



2006 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

May 6, 2006

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DEGREES TO BE CONFERRED

MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTANCY MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMEN MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING MASTER OF SCIENCE IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK	ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES	H. Ray Hoops Assisted by Linda L. M. Bennett
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MASTER DEGREES	
Graduate Studies	H. Ray Hoops
BACCALAUREATE DEGREES	
College of Business	Mohammed F. Khayum Dean, Professor of Economics
Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services	C. Thomas Pickering Dean, Professor of Education
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College of Liberal Arts	David M. Glassman Dean, Professor of Anthropology
College of Nursing and Health Professions	Nadine A. Coudret Dean, Professor of Nursing
Pott College of Science and Engineering	Scott A. Gordon Dean, Professor of Biology
ASSOCIATE DEGREES	
Associate Degrees	Linda L. M. Bennett Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
RECESSIONAL	Evansville Brass Quintet

MARTHA LAMKIN WILL DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS



Martha Lamkin

Martha D. Lamkin, president and chief executive officer of Lumina Foundation for Education, will bring today's Commencement Address.

Ms. Lamkin has directed the private, independent Lumina Foundation since it was created in 2000. The foundation strives to help people achieve

their potential by expanding access and success in education beyond high school. It is the largest foundation focused exclusively on educational access nationwide.

During the mid 1990s, as executive vice president of corporate advancement for USA Group, Inc., Ms. Lamkin was instrumental in developing the concept of the foundation while USA Group, Inc., the largest nonprofit administrator of student loans, planned to sell most of its operating assets, valued at \$770 million.

Through grants for research, innovation, communication, and evaluation, as well as policy education and leadership development, the Lumina Foundation addresses issues that affect access and educational attainment among all students, particularly underserved student groups, including adult learners. The foundation bases its mission on the belief that postsecondary education remains one of the most beneficial investments that individuals can make in themselves and that society can make in its people.

Ms. Lamkin has extensive leadership experience in business, higher education, and philanthropy. During her 30-year career, Ms. Lamkin has served as president of the Cummins Engine Company Foundation in Columbus, Indiana, and as executive director of corporate responsibility and government affairs at Cummins. She also was manager for the Indiana office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and was an attorney with the Indianapolis firm of Lowe, Gray, Steele and Hoffman. Ms. Lamkin served as a trustee of The Indianapolis Foundation, the nation's second oldest and Indiana's largest community foundation. She is co-founder and former chair of the Central Indiana Community Foundation, which combines more than \$485 million in assets of The Indianapolis Foundation, the Legacy Fund, and other community endowments. She also is a member of the Board of Visitors at the Indiana University School of Law–Indianapolis.

As a dedicated community leader, Ms. Lamkin has been involved with a wide range of civic, governmental, arts, and social service organizations. In 2005 she was elected to the board of directors of the national Council on Foundations and is a member of its Public Policy Committee and Advisory Committee for Executive Programs. She has been a member of the Board of Visitors of DePauw University and the President's Cabinet of Indiana University. She also has served as a board member and chair of Christian Theological Seminary and as a board member of Independent Colleges of Indiana, Indianapolis Economic Development Corporation, Indiana Fiscal Policy Institute, and Hoosier Capital Girl Scouts of America Council Advisory Board.

A member of the board of directors of Citizens Gas and Coke Utility Company, Inc., Ms. Lamkin serves as its vice chair. She also served on the board of directors of Meridian Mutual Insurance Company from 1988 to 2001 when the company was sold to State Auto Insurance Company.

Ms. Lamkin graduated *summa cum laude* from California Baptist University, received a master's degree in English and American Literature from Vanderbilt University, and earned a law degree from Indiana University School of Law, which cited her as a distinguished alumna in 1999.

Traditionally the University of Southern Indiana confers an honorary doctorate on its Commencement speaker in recognition of the speaker's achievements in career and public service. Under Lumina Foundation by-laws, Ms. Lamkin, as president and chief executive officer, may not accept such recognition.

