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2021

**DECEMBER EIGHTEENTH** 

Screaming Eagles Arena University of Southern Indiana Evansville, Indiana



# 2021 Commencement Exercises

### Romain College of Business and College of Liberal Arts Ceremony

Saturday, December 18, 2021 3 p.m.

#### **Processional**

Pomp and Circumstance, Edward Elgar, Composer Recording by London Philharmonic, Daniel Barenboim, Conductor

#### **Grand Marshal**

Mohammed F. Khayum, Provost

#### **National Anthem**

Recording by Daniel R. Craig, Associate Professor of Music

#### Welcome and Introductions

Ronald S. Rochon, President

### Class of 2021 Recognition

Brian McGuire, Interim Dean of the Romain College of Business; Professor of Accounting

### The Commencement Address

Silvia Rode, Professor of German, Assistant Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Director of the Center for Communal Studies

### **Conferral of Degrees**

Ronald S. Rochon, President

Assisted by Mohammed F. Khayum, Provost

#### **Presentation of Graduates**

Ronald S. Rochon, President

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

#### Welcome from the USI Alumni Association

Chad Fetscher '00 M'08, President of the USI Alumni Association

#### Recessional

Trumpet Tune & Bell Symphony, Henry Purcell, Composer Recording by Michael Murray and the Empire Brass

Join us in the celebration on social media by including #USIGrad in your posts.

### SILVIA RODE TO DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS



Silvia Rode

**D**<sup>r.</sup> Silvia Rode, professor of German, is the 2020 recipient of the USI Distinguished Professor Award. She is being honored for her dedication to her profession, the University and to its students.

Rode joined the USI faculty in 2007 as an associate professor and chair of world languages and cultures after serving in academic positions at Vanderbilt University, the University of Regensburg in Germany and Central College in Iowa. She was promoted to full professor in 2017 and named assistant dean of the College of Liberal Arts and director of the Center for Communal Studies in 2021.

Rode believes that "studying languages and cultures are powerful means to develop critical thinking, improve writing, shape quality arguments and gain survival skills in an ever-changing world where unpredictability is the norm." This philosophy guides her both in the classroom, where she teaches courses in the German studies major, communal studies minor and graduate programs, and outside the classroom, where Rode lends her mentorship and expertise to both students and community language teachers seeking resources and professional development.

During her tenure as department chair, Rode spearheaded the creation of a master's degree in second language acquisition, policy and culture and two professional certification programs, as well as served on many University committees and advisory boards. Her commitment to international education and expertise in foreign educational systems have contributed to USI's continued growth and success in exchange programs, and she has held positions in Austria, China, Germany, Mexico and The Netherlands.

As a scholar, Rode is an accomplished researcher, author and presenter in the related fields of communal studies and utopian studies. She has published two books and is currently working on a third covering the cultural and social experiences of German prisoners-of-war at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky during the Second World War.

Rode has earned a bachelor's degree (*cum laude*), master's degree and doctorate in Germanic languages, all from the University of California, Los Angeles. She has received awards and recognition from the USI College of Liberal Arts, Rapp Granary-Owen Foundation and Washington University and was named to the Phenomenal Women of USI and the Community Class of 2021.

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



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

Saturday, December 18, 2021 6 p.m.

#### **Processional**

Pomp and Circumstance, Edward Elgar, Composer Recording by London Philharmonic, Daniel Barenboim, Conductor

#### **Grand Marshal**

Mohammed F. Khayum, Provost

#### **National Anthem**

Recording by Daniel R. Craig, Associate Professor of Music

#### Welcome and Introductions

Ronald S. Rochon, President

### Class of 2021 Recognition

Ann H. White, Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions; Professor of Nursing

#### The Commencement Address

Jenn Horn, Instructor in English, College of Liberal Arts First Year Experience and Living Learning Community Liaison

#### **Conferral of Degrees**

Ronald S. Rochon, President

Assisted by Mohammed F. Khayum, Provost

#### **Presentation of Graduates**

Ronald S. Rochon, President

Presented by Kevin J. Valadares, Chair of Health Administration, Professor of Health Services

### Welcome from the USI Alumni Association

Chad Fetscher '00 M'08, President of the USI Alumni Association

#### Recessional

Trumpet Tune & Bell Symphony, Henry Purcell, Composer Recording by Michael Murray and the Empire Brass

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### JENN HORN TO DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS



Jenn Horn

Jenn Horn, instructor in English, is the 2020 recipient of the USI H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award. She is being honored for her extensive work in using the University Core Curriculum (UCC) to help students build interdisciplinary skills and achieve their goals.

