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Catching up with medal winners

This issue of *USI Magazine* features several alumni who are past recipients of the President's Medal. We bring you up to date with what these outstanding graduates have been doing since the University president slipped the medal over their heads some years ago. The President's Medal is the highest award the University bestows on a graduating senior.

Before this issue went to press, we were in touch with one more medal winner. Dr. Neil Martin, an anaesthesiologist in Jasper, Indiana, received the award in 1984, the year it was established.

A Boonville, Indiana, native, Martin enrolled at the University of Southern Indiana having heard that the Department of Biology had a good track record of preparing students for medical school. After earning an undergraduate degree, he enrolled at Indiana University School of Medicine, completing the first two years at the Evansville center and the final two in Indianapolis. He received an Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship which provided assistance with medical school costs.

After earning an M.D. degree in 1988, he completed an internship at the naval hospital in San Diego and a residency in anaesthesiology at the naval hospital in Oakland, California. Later, he spent a year at the naval hospital in Twentynine Palms, California. During a two-year assignment to the Whidbey Island Naval Air Station in Washington he helped staff the Navy's Sixth Fleet hospital assigned to the former Yugoslavia, where United Nations forces representing more than 20 countries were trying to put an end to conflict.

"We treated more casualties in our time there than any other field hospital had treated since Vietnam," he said.

Martin returned to Indiana to practice in 1995.

Catch up with other President's Medal recipients in the article beginning on page 8.



Betty R. Vawter



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ON THE COVER

Getting around campus is a lot more fun in a bus wrapped with images of USI students.

Governor appoints USI alumnus to ICHE



Sendelweck

Ken Sendelweck '76 of Jasper, Indiana, has been named to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. Governor Mitch Daniels made the appointment August 1.

Sendelweck replaces John Fernandez, who resigned from the commission earlier in 2006. Sendelweck will serve the remainder of the term which will expire on July 1, 2008. He will be eligible for reappointment at that time.

Sendelweck is president of German American Bank and treasurer of the Dubois County Economic Development Corporation.

An accounting graduate, he recently was named the 2006 USI Distinguished Accountant by the College of Business accounting program and the Accounting Circle. The award recognizes professional achievement, service to the region and/or the University, and service to the accounting profession.

Enrollment tops 10,000 for third year

USI welcomes best freshman class ever

For the third consecutive year, enrollment has topped 10,000 students at the University of Southern Indiana. Official enrollment figures indicate that 10,025 students enrolled for fall semester.

Enrollment is up in continuing undergraduate and graduate students. The entering class has exceeded 2,100 students for the third year in succession. This year's freshman class includes 2,105 first-time students.

Dr. Robert Parrent, vice president for Student Affairs, said this year's freshman class is better prepared academically. Freshmen earned 952 departmental scholarships, up from 829 last year. Departmental scholarships are awarded to select scholars who meet specific criteria regarding achievement in academics or creative excellence in theatre, art, or creative writing.

The 2006 freshman class has 54 high school valedictorians from Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, and California, including 23 from Vanderburgh, Warrick, Gibson, and Posey counties; 14 are from Evansville high schools. There are 133 students in the class who automatically qualify for the Honors Program.

The majority of students, 6,181, continue to come from Vanderburgh and contiguous counties. Students from other Indiana counties number 2,724.



USI enrolled 10,025 students for fall, including a freshman class with 54 high school valedictorians.

University to host Pott Foundation Tri-State Regional Science and Engineering Fair

The University of Southern Indiana will host the Pott Foundation Tri-State Science and Engineering Fair in March.

A spring tradition for area middle school and high school students, the 2007 event will be held March 6-7. The fair is open to students in grades six to 12 from schools within a 75-mile radius of Evansville.

Dr. Scott Gordon, dean of the USI Pott College of Science and Engineering, said, "USI is a leader in areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education. The science and engineering fair will help the University connect with area teachers and outstanding students in STEM areas."

He added, "We are grateful to the Pott Foundation for agreeing to be the title sponsor of the fair. It will be the largest celebration of science in the Tri-State and will offer an exciting opportunity for students to display their research projects and receive recognition for their work."

The event will serve as the qualifier for the state and International Science and Engineering Fair (this year in Albuquerque, New Mexico). Awards will include six \$1,500 renewable USI scholarships in the senior division, cash awards, and plaques for winners. In addition, cash awards will go to classrooms with the most participants at the junior and senior divisions and to the classrooms of the winners, plus other awards. Persons who want to offer an award or assist in sponsoring can call Gordon at 812/465-7137.

The University of Evansville discontinued its longtime administrative sponsorship of the fair in July but will continue to support both the regional and state events through scholarship awards and assistance in judging.

For additional information:
www.usi.edu/science/fair

McGarrah co-edits *Home Again* anthology

Indiana native Jim McGarrah '99, '01, University of Southern Indiana assistant professor of English, is co-editor of a new anthology of essays about living in Indiana.

The book *Home Again: Essays and Memoirs from Indiana* is published by the Indiana Historical Society Press. In addition to McGarrah, USI faculty contributors are Patricia Aakhus, Leisa Belleau, Matthew Graham, and Dr. Thomas Wilhelmus.

McGarrah wrote the title essay about moving back to southern Indiana

after living and working at racetracks for a decade. The book ends with an essay by Kurt Vonnegut (*Slaughterhouse-Five*) on being a native Midwesterner. Vonnegut is from Indianapolis.

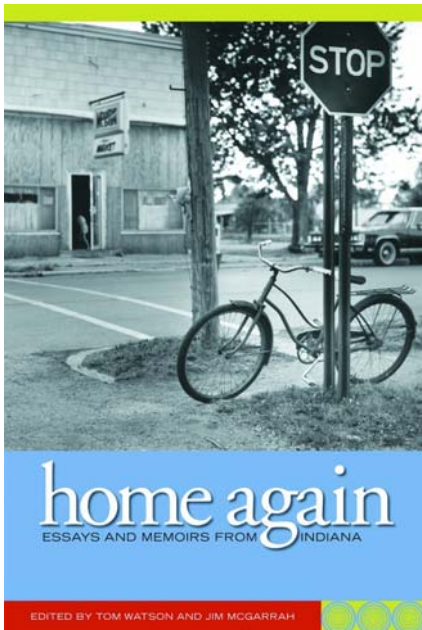
The anthology includes contributions by writers from throughout the Hoosier state.

Co-editor with McGarrah is another Indiana native, Tom Watson, instructor of writing at Indiana University. McGarrah and Watson met in a master's program at Vermont College.

In the preface, they wrote: "We found our colleagues who submitted work to us wrote about quests for a better life, a life rooted in Indiana. We found the essays spoke about staying in Indiana to continue that quest, moving to Indiana and following that quest, or moving back to Indiana to bring closure to it. This book taught us valuable lessons about what we mean when we say we are home again."

Home Again: Essays and Memoirs from Indiana is 206 pages and available for \$19.95 at the USI Bookstore, the Indiana Historical Society's Basile History Market gift store, and at bookstores throughout Indiana.

The spring RopeWalk Reading Series will feature excerpts from the anthology at 7 p.m. January 25 in Kleymeyer Hall of the Liberal Arts Center.

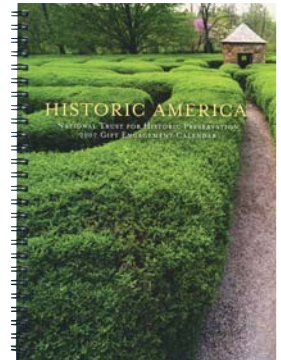


Harmonist Labyrinth featured on cover of national calendar

The cover of the 2007 Gift Engagement Calendar for the National Trust for Historic Preservation features the Harmonist Labyrinth in New Harmony, Indiana.

Historic New Harmony is a Partner Place of the National Trust. The cover photograph, selected from photos submitted by historic sites throughout the country, was taken by LaVerne Jones '05, a photographer in the University of Southern Indiana Office of News and Information Services.

The calendar is available in the museum shop in the Atheneum/Visitors Center at New Harmony or online at www.newharmony.org. The cost is \$15 (plus shipping if purchased online). Online orders placed by December 19 will be sent in time for holiday giving.



Naghdi GPS control point on campus

The first Global Positioning System (GPS) control point to be located at USI was installed recently near Reflection Lake and registered with the National Geodetic Survey with the assistance of Scott Buedel '95 of Morley and Associates and Matt Wannemuehler '77 of Bernardin Lochmueller and Associates. The control point bears the initials of Jack Naghdi, a member of USI's engineering faculty for 30 years, and was named in his honor. Both Buedel and Wannemuehler are former students of Naghdi.

Former USI student Doug Bacon and Mike Ladnier, also of Morley and Associates, demonstrated the GPS system to students in Naghdi's surveying class. Installation of the control point opens the door for future engineering class survey projects with GPS.



Jack Naghdi, kneeling, applies his initials to the new GPS control point on campus while former USI student Doug Bacon, right, of Morley and Associates and current surveying students look on.

HLC Team recommends 10-year accreditation

The site visit team from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools reported that full 10-year accreditation for the University of Southern Indiana would be recommended to the HLC. The team also said it would recommend approval of USI's distance learning application.

The team's recommendations were announced at an exit interview following two-plus days of meetings with students, faculty, and staff in late September. An extensive self study during 2005-06 preceded the team's visit.

Team chair Dr. Roberta Teahen said the 10-year recommendation is made because USI met the HLC criteria and, in many cases, exceeded the expectations.

University budget request stresses institutional responsiveness

The University of Southern Indiana biennial budget request to the State of Indiana stresses the University's need for additional funding to remain affordable and accessible, address economic and workforce development, and structure new programs benefiting the state and region.

Funding for enrollment change continues to be an important component of the University's operating budget request because the state's enrollment funding formula has not been fully funded since 2003-04. The University is requesting funding at \$3,500 per full-time-Hoosier student based on the four-year rolling average for an additional 260 full-time students. Among the public baccalaureate-granting institutions, there is a large disparity in state funding on a per-student basis. USI receives only 58 percent of the weighted statewide average per-FTE-Hoosier student as compared to the other four-year residential institutions. USI also has the lowest tuition among the state's baccalaureate-granting institutions.

President H. Ray Hoops says, "The existence of large disparate differences makes it difficult for USI to implement new programs, expand existing programs, or respond to requests for assistance from individual businesses and organizations to support community economic development initiatives. As implied by its name, USI is embedded in southern Indiana and responds, as resources permit, to regional expectations."

In addition to the request for a per-student appropriation increase, the USI budget request includes requests for:

- a three percent increase in the base budget for maintenance of current programs;
- plant expansion to support the new Rice Library;
- support of USI's involvement in regional workforce and economic development by expanding activities of the Center for Applied Research, creating a new center for business economic studies, and developing an entrepreneurship program;
- establishment of a center to focus on recruitment and retention of students plus professional development programs for teachers in the academic areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM);
- an increase in the operating budget of Historic New Harmony to support the preservation, education, and interpretive programs of the program managed by the University.

In its capital budget request, USI also is requesting bonding authorization in the amount of \$29.9 million for construction of the College of Business/General Classroom Building. The 2005 Indiana General Assembly appropriated money for planning and design of the building. In addition, the University is requesting full funding of the repair and rehabilitation formula to maintain existing facilities.

The request goes to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, State Budget Agency, and the Indiana General Assembly for consideration and action next spring.

Greg Valentine on panel at international conference

Dr. Gregory P. Valentine was in Warsaw, Poland, in September to serve on an expert panel at an international



Valentine

conference addressing the need for instruction in economics and personal finance at the high school level. Valentine is director of the USI Center for Economic Education in Southwest Indiana and professor of business education. The conference was sponsored jointly by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and the National Bank of Poland. Valentine represented the National Business Education Association.

Eva Jermakowicz presents at global accounting meeting

Dr. Eva Jermakowicz '87, professor of accounting, made two presentations related to international accounting



Jermakowicz

issues in November at the World Congress of Accounting Educators in Istanbul, Turkey. In addition, she will co-author the 2007 edition of the book *Interpretation and Application of International Financial Reporting Standards*, published by Wiley.

Effective January 1, Jermakowicz will become chair of the Department of Accounting and Business Law and professor of accounting at Tennessee State University in Nashville.

Students perfect sales skills in Coslett Lab

Students interested in careers in sales prepared video portfolios during fall semester using state-of-the-art technology in the new Joe Coslett Family Sales Management Development Laboratory. The portfolios will introduce students to potential employers and showcase their sales skills.

Lab technology enables students to hone their professional skills as they video-tape and play back presentations and demonstrations.

Completed in the Orr Center over the summer, the lab was made possible by a generous gift from retired Evansville businessman Joe Coslett, whose innovative career in sales spanned more than 40 years. When Coslett toured the lab in September, faculty and students video-taped a conversation with him about his distinguished career. He recalled that he began taping commercials as spokesman for his furniture business in 1973.

Coslett was impressed with the technological capabilities of the lab, saying that experience and practice in the facility would provide the equivalent of several years of sales experience and be a serious advantage for USI students.

