Forty-Eighth Annual — Commencement Exercises



2018

SATURDAY, DECEMBER EIGHTH

Physical Activities Center University of Southern Indiana Evansville, Indiana





2018 Commencement Exercises

College of Nursing and Health Professions and Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education Ceremony

Saturday, December 8, 2018

10 a.m.

Processional

Evansville Brass Quintet Pomp and Circumstance, Edward Elgar, Composer

Grand Marshal Joyce A. Gulley, Professor of Education

National Anthem Taylor Edwards '21

Welcome and Introductions Ronald S. Rochon, President

Reflection

Marlee J. Sims '18

Class of 2018 Recognition Ann H. White, *Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions; Professor of Nursing*

The Commencement Address Glenna G. Bower, Professor of Kinesiology and Sport

Conferral of Degrees Ronald S. Rochon, *President* Assisted by Mohammed F. Khayum, *Interim Provost*

Presentation of Graduates Ronald S. Rochon, President

Presented by Kevin J. Valadares, Professor of Health Services

Welcome from the USI Alumni Association Stephen W. Craven, Sr. '76, President of the USI Alumni Association

Alma Mater

USI Chamber Choir Constant, Faithful and True

Recessional

Evansville Brass Quintet

A reception will be held in University Center East immediately following the ceremony. Join us in the celebration on social media by including #USIGrad in your posts.

Glenna G. Bower to Deliver Commencement Address



Glenna G. Bower '95



Dr. Glenna G. Bower, professor of kinesiology and sport, is the 2018 recipient of the Distinguished Professor Award. She is being honored for her leadership, service and teaching in the fields of kinesiology and sport. She becomes the first USI alumni to receive the honor.

Bower began her career at USI in 1998 as an instructor in what is now the Kinesiology and Sport Department. In 2010, she became the associate professor of kinesiology and sport, and in 2015, professor of kinesiology and sport. She has served as a chair of the Kinesiology and Sport Department, assistant dean and is currently the associate dean of the Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education.

During her time at USI, she has been instrumental in the development of programs that benefit students and the community. She has been the director of the Screaming Eagles Running Series, Doggie Dash and Zombie Run. The implementation of these events has raised more than \$97,000 for student scholarships and professional development, while also providing hands-on experiences for students.

She is highly engaged with students through various Pott College organizations. Bower oversees the Pott College Student Campus Community; the Pott College Student Activities Board (SAB); the Student Organization Council, and is the creator of the SAB Peer Mentoring Program. She is a co-convener of USI's partnership with the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation's Medical Professions Academy (MPA), and a reviewer for the MPA Scholarship program. She also is an active member in the PAC renovation and arena design task force.

Over the course of her career, she has published four books and five book chapters. She has 44 refereed publications, along with 60 refereed presentations. She mentored students in research leading to numerous refereed publications and presentations. Her grants and funding activities are in excess of \$1,000,000.

Bower graduated from USI in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in physical education, and in 2000 she graduated with a master's degree in physical education from Indiana State University. In 2004, she completed her doctorate in educational leadership and organization development with a concentration in sport administration from the University of Louisville.

Prior to her career at USI, she was an instructor of the Sport Administration Program at the University of Louisville. She also worked in non-academic roles with Mead Johnson Nutritional Fitness Center, Ameritech Fitness Center and GE Plastics Lifestyle Center.

The Distinguished Professor Award was established in 1983 and is given in recognition of significant achievement in teaching, scholarship and service. As a recipient, Bower will receive a \$7,000 stipend plus a \$3,000 faculty development grant underwritten by generous donors to the USI Foundation.

Order of the 2018 Fall Commencement Exercises

Romain College of Business and College of Liberal Arts Ceremony

Saturday, December 8, 2018

1 p.m.

Processional

Evansville Brass Quintet Pomp and Circumstance, Edward Elgar, Composer

Grand Marshal Ernest H. Hall, Jr., Professor of Management

National Anthem Anna M. Ardelean '22

Welcome and Introductions Ronald S. Rochon, President

Reflection

Reeya H. Vyas '18

Class of 2018 Recognition James M. Beeby, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Professor of History

The Commencement Address Xavia Harrington-Chate, Instructor in English

Conferral of Degrees Ronald S. Rochon, *President* Assisted by Mohammed F. Khayum, *Interim Provost*

Presentation of Graduates

Ronald S. Rochon, President Presented by A. David Hitchcock, Director of Center for Interdisciplinary Studies; Associate Professor of Spanish

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XAVIA HARRINGTON-CHATE TO DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS



Xavia Harrington-Chate



Ms. Xavia Harrington-Chate, instructor in English, is the 2018 recipient of the H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award. She is being honored for her tireless work with USI students within University Core Courses.

Harrington-Chate began her career at USI in 2013 as an instructor in English. She was interested in better preparing students who struggled with English foundations for the academic rigor of collegiate writing. Prior to her arrival at USI, she was a composition and rhetoric graduate research and teaching assistant and later, instructor of record at Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama, and years later an instructor of English at Kentucky State University, Frankfort, Kentucky.