A member of the English Department since 2012, Horn has extensively taught courses within the UCC during her career at USI, including the composition sequence within English, humanities, gender studies, mythology and folklore. Her philosophy for these courses is to connect material to students' overall academic and career goals, whatever they may be.

As a first-year experience coordinator for the College of Liberal Arts, Horn also works within the College and across campus to maintain the *University 101: First-Year Experience* course. She has earned praise from her colleagues for working to make the course more accessible to students and instructors without sacrificing on learning quality or experience.

Beyond her work with First-Year Experience, Horn serves as a program co-mentor for the Screagles Living Learning Community, providing guidance and intervention and helping develop programs for a community of students from a variety of backgrounds and majors.

In addition to her University service, Horn continues to publish and present at conferences. She is a member of the American Folklore Society, Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association, the Association of Gravestone Studies and the National Council of Teachers of English. She also is a member of the board of directors of Demolition City Roller Derby and regularly volunteers as a test proctor and senior project judge at F. J. Reitz High School.

Horn holds a bachelor's degree in literature and folklore from Binghamton University, a master's degree in folklore from Indiana University, a master's degree in English from the University of Indianapolis and is currently pursuing a doctorate in educational leadership at USI. She was the 2020 recipient of the College of Liberal Arts Outstanding Teaching Award.

The H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award was established in 2000 and honors a USI faculty member whose work in UCC has been especially creative and successful in furthering UCC goals. As a recipient, Horn 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 2021

## ROMAIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS CEREMONY

Saturday, December 18, 2021 3 p.m.

### MASTER DEGREES

### MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES

Alyce F. Anderson, Evansville

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

Almaha Abdulrahman Alwakeel, Saudi Arabia

### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Shereef Tarek Abdou, Sacramento, California Hina Ahmed, San Diego, California Peter Albert, Louisville, Kentucky Fahd Alferjani, Misrata, Libya Jennifer Lynn Allen, Delphi Kourtney Elizabeth Altman, Indianapolis Lyndsey M. Ambler, Westfield Mikaela K. Archuleta, Evansville Jessica L. Bailey, Evansville Andrew Bales, Fort Wayne Robert Allen Barcus, Terre Haute Whitney Marie Bartley, Evansville Charles D. Bean, Newburgh Justin M. Beard, Fort Wayne Patti Bearley, Loveland, Ohio Caleb Zachary Bedgood, Greenwood Wesley W. Bedwell, Sullivan Adam Joseph Berendes, Evansville Sara Ann Berry, New Albany Abdulkhaliq Bhonhariya, Canton, Michigan Gary Wayne Bilger, Evansville Renee R. Black, Carmel

Alicia Mechelle Blackwell, New Harmony Charles G. Blevins, Linton Mary Kathryn Boarman, Ashland, Kentucky Kelly Jo Bombardiere, Nashville, Tennessee Kimberly F. Bredemeier, Mount Vernon Travis Murphy Brooks, Newburgh Allison Rae Buddemeyer, Sellersburg Nicholas Burke, Lawrenceburg Thomas J. Busche, Evansville Erin M. Byrley, Newburgh Robert V. Campbell, Indianapolis Johannah Caress, Lafayette Von Davonte Carson, Chicago, Illinois Ryan Carter, Indianapolis Hannah Marie Cecil, Louisville, Kentucky Brittany L. Chandler, Indianapolis David Blake Conrad Snyder, Covington Leah M. Cook, Indianapolis Clinten Leigh Cox, Wadesville Alex Michael Covne, Lafavette Christopher Ray Crook, Evansville Ebony Princess Cruz, Manhattan, New York Amanda Cullen-Perkinson, Zionsville Gaurav Datta, Moraga, California Dilean Gabriel Delph, Bloomfield Ian Dhuyvetter, Appleton, Wisconsin Melissa Dickerson, Lake Station Michael Gordon Dilling, Safety Harbor, Florida Johnny Dotlich, Avon Andrew Drone, Ridgway, Illinois Byron Kierre Dulin, Madisonville, Kentucky Benjamin Michael Eklof, West Palm Beach,

