

New Student Convocation



University of Southern Indiana

Thursday, August 13, 2026 • 4 p.m.

Liberty Arena

Home of the Screaming Eagles

USI Creed

As a member of the USI community...

I will practice personal and academic integrity;

*I will reject and confront all manifestations
of discrimination while striving to learn from
differences in people, ideas, and opinions;*

*I will demonstrate concern for others, their feelings,
their property, and their need for conditions which
support their work and development.*

*Allegiance to these ideals requires that I refrain
from and discourage behaviors which threaten the
freedom and respect every individual deserves.*



Convocation Pin

The convocation pin is given to incoming new students to represent their connection with USI and commemorate the year they begin their academic journey at USI.



The Order of Convocation

Processional of Platform Party

National Anthem

Dezarae L. Washington '29
Soloist

"USI Creed"

Welcome and Introductions

Steven J. Bridges '89 M'95
President

Board of Trustees' Welcome

Michael J. Solliday '27
Student Trustee

Deans' Welcome to the Colleges

Teresa A. Beam
Dean of the Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education

Convocation Pin Ceremony

Mackenzie J. Hinton '27
President of the Student Government Association

Distinguished Sophomore and Transfer Student Awards

Shelly B. Blunt
Provost

Alma Mater

Recessional

Convocation Platform Party

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Sudesh N. Mujumdar

Dean of the Romain College of Business

Del D. Doughty

Dean of the College of Liberal Arts

Julie L. McCullough

Dean of the Kinney College of Nursing and Health Professions

Teresa A. Beam

Dean of the Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education

Michael D. Dixon

Dean of the School of Graduate Studies

Timothy J. Fitzgibbon

Director of Advising for the Center for Exploring Majors

Laurie M. Berry

Dean of Students

Michael J. Solliday '27

Student Trustee

Mackenzie J. Hinton '27

President of the Student Government Association

Gonfaloniers

Daylon K. Pollard '28

Romain College of Business

Brady J. Lents '28

College of Liberal Arts

Natalie N. Tran '29

Kinney College of Nursing and Health Professions

Rebeca R. Rios Iglesias '28

Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education

Lydia C. Place '28

University Division

Kristin Pavloski '27

International Student

Shriya Naraya '27

Honors Program

Jenna N. Malone '27

School of Graduate Studies

Distinguished Student Awards

The Distinguished Student Awards recognize new freshman and transfer students from 2025–2026 for their noteworthy accomplishments during their first year at USI. They are being recognized for accomplishments in academics, leadership, service, ethics, personal growth, notable selflessness and/or innovation. We hope these outstanding students provide inspiration to the 2026 entering class.

Distinguished Sophomore Awards

Callie J. Acord
Geneva H. Adams
Addison S. Anderson
Isaac E. Anderson
Bekah J. Beechler
Ben L. Bowlds
Hillary Bui
Dayanna Cruz-Amador
Ainsley M. Ferguson
Jehanna S. Fisher
Garrett B. Gabhart
Isabel R. Harris
Brayson W. Johns
Kyndel C. Klump
Alyssa P. Morrissey
Dayne L. Pollard
Wren E. Stephenson
Sydney Z. Thawnghmung
Jarrett J. Watkins
Eli J. Wetzel

Distinguished Transfer Student Awards

Skylar A. Gentles
Anthony C. Peach
Olivia A. Walker
Matyson A. Withers

USI Alma Mater

Constant, Faithful and True

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

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

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

*USI... USI...
Constant, faithful, and true.
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Original music by Daniel R. Craig
Lyrics by David G. O'Neil
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