She culminated her Alice Carson Tisdale Honors College experience at Claflin University, Orangeburg, South Carolina, with a bachelor's degree in English education in 2010. She went on to obtain a master's degree in composition and rhetoric with a minor concentration in technical and professional communications from Auburn University in 2012. Currently, she is a doctoral candidate at Bellarmine University, Louisville, Kentucky, writing her dissertation toward the requirements for the Leadership in Higher Education doctoral degree with a focus on Multicultural Issues of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion within higher education.

Harrington-Chate is recognized as a professor who treats each student with equal respect and sees them as capable of greatness. She attends to students' needs and meets one-on-one with them to strengthen their writing skills; she maintains student-centered class environments utilizing real-world examples.

Students appreciate the time Harrington-Chate takes to teach them the conventions associated with English grammar, punctuation, mechanics and syntax, and how that foundational knowledge applies to other areas of their lives as well as writing more advanced essays, cover letters, emails to future employers and clients, and other post graduate writing.

She also is known for her innovative teaching methods and interesting assignment topics that grab the attention of her students and other core curriculum professors and connecting students to local, national and global communities and issues.

The H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award was established in 2000 and honors a USI faculty member whose work in University Core Courses (UCC) has been especially creative and successful in furthering UCC goals. As a recipient, Professor Harrington-Chate will receive a \$4,000 stipend and a \$2,000 faculty development grant underwritten by longtime and generous University friends, Ann and H. Lee Cooper III.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA Candidates for Degrees

CLASS OF 2018

College of Nursing and Health Professions and Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education Ceremony

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10 a.m.

MASTER DEGREES

MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Mohammed Hamoud Alanazi, Evansville Bhumika Gandhi, Evansville Julie Morgan, Evansville Cedrick Pace, Greenwood Mallory M. Payne, Owensboro, Kentucky Nicholas Adam Rhoades, Evansville Joseph D. Roberts, Owensboro, Kentucky Katelyn Noelle Robinson, Evansville Shvonne Watson, Indianapolis Ronda E. Wigginton, Owensboro, Kentucky

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Marvin Michael Wesley Smith, Newburgh School Administration and Leadership Nathan Andrew Winstead, Haubstadt

School Administration and Leadership

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT

Ashley Renae Jones, Evansville Samantha Ann Peters, Evansville

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPORT MANAGEMENT

Andrew Michael Hawkins, Evansville A. Benjamin Manzenberger, Bedford

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

College of Nursing and Health Professions

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Kimberly D. Sanders, Oaktown Food and Nutrition

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Essa Abdulhamid Almusallam, Evansville Health Services, *cum laude*

Abdulkarim Dibas D. Alotaibi, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Health Services Karina Odalis Arrue, Highland

Health Services, summa cum laude

Amber Lee Baker, Evansville Food and Nutrition

Lara Mae Barbee, Louisville, Illinois Health Services, *summa cum laude*

Jeffrey A. Baxter, Saint Francisville, Illinois Health Services Emily Noel Benton, Newburgh Health Services

Zoee Nechelle Brown, Mount Vernon Health Services

Kaleigh Alexandra Burkman, Spiceland Health Services

Lauren Nicole Burris, Evansville Health Services

Sarah Jessica Canter, Murray, Kentucky Health Services, *cum laude*

Katie A. Cassidy, Terre Haute Respiratory Therapy

Allyson Valentine Disher, Elkhart Health Services

Brynne Doherty, Evansville Health Services, *cum laude*

Jalynn R. Duggins, Newburgh Health Services Rosy Duran, Baldwin, New York Health Services

Megan Terese East, Avon Radiologic and Imaging Sciences, *cum laude*

Shelbi R. English, Evansville Health Services

Gabriela Rose Fleeman, Sellersburg Health Services

Heather Sue Fromme, Jasper Health Services

Lindsay E. Galloway, French Lick Health Services

Sara E. Green, Wayne City, Illinois Health Services

Autumn Noelle Greene, Vincennes Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

Michelle M. Grube, Vincennes Health Services Danielle Nicole Henry, Cross Plains Respiratory Therapy

Jamie Kay Hicks, Evansville Respiratory Therapy, *magna cum laude*

Caleb Wade Huntington, Versailles Health Services

Sara E. Hurley, Evansville Health Services

Cassidy Lynn Jacobs, Evansville Health Services, *magna cum laude*

Rebecca Jennings, Eaton Health Services

Megan S. Johnson, Bedford Health Services, *cum laude*

Samita K C Khatri, Evansville Health Services

Kaitlin Marie King, Seymour Health Services, *cum laude*

Jayson Robert Lyons, Bardstown, Kentucky Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