James Aaron Fickes, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Jace K. Foster, Las Vegas, Nevada Alicia Victoria Joan Frederick, Roseville, William Edward Troutner Fredette, Florence, Kentucky Patricia Lynn Gagliardi, Schererville Emery Grace Gaines, Alexandria Brieyonna M. Gamble, Indianapolis Alyssa E. Gehring, Mineral Ridge, Ohio Lindsey B. Gibson, Evansville Candace N. Gillette, Ledbetter, Kentucky Alexandra Renae Goebel, Mount Vernon Elisa Gonzalez, Winter Park, Florida Janett Gonzalez, Sacramento, California Chanté S. Gordon, Indianapolis Kelsey Layne Graman, Jasper Brian J. Gramelspacher, Jasper Ian Michael Graves, Indianapolis Chase M. Guiffre, Indianapolis Robert James Gunter, Evansville Mary Habimana-Griffin, Noblesville Dawn Michelle Hahn, Evansville Angela B. Hallow, Brownstown Keri Anne Hammond, Louisville, Kentucky Joshua Reas Harris, Salem Melissa Jane Harrison, Indianapolis Lauren M. Hayden, Evansville Rebakah Kay Hefty, Auburn Evett Inez Hester, Camby

Alice Jean Enochs, Truckee, California

Megan Lyn Epperson, Carmel

Andrew N. Felger, Fort Wayne

Florida

Jacinta L. Hilgeman, Evansville Chad Brandon Hinds, Muncie Sara Nichole Holman, Poseyville Jeffrey G. Hopper, Indianapolis Abby Marie Horty, Evansville Michael James Howley, Warsaw Adam R. Huntington, Sunman Amanda Erin Hurley, Chuluota, Florida Anthony A. Ilagan, Honolulu, Hawaii DeShonne Jackson, Fishers Eric James, San Antonio, Texas David Matthew Johnson, Evansville Joseph R. Johnson-Howland, Evansville Jacob W. Johnston, Lebanon Jimmy Jolly, Glen Oaks, New York Rajesh Joseph, Torrance, California Connor James Juenker, East Amherst, New York Sienna Roban Kekelik, Hebron Jordan Ray Kelly, Carbondale, Illinois Steve R. Kelly, Hebron, Kentucky Mark Hale Kern, Bargersville Beth L. Kilgore, Nampa, Idaho Mackenzie Marie Knass, Indianapolis Brittany S. Kohnen, Germantown, Illinois Lars Otto Kopperud, Nashville, Tennessee Benjamin J. Lacy, New Iberia, Louisiana Alicia Dawn Lashbrook, Princeton Jacob Paul Lauth, Westfield Sarah Marie Lawson, Valparaiso Jason Anthony Leal, Crown Point Allie P. Lee, Morgantown, Kentucky Holly Seaira Lee, Indianapolis Michael S. Lesko, West Chester, Ohio Wei Vivian Lin, Hayward, California Justin Edward Lind, Clarksville Melody A. Littrell, Boonville Chowthrikuppusamy Loganathan, Louisville, Kentucky Manuel Lopez, Dominican Republic Michael D. Lukson, Othello, Washington Tyler J. Lynn, Evansville Adam Christopher Macke, Mt. Carmel, Illinois Bianca M. MacNeal, Dolton, Illinois Nikia Dynese Van MacNeal Harts, Dolton, Illinois Sean Marren, Evansville Sarah J. Marsh, New Castle Jordan Michael Mason, Evansville Sarah Weslyn Mastison, Evansville Courtney Jean Mayer, Owensboro, Kentucky Drew Alexander Mays, Henderson, Kentucky Ellie Suzanne McClung, Vincennes Audrey May McLean-Brangman, Devonshire,

Bermuda

Richard Dale Meadows, Greenwood Michael Melchior, Haubstadt Lisa Rae Miller, Reelsville Zachary Scott Miller, Fort Wayne David Alexander Moore, Robbinsville, New Jersey Jessica Lynn Moro, Hillsdale, New Jersey Betsy Jo Farley Mullins, Henderson, Kentucky Tony L. Myers, Noblesville David Robert Nelson, Long Island City, New York Joshua Kendall Nelson, Lakeland, Florida Christa Lynn Newcom, Indianapolis Bryce William Newman, Mount Vernon Morgan Bryan Newman, Georgetown, Kentucky Kristy Michelle Nystrom, Indianapolis Tiffany M. Oaks, Fishers Haley Marie Oing, Haubstadt Mathew Allen Olinger, Jasper Evan Lee Ouellette, Easley, South Carolina Madeline Jennifer Paganetto, Louisville, Kentucky LaTonya M. Page, Indianapolis Wendy R. Painter, Evansville Anand B. Pandit, Evansville Sarah Anastasia Parker, Evansville Mikayla Leigh Patterson, Brownsburg Andrew Jackson Peistrup, Evansville Dakota Tyler Perry, Mishawaka Ryan Scott Pharr, Mount Vernon Anna Marie Phillips, Evansville John Stephen Phillips Jr., Gahanna, Ohio Victoria Pingul, Schaumburg, Illinois Colten Alan Pipenger, Richmond Heidi Pollard, Elkhart Jeremy Wayne Potter, Jasper Samantha Marie Radtke, Camby Deepa Ramachandran, Carmel Nabil de Leon Ramirez, San Francisco, California Codi Kristine Reuss, Rockledge, Florida Mohammad Ali Riaz, Mokena, Illinois