Lab equipment includes three digital video cameras; wireless and wired microphones including a boom microphone;



Dr. Beth Mott-Stenerson, right, assistant professor of marketing, tells June and Joe Coslett how students will use the new Joe Coslett Family Sales Management Development Laboratory.

a professional-quality studio lighting system; a high-quality video and audio switching system; an intercom system for communication between the control room and studio; DVD recording equipment; three multimedia computers that act as non-linear video editing systems; and advanced editing software that allows students to create professionally crafted video projects.

Students can create video recordings that can be stored on DVDs, videotapes, or video clips that can be streamed over the Internet. These recordings may include graphics and video effects

comparable to those used on network television. Installation of three multimedia computers allows two students to polish, edit, and refine their creations while another records new material. This design minimizes downtime and still creates an atmosphere where students are encouraged and able to do their best work. The video and audio can be piped into the adjacent lecture space so a classroom of students may observe and provide critical feedback to students working in the studio.

Workforce Development grant enhances USI nursing education

The undergraduate nursing program in the College of Nursing and Health Professions has received a grant of \$324,555 from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development's Strategic Skills Initiative, a program that addresses critical occupational and skill shortages.

The grant will allow the undergraduate nursing program to increase the number of students admitted each year from 60 to 80. The nursing program has obtained new simulation equipment to enhance training opportunities and added faculty to support the increased number of students. Deaconess Hospital

and St. Mary's Medical Center are providing additional clinical units and clinical instructors.

Dr. Nadine Coudret, dean of the USI College of Nursing and Health Professions, said, "This grant will move our college to the forefront in computerized simulation training for students in nursing and the health professions. It merges the technology advances that are occurring in both health care and health care education."



Beth Johnson, associate professor of nursing, demonstrates the new SimMan model that will help nursing students develop clinical and decision-making skills.

Deem scholarship fund reaches \$100,000

John Deem earned a master's in business administration from Murray State University on a Friday and started to work at the University of Southern Indiana the following Monday in September 1967, just two years after USI opened its doors. Currently associate vice president for Student Affairs and assistant professor of accounting, he and his wife Pam established a scholarship fund in the USI Foundation in 1990 that has now reached the \$100,000 level.

Deem and his wife created the Lowell L. Deem Memorial Scholarship fund in memory of John's father. They have contributed to the fund over the years. This year their gift plus the Lilly Endowment's matching gift pushed the fund total to \$100,000. The Lilly Endowment offered a \$1.25 matching grant for every \$1 gift this year.

"We saw the opportunity to enhance the amount of the scholarship fund with the matching gift and just couldn't pass it up," Deem said. "It would have taken significantly more years to reach this level without the Lilly match."

Others also have given to the fund, including the Deems' two sons, Tim '93 and Brian, and their families. Friends and family also gave in memory of John



Pam and John Deem

Deem's mother Virginia when she died in 2004.

Deem has worn a number of hats at USI. When he began teaching at age 22, he was younger than many of the nontraditional students who enrolled in the University's early years.

"I had no business experience," said Deem, "so we used the students' experiences as examples in class."

In 1968, with a high school basketball career in Fairfield, Illinois, to his credit, Deem became USI's first basketball coach. That first team finished

with a break-even season, six wins and six losses.

Deem was USI registrar for 33 years, seeing technology advance from punch cards to online Web registration. He also has served as director of Veterans' Affairs, assistant vice president for Student Affairs, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs, and acting vice president for Student Affairs. Deem served three terms on the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Board.

Pam's employment in Evansville has included positions as a kindergarten teacher, director of a large day-care center, vice president of a local corporation, and others. She retired in December 2005 from Fifth Third Bank, where she had worked for 13 years.

The Deems have indicated they want to make a number of scholarship awards from the fund each year. Because John is a business faculty member and Pam is a 1983 elementary education graduate, they are especially interested in recognizing students majoring in business and education. They also want to help students involved in athletics. The Deems have been active with the Varsity Club since its founding.

The USI faculty/staff and students are important to John Deem.

"The quality of the employees and their dedication to getting things done and meeting the needs of our students are exceptional," he said. "There has always been somebody who would step forward and take care of any issue that came about. Also, the quality of our students is special. They are dedicated to learning and want to succeed."

"USI has been a major part of our lives. I can't imagine having the opportunity anywhere else that I've had here. This is our chance to give back."

All five of the Deems' grandchildren have been involved in USI activities such as sports camps, art classes, Activities Programming Board events, and Day at the Zoo.

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USI Foundation presents awards for excellence in learning

Ten students, two from each of the University's five colleges, are the first recipients of USI Foundation Awards recognizing excellence in learning.

Because of generous donors to the USI Annual Fund, the Foundation was able to establish these awards in 2006. Student awards are \$1,000 each. The criteria for the awards vary among colleges, but have a general theme. They recognize academic excellence, effective communication skills, and a show of promise in a chosen field.



Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services



Lindsey Hasenour, elementary education, Ferdinand, Indiana



Amber Wischmeier, elementary education, Seymour, Indiana

College of Business



Jennifer Heidler, business/marketing, Merrillville, Indiana



Jacey Riggs, marketing, Evansville

College of Liberal Arts



Charles Aull, history, Boonville, Indiana



Megan Fallon, theatre/art, Columbus, Indiana

College of Nursing and Health Professions



Ashley Marshall, health services/Spanish, Indianapolis



Rachel Marie Scheu, pre-nursing, Evansville

Pott College of Science and Engineering



Allison Czubik, math teaching, Merrillville, Indiana

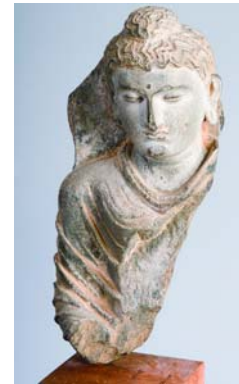


Nicole Kuhlman, biology, Evansville

Zutt collection on view

Works of art from the diverse collection of Evansville native Betty Zutt are on view in the McCutchan Gallery in the Wright Administration Building.

Zutt died February 2, 2006, at age 91, leaving bequests to the USI



Indian Buddha bust from the Zutt collection

Foundation to enhance the Elizabeth Zutt Art Student Enrichment Program, which she established in 1998, as well as a collection of 22 works of art. The enrichment fund, now valued at more than \$400,000, supports student travel and

provides awards that enable students to purchase art supplies and admission to exhibits, lectures, and other art-related events. The sculptures and paintings which she bequeathed for the University's teaching collection were accumulated over a lifetime of travel throughout the world.



USI President H. Ray Hoops, third from left, presented a framed copy of *Reflections*, the newsletter of the USI Foundation planned giving society, to members of Betty Zutt's family at a reception in October. Accepting the remembrance are John Weber, a cousin, along with his wife Shirley, right. At left is the Webers' daughter, Susan McCool. The fall issue of *Reflections* featured Zutt's gifts.



President's Medal winners Where are they now?

A number of years have come and gone since many of the President's Medal recipients earned their undergraduate degrees and set out for careers or advanced study. Recently we caught up with some of these outstanding graduates to see what they are doing today.

President's Medal

The President's Medal recognizes commitment to academic excellence and service to the University and community. It is the highest honor a University of Southern Indiana graduate can receive. From 1984-90, the award was presented in the spring during Honors Week. The presentation has been a feature of Commencement since 1991.



Aust

Blending engineering with law

Ronald K. Aust

1985, electrical engineering technology

Now: Patent Attorney, Taylor & Aust PC, Indianapolis

A guest speaker in a one-hour seminar course sowed the seed for the career that Ronald K. Aust pursues today.

"There was a GE patent attorney who gave a presentation one day," Aust said. "I don't remember exactly what he said, but he planted the seed in my mind that this was a potential path."

A native of Huntingburg, Indiana, Aust grew up on a farm operating heavy equipment and went to work in area coal mines after high school. He was 25 years old when he enrolled at USI.

"I had had five mining jobs in one year. I was so frustrated that I did what my father wanted me to do. I decided to check into going to college," he said.

On a visit to USI he talked to Paul E. Bennett and Dr. William Thayer of the faculty in electrical engineering technology.

"Between the two of them, they convinced me to give it a shot," said Aust, a partner in the Indianapolis law firm of Taylor & Aust.

The firm provides legal counsel on matters relating to intellectual property law, including patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets. The legal practice of the firm is both national and international in scope. Clients include Lexmark International, John Deere, Black and Decker Corporation, German-based Voith Paper, and Novator AB of Sweden. The firm has eight attorneys.

The years on the farm and in the coal mines turned out to be an asset to Aust's work.

“Having the knowledge of heavy equipment helps when you’re working with a company like Deere. I was able to marry that knowledge with my undergraduate experience and bring it all together in my current field. Those years became part of an overall education that helped prepare me for what I’m doing now,” he said.

Before becoming an attorney, Aust had engineering jobs with Indiana Tube Corporation and ALCOA. He also was electronics program chair for Indiana Vocational Technical College and was an adjunct instructor for USI. He completed a law degree at Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis in 1992.

Confidence to lead

Janet L. Seiler

1986, management

Now: Vice President of Sales, mii Inc., Lincoln, Illinois

When Evansville native Janet Seiler enrolled at USI at age 21, she was a volunteer firefighter for Perry Township and held a full-time job at the law firm of Kahn, Dees, Donovan, and Kahn.

Upon graduation she joined the production management training program at Aristokraft in Jasper, Indiana, and eventually became a plant manager. In 1990, she relocated to Newton, Kansas, where she managed two facilities for Norcraft Company. With mii Inc. in Lincoln, Illinois, since 1994, she personally manages three large accounts and is responsible for the overall sales strategy. She also provides leadership for the project management group, purchasing, and inventory control. The company sells its store fixtures nationwide. Their metal and wood fixtures can be seen at almost any Walgreen’s drug store.

Mentoring and nurturing by the USI business faculty were important to Seiler’s growth and development during her college years.

“The skills they helped me develop gave me the confidence to lead an organization and the foundation to go on for advanced study,” she said.

Seiler earned an M.B.A. from Ball State University through distance learning in 1991. In the area of community service, she has been involved over the years with the Chamber of Commerce, the United Way board of directors, and the Lincoln Junior Women’s Club.

Her own firm

Staci Friedman Armstrong

1987, accounting

Now: Business Owner, Staci F. Armstrong, C.P.A., Haubstadt, Indiana

Two years ago Staci Friedman Armstrong started her own tax and accounting firm, Staci F. Armstrong, C.P.A. With clients in Indiana, Kentucky, and Illinois, she works with small- and medium-sized firms, helping them set up their computing and accounting systems and assisting them with their accounting and tax issues and payroll.

For Armstrong, the time was right for her own firm. After graduation she worked 14 years with the Evansville accounting firm of Gaither, Rutherford and Company and then five years with U.S. Industries Group, Inc.

“What helped me the most was getting that solid base of education so I could secure a position with an accounting firm and get experience,” she said. “It’s that experience that has enabled me to operate my own business.”

Armstrong enjoys the extra flexibility that owning her own business allows. She and her husband Tim Armstrong ’83, accounting, M.B.A. ’98, are the parents of two daughters. He is business manager for South Gibson School Corporation.

Presidential Medal recipients



1984 Neil Martin

Read his story, inside front cover

1985 Ronald K. Aust

1986 Janet L. Seiler

1987 Staci Friedman Armstrong

1988 Tracy L. Deal-Reese

1989 Gloria Gail Moore

1990 Lisa Shown Brandenstein

1991 Brad A. Schepers

1992 Debbie L. Seib

1993 Sherry M. Begle Flick

1994 Travis J. Taylor

1995 Chad J. Hartmann

1996 Lisabeth A. Luther

1997 Nicole L. Cable Hume

1998 Lisa Ann Amiano Sharp

1999 Mary Beth Cable Guyer

2000 Jill Marie Welden Koester

2001 Eric J. Norton

2002 Rick A. Hudson

2003 Walter J. Jermakowicz

2004 Rachel Miller

2005 Samuel J. Tucker

2006 Lindsey McGowan



Armstrong



At USI, Staci Armstrong was a charter member of Alpha Chi national honor society and president of the Accounting Club. She is a past president of the Evansville chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA). She joined IMA while in college and received the organization's scholarship. She lends her expertise to a number of community organizations. She is secretary and treasurer of the Gibson County Builders Association and treasurer of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Southwest Indiana Chapter. She is a member of the Princeton Area Chamber of Commerce, a 1998 graduate of the Leadership Evansville program, and has served as a volunteer for the United Way of Southwestern Indiana, Raintree Girl Scout Council, and Buffalo Trace Council.



Deal-Reese

Good jobs, family, friends

Tracy L. Deal-Reese

1988, accounting

Now: Director of Finance, Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent dePaul, Evansville

Tracy Deal-Reese is director of finance for the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent DePaul in Evansville, which is headquarters for the organization's 11-state East Central Province. The Daughters of Charity focus on services to the poor.

Deal-Reese was a staff accountant at Harding, Shymanski & Company in Evansville from 1987-91 and then became controller at GFI Pharmaceutical Services, also in Evansville. She joined the Daughters of Charity in 1996.

An accounting background has proven valuable to Deal-Reese in many ways.