THREE SHARE IN HONORARY DOCTORATE AWARDS

The University of Southern Indiana celebrates the civic spirit of three southern Indiana leaders in today's ceremony. Honorary doctorates will be conferred on Wayne F. Henning, William E. Miller, and Mattie S. Miller.



Wayne Henning

Mr. Henning retired this spring as executive vice president and regional chief operating officer of Evansville-based Old National Bank. An advocate for expansion of public higher education, Mr. Henning has been a close friend of the University of Southern Indiana almost since its founding.

Mr. Henning was employed at Old National Bank for 42 years, starting in the collections department. As he rose through the ranks at Old National, he aided numerous nonprofit and civic groups with their projects, leading fund drives and using his influence to involve other leaders.

He has been recognized for his impact in the community by being the recipient of the Beacon Group Community Award, the Best of Evansville Decades of Wisdom Award, the Memorial High School Distinguished Service Award, the Multiple Sclerosis Hope Award, and the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Buffalo Trace Council Boy Scouts for his personal example in living the Scout Oath and Law.

This year the Indiana General Assembly recognized his community service by passing a resolution in his honor describing Henning as "being deeply involved in the Evansville business and cultural community most of his adult life." He is the associate co-chair of Evansville Catholic High School Campaign and serves on the Honorary Cabinet of Hands On Discovery Children's Museum. He is past president of the Evansville Freedom Festival and served as the associate general chairman of the United Way. Mr. Henning has been president of the Evansville Association of Commercial Banks, Consumer Credit Counseling Services, Greater Evansville Lenders Association, Reitz Memorial High School Alumni Association, and the Memorial Athletic Booster Club. He also is a past member of the board of directors of the Evansville Association of Retarded Citizens, Roberts Stadium Foundation, Mesker Zoo, and the Evansville Airport Advisory Board. He has been financial chairman at Holy Rosary Church and vice chairman of the Southern Indiana Financial Institutions for I-69 and the Greater Evansville Chamber of Commerce.

A life-long Evansville resident and a standout high school and college athlete, Mr. Henning attended Reitz Memorial High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree from St. Edward's University. He also is a graduate of the Stonier Graduate School of Banking. Mr. Henning served with the U.S. Army and the U.S. Army Reserves. He and his wife Jewell have two grown sons.



Retired educators Bill and Mattie Miller have spent their lives in service to others. Both husband and wife had successful careers in the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation.

Mr. Miller, who retired as principal of McGary Middle School in 1995, also was a kindergarten-

William and Mattie Miller

eighth grade school industrial arts teacher, assistant principal, and elementary school principal, serving many schools in the EVSC. He continues to be a consultant for the school corporation.

Mrs. Miller retired as principal of Harper Elementary School, and formerly was an English teacher, reading clinician, high school guidance counselor, and middle school assistant principal. Both husband and wife have been deeply involved in the community. Mr. Miller was the first African American elected to the Vanderburgh County Council. He also has served as president of the Evansville Board of Public Safety, chairman of the Evansville Police Merit Commission, president of the Friends of the Public Library, and president of the Evansville Retired Teachers Association. He also is on the board of the University of Evansville Alumni Association and the Vanderburgh County Council on Aging. Mr. Miller is construction chairman and a board member of the African American Museum in Evansville—which is the first in Indiana—scheduled to open in 2006.

Mrs. Miller is president of the Vanderburgh County Retired Educators' Chapter. She has served on the board of the Indiana State Teachers Association and the National Education Association. In 2001 she was named Principal of the Year by the Indiana Parent Teacher Association. For 20 years, she served as President Reagan's appointee to the U.S. Selective Service Draft Appeals Board for the Evansville district, and served as chairperson of the board. She also served eight years on the Evansville Fire Merit Commission.

The Millers have been active members of Liberty Missionary Baptist Church for more than 50 years and both volunteer for the church's mentoring and tutoring program for students in elementary through high school. Mr. Miller has served on the church board of directors

In 1984, Mr. and Mrs. Miller were National Education Association (NEA) participants in an educational study tour of nine countries in West Africa, and the World Congress of Teaching Professions in Togo. Mrs. Miller also had a special assignment with the NEA to visit schools in France in 1983.