Minela Smajlovic, Louisville, Kentucky Ursula Mary Smith, Santa Cruz, California Nathan King Sorensen, Bloomington Javid Richard Stahl, Hebron Jessica Lynn Stahl, Hebron Michael Anthony Stetzel, Leo Christina Clement Stinson, Henderson, Kentucky Natallia E. Sullivan, Salem, Illinois James A. Szymanowski, Hamilton, Michigan Valerie Lynn Teets, Indianapolis Pamela Elizabeth Thomas, Crestwood, Kentucky Regina Rachael Thomas, Olney, Illinois Christopher Eugene Tomes, Indianapolis Chandler Thomas Tracey, Fort Wayne Morgan Hope Traylor, Greenwood Casey Fletcher Trela, Evansville Jonathan Keith Vailes, Columbus Maggie Katherine Vlcan, Austin, Texas Laurence Gauthier Walsh, Evansville Katie Marie Warnock, Mishawaka Maureen Lynn Watson, Indianapolis Phillip N. Werkmeister II, Evansville Brittney Werner, Greensburg Tyus Cartez Wilkerson, Indianapolis Ladriana Simone Williams, Indianapolis Krystal S. Wilson, Scipio Scott K. Wilson, Edinburgh Christopher Shaun Winchell, Lexington, Kentucky Kendra Jill Wines, Evansville Joshua D. Winger, Thorntown Ariel E. Wire, Evansville Ryan Paul Wist, Washington, District of Columbia Valerie Renee Zaczyk, Munster Marco Antonio Zavala Quijije, Manchester, New Hampshire MASTER OF PUBLIC

John Patrick Shorter, Nashville, Tennessee

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Juan Carlos Mayser Roca, Santa Cruz, Bolivia Public Sector Administration

Zackary Evan Robinson, Albion

Rachael Elizabeth Roth, Rockport

Anusri Sarkar, Rochester, New York

Nora Elizabeth Schindler, Newburgh

Jennifer Lyn Scholl, Hardinsburg

Coreena Cay Schroyer, Elkhart

Madison Jo Schuler, Evansville

David Seamon, Chicago, Illinois

Samantha Renee Setty, New Albany

Chandler Shambarger, Greenwood

Behzad Shariati, Carmel

Kyla F. Schroeder, Tell City

Devan Nicole Rudd, Henderson, Kentucky

Zachary Matthew Schuckman, Vincennes

### BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

### ROMAIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

#### **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

- Taylor Renee Edwards, Anderson Management
- Benjamin William Glordan, Corydon Finance
- Kenneth T. Henderson, Evansville Business Administration
- Warner Matthew Karger, Evansville Computer Information Systems
- D'Angelo Augustin Laaz, Corydon Marketing
- Allee Carroll Peak, Evansville Economics
- Korey William Pierce, Crawfordsville Accounting and Professional Services and Economics, *magna cum laude*
- John Daniel Sauls, Evansville Business Administration

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

- Sarah Alhasawi, Saudi Arabia Business Administration
- Jessica R. Alloway, Huntingburg
  Accounting and Professional Services
- Cameron Michael Anderson, Bedford Finance
- Ella Louise Banks, Allendale, Illinois Business Administration
- Landon Scott Bartlett, Rockport Business Administration
- Kaylee Ann Barton, Newburgh Computer Science
- James Michael Beckman, Evansville Computer Science
- Morgan Janice Star Bell, Evansville Finance
- Austin Lee Blacklock, Owensboro, Kentucky Computer Information Systems
- Gabriel Seth Boeglin, Ferdinand Computer Science, *cum laude*
- Brady Marshall Bowling, Lexington, Kentucky Management, *cum laude*
- Alexis Cheyenne Burris, Attica Accounting and Professional Services
- Haley Christine Burton, Washington Accounting and Professional Services
- Casey Jean Cepicky, Saint Louis, Missouri Business Administration
- Avri ReeAnn Cherry, Grayville, Illinois Business Administration
- Grace Anna Marie Coffman, Evansville Marketing
- Patrick D. Collins, Evansville Computer Science
- Rachael L. Collins, Evansville Computer Science