"I have been able to apply accounting and management skills in business and personal situations, helping multiple organizations and individuals," she said. "I have been blessed with good jobs, but more importantly good family and friends. I am going through my second bout of breast cancer and am reminded daily of how very blessed I am!"

Her first experience with breast cancer was in 2000.

Deal-Reese and her son Travis Reese, 13, live in Blairsville, Indiana.

Prepared for anything

Gloria Gail Moore

1989, history

Now: Former employee of Canadian Airlines, enjoys being a grandmother, Pensacola, Florida

Gloria Gail Moore was 38 years old and the mother of three teenagers when she enrolled in the University of Southern Indiana. With a hunger to learn she was seeking a major change in her life. Four years later she graduated *magna cum laude* with a degree in history. She was night manager of the University Center for two years while a student.

"The whole experience of getting a degree was life-affirming for me," Moore said. "I had always been somebody's wife, mother, or sister. At graduation I was the queen bee if only for one day. It helped my confidence a lot."

After graduation, Moore relocated to St. Petersburg, Florida, where she worked as a reservations supervisor for Canadian Airlines.

"If someone had a problem, I made it better," she said.

Later, she set up tour programs for the airlines. She traveled back and forth to Cuba, connecting through Toronto, in that capacity for about a year and a half.

*"A liberal arts degree
prepares you for
anything."*

— Gloria Gail Moore

She also established all-inclusive tours in Mexico and other Caribbean destinations for Canadian Airlines.

For the last 10 years Moore has lived in Pensacola, Florida, where she is close to three of her four grandchildren. Her son Adam Moore has a 7-year-old daughter. Her daughter Elizabeth Hawn is the mother of an 8-year-old girl and a 15-year-old boy. Another daughter, Anne-Marie Jones, an Air Force master sergeant, is stationed in Hawaii. Anne-Marie has an 18-year-old daughter. Moore has visited them several times and stayed an extended period during the last year to assist Anne-Marie through an illness.

Moore periodically travels throughout the country to help her sister-in-law, who presents information about hospice programs on behalf of the Veterans Administration.

Moore remains convinced that majoring in history was the right thing for her.

“I wish more people would consider a liberal arts degree,” she said, “because it’s so hard for kids to decide what they want to do the first time around. A liberal arts degree prepares you for anything.”

Teaching with the flow

Lisa Shown Brandenstein

1990, elementary education

Now: Fifth-grade Teacher, North Elementary School, Poseyville, Indiana

Now in her seventeenth year of teaching, Lisa Shown Brandenstein has learned that sometimes teachers have to go with the flow.

“As a teacher you may plan and have everything ready, but things don’t always go the way you think. It’s okay,” she said.

Brandenstein looks forward in the spring to supervising a student teacher, Rose Overton, from USI. It will be the second USI teacher candidate she has mentored as a teacher at North Elementary School in Poseyville, Indiana.

As a student at USI, Brandenstein was a student worker in the office of Byron Wright, now vice president emeritus for Business Affairs and treasurer emeritus.

“It was a neat experience,” she said. “I knew the campus inside out. It helped me grow with communications skills and make connections with people.”

Brandenstein and her husband Jimmy have two daughters: Amy, 11, and Ally, 8. Three years ago they added one of Lisa’s students, Anthony Webb, to their family when his father was ill and unable to care for him on a daily basis. Anthony, now an eighth grader, has lived with them since that time.

In addition to her regular classroom teaching, Brandenstein teaches two days a week in an after-school program called Stars Rock for fifth- and sixth-graders. It offers tutoring and provides lessons about avoiding violence and drug abuse as well as crafts and physical activities.

“It’s been a real plus for those kids,” she said.

Engineering as background for law

Brad A. Schepers

1991, mechanical engineering technology

Now: Partner, Krieg DeVault, Indianapolis

A background in engineering and science has been imperative for the work Brad A. Schepers does as a patent attorney. The 1991 President’s Medal recipient is one of the founding partners of the intellectual property law practice group with Krieg DeVault in Indianapolis. His practice is primarily directed to the electro-mechanical arts, with a concentration in medical devices and biologics.

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— Lisa Shown Brandenstein



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“My engineering degree from USI has been invaluable to my chosen career path.”

— Brad A. Schepers

Schepers graduated *magna cum laude* with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering technology at USI and received a J.D. degree, *summa cum laude*, from the Indiana University School of Law where he graduated first in his class of 254 students. While at USI, he served as the student representative to the USI Board of Trustees.

Schepers said, “My practice covers all facets of intellectual property law, including patent and trademark prosecution, due diligence and right-to-practice opinions, copyrights, trade secrets, licensing, and agreements attorney. My engineering degree from USI has been invaluable to my chosen career path, not only as a patent attorney, but also as a mechanical engineer in the automotive field where I was involved in the design and implementation of automated electrostatic paint application equipment and robotics systems from 1990-97.

“I greatly enjoy the field of patent law which has grown tremendously throughout my career. Throughout the past 170 years, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has issued over seven million utility patents. Over one million of those patents have been issued over the past six years, with well over 3,000 U.S. patents issuing in any given week. The importance of obtaining and enforcing patent rights continues to escalate as technology evolves, and patent law continues to grow as companies strive to protect their investments in research and technology by obtaining patent protection for their products and processes and enforcing their patent rights through litigation. This is particularly true with regard to industries that commit large amounts of capital to the development of technology (i.e., drugs, biologics, medical devices, computers and electronics, automotive, aeronautics, etc.). Additionally, the need to obtain foreign patent protection is also growing as companies become more global in nature.”

Schepers is a member of the Indiana Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He has been involved in pro bono work for the David Shelbrick Wildlife Trust, Indiana Concerns of Police Survivors, and other pro bono activities. He and his wife Giesla, an '89 USI graduate, have three children, Nicholas (10), Matthew (7), and Jonathan (4), and reside on the northwest side of Indianapolis.

Engaging scientists internationally

Travis J. Taylor

1994, biology

Now: Science and Technology Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Fort Belvoir, Virginia



Travis Taylor travels to the former Soviet Union in his work for the Department of Defense.

Dr. Travis Taylor is a Science and Technology Fellow with the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He works for the United States Department of Defense in the Biological Threat Reduction Program for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency. He has traveled to Azerbaijan, Republic of Georgia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Russia working to reduce the threat of biological weapon proliferation by engaging scientists in Russia and the former Soviet Union.

He said, “I typically provide advice or technical support for a variety of especially dangerous pathogen projects.

“Recently, I wrote a three-year avian influenza disease surveillance proposal for Kazakhstan that will start early in 2007. I also participated in the avian influenza emergency response planning in Azerbaijan after five humans had died from the disease. I find it a gratifying experience to work with these scientists overseas.”

Taylor did graduate work in virology at Harvard University where he earned the Ph.D. in 2002. His thesis work was on herpes simplex virus replication, and part of that work resulted in a U.S. patent.

He said, “The technology that I developed as a graduate student has successfully been used to screen chemical libraries for antiviral drug leads. As a postdoctoral

fellow at Harvard, I developed a novel West Nile Virus vaccine that is currently being evaluated in animal models.”

Near the end of his graduate studies, Taylor participated in an international effort to establish the Kathmandu University Medical School in Nepal with a Western curriculum that was similar to United States medical schools.

“I was among a dedicated group of 20 or more volunteers who spent almost two years planning the curriculum, raising funds, and collecting equipment and books. From November 2001 to February 2002, I taught medical microbiology lectures and labs in Nepal. It was a wonderful opportunity to combine my love of travel and science education,” he said.

While an undergraduate at USI, Taylor had opportunities to work in science research programs at Vanderbilt University and Los Alamos National Laboratory. He was a student leader who was involved with Student Government Association, USI Honor Symposium, the Science and Ecology Club, and Sigma Zeta honorary. He graduated from USI *magna cum laude* with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology. His advice to students is to take chances that will expand their horizons.

He said, “Education doesn’t just come from books...it is a process. You have to learn from experience. Don’t be afraid of failures. If you have a desire to do something, my advice is do it.”

Inspiring students

Chad J. Hartmann

1995, mathematics

Now: Teacher, Helfrich Park Middle School, Evansville

As a math, science, and health teacher with 10 years of experience, Chad Hartmann has learned that teaching is “never living the same day twice.”

“So much of teaching is spontaneous moments where you draw on past experiences to make the best decision,” he said. “A student gives you a confused look but doesn’t raise his hand. You notice a kid smile when he/she finally understands the topic you have been building on for three days. A student confides in you about something very personal because you care. Teaching is living in these moments and doing your best to influence good decisions.”

In 2005, Hartmann was one of 10 finalists for Indiana Teacher of the Year, an award sponsored by the Indiana Department of Education.

He strives to create an active learning environment that creates opportunity for every child.

“I’ve come to learn that kids like to be challenged, entertained, and personally recognized—all at the same time. Lessons with real world connections, presented at the level that challenge but not overwhelm, can inspire students. Given the right method, anyone can learn just about anything,” he said.

In addition to teaching at Evansville’s Helfrich Park Middle School, Hartmann teaches courses in instructional technology as an adjunct instructor at USI. He also handles computerized timing and is webmaster for the Greater Evansville Runners/Walkers Club. As a volunteer, he helps the YMCA of Southwestern Indiana with a series of races (5K and 10K) that lead up to the Evansville Half Marathon. A runner himself, he placed 17th with a time of 1:23:04 in a field of 1,447 runners in the Evansville Half Marathon in October and planned to enter his seventh marathon in Huntsville, Alabama, in December. If he runs the Huntsville event in less than three hours and 10 minutes, he will qualify for the Boston Marathon, which he last ran in 2000.

Hartmann graduated from Boonville High School in Boonville, Indiana, and was a Presidential Scholar at USI. He and his wife Kristy have two sons, Kyle (4), and Alex (2).

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— Travis J. Taylor



Math teacher Chad Hartmann works with Emily VanMeter and Jacob Moore during class at Helfrich Park Middle School.



Contagious love for learning

Nicole Cable Hume

1997, chemistry

Now: Tutor Supervisor, Women in Science program, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana; High School Chemistry Teacher

Nicole Cable Hume offers a contagious love of learning and wants to inoculate her high school students with a desire to reach their potential. This versatile woman is a teacher, supervisor, wife, mother, organizer, and volunteer.

She earned her master's degree in 2001 and the doctoral degree in 2004 from Purdue University. Both degrees are in chemistry. She and her husband Jason '97 became parents with daughter Elly's arrival one month after Nicole defended her master's thesis; daughter Josie was born mid-way through her doctoral program.

As part-time tutor supervisor of the Women in Science program at Purdue University, Nicole coordinates the work of 20 student tutors who help female students majoring in science, math, or engineering have the resources and support they need to be able to stay in those majors. Six weeks into the fall 2006 semester, over 200 women have used the services, up from the 100 tutored in the first semester when the program began in 1998.

She had been a teaching assistant with highly motivated engineering and pre-medicine college students for seven years at Purdue while in graduate school. Between graduate school and teaching high school chemistry classes, she took a year to spend time with the girls.

Now back in the class setting, she said, "I've had to adjust to high school and the poor work ethic of some of the students. My real passion is to instill in them a love of education; I want them to develop habits that will serve them well as they continue their education. I want them to love learning and be excited to understand the world around them. I'm excited about those things, and I hope that it is contagious."

She and Jason volunteer for Journey, a junior high youth ministry program for their church which includes a weekly program, a youth group, Sunday school, and a week-long summer program. Jason worked in banking after earning a graduate degree in economics from Purdue in 1999. He now is CFO for Faith Ministries, which includes the school where Nicole teaches and their church, a seminary, a community center, and a home for women.

She said she isn't sure what will present itself in the next five years. Her approach to life is to work hard at the opportunities and responsibilities that are in front of her now and always be open to new things. She recalled, "A new world opened up to me through the extracurricular activities in which I participated at USI. I love what I'm doing now. There's a big part of me that would one day love to be back at USI. I'm proud to be a USI graduate and proud of any association I am able to have with the University."

While a student, Nicole was appointed to the USI Board of Trustees.

'Everything that's not in somebody's mouth'

Mary Beth Cable Guyer

1999, Communications/public relations

Now: Office Manager, Columbia Family Dental, Evansville

Mary Beth Cable Guyer said she arrived at USI with "no idea" what she wanted to do. "I was not very involved in high school, and at USI I found a place where I could succeed academically," she said. "I had good professors, and I was able to find a major that clicked with my personality."



Jason and Nicole Cable Hume visit Indianapolis with daughters Elly, left, and Josie.



Guyer

She also took advantage of leadership opportunities at USI. “I found a different side of myself and gained a lot of independence. I just found myself during those years at USI. Professors invested in me, and advisors for different clubs and organizations gave me an opportunity to grow.”

Now, she manages the business side of Columbia Family Dental in Evansville.

“I basically run the office,” she said. “It’s the business end of the dental practice. I file insurance, do the books, scheduling, accounts payable and receivable, management of employees — basically everything that’s not in somebody’s mouth, I do.”

She said her public relations and marketing classes have come in handy in her work.