Mr. Miller grew up in Evansville. He attended Tuskegee Institute (now University) and earned both Bachelor of Arts and Maser of Arts degrees from University of Evansville. He also holds educational administration certification from Indiana University. While attending UE, he was responsible for establishing the Epsilon Iota Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. Later he was instrumental in chartering the Evansville Alumni Chapter of the fraternity, which has given over \$40,000 in scholarships to Evansville-area high school graduates. He served as president of both chapters.

Mrs. Miller is a native of Adams, Tennessee, and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Tuskegee Institute (now University), a Master of Science degree from Indiana University, and counseling and administration certification from University of Evansville and Indiana University.

She has served as adjunct instructor on the faculty of Indiana University and University of Evansville, and currently teaches English at Ivy Tech Community College, where she was nominated for "Outstanding Adjunct Instructor of the Year" in 2006. A Lilly Endowment Leadership Education Fellow, Mrs. Miller was selected to spend three years in training and planning programs for young adolescents in Indiana.

The Millers have been married for 52 years and are the parents of one son.

LINDSEY ANNE McGOWAN WILL RECEIVE PRESIDENT'S MEDAL



The Student Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate selected Lindsev Anne McGowan, a senior from Plainfield, Indiana, as the 2006 recipient of the President's Medal. She was chosen because of her commitment to academic excellence and her service to the University and the community.

Lindsey Anne McGowan

She graduates with a Bachelor of Arts degree, *magna cum laude*, in elementary education.

Ms. McGowan's record of service to the institution and the community is exemplary. She has been a member of the Student Government Association and served as its attorney general and has been an AMIGO orientation leader. As a participant in Student Ambassadors, she is vice president for admission events and student coordinator for Southern Hospitality Days. She also has been a resident assistant in student housing and has served as president of the Student Housing Association. Her supervisor in Residence Life, who recommended her for the President's Medal, cited her professionalism and sense of responsibility, saying she "exuded great character and integrity." Active in the Bower Suhrheinrich College of Education programs, she is a member and officer of Kappa Delta Pi education honorary, the Student Education Association, and the Evansville Area Reading Council. She also has been a leader in the intramural and recreation program, participating in the women's soccer league, coed softball tournament, and women's volleyball league.

Among Ms. McGowan's many honors are the All Campus Student Achievement Award, and the Vice President for Student Affairs Top Student Leader Award. She was chosen to speak at the Fall 2005 Freshman Convocation and to participate in the 2005 Honors Convocation. Ms. McGowan has held the Helen M. Bamberger Memorial Scholarship, the Alpha Omega Psi Scholarship, and the Student Housing Association Scholarship while attending USI. Ms. McGowan is listed in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Ms. McGowan will enter the teaching profession with future goals of earning a master's degree and ultimately becoming a school superintendent. One of her teacher education professors said she has "endless potential" in the teaching profession, and that her USI experience "exemplifies excellence in all aspects of campus life: academics, service and commitment to the University, and personal growth."

Ms. McGowan is the daughter of Beverly and Greg McGowan.

Other finalists for the President's Medal were Cassandra R. Bowman, Jennifer L. Crowell, Lora L. DeFries, Janice M. Esker, and Amanda M. Kleiman.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA Candidates for Degrees CLASS OF 2006

MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES

Anthony Robert Adams, Evansville Tracy Ann Adams, Boonville JoEllen Bush, Mount Vernon Rebecca Hartmann Cleveland, Mount Vernon Mari Matsuo, Fukuoka, Japan Erika Myers-Bromwell, Poseyville Gregory A. Wagoner, Evansville

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Lauren E. Adams, Henderson, Kentucky Danyelle Elaine Granger, Evansville Jon Michael Reidford, Evansville

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTANCY

Yí Huang, Shanghai, China Christine Lyn Parker, Angola Nichole A. Watkins, Evansville