- Zane Graydon Conner, Sullivan Computer Information Systems
- Conner J. Coomes, Henderson, Kentucky Management, *magna cum laude* UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR
- Hansen E. Cox, Evansville Business Administration
- Layne Foster Cox, Newburgh Computer Information Systems
- Seth Andrew Cravens, Evansville
- Joseph J. Crawley, Covington Finance, summa cum laude
- Timothy J. Davis, Wadesville Management
- Andrew Garrett Dillon, Bruceville Business Administration
- Branden Christopher Dillon, Washington Management
- Tabatha Drake Dossett, Evansville Business Administration
- Dylan Lee Dutkiewicz, Mount Vernon
- Brian Duvidzon, Los Angeles, California Computer Science
- Emily Elizabeth Eades, Springfield, Illinois Business Administration, *magna cum laude*
- Thomas Eugene Engels, Lebanon Marketing
- Lauren T. Fields, Breese, Illinois
  Business Administration and Finance,
  cum laude
- Juana Katheryn Gonzalez, Evansville Marketing
- Matthew Reid Graham, Grandview Marketing
- Christian Guzman, Havana, Cuba Computer Science
- Cole J. Hagan, Corydon, Kentucky Accounting and Professional Services
- Blaine Colby Halford, Evansville Computer Science
- Stephanie J. Hall, Evansville Marketing
- Anneliese Hope Happe, Evansville Marketing
- Adam Hart, Fort Branch Management
- Jude Hays, Evansville Management
- Deshai L. Hillman, Evansville Computer Science
- Delaney G. Hirsch, Evansville Business Administration, *cum laude*
- Justin M. Hoops, Vincennes Computer Science
- Gavyn Wade Huff, Bedford Computer Science

- Haley Hunter, Evansville Marketing, *cum laude*
- Luke Andrew Johnston, Evansville Business Administration
- Samantha Ann Judge, Lafayette Marketing
- Kamille Lexann Kerner, Newton, Illinois Business Administration
- Macy Anna Kerstiens, Jasper Business Administration
- Matthew William Kessler, Evansville
  Accounting and Professional Services,
  cum laude
- Eric Michael Leeds, Newburgh Computer Science, *cum laude*
- Brayden J. S. Little, Vincennes Business Administration
- Dylan Chase Loehrlein, Evansville Finance
- Kyle David Long, Evansville Marketing
- Aysiah Rainelle Loving, Olathe, Kansas Economics
- Alvin Ma, Evansville Marketing
- Robert Manyoni, Zimbabwe Economics, *cum laude* UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR
- Christine O. Martin, Henderson, Kentucky Accounting and Professional Services
- Aaron L. Mattoon, Carmi, Illinois Economics
- Jailine Marie-Due McElroy, Evansville Marketing
- Samuel John Medicis, Evansville Computer Information Systems
- Cora Rena Meyer, Huntingburg
  Business Administration and Finance,
  cum laude
- Graham Scott Miller, Owensboro, Kentucky Accounting and Professional Services
- Madelyn Shayne Mitchell, Dixon, Kentucky Marketing, *magna cum laude*
- Brooke Anastasia Moser, Leo Management
- Brittany Jane Mullis, Newberry Business Administration
- Olivia Taylor Mundy, Huntingburg Finance, *cum laude*
- Brandon Michael Murphy, Olney, Illinois Finance
- Madison R. Murphy, Harrisburg, Illinois Accounting and Professional Services
- Neda Najafiabdolkarimi, Newburgh Management
- Shelby Taylor Nelson, Lewisport, Kentucky Accounting and Professional Services

- Bryce Edward Northcott, Carmi, Illinois Management
- Dylan Osterman, Newburgh Marketing
- Dylan J. Paschall, Newburgh Business Administration
- Emmalee Grace Pate, Bedford Marketing
- Megan Alexandra Patton, Newburgh Management
- Eric Kyle Peters, Vincennes
  Accounting and Professional Services
- Alec Paul Porter, Newburgh Computer Science, *cum laude*
- Madelene Mae Raley, Haubstadt Business Administration
- Maggie N. Ramsey, Evansville Management
- Courtney Nicole Sanders, Henderson, Kentucky Business Administration
- William C. Scales, Evansville Accounting and Professional Services and Finance, magna cum laude
- Nolan G. Schaefer, Evansville Business Administration