Braylen Nicole Martin, Owensville Health Services, *magna cum laude*

D'Andrea Denise McGuire, Henderson, Kentucky Health Services

Pamela J. McKee, Evansville Health Services

Katlynn E. McKinley, Evansville Health Services

Melissa Meredith, Vincennes Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

Allysia Kay Overton, Dubois Health Services

Thomas Mitchell Parnell Jr., Newburgh Health Services

Kyla Marie Pryor, Crawfordsville Health Services

Marissa Arien Raymond, Evansville Health Services

Abby Jo Reeves, Wayne City, Illinois Health Services

Jaime Rhea Riggs, Owensboro, Kentucky Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

Allison Ruth Rodriguez, Coatesville Food and Nutrition, *cum laude*

Kelsey Beth Rogers, Leitchfield, Kentucky Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

Morgan A. Rottet, Jasper Health Services

Sydney Joy Schmitt, Jasper Health Services Brittney N. Sterrett, Plainfield Health Services

Abby R. Tempel, Ferdinand Health Services, *cum laude*

Morgan L. Tinkel, Swayzee Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

Maruf A. Tirkestani, Evansville Health Services

Alyssa Renee Underhill, Chandler Health Services

Brittani A. Weist, Princeton Health Services

Kosha A.M. Wetzel, Tell City Health Services

Nicole M. Wittman, Evanston Health Services, *cum laude*

Austin Michael Wolf, Haubstadt Health Services, *magna cum laude* Sydney Renee Young, Royal Center Health Services, *magna cum laude*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Stephanie Ray Atherton, Evansville Nicholas L. Ballard, Charlestown Tamara Kay Bethe, Evansville Anastacia Marie Brandenburg, Scipio Jacqueline Danielle Breeding, Jasper Sunny N. Bridges, Memphis Kristy C. Bruner, Evansville Paula Ann Buedel, Evansville Kylie Campbell, Elnora David Keith Chanley, Mount Vernon Elizabeth Lauren Chanley, Mount Vernon Nichole Deann Cheesman Blackwell. Bloomington cum laude Mackenzie Elise Crane, Boonville UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR Alexandria Madison Crick, Evansville cum laude Megan Kay Crowe, Jasonville cum laude Barbara A. Dewitt, Evanston Kristin A. Ditto, Evansville Makenzie L. Doane, Evansville Kennedy Ann Doyle, Connersville Storm E. Fahse, Evansville

Alana Ann Figgins, Evansville Tracy Fisher, Dixon, Kentucky Hannah Leeann Fritz, Henderson, Kentucky Kelsey Dawn Fulkerson, Henderson, Kentucky Brittany Morgan Goedde, Evansville Danielle Nicole Harper, Boonville Cheryl A. Jaquemai, Evansville Kelly M. Kirk, Evansville Kelsey Jo Klusmeier, Owensville magna cum laude Michael Dean Lewis, Evansville cum laude Jessica Rachelle Lutz, Evansville Emily Adair Martin, Evansville Laurel D. McFadden, Utica, Kentucky Ada Jane Meece Grandview Mary Caitlin Morrow, Owensboro, Kentucky Ursula Motari, Evansville Ashley Danielle Nava, San Antonio, Texas Debra S. Norris, Mount Vernon Stephanie Osborne, Evansville Breanna Nichole Owens, Wadesville cum laude Lisa Ann Owens, Evansville Shelly Marie Popp, Evansville Emily M. Raymond, Evansville Jared Rife, Fort Wayne Amie Louise Roberts, Peru Ashly Nichole Skaggs, Newburgh Amanda Marie Stagg, Evansville Michael A. Swope, Evansville Abigail L. Terry, Evansville Whitney L. Thorbecke, Mount Vernon Karly Marie Thornton, Bloomington Grace A. Turner, Crawfordsville Carlie Rae Van Voorst, Evansville Grace Alexandra Voyles, Newburgh cum laude UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR Jessica Rose Ward, Corydon Katelyn Renee Wargel, Boonville Sean Michael West, Henderson, Kentucky Sarah Fritz Willett, Henderson, Kentucky Kara L. Windell, Newburgh Rachel Elizabeth Winternheimer, Evansville

Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Brittany Ann Crow, Evansville Early Childhood Education

Samuel Mackenzie Cummings, Munster Elementary Education Alexa L. Humphrey, Evansville Elementary Education

Sarah Virginia Painter, Evansville Early Childhood Education Madeline Marie Patterson, Jasper Elementary Education Mikayla Louise Rowan, Brazil Sport Management, *magna cum laude*