“I make a lot of decisions for our business in terms of marketing and customer service. I got such a good foundation at USI. It could’ve prepared me to do anything, but my communications degree taught me how to interact with people and communicate clearly. In my job, I am constantly thinking about how to keep our patients happy and also make decisions that are in the best interest of our business.”

The Crown Point, Indiana, native and her husband, Juston Guyer, are new parents to Brent Michael Guyer, born in September 2006.

Nicole Cable Hume and Mary Beth Cable Guyer are sisters — the only siblings to share the medal.

From generation to generation

Jill Welden Koester

2000, accounting; '02, Master of Science in Accountancy

Now: Manager, Kemper CPA Group, Evansville

Just six years after earning a baccalaureate degree and four years after completing a master’s, Jill Welden Koester visits the USI campus as a recruiter for Kemper CPA Group, the Evansville accounting firm she joined in 2000. Koester was promoted to manager with the firm in 2005.

“We look for good oral and written communication skills, strong technical abilities, and evidence of involvement in activities, work, and/or community organizations. We do recruit on other campuses, but we are generally always impressed with the caliber of the USI accounting students,” she said.

Koester is developing a specialty in estate planning and estate and trust taxation.

“Estate tax issues are not issues that people are comfortable talking about,” Koester said. “If you can help someone plan so their assets go where they want, then you’ve helped a generation.”

Recruiting is not Koester’s only reason to return to campus. Since graduating, she has been a frequent speaker to the Accounting Club, accounting classes, and the Speaking Eagles Toastmasters organization of which she was a charter member. She urges students to think about what distinguishes them from others as they proceed through their college career.

“Once they get into the job market, they have to market themselves,” she said.

Koester placed in the top 10 statewide when she took the CPA in November 2002. Her score tied for fourth.

Koester became a provisional member of the Junior League of Evansville in August and looks forward to participating in its many volunteer service activities. She also is a member of ANEW (A Network of Evansville Women) and the Evansville Estate and Financial Planning Council.

A Morganfield, Kentucky, native, she lives now in St. Wendel, Indiana.



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Respect for teaching

Rick A. Hudson

2002, mathematics

Now: Doctoral Student, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana



Hudson

Rick A. Hudson is a full-time student in the Ph.D. mathematics education program at Indiana University. His research interest lies in students' statistical and algebraic learning, national assessment, and teacher education. He also works as a graduate assistant in the dean's office for the IU School of Education, and he co-teaches a mathematics course for elementary education majors. His goal is to find a position in academia in either mathematics or teacher education departments and pursue research on how students learn and conjecture in mathematics.

Immediately after graduating from USI, Hudson attended University of Louisville and earned a Master of Arts degree in mathematics. He taught mathematics at Mount Carmel High School in southern Illinois and taught part-time at Wabash Valley College.

He feels his high school teaching job was rewarding and challenging.

He said, "Helping students and witnessing their progress allowed me to have a greater respect for the teaching profession. There is nothing that makes me prouder than when I receive an e-mail from one of my former students telling me about their successes in college."

He is active in the church choir and a worship leader at Patoka United Methodist Church.

Hudson graduated *magna cum laude* with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics. He does not regret immersing himself in Student Government Association, Student Alumni Association, University committees, and orientation while at USI.

He said, "What you do while you are in college ultimately has an impact on your future success, so don't miss your one opportunity to change your life!"

Research in visual prosthetics

Walter J. Jermakowicz

2003, biology, chemistry, and German

Now: M.D./Ph.D. Student, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee



Jermakowicz

Walter J. Jermakowicz is in the Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP) at Vanderbilt University, a selective program that trains leaders in academic medicine. Successful completion of the MSTP leads to both the M.D. and Ph.D. degrees. The MSTP enrolls about nine new students per year; each receives a tuition scholarship and a stipend to cover living expenses.

Jermakowicz has completed the first two years of medical school, is working in the doctoral program, and then will complete the final two years of clinical training. He plans to do his residency in neurosurgery.

He works in the lab of Dr. Vivien Casagrande, a well-known vision neuroscientist. Jermakowicz's research interest is visual prosthetics, a technology still in its infancy.

He said, "Visual prosthetics can be used to restore vision in patients who have lost their vision due to damage to their eyes or early visual pathways. The goal is to attach an advanced camera to a patient's head, and then encode what the camera

sees directly into the visual parts of the subject's brain, bypassing the eyes and early visual pathways. The visual information is presented to the brain by a few hundred electrodes permanently placed in the patient's visual cortex, a part of the brain involved in vision. In order to do this, however, we have to be able to understand how the brain codes for visual information, and this is what I am doing for my Ph.D. During experiments, I implant a chip with 100 electrodes into a primate's visual cortex, show visual scenes on a computer screen, and then record how the brain codes for these scenes."

Jermakowicz is writing a book chapter about how knowledge of brain circuits has changed since fundamental discoveries by Santiago Ramon Cajal, one of the founding fathers of neuroscience. He also has presented research in Atlanta to the Society for Neuroscience, the second-largest gathering of scientists in the world.

In his spare time Jermakowicz plays and listens to music. He plays drums again, a hobby he pursued before attending USI. He said music tends to happen in Nashville.

He added, "I find myself cooking, working out, and rediscovering television much more than I was able to during college. I love Nashville and have no desire to leave any time soon."

While at USI, Jermakowicz served for two years as student member of the USI Board of Trustees. His many honors included receiving the national Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, a Fulbright Scholarship, the USI Trustees Distinguished Merit Award, and the USI Spirit of the Eagle Award. He was an active leader in Student Government, serving as vice president, attorney general, and treasurer through the years. He is fluent in English, German, and Polish.

From Delphi to Doncaster

Rachel Miller

2004, mathematics, French, mathematics education

Now: Teacher, Rossington All Saints Church of England Secondary School, Doncaster, England

It's a long way from Delphi, Indiana, to Doncaster, England, but that's the journey Rachel J. Miller Glen has taken since graduating *summa cum laude* from USI in 2004. For the past three years, she has taught math at a secondary school where she was recently appointed second in her department. She also volunteers her time after school to help students improve their "maths" scores on a final exam required of all students in England at the end of their schooling.

While at USI, Glen held the Edmund L. Hafer & Associates Presidential Scholarship. She was involved in many student groups and organizations. Her honors included the Trustees Distinguished Merit Award, Liberal Arts Mirabella Award, Student Academic Excellence Award for Calculus, Academic Excellence Award for French, USI History Club Award, and Ambassador of the Year.

In the spring of 2003, she studied abroad at the University of Sunderland in England. She was chosen for a Fulbright teaching assistantship in France but decided instead to return to England and marry Simon Glen.

In June 2005, the two were married at Auckland Castle in the north of England. They expect their first child in January 2007.

Jermakowicz's research interest is visual prosthetics, a technology still in its infancy.




Rachel Miller and Simon Glen were married in June 2005 at Auckland Castle in the north of England.



Students in transit are **larger than life**



 campus shuttle bus from the Metropolitan Evansville Transit System (METS) is traveling the streets of the University of Southern Indiana wrapped in graphics displaying USI students with the logo “I Go to USI” along the sides of the bus. Photos and graphics were created and produced by USI staff. The printing and installation were done by a commercial printing company specializing in wraps.

Through the academic year, two METS buses travel the campus carrying students to classes in academic buildings, Rice Library, and the University Center from apartments and residence halls in student housing and back. Barry Hart, director of security, reports that METS ridership totalled between 800 and 900 riders each day in the fall. Even more students are expected to take advantage of this convenient service as cooler weather arrives.



Courtney



Jones



Harbison

Bus wrap photos by Elizabeth Courtney and
LaVerne Jones '05

Bus wrap graphic design by Michael Harbison

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Students on the bus

DRIVER'S SIDE of bus

Panel 1

Brittany Bradshaw, elementary education,
Goshen, Indiana
Sally Posz, nursing, Shelbyville, Indiana
Molly Le, psychology, Vietnam/Mt. Carmel,
Illinois
Blaine Furrer, physical education,
Monticello, Indiana

Panel 2

Priyanka Arshanapalli, biology, Crown
Point, Indiana
Glynn Allen, social work, Indianapolis
Megan Barnhill, elementary education,
Bloomfield, Indiana

Panel 3

Kensington Blaylock, theatre, Evansville

Panel 4

Leigh Hitch, advertising, Cape Town,
South Africa
Anna Nosal, occupational therapy, Tinley
Park, Illinois

Panel 5

Chris Thompson '06, physical education,
Starke, Florida
Lacey Kosikowski '06, elementary educa-
tion, Carmi, Illinois

DOOR SIDE of bus

Panel 1

Katie Burton, biology, Veedersburg, Indiana
Claire Robinson, nursing, Newburgh,
Indiana
Jeff Ausenbaugh, business administration,
Newburgh, Indiana

Panel 2

David Miller, health services, Bainbridge,
Indiana
Norm Bulloch, engineering/math, Fort
Branch, Indiana
Jared Madison, secondary education,
Carmel, Indiana

Panel 3

Lindsey McGowan '06, elementary educa-
tion, Plainfield, Indiana
Trinia Mimms '06, computer information
systems and Spanish, Indianapolis,
Cassandra Bowman '06, psychology,
Zionsville, Indiana

Panel 4

Sarah Storvick, engineering, Indianapolis
Joey Love, biology, Nashville, Tennessee

Administrators, faculty wrap up years of achievement

Sherrienne Standley

Advancing the University with profound effect

A leader synonymous with University of Southern Indiana for three decades is retiring in 2007.



Standley

If USI did not have Sherrienne Standley, it would want to invent her.

She worked for both USI presidents, was the first woman to serve as a vice president, managed the identity transition in 1985 of a

regional campus into a separate public university known as USI, created two Advancement departments and managed five, and directed the first capital campaign that surpassed its goal by eight million dollars.

The students, employees, alumni, donors, patrons, fans, and parents Sherrienne has befriended are legend.

Her can-do attitude has been the impetus for projects across campus

Most people associated with USI have a Sherrienne Standley story that starts, "She was so helpful when...." Her can-do attitude has been the impetus for projects across campus.

President H. Ray Hoops said, "Rarely do we mark the transition of an individual who has had a profound influence on the University's direction and future. Sherrienne Standley is such a person. She has been one of the pillars of the transformation of the University

of Southern Indiana from an educational start-up to its presence today as a distinguished institution of higher learning. While we wish Sherrienne well in her future endeavors, she will be sorely missed."

President Emeritus David L. Rice remembers Sherrienne's management skills. He said, "Early in her career she worked for the chairman of the Democratic Party and took care of the administrative aspects of the party. Then-party chairman Gordon St. Angelo and I agreed our success was due to her management skills and abilities. She was the power behind the party and the institution. When I had to be away from campus, I had no reservations leaving the campus, knowing it was in good hands with Sherrienne."

Evansville Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel said, "Sherrienne Standley's contributions to Evansville can hardly be measured in a quotation. As vice president for Advancement, Sherrienne has done as much or more than anyone to ensure the success of the University of Southern Indiana. Her contributions aren't limited to the University, however. Nearly a dozen organizations in Evansville have benefited directly from Sherrienne's experience and her thoughtful insight. As mayor of Evansville, I'm grateful and proud of all the time and effort Sherrienne has put in on behalf of our City. And I'm thankful to call her a friend as well."

Her contributions to her adopted hometown have made an impact in numerous ways. She is president of the YWCA Board, a member of the Public Education Foundation Advisory Council, the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Merit and Pension Boards, and the Mayor's Downtown Implementation Committee. She served multiple roles with Keep Evansville Beautiful and has been named a lifetime director. She is active in the Board of Directors for Evansville's Celebration of Diversity Distinguished

Lecture Series, chairperson of the Evansville Bond Bank, and on the class campaign committee for Indiana University Foundation.

The biggest winner in the retirement is Leighton Beasley, Sherrienne's one-year-old granddaughter. Leighton will have her grandmother's attention at a minute's notice, which makes each smile with joy.

Dr. Tom Pickering

Responding to growth and changing needs

The steady increase in the size of the University has kept the work challenging and interesting for Dr. C.



Pickering

Thomas Pickering, who retires in 2007 as dean of the Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services.

Dr. Robert L. Reid, provost emeritus and vice president emeritus of Academic Affairs, said, "Tom Pickering is a consummate professional who always puts students and their success at the top of his agenda."

"We have needed to have almost continual plans for new programs"

He understands and supports the important role of schools of education in partnering with the K-12 schools of our region. Working with Tom is a pleasure as he consistently displays a serious sense of purpose coupled with an ability to

handle the myriad daily tasks and challenges gracefully.”

When Pickering joined USI in 1988, students numbered a little more than 5,000. In 2004, enrollment topped 10,000 for the first time.

“As a result of that growth as well as the result of our being a responsive University, we have needed to have almost continual plans for new programs,” he said.

Master’s programs in secondary and elementary education have thrived.

The impact of the teacher education program on the local area is demonstrated by the number of teachers in the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation who are graduates of USI. EVSC employs 431 teachers who received their preparation in teacher education at USI.

USI offers one of only two master’s programs in social work in the state. The other is at Indiana University.