- Nicholas Gregory Schafer, Flora, Illinois Finance
- Tori Jade Schoelkopf, Oaktown Finance
- Kade Matthew Schwarzlose, Albion, Illinois Computer Science
- Holly Jo Shackleton, Valparaiso Marketing
- Parker Allen Sharp, Evansville Finance
- Haley Jean-Marie Smith, Corydon Marketing
- Jenny Kay Stolz, Oakland City Business Administration
- Donald Ray Stuteville, Evansville
  Business Administration and Accounting
  and Professional Services
- Ryota Takei, Kyoto, Japan Computer Information Systems, *cum laude*
- Katherine Eva Talley, Evansville Accounting and Professional Services, cum laude
- Dennis Tedrow, Loogootee Business Administration
- Aydin B. Thomas, Avon Marketing

- Layne M. Turpin, Odon Business Administration
- Cameron Drake Weaver, Henderson, Kentucky Business Administration
- Harper Charlene Wedeking, Evansville Business Administration
- Harrison T. Wells, Fulton, Kentucky Business Administration
- Cameron C. Whaley, Mount Carmel, Illinois Computer Science, *cum laude*
- Grace C. Wichman, Washington Accounting and Professional Services and Economics, *cum laude*
- Daniel Van Williams, Evansville Business Administration
- Calli JoLin Wininger, Shoals Finance, *cum laude*
- Ezekiel Wininger, Holland Computer Science
- Alexander Daniel Winkler, Vincennes Computer Science
- Andrew Zieg, Newburgh
  Accounting and Professional Services
  and Finance
- Nicholas Leo Ziemer, Evansville Accounting and Professional Services

### COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

### **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

- Candida Rosa Alvarez, Evansville Public Relations and Advertising
- Josie Catherine Ault, Evansville Psychology
- Fabian Becerra, Washington Spanish Studies
- Maria Rosalva Bonilla, Newburgh Psychology and Spanish Studies, *cum laude*
- Susannah M. Cowgill, Breese, Illinois Political Science and Global Studies
- Adrian Renae Ettensohn, Henderson, Kentucky Theatre Arts
- Loren Renee Franklin, Evansville History, magna cum laude
- Aniyah Scott Frazier, Indianapolis Public Relations and Advertising
- Tyrone Michael Frazier III, Indianapolis Radio and Television
- Avie Anne Gould, Ferdinand Psychology
- Jewell Gená Gourley, Evansville English Teaching, *cum laude*
- Callie Rose Gubera, Jamestown Spanish Studies, *cum laude*
- Allison Rhianne Haley, Carmi, Illinois English Teaching
- Julia Gabrielle Healy, Valparaiso Psychology
- Sarah L. Herschelman, Evansville Public Relations and Advertising

- Kaylee D. Housman, Evansville English
- Allen Hurst-Alexander Karch, Haubstadt Theatre Arts
- Rachel Lett, Depauw German Studies and Psychology, magna cum laude
- Kortney Elizabeth McGill, Evansville Psychology
- Micala McHargue, Evansille Psychology and Criminal Justice
- Kaitlyn St. Clair Milan, Evansville English Teaching
- Noah Larson Raleigh, Evansville Public Relations and Advertising
- Lilah Marie Redmon, Newburgh History, *magna cum laude*
- Jared K. Sutton, Newburgh Psychology
- Abby LeAnn Thompson, Salem, Illinois English, *cum laude*
- Maggie Elizabeth VanZant, Henderson, Kentucky Public Relations and Advertising and World Languages and Cultures, *cum laude*
- Morgan Elisabeth Wasik, Noblesville French Studies, Psychology and Criminal Justice
- Taylor Leighanne Wilson, Mount Vernon Psychology
- Emma Lynn Woods, Evansville Political Science
- Karika Young, Loogootee Sociology

### BACHELOR OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

- Emily A. Bruce, Newburgh Individualized Studies
- Danielle Frances Cater, Evansville Individualized Studies
- Ethan D. Dresselhaus, Evansville Individualized Studies
- D'Andra L. Fleenor, Mitchell Applied Studies
- Adrian LeeAnn Hudson, Berne Individualized Studies
- Zachary Kiefer, Indianapolis Individualized Studies
- Jordan R. Kirkpatrick, Anderson Individualized Studies
- Destiny Rose Mathews, Indianapolis Individualized Studies
- Mark A. Murry, Evansville Individualized Studies
- Sara Lyndsey Raelson, New Albany Applied Studies
- Elena K. Smith, Evansville Individualized Studies
- Stefani R. Sutton, Evansville Individualized Studies
- Vanessa Morgan Vinson, Geff, Illinois Individualized Studies
- Melanie L. Yaeger, Evansville Individualized Studies, *cum laude*