Abbey Marie Zehner, Henderson, Kentucky

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Nicholas D. Abbott, Evansville Biology Hasan Saeed Alhayki, Vincennes Sport Management Sarah E. Allen, Newburgh Elementary Education Nour Awad, Newburgh Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education, summa cum laude UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR Pearce T. Bartley, Newburgh **Elementary Education** Kelly Loraine Batchelor, Muncie Elementary Education Ashleigh Nicole Bibbler, Evansville Biology Mary M. Bies, Jasper Elementary Education, cum laude Alexandra Rae Billig, Newburgh Special Education Kaitlyn Danea Bonds, Marion, Illinois Elementary Education, magna cum laude Matteson N. Booth, Evansville **Elementary Education** Luther Zachary Ryan Campton, Shelbyville Sport Management Kathleen Anne Carney, Lebanon Special Education, cum laude Matthew Michael Chavarria, Evansville Sport Management Nicolas A. Chavez, Chandler Chemistry Kristen Denise Cima, Newburgh **Elementary Education** Kayla Lee Clodfelter, Roachdale Biology UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR Kaysie Marie Collins, Mount Vernon Exercise Science, *summa cum laude* Amanda Cook, Petesburg Exercise Science Dylan Marshall Cooper, Mount Vernon **Elementary Education** Aiden C. Cora, Floyds Knobs Sport Management, magna cum laude Katelin Mackenzie Couch, Crothersville Early Childhood Education Taylor Cullman, Mount Vernon **Elementary Education** Ragon Leigh Davis, Evansville Biology Riley Lynn Day, Mitchell Elementary Education and Special Education, magna cum laude Natalie Grace DeClue, Carmel **Elementary Education** Allison Marie Donham, Bloomington Biology, magna cum laude UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Carissa May Dyer, Crescent Springs, Kentucky Exercise Science UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR Katie Ann Ehm, Brownsburg Exercise Science, *magna cum laude* Makayla Rose Elpers, Evansville Elementary Education and Special Education

Emily C. Farrell, Indianapolis Elementary Education

Blake Joseph Faus, Elkhart Sport Management

Drew Michael Fields, Loogootee Exercise Science

Aaron James Furman, Saint John Sport Management

Avery Marie Garness, Evansville Chemistry

Benjamin David Garrett, Evansville Elementary Education, *cum laude*

David R. Gibson, Madison Sport Management

Nikolaus J. Greulich, Santa Claus Industrial Supervision

Anna M. Griffin, Mount Vernon Elementary Education, *magna cum laude* Sarah Alexandra Hackler, Bedford

Chemistry Chenise J. Haldeman, Franklin Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Julia Madeline Hancock, Plainfield Special Education, *magna cum laude*

Caitlyn Elizabeth Harding, Newburgh Elementary Education and Special Education

Melodie Danielle Harshbarger, Mount Vernon Elementary Education

Nicole Michelle Herring, Marion Exercise Science, *cum laude*

Shelby J. Hodges, Loogootee Exercise Science and Kinesiology

Coty Leigh Huebschman, Tell City Elementary Education and Special Education, *cum laude*

Sequoya Paige Huff, Olaton, Kentucky Elementary Education

Angela Kritina Hunt, Tennyson Early Childhood Education

Olivia Laurel Hunt, Newburgh Exercise Science

Ashley Jennings, Eaton Elementary Education and Special Education

Claire Abigail Johnson, Pittsboro Exercise Science, *magna cum laude*

Andrew Dalton Johnston, Evansville Exercise Science

Jessica Renee Kellems, Boonville Early Childhood Education, magna cum laude

Shana Michelle Keller, Salem Kinesiology Chapin Wayne Kelley, Evansville Chemistry

Jasmine Nicole King, Evansville Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Paige M. King, Newburgh Exercise Science, *maqna cum laude*

Haley Jane Langebrake, Huntingburg Elementary Education

Autumn Rae Langen, Lamar Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Lucas Caleb Lantrip, Evansville Biology

Courtnee A. Lipps, Evansville Sport Management

Alexandra Raquel Logan, Carleton, Michigan Environmental Science

Megan Theresa Lucas, Evansville Exercise Science, magna cum laude

Ashley Danielle Luecke, Evansville Exercise Science

Natalie A. Lutz, Newburgh Elementary Education

Elisabeth Carrice McDaniel, Harrisburg, Illinois Exercise Science

Courtney Marie McGuire, Versailles Exercise Science

Austin Michael Miller, Newburgh Biology

Sam E. Miller, Evansville Chemistry

Cynthia Faye Morris, Lynnville Special Education, *magna cum laude*

Tori N. Muncy, Princeton Sport Management

Constance Elise Nall, Newburgh Sport Management

Brieanna Lynn Nash-Englert, Ferdinand Biology

Mackenzie Rochelle Orlik, Charleston, Illinois Elementary Education and Special Education

Bridgitte McKenzey Paddick, Lawrenceville, Illinois Early Childhood Education and Elementary