“I’m very proud of that degree. We have a premier MSW program,” Pickering said.

Another new program developed during his tenure was the major in exercise science.

“There’s a great interest on the part of young people for anything to do with health, fitness, and personal training and other programs, such as physical therapy, that students can go into with a knowledge of exercise science,” he said.

The college also has added bachelor’s programs in special education and early childhood education in response to the needs of the region and a developing comprehensive university.

Every program in the college for which a separate accreditation is available has either attained accreditation or is in the process of attaining it.

Pickering applauds USI’s commitment to quality.

“The plan of what to do has been clear in our college. We have periodically looked at where we are and where we want to be,” he said. “I’ve had a great administrative team to work with and a great faculty. It’s been a great position. I have enjoyed it immensely.”

During his deanship the college received a \$1 million gift from Evansville civic leader and former teacher Dallas Bower Suhrheinrich to establish three endowment funds. The Education Center with state-of-the-art facilities opened in 2003.

As he settles into retirement, Pickering and his wife Vivian plan some travel over the winter. Because he has served at universities in Ohio, North Carolina, Mississippi, and Kansas, they have friends in a number of places. They are the parents of four grown children and have five grandchildren ranging in age from five months to 22 years. Two of their children live in Evansville, one in St. Louis, and one in Memphis.

Pickering expects to have more time to do some of the things he now does in his leisure time, which include playing the piano by ear, reading, and enjoying the couple’s shih tzu.

But retirement as dean does not necessarily mean that he will be leaving the field of education. He has not ruled out taking another job. After all, he began teaching in 1964 after qualifying through a two-year program. He taught full time while continuing to pursue a bachelor’s degree. He very much enjoys being a part of the education environment.

A native of Ohio, Pickering earned bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees at Ohio University.

Dr. Charles T. Barber

‘P’ is for five favorite pastimes

Dr. Charles T. Barber has taught 20 different courses at USI over 36 years, traveled to 49 countries, created four courses, and written one textbook.



Barber

As the professor of political science nears retirement, his plan is to have more time for the five “p’s” he enjoys: philately,

which first got him interested in all things international when he was 10 years old; photography, especially organizing the many slides from his travels; playing the piano, a pastime

“I’ve seen one successful student after another go out of here”

that reflects his undergraduate minor in music; planting the two acres where he lives with his wife Carolyn Roth, USI instructor in art; and publishing a second edition of his textbook *From Person to Planet: International Politics at Five Levels*.

In his years as a faculty member, Barber not only broadened his students’ world view, he championed the academic advising function, helping students design a course of study that would both fulfill degree requirements and help them be successful.

He reminds students that it is their professors who will be recommending them for jobs and graduate schools when they near graduation.

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“Typically when we’re writing the letters, we really know the person we’re talking about,” he said. “That’s a plus that some students don’t realize. I’ve seen one successful student after another go out of here. It’s neat to remember when they came in wide-eyed as freshmen.”

He is proud of the teachers, attorneys, state legislators, a foreign service officer, and other graduates whom he taught.

Many of Barber’s trips abroad have been through his membership in the International Studies Association (ISA), a connection which he will continue in retirement. He delivered a paper at a meeting in Rio de Janeiro in summer 2006 and will give another in Buçaco, Portugal, at an ISA subgroup meeting in June 2007. He will attend the activities of the Indiana State Political Science Association when it meets at USI in March.

As a scholar, Barber focuses his research on international organizations, the Mediterranean community, counterterrorism, and the United Nations Security Council. He created a capstone course about the decade of the ’60s and also has developed courses on the United Nations, politics in Canada, and the Middle East. Barber also wrote the original proposal for the master’s degree program in public administration which began in 2003.

Barber completed a bachelor’s degree at West Virginia Wesleyan College and a master’s and doctorate at American University. He taught four years at East Tennessee State University before joining USI in 1971.

When he was considering the job, he recalled that Dr. David Rice, then president of the University, was part of the interviewing process.

“When you came here, you met top people and you felt they had a real commitment to excellence,” Barber said. “I’ve seen that all the way through.”

Ruth Hahn

For 33 years, playing a role in USI growth

Ruth Hahn, assistant librarian, has served 33 years in Rice Library administration. She has been the librarian in charge of



Hahn

serials, reference, the learning resource center, interlibrary loan, systems, and checkout. She was the coordinator for GEAC, the library’s first automation project, and worked

closely with the next two systems: NOTIS and Voyager. She has served on the campus computer advisory and publications committees.

At the July grand opening of the new library, Ruth expressed these thoughts: “As I watch people come in, I think even visitors are energized by this magnificent building. I sense that many are as proud as a peacock to

When Ruth started working at USI, she knew everyone on campus

be able to claim this as part of their University and/or local community. When I arrived in 1973, the library expansion was on the 10-year plan. This has been a long 10 years but well worth the wait.”

Ruth Miller, director of Rice Library, said, “Ruth oversaw the focus groups held for students and faculty about what they wanted in a new library building, and she mapped the bound periodicals collection for last summer’s move into the new building

(that determined where each title began and ended, leaving room for growth). She is good at asking hard questions and working toward consistency and fairness in policies and procedures. Her loyalty, hard work, and dedication to the library and the University will be greatly missed.”

After retirement she will have time to devote to favorite volunteer activities. She coordinates the cooperative blood drive held by her Kiwanis club and her church. She serves as treasurer for the Ohio Township Public Library Friends and for her church’s women’s group and is the secretary of her Kiwanis club.

When Ruth started working at USI, she knew everyone on campus. She said, “Although I miss that closeness we knew in the early years, I am pleased with the growth and increased respect the University is enjoying.”

Dr. C. William Stegemoller

After many miles

Dr. William Stegemoller retires this year after many miles (and that is not just a pun).

Stegemoller began a distinguished career as associate professor in the USI Mathematics Department and as the men’s cross country head coach in the Department of Athletics in 1979. And as a true long distance runner,



Stegemoller

he began his marathon.

As cross country coach, he thrust the USI program into the national spotlight after only a few years with the Screaming Eagles finishing third at the NCAA Division II National Championships in 1982.

His cross country teams would consistently rank among the top collegiate teams in Indiana and the NCAA Division II for the next 20 years. Stegemoller directed USI to 11 Indiana "Little State" titles, to 11 GLVC championships (eight in a row between 1980 and 1987), and to

"I do not believe that any other single person has had a more significant impact on athletics at USI"

— *Mike Hillyard*
USI Cross Country coach

competition in 11 NCAA II National Championships. The top national finishes were third in 1982; fifth in 1983; eighth in 1997; and ninth in 1990.

The USI cross country runners under "Stege" tutelage earned 58 All-GLVC awards, 23 All-Great Lakes Region awards, nine All-American awards, and one national championship.

"I do not believe that any other single person has had a more significant impact on athletics at USI than Bill Stegemoller," said current USI cross country Head Coach Mike Hillyard, one of USI's All-Americans in track. "At a school with little athletic reputation and no prior running program, it took him just one year to win his first GLVC title. Anyone who knows Bill well can understand why he was able to have such an immediate impact and consistent success.

"(Bill) worked harder than was rational, and he was more than a coach to his men. He was a father figure and no one wanted to let Bill down."

The most successful runner was Elly Rono, who ran his way to the 1997 NCAA II Cross Country national championship and to the 1998 NCAA II Track in the 5,000m indoor and 10,000m outdoor national championships. Rono, who was inducted into the NCAA II Cross Country Hall of Fame in 2004, was the Division II Runner of the Year in 1996 and 1997.

Stegemoller was recognized by his peers on 10 occasions as GLVC Coach of the Year and was the NCAA Division II National Coach of the Year in 1983. He also was named the Great Lakes Region Coach of the Year three times.

The USI runners were nearly as successful in track, accumulating 12 All-American awards.

Stegemoller retired from coaching after the 1997-98 year but has continued to teach in the mathematics department.

Prior to coming to USI, Stegemoller had many successful teams at Vincennes University, leading the Trailblazers to two NJCAA cross country national championships.

"I am happy to have had the opportunity to initiate and build the cross country program at USI," said Stegemoller. "I feel that I have helped mold the lives of those that I have coached in positive ways. It was fun."

In his retirement, Stegemoller intends to bike, kayak, and ski in Idaho where he and his wife Rebecca '01 have a second home.

"All of that takes considerable time when you are slow," he said.

Dr. Robert E. Mays

Three decades of service

Dr. Robert E. Mays, associate dean of the Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services, is



Mays

an Evansville native who has served USI for more than three decades.

Mays joined the faculty in education in 1973, served as chair of the Teacher Education Department for three years starting in 1988, and

in 1991 began working in the dean's office as associate dean. Throughout his career at USI he also served as director of student teaching and other field experiences in education.

He was active in state and national organizations, including serving as a consultant to the U.S. Department of

Exemplary devotion to the success of students at USI

Education and the Administration for Children, Youth, and Families.

In 1995, the USI Alumni Association presented him the Faculty Recognition Award to honor his outstanding service to the college and the University and for exemplary devotion to the success of students at USI. That same year he received the Outstanding Achievement Certificate from the Indiana Black Expo for his contributions in the field of education.

In retirement he plans to travel with his wife Martharee and also to find time for volunteer service in education.

December graduates

Pilar Tirado, occupational therapy

Graduate student takes inspiration from personal experience

At age 62, Pilar Tirado is poised on the brink of a new career that will enable her to do for others what occupational therapists did for her husband in her native Venezuela.

Tirado will complete requirements for a master's degree in occupational therapy in December 2006.

In 1993, her husband Gustavo had a stroke.

"I knew about physical therapists but not about occupational therapists," she said. "The people who helped him were so kind."

They taught her husband to use his hands again and helped him develop the ability to complete the activities of daily living once again.

Recently in a practicum for her course work, Tirado employed constraint-induced movement therapy to achieve results with two patients. By constraining the less-affected extremity, the practitioner compels the patient to use the more-affected extremity and thus improve its quality of movement.

Before developing a plan of intervention, Tirado asked her patients what they wanted to accomplish. The woman wanted to be able to shave her legs and write a check independently; the man wanted the use of both hands to wash his hair.

"It was wonderful to see them improve," she said.

Tirado's husband died following a second stroke in 1996. She and her children closed the family investment and financial business in Caracas. Tirado moved to Evansville in 2002 and enrolled in the occupational therapy program. Her daughter and son-in-law, Daniela and Alfonso Vidal, are Evansville residents. She has four other children, including a daughter in Houston, Texas, and two sons in the Miami area. Another daughter remains in Venezuela. All were in Evansville in the spring for USI Commencement when Tirado received a bachelor's degree.



Pilar Tirado, right, chats with fellow occupational therapy students Greg Abney and Sarah Merkley at the campus health fair.

The USI occupational therapy program is a combined BS/MS program. The first 27 students in the program received their master's degrees in spring 2006.

As a nontraditional student, Tirado said any awkwardness she felt at first was soon dispelled by the openness and friendliness of other students.

She recently learned that her research has been accepted for presentation at a national meeting. She and Dr. Aimee Luebben, USI professor of occupational therapy, will present a paper in March at the American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference in St. Louis.

Even before Tirado launches a new career, she had a long list of accomplishments to her name. For many years in Venezuela she worked in the field of special education. She also has been a leader throughout her life in church activities. In 1975, she was one of the founders of the Salesian Women's Association, an organization whose mission is to empower women and help youth realize a better future. A past international president of the organi-

zation, she has traveled throughout the world to advance the work of the association, which now has centers in 25 countries.

Three years ago Tirado was named Hispanic ministry coordinator for Nativity Catholic Church in Evansville. Little by little, the work has grown to address the crucial needs of an increasing population. About 150 Hispanic worshippers attend mass on a given Sunday but not always the same 150 people. Many work in jobs that require Sunday hours. Tirado has been involved in activities to help the Hispanic community adapt to life in Evansville. Recently, the church hosted an emergency services day to acquaint participants with the role of police, fire, and other emergency workers.

Tirado has applied for an Employment Authorization Card which will allow her to work legally in the United States for one year after graduation. The authorization may be extended at the end of that year.

Her dream job is to assist stroke patients like her husband.

Marcus Clark, communications and radio/tv

Young and Rubicam recruits USI senior

Marcus Clark, a USI athlete for three years who has a double major in communications and radio/TV, will graduate in December and move to Detroit to become an account coordinator with Young and Rubicam, one of the leading marketing communication companies with a global network and such clients as Colgate Palmolive, Mattel, and Xerox.



Clark

Clark ran track for three years while pursuing an interest in sports broadcasting. Robert Jeffers, instructor in advertising, talked to Clark about the benefit of a second major in advertising, and Clark liked how he could meld both majors to be more employable.

Clark was a member of the USI advertising team in the 2006 National Student Advertising Competition that won regional competition, and he was one of five USI students chosen to present at the national competition. A vice president from the Young and Rubicam firm saw him in competition and suggested they trade business cards and start correspondence. He interviewed this summer at the Detroit office and will be one of 13 new college graduates who will train in all parts of the company for one year. He then can choose a company location and specialty he prefers.

