden rings bear the names and appointment dates of the University presidents. The names of Kenneth Dale Owen, Jane Blaffer Owen and James A. Sanders, donors of the mace, appear on a finial near the bottom of the cane replica.

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

# COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

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## Academic Regalia

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

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

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

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

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

Doctoral and master's degree candidates will receive hoods distinctive to their degrees. The honorary doctoral hoods of the University of Southern Indiana are black, lined with blue satin with red satin chevrons. They are edged with white velvet. Retired members of the University faculty can be recognized in today's ceremony by the blue, red and white cords.

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

## Baccalaureate Scholarship Honors

The baccalaureate degree candidate graduating with either a 4.0 or the highest grade point average graduates *summa cum laude*. Baccalaureate students with a grade point average of

3.80 or higher graduate *magna cum laude*. Those with grade point averages between 3.60 and 3.79 graduate *cum laude*. These achievements are set forth on the individual diplomas. Honor students 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 Pins

Graduates in each ceremony are receiving alumni lapel pins with the University logo as a gift from the University of Southern Indiana Alumni Council.

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## Photography During Ceremony

GradImages® will take photos of each graduate throughout the ceremony. Approximately one week after Commencement, GradImages® will email proofs to graduates' USI email address and/or preferred email address. For further information, you may contact GradImages® at 800-628-4509. 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 will be available following the ceremonies on social media platforms. A gallery of images and prints also are available for order at [usiphotos.zenfolio.com/usigrad](http://usiphotos.zenfolio.com/usigrad).

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### *The University of Southern Indiana Alma Mater*

*Lyrics: David G. O'Neil*

*Original Music: Daniel R. Craig*

Where the North meets the South,  
And the East meets the West,  
Where roads cross tall fields of grain,  
Where Evansville stands on the Ohio's rough sands,  
May we evermore hear that refrain.

USI... USI...

Constant, faithful, and true.  
We'll remember our home, wherever we roam.  
In our hearts, we'll be loyal to you.

On these grounds by the people,  
For the people endowed,  
We honor the red, blue and white  
And that name we'll hold dear  
To the end of our years  
As we lift up our voices on high.

USI... USI...

Constant, faithful, and true.  
We'll remember our home, wherever we roam.  
In our hearts, we'll be loyal to you.  
In our hearts, we'll be loyal to you.