Education, *cum laude*

Brittany L. Parker, Tell City Exercise Science

Luke Morton Parker, Boonville Biology and Philosophy

Bailey Jo Payne, Owensboro, Kentucky Exercise Science, *magna cum laude*

Nathalie M. Payne, Elberfeld Exercise Science, *cum laude*

Taylor Rhea Payne, Owensboro, Kentucky Exercise Science

Kindel Lee Powell, Evansville Special Education

Margery Faye Powell, Boonville Early Childhood Education

Caitlin E. Price, Heber Springs, Arkansas Exercise Science Amy Danielle Proctor, Evansville Elementary Education, summa cum laude Kaitlyn Ramser, Sellersburg Exercise Science, magna cum laude Abigail Elise Randall, Mount Vernon Elementary Education, magna cum laude Shahzaib Raza, Newburgh Exercise Science Austin J. Roberts, Palmyra Sport Management Caroline Elizabeth Scales, Evansville Chemistry Nolan M. Schapker, Evansville Sport Management Jeannie Rose Schuck, Evansville Elementary Education, cum laude Jacob K. Sexton, Evansville Sport Management Kelynn Traci Shafer, Fishers Environmental Science, magna cum laude UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR Shane Michael Shelton, Rockport Elementary Education McKenzie Nicole Shipley, Avon Biology Marlee Joel Sims, Wadesville Physical Education, cum laude Savannah Isabeau Smith, Seymour

Biology, *magna cum laude* UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Sydney Lee Spring, Evansville Elementary Education

- Jonna Rocksanne Stafford, Washington Elementary Education
- Jodian Venessa, Sabrina Stevens, Evansville Biology
- Aubrey Noel Stoll, Edwardsport Biology, *magna cum laude* UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR
- Jonathan Paul Thomas, Lafayette Science Teaching, *magna cum laude*
- Jaylyn Elizabeth Thornburg, Cynthiana Elementary Education
- Dylan Joseph Wagner, Salem Exercise Science, *cum laude*
- Myranda N. Walters, Evansville Exercise Science, *magna cum laude*
- Rachel Elaine Weiland, Knightstown Exercise Science, *magna cum laude*
- Mackenzie Ann Widener, Evansville Elementary Education and Special Education
- Joseph Earl Wilson, French Lick Elementary Education
- Dylan Taylor Winkler, Spencer Exercise Science
- Lindsay Wright, Browns, Illinois Science Teaching, *magna cum laude*

Trent Joseph Zuelly, Tell City Sport Management

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING

Kent D. Baggett, Evansville Braxton John Bragg, New Albany Ryan W. Cantner, Evansville Brian M. Cantwell, Evansville Bret C. Collins, Bluford, Illinois Spencer Patrick Craney, Evansville Benjamin D. Englert, Huntingburg Mitchell Glenn Ferguson III, Evansville Jacob Thomas Loveridge, Evansville Tyler J. Parkhurst, Mount Carmel, Illinois *summa cum laude* Keith Scott Pate, Evansville Jordon N. Pegue, Evansville ZhiQi Peng, GuangDong, China Stephan A. Pepper, New Harmony Justin M. Sitzman, Ferdinand Daniel C. Wolking, Evansville

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Braxton John Bragg, New Albany Brian M. Cantwell, Evansville Spencer Patrick Craney, Evansville Keith Scott Pate, Evansville

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING

Daniel C. Wolking, Evansville

Associate Degrees

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Cayla A. Allen, Boonville Occupational Therapy Assistant Glenteria Armstead, Evansville Occupational Therapy Assistant Mackynzee Joel Balbach, Ferdinand Occupational Therapy Assistant Megan Bauer, Jasper Occupational Therapy Assistant

Lindsey Michelle Bickett, Philpot, Kentucky Occupational Therapy Assistant

- McKenna Marie Biggs, Evansville Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Leah Grace Bobbitt, Zionsville Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Laykin Elisabeth Collins, Evansville Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Lesley L. Garcia, Tell City Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Lauren M. Hildenbrand, Huntingburg Occupational Therapy Assistant

Caleb Wade Huntington, Versailles Occupational Therapy Assistant

- Brittany Michelle Johnson, Owensboro, Kentucky
- Occupational Therapy Assistant Anna M. Kessler, Greenwood
- Occupational Therapy Assistant Catherine J. Leupp, Corydon
- Occupational Therapy Assistant Taylor Marie Mayer, Evansville
- Occupational Therapy Assistant Tessa Lynn McKinney, Owensville Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Ashlan Millikan, New Castle Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Alivia M. Morris, Lafayette Occupational Therapy Assistant
- David Alan Myers, Evansville Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Samantha Renee Nunlist, Batesville Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Jordan Margaret Ochs, Tuscola, Illinois Occupational Therapy Assistant

Kayla Elizabeth Orth, Evansville Occupational Therapy Assistant

- Courtney D. Parsell, Powell, Ohio Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Shawn R. Pitcock, Indianapolis Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Michael Richards, Utica, Kentucky Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Brooklyn Leigh Stoner, Worthington Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Elizabeth Ann Truchon, Evansville Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Jordan Michelle Tucker, Evansville Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Mallory Wallace, Evansville Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Kyrstin M. Wampler, Evansville Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Daniel Richard Whitfield, Evansville Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Kasie Christine Wilson, Evansville Occupational Therapy Assistant

This printed list of candidates for degrees does not include late changes.

Romain College of Business and College of Liberal Arts Ceremony

Saturday, December 8, 2018

1 p.m.