As a high school senior Clark was considering USI and another public higher education institution in Indiana. His interest was broadcasting so he was reviewing both institutions when he learned the other university may cancel the track program over the

next two years, and he planned to attend college on a track scholarship. In high school, Clark ran track and played basketball at Decatur Central in Indianapolis.

Clark is ready for the advertising career.

"I'm comfortable speaking in front of others," he said. "For creative ideas, I use experiences from my life, read and listen to the news, and exchange ideas with friends. I break it down

to the simple. I think this industry is about new ways to look at things."

Clark and his mother, Lisa Clark of Indianapolis, have a close relationship. Clark said, "My mother is amazed and astonished that I have this opportunity."

He is a member of the USI Advertising Club and every Thursday he is the sports anchor for Access USI, a news broadcast that airs in student housing.

He carries a Hot Wheels backpack to classes. Clark offers a wide grin as he explains his book bag choice.

"I know that I will soon be an adult and this last semester of college I'm enjoying being a kid. It was the night before fall classes and I was shopping at a local discount store and spied this Hot Wheels backpack, complete with a Hot Wheels car. I'm holding onto my childhood these last weeks of school."

He turns more serious when he talks about what USI faculty members have meant to him. He said, "They have given me many opportunities. I've talked with my mother about how we can repay them, and we are going to provide money to cover expenses for another student in the advertising competition. All of my expenses were paid and I want other students to have such opportunity."

Accounting team 'three-peats' in competition

A four-member team of accounting students from the USI College of Business has won first place for the third consecutive year in the annual Indiana CPA Society (INCPAS) Case Study Competition. They made history as the first team in the seven-year history of the competition to win for three straight years.

The USI team qualified as one of six finalists to give an oral presentation after preparing a written case study. Teams from 11 universities throughout the state entered the competition.

The team includes May Flores, senior, of Newburgh, Indiana; John Hayden, senior, of Evansville; Adam Knepp, senior, of Montgomery, Indiana; and Amy Oglesby, junior, of Galatia, Illinois. Flores also was a member of last year's winning team. Each of the USI team members received a \$1,000 award from INCPAS.

Jeanette Maier-Lytle, USI instructor in accounting and faculty coach of the accounting team for the third year, also was recognized at the CPA Celebration. INCPAS selected her as 2006 Outstanding Accounting Educator.

The case study for this year's competition was on the topic of peer review. The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants requires that its member firms participate in a practice-monitoring or "peer review" program.

The USI team's most prominent recommendation was the creation of a certification process similar to the AACSB International accreditation for colleges of business and the ISO 9000 certification used in the manufacturing industry.

The accounting team representing Butler University placed second, and the third place winner was the team from Manchester College. Other teams in the finals represented Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Purdue University-Calumet, and Valparaiso University. Teams from Indiana University-Bloomington, Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne, Saint Mary's College, University of Indianapolis, and University of Notre Dame also participated in the competition.

Soccer coach becomes true soccer mom



Krissy Engelbrecht, women's soccer coach, and her son Aidan

How do you combine the joys of being a new mother with the thrills of collegiate coaching? USI's women's soccer Head Coach Krissy Engelbrecht learned just how much fun and how difficult that could be in 2006.

The Screaming Eagles had an up and down year, finishing 4-13-0 overall and 2-11-0 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, but for Engelbrecht the fall was full of positives (or additions).

Engelbrecht discovered she was expecting in January, but the news went from thrill to wonderment in no time.

"I figured I would be due in the middle of preseason," said Engelbrecht. "My first thought was that I had better find some assistant coaches."

She tapped former players Alisann Shetler and Brooklyn Gant.

"I made the choice to go with assistants who already knew my system, rather than try to search for someone who would be compatible," said Engelbrecht.

As the preseason came closer, so did the ninth month. Engelbrecht, who was a three-time Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year, had to slow down and let go of some of the control of the team.

"The hardest part was letting go of the reins during the preseason," Engelbrecht said. "I'm usually on the field running with the players, which is something you can't do when nine months pregnant."

"This year I was sitting on the sidelines and doing a lot of delegation."

The first of many surreal moments came as the season was about to begin.

Graduate student takes a run as student athlete

Cross country runner Katy Simutis (Mt. Vernon, Indiana) is proving it is never too late to run. At 31, Simutis is in her first year of collegiate competition and has become one of the top runners on a squad that has been consistently ranked in the top 10 of the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Division II rankings.

Simutis, a mother of three, already has an undergraduate degree. She graduated from the University of Illinois in 1997 with a degree in physiology. She works full-time as a biology lab supervisor for the USI Pott College of Science and Engineering.

Now pursuing a master's degree in public administration, Simutis has



Simutis

a chance to do something she never had the opportunity to do as an undergrad: be a collegiate cross country runner.

"It's something I did not get to do in college because I was

so busy," Simutis said. "I guess I always regretted it a little bit."

Simutis said Pott College administrators and faculty support her participation as an intercollegiate athlete.

"Obviously they still want the best out of me at work, so I'm always making sure that I'm giving them my best in my job at the same time that I'm trying to give my best in school and cross country," she said.

After a long layoff, Simutis started running again last fall.

"By May or so, I was going to start doing some races, just some 5ks to motivate myself," Simutis said.

That is when she ran into USI men's runner Tristan Mannix.

"I was telling Tristan my time goals and he said 'if you are running those times, you should run cross country for USI,'" she recalled.

Simutis eventually talked to USI Head Coach Mike Hillyard. "He said

On the day before she went into the hospital to have the baby, the team was leaving for Michigan.

Engelbrecht said, "It was the last practice. It hit the players that I was not going with them.

"I was there for everything during the preseason. I was huge, but it did not dawn on them that things would be different until that last practice."

Then the world changed again with the birth of Aidan Christian Engelbrecht on August 24.

Coach Engelbrecht missed the first two matches of the year in Michigan, but she surprised her team at the Lewis University match in Romeoville, Illinois.

"The players saw me coming to the field during pre-game and were wide-eyed at seeing coach and a baby," said Engelbrecht.

Since the birth of Aidan, Engelbrecht has been trying to get back into the swing of things.

"I had a C-section so I can't stand or yell for very long," Engelbrecht said. "I feel like I can do it, but the stamina is not there yet.

"Jeff '91 (her husband and former USI baseball player) has been great. He has been doing a lot of things behind the scenes which allow me to concentrate on the baby, travel, and the team."

A plus for Krissy and her husband are the 28 built-in babysitters on the team.

"Players fight for time to hold the baby, and he gets passed around a lot. They act like a bunch of aunts," Engelbrecht said.

'come on board,' and the rest is history," Simutis said.

During the summer, former men's runner Alan Schulze started coaching Simutis to get her ready for the season. Although she said graduate school was something she would have done eventually, the chance to run and work on her master's degree was a good fit.

"It all kind of clicked and worked together to get me back."

Thus far, Simutis has recorded three top-five finishes and been one of USI's top three runners in every race this season.

While Simutis has been outstanding on the course, the real challenges have been balancing her time among her responsibilities of running, school,

work, and being a mother.

"I just try to take care of the minute that I am living and do what needs to be done in that minute," she said.

Having support from her family also helps.

"I have a great family and I'm really lucky to have them," Simutis said. "I don't get to see them quite as much as I used to, but they are proud of me."

Student athletes making the jump to the pros

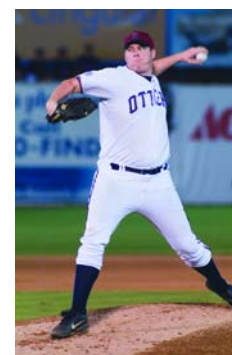
Four USI student athletes have made the jump to the pros since the end of their collegiate careers with the Eagles.

Former men's basketball players Chris Thompson and Danny Gibson have started on the right foot as professionals and members of the NVV Lions Monchengladbach in Germany.

Thompson, a 2006 NCAA Division II All-American, made his debut on September 27 and recorded 31 points and 18 rebounds. Gibson, who was an honorable mention All-GLVC last year, made his debut on October 8 and scored 14 points. He also tied for the team lead with three assists.

Former Screaming Eagle Reque Newsome is playing basketball in South America for Uruguay's Club Atletico Olimpia. Olimpia is fifth in the Liga Uruguaya.

In baseball, former player Nathan Arnold signed with the Evansville Otters and was a major factor in their



Arnold

sixth player to join a team in the Frontier League.

run to the Frontier League championship. Arnold was 4-0 with a 1.75 ERA, including two wins during the Frontier League Playoffs.

Arnold was the third former USI player to play for the Otters and the

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Alumni Calendar 2007 of Events



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| January 6 | Varsity Club & Alumni Chili Supper
5:30 p.m., USI Physical Activities Center 200 |
| January 9 | Alumni Council Meeting
5:45 p.m., USI Foundation |
| February 2 | Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Dinner
6:30 p.m., Carter Hall |
| February 3 | Homecoming 2007 |
| March 6 | Alumni Council Meeting
5:45 p.m., USI Foundation |
| April 21 | USI Day at the Zoo, Mesker Park Zoo |
| May 4 | USI Alumni Association Annual Meeting
Followed by Class of 2007 Graduation Celebration
Reception and Dinner, USI University Center |
| May 5 | USI Spring Commencement
3 p.m., Roberts Stadium |
| June 3 | Alumni Picnic
4 p.m., University Center Mall |

All alumni are invited to attend these events.

Alaska trip builds scholarship funds

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Proceeds from alumni travel fund scholarships for USI students.

1970s

William A. Burgdorf '71, history, earned a Doctor of Education degree in June 2006 from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

James F. Jaquess '71, management, is an attorney with the Electric Power Research Institute in Suwanee, Georgia.

Philip V. Bender '74, elementary education, received a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Indiana State University in May 2006. He serves as a school administrator with the Warrick County School Corporation in Newburgh, Indiana.

Robert W. Wallace '74, marketing, is an assistant vice president at Cincinnati Insurance Company in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Delmar D. Bromm '76, accounting, is a real estate broker for Hoffman & Mullen Realty in Jasper, Indiana.

Gina G. Berridge '77, accounting, '89, elementary education, received the Doctor of Philosophy degree from Indiana State University in May 2006. Berridge is the superintendent for Northern Wells Community Schools in Ossian, Indiana.

Michelle Swearingen Thompson '77, elementary education, is working with the National Center for Prevention Research and Solutions as an education consultant for a drug prevention curriculum entitled "Stay on Track" in Bloomington, Indiana. The program is for middle and high school students in all 50 states.

Harold E. Campbell, Jr. '79, accounting, is chief financial officer at Tucker Publishing Group in Evansville.

1980s

Steven H. Baker '82, finance, is a senior consultant with Norman Backues and Associates in Evansville.

Michael R. Koressel '82, business, has been promoted to vice president, director of insurance services with Old National Bank in Evansville.

Greg A. Miller '82, accounting, is postmaster for the U.S. Postal Service in Rockport, Indiana.

Two alumni named to USI Foundation posts

Two alumni have been named to posts with the USI Foundation.

Jean Devine '86 is assistant director of Development, operations.

An accounting graduate, she has been associated with USI since 1986, most recently as USI Foundation accountant.

Andrea Gentry '05 is assistant director of Development, annual giving. She earned a bachelor's degree in public relations and advertising with a political science minor.



Devine



Gentry

Charles A. Combs '83, biology, is an education consultant with Roche Diagnostics in Indianapolis.

Mary Jane Deutsch '83, pre-medical technology program, is a medical technologist in microbiology at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

Rachel Hemmer Hughes '84, communications, has taken the position of development officer with the Wayne County Foundation in Richmond, Indiana.

Kathy Whybark Morris '84, elementary education, is a second-grade teacher at Bartow County School in Cartersville, Georgia.

Lori A. Devillez '86, psychology, is the executive director for Austin Pregnancy Resource Center in Austin, Texas.

Scott M. Heneisen '86, computer information systems, has been promoted to national account manager in the Aerospace & Defense Group at UGS in Carmel, Indiana.

Paul D. Medcalf '86, business, is the chief executive officer for Mobility Matter, Inc., in Newburgh, Indiana.

Steven M. Nordhoff '86, communications, is a sales representative for DC Broadcasting in Jasper, Indiana.

Constance Pope Peckenpaugh '87, accounting/finance, has been promoted to controller at Tradewinds, Inc., in Indianapolis.

Glenn C. Owens '89, marketing, is a property claims adjuster for Indiana Insurance in Evansville.

Steve Dealph addresses Student Leadership Conference

Steve Dealph '88 presented the opening session, "Extreme Leadership and the Radical Leap," at the 2006 Fall Student Leadership Conference on campus.

Dealph is director of the Cliff Alexander Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and Leadership at Miami University of Ohio. He has been a fraternity/sorority advising professional for more than 15 years and has worked in that capacity at Longwood University and Northwestern University. He also served as director of leadership education for the North-American Interfraternity Conference and coordinated such programs as the Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute (UIFI), Futures Quest, and IMPACT.

Dealph earned a bachelor's degree in business from USI and a master's degree in college student personnel from Bowling Green State University. While at USI, he served as president of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, Inter Fraternity Council president, Spring Week and Eagle Gran Prix chair for the Activities Programming Board, resident advisor, and AMIGO.