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

- Lauren Ashley Albright, Evansville History
- Lydia Jean Aleman, Mount Carmel, Illinois Art
- Bryce A. Birchler, Tell City History
- Ali Marie Book, Evansville Psychology
- Asia Carr, Columbus Psychology
- Megan M. Cassidy, Evansville Communication Studies
- Miriam Katherine Cates, Henderson, Kentucky English, *cum laude*
- Grant Evan Cecil, Newburgh Criminal Justice
- Emilee Danielle Clarke, Mount Vernon, Illinois Psychology
- Hannah Nicole Collman, Newburgh Criminal Justice
- Cristin Melissa Colston, Evansville Criminal Justice and Psychology
- Leigh Ann Coyle, Evansville Psychology
- Marina Noelle Current, Oakland City Radio and Television
- Laisha Fernanda Díaz De Leon, Evansville Art
- Audra Leighann Dyer, Evansville Communication Studies, *magna cum laude*
- Kassiti Xian Fink, Evansville
- Noah Alexander Fisher, Chandler History
- Stephanie Rose Folz, Mount Vernon History
- Chyanne Faye Gaskin, Indianapolis Psychology
- Annabelle Gladding, Evansville Theatre Arts
- Clarice Ellen Goodin, Austin Public Relations and Advertising
- Tana Lynn Graham, Evansville Psychology
- Jack William Guanajuato, Indianapolis Criminal Justice
- Emily Renee Hahn, Evansville Public Relations and Advertising

- Benjamin Louis Halter, Mount Vernon Psychology
- Kelsi Kay Ham, Opdyke, Illinois Criminal Justice
- Alexis Nicole Hammon, Jamestown Public Relations and Advertising
- Addison Grace Hearrin, Sebree, Kentucky Public Relations and Advertising
- Emma Rhiannon Heldt, Princeton Psychology
- Ally Marie Hinton, Evansville
- Dillon Lee Horton, Evansville
  Public Relations and Advertising
- Jenny A. Housman, Evansville Psychology
- Jared D. Hummel, Evansville Criminal Justice
- Kyndal Lyn Jobe, Robinson, Illinois Psychology, *cum laude*
- Katie Marie Johnson, Evansville English Teaching, cum laude
- Brandon S. Kempf, Mount Vernon Criminal Justice, *summa cum laude*
- Caleb Robert Harmon Kilburn, Hardinsburg Public Relations and Advertising
- Jilian Koby, Vincennes
  Public Relations and Advertising, *cum laude*
- Emma Nicole Krumwiede, Rosedale Psychology
- Katie M. Lay, Vincennes Psychology
- Katlyn Ann Lovell, Deputy Public Relations and Advertising
- Thea Rose McCarthy, Crawfordsville Anthropology
- Walker William Mogensen, Lafayette Public Relations and Advertising
- Paige Lauren Mooney, Evansville Public Relations and Advertising
- Cameron Marie Moore, Evansville Criminal Justice
- Katarina R. Nash, Speedway Psychology and Philosophy
- William Pugsley, Carmi, Illinois Communication Studies, *cum laude*
- Zachary A. Robinson, Pittsboro Public Relations and Advertising
- Haley N. Ruckman, Evansville History

- Madison Lynn Scamahorn, Boonville Psychology
- Alexander Todd Scott, Evansville Radio and Television
- Shelby Raeane Sebree, Evansville Radio and Television
- Kristen Nicole Serrano, Washington English Teaching
- Ethan M. Shan, Evansville Radio and Television
- Timia Nicole Simmons, Evansville Criminal Justice
- Randa Reneé Skelton, Evansville Psychology
- Victoria Na Reis Smith, Fishers Sociology
- Kelsi Danae Stanley, Evansville Psychology, summa cum laude UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR
- Sydney S. Stocksdale, Charlestown Psychology
- Madelyn M. Stockton, Evansville Communication Studies
- Justice Lee Stubblefield, Carmi, Illinois History, *cum laude*
- Jachonn C. Tisinger, Indianapolis Public Relations and Advertising
- Elizabeth Ann Travis, Mayfield, Kentucky English, *cum laude*
- Tyree Dai-Qon Trimble, Mount Vernon, Illinois Psychology
- Re' Shay Bryanna Faye Wagner, Princeton Psychology
- Austin Michael Welp, Birdseye Psychology, *cum laude*
- Livia McMillen Wight, Seattle, Washington Psychology
- Sydney Kay Wilkerson, Newburgh Psychology, *summa cum laude*
- Joely M. Will, Haubstadt Art
- Anna Laura Williams, Evansville Psychology
- Kendra Michelle Wilson, Aurora Psychology
- Evan Thomas Wolfe, Jasper Criminal Justice, *cum laude*

### **BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK**

Carrie L. Keller, Saint Anthony Social Work

### ASSOCIATE DEGREES

### College of Liberal Arts

#### ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

John Clay Anderson II, Rensselaer Social Science Alex B. Evans, Evansville Social Science

Nikylah M. Long, Morganfield, Kentucky Social Science Jailine Marie-Due McElroy, Evansville Social Science

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

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

Saturday, December 18, 2021 6 p.m.