MASTER DEGREES

Christopher Falconio, Hamilton Square,

MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION

Kramer Malicia Ahrens, Evansville Margaret Anne Carnahan, Evansville Shannon Marie Hoehn, Mount Vernon Darla S. Perigo, Evansville Garra L Schulze, Evansville

MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

Christi A. Atherton, Evansville Jacquelynn Nicole Epley, Owensboro, Kentucky

MASTER OF ARTS IN SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION, POLICY AND CULTURE

Cesar D. Berrios, Evansville Gary Alan Gardner, Newburgh Kountiala Jean de Dieu Some, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Janelle Spoor Adams, Seymour Jonathan A. Adams, Washington David Isaiah Arthur, Evansville Jacob M. Atkinson, Pittsboro Paldeep Singh Atwal, Jacksonville, Florida Dmitriy Yuryevich Bachynsky, Evansville Jordan Joseph Baer, Fort Wayne David Kendell Berry, Evansville Morgan Elizabeth Brown, Evansville Chloe Jolene Byars, Evansville William D. Cannon, Evansville Meghan Elyse Craven, Evansville Steven Davidovich, Bloomington Krista Leigh Deputy, Elberfeld Megan K. Dicken, Merrillville Elena Dodson, Evansville William Bradley Eddings, Henderson, Kentucky Ashly Schree Edwards, Bloomfield William Brent Edwards, Evansville

New Jersev Sydney Christine Franklin, Evansville Nashelle J. Frazier, Indianapolis Charles Michael Gibbons II, Rochester Ashley Renee Goedde, Fort Branch Anthony J. Gregory, Nashville Jeremy R. Hall, Evansville Katherine F. Harwood, Cincinnati, Ohio Barry J. Heichelbech, Evansville Sara Anne Hickman, Martinsville Cassandra Nicole Higgins, Memphis Nicholas Andrew Hobbs, Indianapolis Robert Winfred Hobson, Newport News, Virginia Chelsea Michelle Hochstetler, Chandler Juli Patricia Hood, Goshen Andrew J. Howard, Bloomington, Minnesota Josh P. Jacob, Saint Anthony Megan Elizabeth James, Tell City Leticia Jaurequi, Palmdale, California William L. Jines, Evansville Jamie F. Jones, Fairfield, Illinois Anna M. Jordan, Evansville Jordan Alexander Kendrick, Evansville Sarah N. Kocher, Lawrenceville, Illinois Eric J. Lehman, Evansville Bernard Justin Lewis, Evansville Michael Allen Lombard, Liberty Hill, Texas Coralie Lowicki, Lens, France Jeremy Matthews, Newburgh Sarah E. Matthews, Newburgh Alexander Matthew Matushek, Fort Wayne William Black McCarel III, Evansville Joshua D. McWilliams, Evansville Sierra Cogdill Messenger, Lebanon Melissa A. Miller, Evansville Kelly Marie Nelson, Bloomington Alexander James Nixon, Evansville Christy E. Nolan, Newburgh Erickson Kolby O'Daniel, Henderson, Kentucky Rashel Lauren Nicole Oesterling, Fort Wayne Venkata Vinod Pasumarthi, Sterling Heights, Michigan Kaylee M. Quinett, Vincennes Jamie N. Read, Evansville Charles Robert Rideout, Zionsville David John Rizk, Jasper Chelsea Renee Roach, Mount Vernon Alonzo O'Shae Ross, Milledgeville, Georgia Anthony W. Sanders, Jr., Indianapolis Jeremy Allen Seibert, Evansville Krenare Shala, Prishtina, Kosovo Diane Mae Silberberg, Arcadia Jordan Darlene Simmons, Portage Jennifer J. Skelton, Gentryville Jeffrey Scott Skirvin, Indianapolis Jacquelyn Elaine Snider, Evansville Michelle L. Stamper, Shelburn Lyndsi M. Taborn, Galatia, Illinois Kendallyn Kelly Teague, Bloomington Robert John Tincau, Mount Juliet, Tennessee Paul H. Toledo, San Diego, California Arlette Cilanda Tshibambe, Louisville, Kentucky Guy Tshibambe Tshibambe, Louisville, Kentucky Marius Ulrich, Wesseling, Germany Jonathan Mark Vest, New Albany Angela Marie Vowells, Evansville Leandra Dawn Wade, Newburgh LaDonna Chamlee Watson, Jasper Jake Edward Weinzapfel, Mount Vernon Theresa Catherine Wright, Solsberry Kelli A. Zastera, Phoenix, Arizona Marissa Kay Zirkelbach, Goodlettsville, Tennessee

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Nicole Leach, Owensboro, Kentucky Kara Ann Shadrick, Evansville

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Romain College of Business

Jamie Irene Robey, Evansville Computer Information Systems Angela Suzanne Wallis, Richland City Accountancy

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

ROMAIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Taylor Danielle Failing, Newburgh Management

Hailey Nicole Flagg, Newburgh Accounting and Professional Services, *cum laude*

Victor Anthony Giorgio, Chicago, Illinois Accounting and Professional Services, *cum laude*