Sharon Sartore '89, accounting, has been selected to membership on the USI College of Business Board of Advisors. She is senior vice president of Rogers Jewelers in Evansville.

1990s

Terry E. Lewis '90, marketing, graduated from Cumberland University in May 2006 with a Master in Public Service Management degree. He is an assessment specialist with the Davidson County Sheriff's Office in Nashville, Tennessee.

David W. Verner '90, electrical engineering technology, has accepted the position of process engineer for Mid-States Rubber Products, Inc., in Princeton, Indiana.

John P. Wible '90, business administration, is a project manager with Mead Johnson Nutritionals in Evansville.

Deborah Baumgart Fleck '91, business administration, '00, Master of Business Administration, was recognized at the Indiana Society for Human Resource Management in August as the 2006 winner of the Professional Excellence Award. She was recently promoted to manager, performance and rewards administration for American General Financial Services in Evansville.

Kelly Dillon '92, business administration, has been selected to membership on the USI College of Business Board of Advisors. She is manager of public affairs and purchasing for Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana.

Courtney Julian Edwards '92, elementary education, is a youth program director with the YWCA in Evansville.

Michael C. France '92, economics, is a managing partner at J. Anderson Enterprises in Henderson, Kentucky.

John J. Hays '92, business administration, has been promoted to director of the Emergency Responder Division at E.D. Bullard Company in Cynthiana, Kentucky.

Chris A. Keegan '92, health services/history, '96, Master in Science in Education, has been awarded the designation of Fellow of the Association of Surgical Technologists. He is professor and chair of Vincennes

Holly Dunn Pendleton receives national Jefferson Award for community service

Holly Dunn Pendleton has been awarded a Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Award for Greatest Public Service Benefiting a Community by the national Jefferson Awards program.

Dunn Pendleton is completing a master's degree in business administration at USI. She accepted the community service award in June in Washington, D.C. The only surviving victim of the "railroad killer," Dunn Pendleton was recognized for educating others about sexual assault and for her work to establish an advocacy center in Evansville for victims of sex crimes and other sensitive incidents. The center will be named Holly's House.

In 1997, Dunn Pendleton was attacked in Lexington, Kentucky, by Angel Maturino Resendiz as she and her boyfriend walked along the railroad tracks. The boyfriend was killed.

Dunn Pendleton was eligible to compete for the national award after her selection by Leadership Evansville for a local Jefferson Award. The Jefferson Awards were established in 1972 by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, U.S. Senator Robert Taft Jr., and Sam Beard.

University's Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting programs in Vincennes, Indiana.

Michele Doerflein Schellenberg '92, English, has been promoted to manager, human resources director with Solarbron Pointe in Evansville.

Kristi Straub Reynolds '93, elementary education, '04, Master of Science in Education, is a teacher at South Terrace Elementary School in Wadesville, Indiana.

Mark A. Funkhouser '94, business, is the chief probation officer for Posey Superior Court in Mount Vernon, Indiana.

Randall J. Russell '94, economics, is the controller at Memorial Hospital in Jasper, Indiana.

Darren W. Spainhoward '94, business administration, has been promoted to president at Old National Bank in Henderson, Kentucky.

Tina Deal Spears '94, business administration, was recently promoted to assistant vice president at Integra Bank in Evansville.

Heather Tripp Fleetwood '95, communications, is the director of marketing at Ferrell Hospital in Eldorado, Illinois.

David B. Hawkins '95, business administration, has been promoted to vice president, performance leader at Old National Bank in Evansville.

Thomas P. Jung '96, computer information systems, is a Netweaver product manager with SAP in Jasper, Indiana.

Alisha Chappell Clark '97, accounting, is an accounting manager for GAF Materials Corporation in Mount Vernon, Indiana.

Ryan T. Dearth '97, communications, has been promoted to assistant vice president and director of communications for Bose Treacy Associates LLC in Indianapolis.

Jennifer L. Riggs '97, communications, has been promoted to senior advertising sales executive of major accounts for *The Indianapolis Star* in Indianapolis.

Jason T. Rogers '97, business administration, is the director of operations at Bay Dock in Tampa, Florida.

Jason M. Fisher '98, business administration, has been promoted to assistant cashier at Fifth Third Bank in Evansville.

Erin R. Deicken '99, communications, was recently promoted to regional training director for Franklin Templeton Investments in Tampa, Florida.

Tonya Hufnagel Borders '99, accounting, has taken the position of vice president, chief operations officer at Integra Wealth Management in Evansville.

Andrew S. Perry '99, economics, is the owner/principal of Perry Purchasing Solutions in Evansville.

John M. Schenk '99, accounting, has been promoted to vice president, internal audit manager at Integra Bank in Evansville.

Allison McGinley Schultz '99, psychology, received a doctoral degree in clinical psychology, in August 2006 from University of Indianapolis in Indianapolis.

Farrah L. Stichler '99, accounting, is a manager of consultative sales with Healthcare Insights LLC in Chicago.

Susan Brinson Tudor '99, elementary education, is a fourth-grade teacher at Northwood Elementary in Mooresville, Indiana.

Cindi Clayton Wahl '99, psychology, has taken the position of manager of employment at USI. She also is an adjunct faculty member at USI and at Ivy Tech Community College in Evansville.

2000s

Laura Boucher Bedilion '00, public relations and advertising, has taken the position of copywriter for Central Restaurant Productions in Indianapolis.

Athletic Hall of Fame to induct first class

The inaugural class of the University of Southern Indiana Athletic Hall of Fame will be inducted during Homecoming week in February. The Hall of Fame committee received nearly 90 nominations of former student athletes, teams, coaches, administrators, and special individuals.

The first USI Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. February 2 in Carter Hall of the University Center. For reservations, contact the USI Office of Special Events, 812/464-1930.

The homecoming game on February 3 will feature USI against the University of Missouri-Rolla in a GLVC West Division showdown.



Cara Ellison Conder '00, dental assisting, is a team leader with Outsource Management Group in Bloomington, Indiana.

Katherine M. Haraburda '00, mechanical engineering technology, is a process engineer for Sony DADC in Terre Haute, Indiana.

Dana Mullis Hutton '00, occupational therapy, is director of rehabilitation at Stonebridge Health Campus in Bedford, Indiana.

Nathan R. Lengacher '00, business administration, is chief operations officer for EvanTell in Dallas, Texas.

H. Larkin Lottes '00, business administration, has taken the position of sales representative for Teknor Color Company in Evansville.

Andrew N. Skillman '00, business administration, received a master's degree in business administration from Butler University in May 2006. He is a banking center manager with Fifth Third Bank in Indianapolis.

Rayna Kincheloe Barnett '01, English, is a coordinator with The Literacy Center in Evansville.

Jeremy S. Bigge '01, biology, graduated in May 2006 with the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg, West Virginia.

Science teacher Kim Elpers is state finalist for Presidential Award

Kimberly K. Elpers '81 is one of five Indiana educators elected as finalists for the 2006 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST), the nation's highest honor for U.S. mathematics and science teachers in elementary and secondary education. The PAEMST award is administered by the National Science Foundation on behalf of the White House.

Elpers teaches K-5 science at Sts. Peter and Paul School in Haubstadt, Indiana.



Kim Elpers uses hands-on activities to teach science at Sts. Peter and Paul School in Haubstadt, Indiana. Her classroom is a model classroom for the Diocese of Evansville.

Michael T. Blume '01, computer information systems, is an investment representative for Edward Jones in Evansville.

Elizabeth Fuhrman Bragg '01, studio art, received a master's degree in critical and curatorial studies from the University of Louisville in May 2006. She resides in Owensboro, Kentucky.

Lindsay N. Crist '01, psychology, graduated in 2005 with a Master of Arts degree in clinical psychology from the University of Indianapolis. She is a therapist at Resource, Inc., and a social worker at Community Health Network in Indianapolis.

Michelle Davidson Harris '01, accounting, is a corporate accountant with Cummins, Inc., in Columbus, Indiana.

Michelle L. Hill '01, business administration, has been appointed town clerk, collector-treasurer, in Southwick, Massachusetts.

Kristi Lynn Kain '01, communications, is a professional sales representative for Reliant Pharmaceuticals in Evansville.

Christopher T. Leek '01, biology, is an environmental consultant for Biological Research Association in Tampa, Florida. He provides ecological consultations to public and private entities on environmental issues such as wetland, significant wildlife habitat, listed species, water use, wetland mitigation design, invasive species management, storm water management, and land management.

Scott K. MacArthur '01, computer information systems, is a security risk compliance consultant for Humana Inc. in Louisville, Kentucky.

Kent W. Maikranz '01, English, is a teacher at Ohio County High School in Hartford, Kentucky.

Shaun A. Short '01, business administration/economics, is a financial manager for Renovated Home in New York, New York.

Amy Harris Sims '01, computer information systems, is a support analyst for Suro Surgical Systems in Indianapolis.

J. Michael Sims '01, computer information systems, has taken the position of operations manager for e-biofuels, LLC in Indianapolis.

Golf outings fund scholarships

Proceeds of two alumni golf events support student scholarships. The Alumni Association and Greater Indianapolis Alumni Chapter express thanks to the following 2006 corporate hole sponsors.



Winning women's division first place in the Alumni Fun Golf Scramble at Helfrich Golf Course in Evansville are, from left, Laura Murphy '94, Linda Munro, JoVeta Fehrenbacher, and Cathy Head '03.

Alumni Fun Golf Scramble

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Arc Construction Company
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Heritage Federal Credit Union
Hylant Group

Integra Bank
Kemper CPA Group LLP
Mulzer Crushed Stone
Nick's Pizza & Wings
Old National Bank
Professional Eyecare Associates West,
Todd Niemeier O.D.
Safety Management Corporation
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Holly England Vote '01, accounting, is a senior auditor for Carolinas Healthcare System in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Sara M. Bigger '02, elementary education, is the 2006 recipient of the Clarksville Montgomery County Education Association Green Apple Award. She is a fourth-grade teacher for the Clarksville-Montgomery County Schools in Clarksville, Tennessee.

Rachael Harris Gaffin '02, business administration, is a labor analyst with Walt Disney Company in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

Jason R. Gillihan '02, biology, received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in May 2006. He will enter an internal medicine preliminary residency at SIU School of Medicine and its affiliated hospitals in Springfield, Illinois.

Todd H. Pickelheimer '02, business, was recently promoted to vice president, deposit coordinator at Old National Bank in Evansville.

Lindsey Fish Siewert '02, nursing and health services, is a staff nurse for Jewish Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky.

Audra Weisheit Wood '02, elementary education, is a teacher with Franklin Township Schools in Indianapolis.

Derek J. Adams '03, accounting, has been promoted to senior accountant at BKD, LLP in Evansville.

Renee Gelarden Alger '03, elementary education, is a sixth grade mathematics teacher at Greenfield Middle School and a Mary Kay consultant in Indianapolis.

Jonathan P. Bothel '03, mathematics, is a math teacher at Theodore High School in Theodore, Alabama.

Kyle J. Davis '03, computer publishing and telecommunications, is the resident director at University of Illinois in Champaign, Illinois.

Lisa M. Harris '03, nursing, is a staff nurse in the surgical intensive care unit at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

Linnea A. Haseker '03, public relations and advertising, is a sales and marketing assistant with C&R Graphics in Louisville, Kentucky.

Jennifer M. Hunt '03, business administration, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant with the Evansville Fire Department.

C. Kay Kiesel '03, nurse practitioner, is a nurse practitioner with Drs. Kris and Kay Chilikuri in Newburgh, Indiana.

Jesse J. Southerland '03, art, has been promoted to associate art director for Tucker Publishing Group in Evansville.

Kelly Brennan White '03, psychology, is a social worker with Northcare in Lawton, Oklahoma.

Lisa Ward Zimmer '03, business administration, has joined Ivy Tech Community College as a student recruiter in Evansville.

Erin Smith Bechtold '04, elementary education, is a fifth-grade teacher for Northwood Elementary in Mooresville, Indiana.

Bryce M. Cooper '04, sociology, is finishing a 15-month deployment in Iraq. He is a head coach at Roncalli High School in Indianapolis.

Jason E. Lowe '04, elementary education, is a teacher at Springs Valley Community School in French Lick, Indiana.

Alissa A. Orth '04, English, is an accounting coordinator for the American Red Cross in Evansville.

Nikki L. Papalambros '04, business administration, is a recruiting manager for Forefront Staffing in Chicago.

Charles W. Pride '04, finance, has taken the position of finance officer for the City of Evansville.

Elizabeth G. Reeve '04, radio and television, is working on her thesis for a master's degree in professional media practice. She is employed at Wayne City School as a project director for a grant-based program in Wayne City, Illinois.

Amy L. Siebert '04, elementary education, is a sixth-grade math teacher at Eldorado Unit #4 Schools in Eldorado, Illinois.

Kristen A. Toone '04, biology, is a quality assurance specialist at Bristol-Myers Squibb in Evansville.