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Kimberli Elizabeth Balder, Plainfield, Illinois **Elementary Education** Laurie M. Basham, Evansville Secondary Education Robin Lynn Bass, Evansville **Elementary Education** Shauna R. Bassemier, Evansville **Elementary Education** Jennifer Olinger Beckwith, Newburgh **Elementary Education** Karen Renee Campbell, Grand Chain, Illinois Secondary Education Seth Patrick Clark, Birdseye Secondary Education Michelle Nicole Corbin, Jasper **Elementary Education** Claudine Elyse Fairchild, Henderson, Kentucky Secondary Education Marla M. Hammel, Boonville **Elementary Education** Julie Ann Jackson, Mount Vernon

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Jennifer Leigh Kempf, Evansville Elementary Education

Julie Railey Kissinger, Mount Vernon Elementary Education

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Julie Hope Lovell, Morganfield, Kentucky Elementary Education

Tammy L. McConnell-Moye, Evansville Elementary Education

Melissa Anne Medico, Tulsa, Oklahoma Secondary Education

Gwendolyn B. Meischke-de Graauw, Evansville Elementary Education

Shannan Anne Miller, Evansville Secondary Education

Beth Ann Newhouse, Newburgh Elementary Education

Carol L. Pigman, Evansville Secondary Education

Sherrie Broadhead Plouchard, Wadesville Secondary Education

Sarah Melinda Quinett, Vincennes Elementary Education

Laura Beth Schaefer, Tell City Elementary Education

Jennifer Sue Schmitt, Evansville Elementary Education

Debra Schorr, Evansville Secondary Education

Dina J. Shipley, Patoka Secondary Education

Jerad Ray Shockley, Boonville Elementary Education

Jennifer Lynn Stoops, Newburgh Secondary Education

Karla Lynn Thompkins Shelby, Evansville Elementary Education

Catheryn F. Voelker, Evansville Elementary Education

Kelly Linn Watson, Evansville Elementary Education

Constance Jo Wedding, Evansville Elementary Education

Jenny Rebecca Weilbrenner, Mount Vernon Elementary Education

Sheila Renee Wilson, Evansville Elementary Education

Mara Beth D. Womack, Henderson, Kentucky Secondary Education

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT

Timothy Alan Fulton, Evansville Matthew Allan Hines, Carmi, Illinois Barry A. Ledbetter, Avon Douglas S. Pohli, Evansville Delores J. Strupp, Evansville

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Cristina L. Anderson, San Antonio, Texas Family Nurse Practitioner

Susan K. Bajovich, Boise, Idaho Nursing Management and Leadership Melissa Renee Baker, Sellersburg Nursing Education

- Cheryl Jeanne Bell, Mountain Grove, Missouri Family Nurse Practitioner
- Shelly L. Blythe-Townsley, Vincennes Family Nurse Practitioner

Elizabeth Alexandra Boggs, Bellville, Ohio Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Peggy M. Boyd, Carterville, Illinois Family Nurse Practitioner

Melvin Buck, Evansville Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

- Andrea Grace Casey, Jeffersonville Nursing Education
- Karen Ann Claise, Durham, North Carolina Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Glenda S. Cline, Fountain City Nursing Management and Leadership

Terri Denise Carrico Congleton, Owensboro, Kentucky Family Nurse Practitioner

Mary E. Doerner, Crofton, Kentucky Nursing Management and Leadership

Mary Jane Borders Doyle, Evansville Family Nurse Practitioner

- Loretta Jean Elder, Providence, Kentucky Nursing Education
- Tonya Hale Fleenor, Henderson, Kentucky Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Li Wang Flowers, Qing Dao, China Family Nurse Practitioner
- Erin Conlan Gottman, Paducah, Kentucky Family Nurse Practitioner

Patricia L. Grust, Walton, New York Nursing Education

Karen Sue Haak, Avon Nursing Management and Leadership

Daniel Lee Hedinger, II, Saint Meinrad Family Nurse Practitioner

Camilla Margaretha Helbling, Pritchard, British Columbia, Canada Nursing Education