Amber Renee Hellmer, Newburgh Accounting and Professional Services

Mariah Dawn Marcuson, Evansville Business Administration

Alyssa Marie Plumlee, Evansville Business Administration UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Kathryn Allyn Reece, Newburgh Economics

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Emmanuel Ozemoya Audu, Goshen Business Administration

Jordan Daniel Ballinger, Morgantown Marketing

Maissie L. Balsover, McLeansboro, Illinois Accounting and Professional Services

Nigel K. Bancroft, New Palestine Computer Information Systems

Jared Randall Becker, Evansville Economics, *magna cum laude*

Elizabeth Marie Bell, Evansville Management

Kanon Bennett, Henderson, Kentucky Marketing

Laura Susanne Bennett, Newburgh Finance

Taylor Daniel Bittner, Haubstadt Accounting and Professional Services

Kaitlyn Rose Bland, Indianapolis Management

Yaduan Chen, Evansville Finance

Connor Andrew Clements, Evansville Computer Science

Keregan Danielle Coleman, Olney, Illinois Marketing Gabriel Gilbert Collins, Greenfield Marketing

Shelby Kay Collins, Wayne City, Illinois Accounting and Professional Services, summa cum laude

Samuel Mark Coward, Jeffersonville Finance, *summa cum laude*

Colin Thomas Cronk, Middletown Marketing, *cum laude*

Kendall Louise Crowder, Poseyville Accounting and Professional Services and Finance, *magna cum laude*

Sean Cutsinger, Mount Vernon Marketing

Blaine Deaton, Noblesville Computer Science

Joseph Brian Deuerling, Wadesville Computer Information Systems

Breanna J. Dillon, Otwell Finance, *magna cum laude*

David Bradley Douglas, Owensboro, Kentucky Accounting and Professional Services and Finance, *cum laude*

Bryce D. Duncan, Henderson, Kentucky Economics

Timothy E. East, Poseyville Computer Science

Lynsey Marie Euler, Evansville Management

Ryan N. Fritz, Jasper Finance

Cordell James Gilmer, Evansville Computer Information Systems

Catrina A. Glaser, Evansville Marketing

Caleb Scott Grammer, Newburgh Accounting and Professional Services, *cum laude*

Aaron R. Hamm, Lowell Management

Logan Noelle Hartman, Fishers Marketing, *summa cum laude* UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Evan Patrick Lockyear Hassan, Evansville Economics

Anjelica Lynn Hauschild, Evansville Economics Blake Reinhart Heady, Rockport Business Administration

Kelsey Morgan Heckel, Lamar Management

Luke Douglas Theodore Helm, Evansville Finance

Aric Michael Hertweck, Evansville Business Administration

Liana Katherine Hill, Princeton Business Administration and Spanish Studies

Jacob A. Hoefling, Evansville Marketing

Justin Matthew Hopkins, Evansville Computer Science

Lilly ChaNell Howard, Alton, Illinois Marketing

Eugene Owen Johnson, Evansville Computer Science

Andrew D. Jordan, Evansville Accounting and Professional Services

Dongki Kang, Seoul, South Korea Accounting and Professional Services

Thomas Kent Katzman, Spring Hill, Tennessee Business Administration

Austin Jay Kempf, Richland Economics

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Eric Kwok, Evansville Computer Science

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University of Southern Indiana: Knowledge for Life



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

From its initial stages of planning in the early 1960s, community leaders have supported the University by providing a solid base for its present success and future growth. For more than 50 years, the University has continued to uphold its mission under the strong leadership of its first three presidents, David L. Rice, H. Ray Hoops, Linda L. M. Bennett and now Rochon.

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

USI Today

USI enrolls more than 11,000 undergraduate, dual credit and graduate students in more than 130 areas of study. A public higher education institution located on a beautiful 1,400-acre campus, USI offers programs through the Romain College of Business, College of Liberal Arts, College of Nursing and Health Professions, and the Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education. The College of Nursing and Health Professions also offers classes at the Stone Family Center for Health Sciences in downtown Evansville. The University offers study-abroad opportunities in many countries and is host to international students from around the globe.

USI is a two-time Carnegie Foundation Community Engaged University and offers continuing education and special programs to more than 20,000 participants annually though Outreach and Engagement. Outreach programs include the administration of Historic New Harmony, USI-Crane Partnership, I-69 Innovation Corridor and Lifelong Learning noncredit programs, among others.

A competitive member of NCAA Division II and the Great Lakes Valley Conference, USI offers 17 varsity intercollegiate men's and women's sports.

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

The University of Southern Indiana's vision is a simple but powerful one: *Shaping the future through learning and innovation*.

Its mission statement is: USI is an engaged learning community advancing education and knowledge, enhancing civic and cultural awareness, and fostering partnerships through comprehensive outreach programs. We prepare individuals to live wisely in a diverse and global community.