Lindsay L. Wilson '04, public relations and advertising, has taken the position of development coordinator for the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Jade S. Boren '05, art, has joined AXIOM Marketing 7 Advertising as a creative project director in Evansville.

C. Michelle Chappell '05, applied computer science, is a network administrator for Bancsource, Inc., in Henderson, Kentucky.

Brandie Bethe Claborn '05, accounting and professional services, is a senior financial analyst with Tech Data Corporation in Saint Petersburg, Florida.

Amanda L. Diehl '05, business administration, has accepted a new position in management development with Centier Bank in Crown Point, Indiana.

Neil J. Fortwendel '05, economics/finance, is a financial representative for Northwestern Mutual Financial Network in Evansville.

Ryan D. Hasler '05, finance, is a credit manager for Wells Fargo Financial in Las Vegas, Nevada.

David L. Ramsey '05, computer information systems, recently accepted the position of business analyst for Federated Department Stores in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Jeremy M. Schmitt '05, accounting and professional services/finance, has been promoted to senior financial analyst with GE Plastics in Mount Vernon, Indiana.

Amy R. Stockholm '05, journalism and computer publishing, has completed a master's degree in arts and public communications at American University in Washington, D.C. She is a community relations coordinator for The George Washington University Hospital Acute-Care Rehabilitation Services in Washington.

Rebecca A. Trapp '05, psychology, is a case manager at Southwestern Mental Health Center in Evansville.

L. Barry Tucker '05, radiological technology, is an officer strength manager for the Alabama Army National Guard in Pelham, Alabama.

Cassie L. Bartelt '06, nursing, is a registered nurse at Jewish Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky.

Matthew R. Buechler '06, marketing, is a professional sales coordinator for National Office Furniture in Jasper, Indiana.

Jill R. Forcum '06, marketing, has taken the position of inside sales representative with Dell, Inc., in Nashville, Tennessee.

William L. Heberling '06, psychology/sociology, is a permanent deacon at Saint Agnes parish in Evansville.

Sean Strauss '06, radiological technology, is a radiological technologist at Sky Ridge Medical Center in Parker, Colorado.

Marriages

Dolli Kuehn '90, marketing/management, and **Chris Neikirk**, May 27, 2006

Christopher M. Burkhart '94, political science/social science, and **Anisia**, July 15, 2006

Carla J. Forston '95, communications, and **Mike Birsa**, May 28, 2006

William Mark Lemond '97, sociology, and **Susan Shelton**, May 27, 2006

Ryan J. Kassenbrock '99, accounting, and **Natalie Zimmer**, June 7, 2006

Alycia J. Crnkovich '01, public relations and advertising, and **Matthew Richter**, April 1, 2006

Matthew J. Schmitt '01, mathematics, and **Stacy Kern**, June 3, 2006

Valerie L. Spellmeyer '01, public relations and advertising, and **Michael Hurwitz**, July 15, 2006

Angie D. Biehle '02, elementary education, and **Bryan Jaquemai**, July 15, 2006

Cori E. Girten '02, public relations and advertising, and **Greg Meunier**, July 29, 2006

Christina L. Mayberry '02, management, and **Brian W. Scroggins '03**, art, April 29, 2006

Alumni trip to Italy supports student scholarships



Travelers on the recent USI Alumni Association-sponsored trip to Italy visited the ancient city of Orvieto, remarkably perched on top of a volcanic plateau and crowned by a magnificent cathedral. Posing behind tour guide Petra Fuerchtenicht on the cathedral steps are from left (front row) Barbara Habig, Micki Tinsley '04, Vicky McCluskey '98, Carol Baker, Bev VanZilen, and alumni director Nancy Johnson '83 M'95, and (back row) Brian Hooper, Barbara Jolliffe, Bill Tinsley, Mike McCluskey, Bruce Baker, Walt VanZilen, and Ken Johnson. Travelers raised money for scholarships while enjoying the history and beauty of the country.



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Basketball Games vs. University of Missouri-Rolla
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Alumni Gathering

Complimentary Food Booths
 & Live Entertainment at 5:30 p.m.

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Sara A. Baumeyer '03, English, and **John T. Copeland '05**, physical education, September 17, 2006

Sandra R. Chapman '03, health services, and **Mark T. Ambrose '05**, accounting, July 8, 2006

Alicia K. Viering '03, Spanish, and **Dustin Storm**, June 17, 2006

Cassandra L. Harris '04, health services, and **Edwin David**, January 7, 2006

Carrie E. Larkerbrink '04, management, and **Jon K. Hanebutt '03**, computer information systems, July 17, 2006

Emily E. Brandenburg '05, nursing, and **Brian M. Key '05**, marketing, September 24, 2006

Amanda L. Diehl '05, business administration, and **Samuel B. Hanson '05**, management, September 16, 2006

Samantha N. Harper '05, English, and **Matthew Casper**, June 24, 2006

Erin M. Horthy '05, health services, and **Ryan M. Byrley '06**, mathematics, May 27, 2006

Stacey L. Mullen '05, Spanish, and **Joseph O'Brien**, July 1, 2006

Miranda F. Pennell '05, psychology, and **Adam D. Bertram '04**, applied computer science, February 4, 2006

Erin R. Pollard '05, occupational therapy, and **J. C. Warnken**, June 10, 2006

Arye E. Stephens '05, psychology, and **Matt Camp**, January 20, 2006

April D. Williams '05, accounting and professional services, and **Matthew Settles '05**, marketing, July 15, 2006

Sarah C. Chandler '06, elementary education, and **Bart B. Burke '06**, elementary education, July 29, 2006

Kara R. Voyles '06, art, and **Shaun Cooper**, May 20, 2006

Births

Michael W. Orban '89, marketing, and **Elizabeth**, daughter, **Sarah Elizabeth**, August 21, 2006

Angela Zwahlen Sawyer '91, nursing, and **Justin**, son, **Leo Michael**, March 23, 2006

Tarrie Kendall Crist '94, communications, and **Russell**, son, **Colton Dean**, July 25, 2006

Wendee Ross Reedy '94, biology, and **Mike**, twin sons, **Paul Ross** and **Aiden Joseph**, February 12, 2006

Todd E. Niemeier '95, biology, and **Babs**, daughter, **Olivia Rose**, June 13, 2006

David R. Slaubaugh '95, communications, and **Carrie**, daughter, **Elise Ann**, January 19, 2006

Caroline Pugh Staggs '95, elementary education, and **Scott**, daughter, **Savannah Kathleen**, June 27, 2006

Tony J. Bacon '96, mathematics, '01, mathematics teaching, and **Jill**, daughter, **Jordan Elizabeth**, July 10, 2006

Angela Emmons Lueke '96, communications, and **Christopher**, son, **Lucas Charles**, May 18, 2006

Karen Elmer Seifert '96, sociology, and **Kevin W. Seifert '99**, mathematics/philosophy, son, **Miles Henry**, June 10, 2006

Dawnell Clesi Schuler '97, communications/English, and **Jamaison R. Schuler '98**, communications, daughter, **Robin Renee**, June 22, 2006

Andrea Brenner Greaney '98, elementary education, and **John**, daughter **Juliana Marie**, May 31, 2006

Kati Olinger Hagerty '98, elementary education, and **Eric Hagerty '97**, elementary education, daughter, **Maggie Breen**, June 23, 2006

Tara Greener Weidenbenner '98, social work, '00, Master of Social Work, and Eric, twin sons, Brady Charles and Levi Jerome, May 24, 2006

Jack R. Fulcher '99, political science, and Michelle, son, Dawson Jacob, May 26, 2006

Natalie Folz Maasberg '99, business administration, and **Keith L. Maasberg '03**, civil engineering technology, twin sons, Brody Lee and Levi Glenn, June 13, 2006

Amy Rowlett Bauer '00, elementary education, and Bill, daughter, Kiarra Sage, April 20, 2006

Stacey Arnold Blume '00, occupational therapy, and **Michael T. Blume '01**, computer information systems, son, Carter Gus, May 24, 2006

Jamie Fiscel Copenhagen '00, business administration, and Brent, son, Tyler, July 15, 2006

Chadwick E. Rollings '00, elementary education, and Stephanie, daughter, Alyse Lorene, June 26, 2006

Mark A. Chandler '01, business administration, and Renee, son, Andrew Riley, July 30, 2006

Dana Kissel Ketchum '01, accounting, and Brent, daughter, Elizabeth Jean, August 6, 2006

Trisha Moore Peerman '01, elementary education, and **Michael L. Peerman '00**, communications, son, Grant Michael, July 3, 2006

Adool L. Ferguson '02, computer information systems, and Norlyn, daughter, Noelani, March 9, 2006

Kelly Steiner Johnson '02, accounting, and Jeremy, son, Conner Evan, May 8, 2006

Molly Blackford Mackey '02, exercise science, and Kevin, son, Jordan Lanae, June 29, 2006

Miranda Wimpelberg Baugher '03, political science, and Kevin, daughter, August 22, 2006

Christopher C. Harvey '03, economics, and Marla, son, Samuel Lee, July 31, 2006

Tina Cantrell Mosier '03, elementary education, and **Shon A. Mosier '03**, marketing, son, Ian Jerald, June 26, 2006

Natalie Petty Sturbaum '03, psychology, and Thomas, son, Tyler Edward, August 15, 2006

Jamie DeBaillie Woebkenberg '03, business administration, and Jon, son, Braden Lee, April 28, 2006

Lindsay Boswell Major '04, health services, and **Mark A. Major '02**, business administration, daughter, Gabriella Ashby, August 18, 2006

Amy Powell Powers '05, Master of Social Work, and Sean, daughter, Madeleine Mae, March 2, 2006

Ashley Jenkins Wolfe '05, nursing, and Kevin, daughter, Emmi Marie, July 21, 2006

In Memoriam

Phillip A. Ryan, Jr. '72, political science, formerly of Evansville, died September 14, 2006. He was the professional education research manager for TEVA Neuroscience in Memphis, Tennessee.

Jeffrey Mullis '89, sociology, of Rockport, Indiana, died July 5, 2006. He was a national sales manager for Multi-Fittings.

Faculty

Dr. Gordon E. Kelley, professor emeritus of health professions, died October 23 in Evansville. He joined USI as director of the Division of Allied Health in 1971 and later became associate dean of the School of Nursing and Health Professions. He retired in 1996. Memorial gifts may be made to the Kelley Health Professions Scholarship in the USI Foundation or to the Deaconess/Ohio Valley Hospice.

Louise Bruce, trustee emerita

Louise Simons Bruce, 92, a three-term appointee to the University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees, died September 30. She was a businesswoman and community leader in Tell City, Indiana.

Bruce was first appointed to the USI Board of Trustees in 1995. She was named trustee emerita in May 2006. She was a member of the USI Foundation board of directors from July 1996 through June 2006.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Perry County Community Foundation Hubert R. Bruce and Louise Simons Bruce Scholarship Fund, a fund she established in 1997 to benefit Perry County students attending USI.

We want to hear from you!

Do you have professional news about yourself to share with fellow graduates? Have you moved? Do you have a suggestion for a story? Let us know! We value your comments via mail (Alumni and Volunteer Services Office, 8600 University Boulevard, Evansville, IN 47712), phone (812/464-1924), FAX (812/464-1956), or e-mail (alumni@usi.edu).

New! SCOREBOARD on the way

The Physical Activities Center will have a new set of scoreboards installed during the 2006-07 season. Purchased with the help of a generous donation from Kenny Kent Toyota and Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana, the scoreboards will offer a new feature—panels that list players in the game.



HOME BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DECEMBER

17	Women vs. Harris Stowe State	1 p.m.
17	Men vs. Glenville State	3:15 p.m.
30	Men vs. Harris Stowe State	7:30 p.m.

JANUARY

4	Women/Men vs. Rockhurst*	5:15/7:30 p.m.
6	Women/Men vs. Drury*	1/3:15 p.m.
18	Women/Men vs. Bellarmine*	5:15/7:30 p.m.
20	Women/Men vs. Northern Kentucky*	1/3:15 p.m.

FEBRUARY

1	Women/Men vs. Missouri-St. Louis*	5:15/7:30 p.m.
3	Women/Men vs. Missouri-Rolla* Homecoming	1/3:15 p.m.
15	Women/Men vs. So. Illinois–Edwardsville*	5:15/7:30 p.m.
17	Women/Men vs. Quincy* Senior Day	1/3:15 p.m.

* Great Lakes Valley Conference match



Men's basketball games broadcast on WYFX-106.7 FM

All men's and women's games broadcast on WPSR 90.7 FM and on the Web at www.usi.edu/wswi/listen.html



Driving to the basket

USI and University of Evansville students competed in a graphic design contest—the Kenny Kent Toyota UE/USI Scion StandOff! Students from each university designed half of a Scion xB in colors and graphics in support of their men's basketball teams prior to the Vectren Community Classic, a USI-UE exhibition game in November at Roberts Stadium. Kenny Kent Toyota Scion Lexus, contest sponsor, had the Scion professionally "wrapped" in the designs. USI's winning half was designed by senior art majors Gregory Nixon and Jon Gelhausen.



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Sarah Storvick reacts to seeing her image on the campus shuttle bus.