Alice Faye Hildenbrand, Huntingburg Nursing Education

- Matthew S. Howard, Paducah, Kentucky Nursing Education
- Diane L. Hulsebusch, Panama City Beach, Florida Nursing Education

Jennifer Lynn Huston, Evansville Nursing Management and Leadership

Beverly Johnson Jones, Fredonia, Kentucky Family Nurse Practitioner

Rajwinder Kaur, Sterling, Virginia Clinical Nurse Specialist

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Ada Kay Skaggs Keeton, Tallahasee, Florida Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

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Sharon R. Kirk, Glasgow, West Virginia Nursing Education

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Nikki J. Mitchell, Rockport Family Nurse Practitioner

- Susan Diane Nesbitt, Vincennes Nursing Management and Leadership
- Heather Lee Owens, Scottsburg Nursing Management and Leadership

Lillian Marie Peterson, Dayton, Ohio Nursing Education

Jonni Kay Pielin-Kircher, Liberty Boro, Pennsylvania Nursing Education

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Carol F. Rasmussen, Tabiona, Utah Family Nurse Practitioner

- Debra Lee Rezac, Onaga, Kansas Family Nurse Practitioner
- Phyllis Saalwachter, Owensboro, Kentucky Family Nurse Practitioner
- Sharon Lynn Sepanek, Louisville, Kentucky Nursing Management and Leadership

Derek Sans Shelton, Owensboro, Kentucky Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

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Constance Ann Thomas, Terre Haute Nursing Education

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- Amy Elizabeth Walker, Evansville Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Barbara Lou Ward, Lynn Nursing Management and Leadership
- Jennifer Carrie Waters, Benton, Kentucky Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Margaret M. Whitehouse, Utica, Kentucky Family Nurse Practitioner
- Angelia Wampler Williams, Robinson, Illinois Nursing Management and Leadership Jocelyn K. Wires, Newburgh
- Nursing Management and Leadership
- Sonya Marie McReynolds Zeller, Bloomington Nursing Management and Leadership

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

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Presidential Medallion

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

Fabricated in bronze, the Presidential Medallion celebrates the 1995 inauguration of President H. Ray Hoops. At its center the bronze medallion bears a threeinch reproduction of the University seal, surrounded by a half-inch rim; on the back of the medallion are the names and dates of appointment of the University's presidents. During today's ceremony, a replica of the Presidential Medallion will be presented to Lindsey Anne McGowan. This is the highest honor given to a graduating senior.

University Seal

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

pastoral southern Indiana setting but also life, growth, continuity.

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

University Mace

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

A replica of the walking cane of Richard Owen (1810-1890) serves as the centerpiece of the University mace. A respected geologist and professor of natural science at Indiana University, Owen became the first president of Purdue University. He was a son of Robert Owen (1771-1858), the Welsh industrialist who established New Harmony, Indiana, as a center for education and enlightened social reform in the early 1800s. The 32-inch-tall, wooden cane was presented to Richard Owen in 1874 and, through the generosity of his descendant Kenneth D. Owen, served as the Grand Marshal's staff until the mace was fabricated for the University's first Presidential Inauguration in 1995.

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

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

Gonfalons

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

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Academic Dress

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

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

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

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

Alumni Association Pins

Graduates in today's ceremony are receiving lapel pins with the University logo as a gift from the University of Southern Indiana Alumni Association.

Baccalaureate Scholarship Honors

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

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

University Honors Scholars

The designation of University Honors Scholar is awarded to students who successfully complete the Honors Program. They can be recognized in today's ceremony by the white honor cords worn with their regalia.

Photography During Ceremony

A commercial photographer is taking photographs of each graduate as he/she shakes hands on stage. Each graduate will receive a proof from which duplicates can be ordered. Family members who wish to take still or video photographs during the ceremony are asked to use the restricted area on the floor. Security guards will ask those who block aisles in the stands or occupy the area behind the stage to move. Your cooperation ensures the dignity of the Commencement ceremony.

Commemorative Video

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



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