USI is engaged in its 2016–2020 five-year strategic plan which includes three overarching goals:

- · Excellence in Learning for the Entire USI Community
- · Access and Opportunity by Design
- · Purposeful and Sustainable Growth

These three goals, along with the campus master plan, frame the University's strategies as it moves forward.

Today, more than 42,000 alumni have been awarded diplomas from the University of Southern Indiana. USI graduates are renowned surgeons, bank executives, artists, leaders in K-12 education, accounting executives, lawyers, nurses, hospital administrators, college professors and elected officials—and they proudly serve as role models in their communities.

Presidential Medallion

During the Middle Ages, medallions signified membership in religious orders and guilds; in the Renaissance, membership in elite orders of knighthood and prominence in government office. Today, colleges and universities strike medallions to commemorate important events and achievements. Donated by the late Melvin Denner, professor emeritus of biology, and Anne Denner, former instructor in nutrition and biology, and their family, this medallion was fabricated by Honorcraft for the 1995 inauguration of USI President H. Ray Hoops. Dr. Denner served as grand marshal at the University's first inauguration.

The University of Southern Indiana Presidential Medallion signifies the authority bestowed upon the president.

The medallion's obverse carries, at its center, a three-inch reproduction of the University seal and, surrounding the seal, a half-inch rim. On the reverse appear the names and dates of appointment for the University's presidents. The president wears this medallion for all formal academic ceremonies.

Gonfalons

Ceremonial flags called gonfalons originated in the Middle Ages for civil and military processions, often appearing beneath the steel head of a knight's lance.

In Italy, gonfalons designated individual Italian republics; the chief magistrate, or other high official, served as gonfalonier carrying the banner.

At the University of Southern Indiana, gonfalons represent each major academic unit; typically deans or department heads act as gonfaloniers. Here gonfalon colors derive from traditional hues associated with each college's academic disciplines. Our Commencement gonfalons came as a gift from the USI Campus Store.

University Seal

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

Between the two banners displaying the University's name appears an open book, illuminated by the torch of knowledge. Trees on either side of the flame suggest not only the University's pastoral Southern Indiana setting but also life, growth and continuity. The open book emphasizes the importance of teaching and learning; *academia populi* and *academia populo* indicate that the University of Southern Indiana is a scholarly academy founded and supported by the motto *education by the people, education for the people.* Finally, the laurel branches to the right and left of the book represent victory: the light of learning overcomes the darkness of ignorance.

University Mace

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

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

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

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

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

Academic Regalia

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

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

In the United States, black has been the traditional color for academic gowns, but some institutions authorize holders of their doctorates to wear colors of the institution. The bachelor's gown is distinguished by its long, open sleeves; the master's by its closed, slitted sleeves; the 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. Hooding signifies the induction of the graduate into the fellowship of the academy, a welcoming gesture by those who represent the high standards of scholarship and creative achievement.

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

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

Baccalaureate Scholarship Honors

The baccalaureate degree candidate graduating with either a 4.0 or the highest grade point average graduates *summa cum laude*. Baccalaureate students with a grade point average of 3.80 or higher graduate *magna cum laude*. Those with grade point averages between 3.60 and 3.79 graduate *cum laude*. These achievements are set forth on the individual diplomas. Honor students can be recognized in the Commencement exercises by colored stoles and tassels. Gold indicates *summa cum laude*, red, *magna cum laude*; and blue, *cum laude*.

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

University Honors Scholars

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

Alumni Association Pins

Graduates in each ceremony are receiving alumni lapel pins with the University logo as a gift from the University of Southern Indiana Alumni Association. The Alumni Association was organized with the first graduating class in 1971.

Photography During Ceremony

A commercial photographer will take a photo of each graduate as the diploma is presented on stage. A second photograph will be taken as the graduate departs from the stage. Graduates will receive proofs of the photos from which duplicates can be ordered. Family members who wish to take still or video photographs during the ceremony may do so from their seats. Your cooperation ensures the dignity of the Commencement ceremony.

Photographs taken by USI Photography and Multimedia also will be available following the ceremonies in two locations. You can find USI Photography and Multimedia on Facebook, or view a gallery of images and order prints at www.usi.edu/gradphotos.

Commemorative DVD

A commemorative DVD of the ceremony is available for purchase (\$20). To forever save the memory of this special day, order your DVD online at www.usi.edu/commencement/ commencement-dvd or call 812-464-1924. This service is produced by USI Information Technology in partnership with the USI Alumni Association.



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Constant, Faithful and True

The University of Southern Indiana Alma Mater Text: David O'Neil

Music: Daniel R. Craig

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

USI... USI...

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

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

> > USI... USI...

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

In the spring of 2018, in conjunction with the USI Foundation's 50th Anniversary, a lyrics competition was held for the Alma Mater. This blind competition was reviewed by a committee representing the student body, faculty, alumni and administration. The winning Alma Mater lyrics were submitted by USI faculty member, David O'Neil, assistant professor of English. The musical arrangement for the Alma Mater was composed by USI faculty member and conductor of the Chamber Choir, Daniel Craig, associate professor of music.