### MASTER DEGREES

### MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Taiwo Agbo, Indianapolis
Jillian Barnett, Winslow
Jason M. Berry, Jasper
Christine Maria Book, Huntingburg
Bryan Bourdeau, Evansville
Heather L. Bullington, Evansville
Destiny C. Cope, Indianapolis
Toni L. Eastridge, Taswell
Tara S. Eichmiller, Dubois
Phillip Douglas Faulkner, Jasper
Andrew John Hagedorn, Bristow
Jay Hamilshon Hairston, Chicago, Illinois
Ally Blake Constance Lopp, Newburgh

Kelly J. Mattingly, Jasper
Alyssa L. Miller, Newburgh
Tyler Nemeth, Terre Haute
MaKalah Sun Reed, Greencastle
Ashley K. Riordan-Elpers, Evansville
Billie J. Sherman, Loogootee
Thomas J. Skelton, Otwell
Abigail Dawn Wallace, Fort Branch
Shawn T. Warner, Petersburg
Kalyn Constance Terry Asevedo Williams,
Lafayette, Louisiana

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Kristin Rachel Anderson, Evansville Mathematics Teaching Secondary

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT

Ryan Nathanial Draper, Bedford Samantha Marie Turner, Evansville

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPORT MANAGEMENT

Justin M. Brooks, Fishers Zachary Leah Byler, Washington Andrew Hawkins, Evansville Kenneth James Thomas, Centerpoint

### BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

### College of Nursing and Health Professions

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Ashley Nichole Acevedo, Evansville Health Services

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- Myranda Nikole Thompson, Indianapolis Biochemistry
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- Hoang Huyen Tram Vu, Vietnam Mathematics Teaching, magna cum laude
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- Trevor Ryan Meier, Nashville, Illinois
- Daniel James Moss, Indianapolis
- Markus Poulsen, Denmark cum laude
- Jared Matthew Scales, Newburgh Kendall Grant Williams, Linton

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- Clifton Campbell, Linton cum laude
- Jerome Degbe, Cote D'Ivoire cum laude
- University Honors Scholar
- Aaron L. Eaker, Springville summa cum laude
- Timothy Gomez, Bloomington
- Paul Bernard Hart, Loogootee cum laude
- Austin James Healy, Evansville
- Matthew Curtis Klein, Evansville
- Conner Wayne McGlothin, Morganfield, Kentucky
- Brayden Keith Scarlett, Shelbyville
- Eric Benson Scott, Heltonville cum laude
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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 is embossed with the motto education by the people, education for the people. One of Rochon's core messages following his appointment was, "This campus is a community institution. It is, and always will be, the peoples' campus."

From its initial stages of planning in the early 1960s, community leaders have supported the University by providing a solid base for its present success and future growth. For more than 55 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 9,750 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 programs and services to more than 15,000 participants annually through Outreach and Engagement. Programs and services include the Center for Applied Research, College Achievement Program, Community Engagement, Historic New Harmony, Historic Southern Indiana, New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art, Corporate Partnerships and Customized Training, Lifelong Learning Noncredit Programs, ROTC, Service Learning, Southern Indiana Japanese School, and the Veteran, Military and Family Resource Center.

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 states: USI will be a recognized leader in higher education boldly shaping the future and transforming the lives of our students through exceptional learning and intentional innovation.

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

USI is engaged in its 2021–2025 five-year strategic plan which includes four overarching goals:

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

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

Today, more than 48,000 alumni have been awarded diplomas from the University of Southern Indiana. USI graduates are renowned surgeons, bank executives, artists, leaders in K-12 education, accounting executives, lawyers, nurses, hospital administrators, college professors and elected officials and through the knowledge gained from here—USI, their alma mater—they ignite transformation in their communities.

### COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

### **Presidential Medallion**

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

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

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

### **Gonfalons**

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

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

### **University Seal**

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

Between the two banners displaying the University's name appears an open book, illuminated by the torch of

knowledge. Trees on either side of the flame suggest not only the University's pastoral Southern Indiana setting but also life, growth and continuity.

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

### **University Mace**

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

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

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

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

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

### COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

### 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 USI.edu/gradphotos.

### NOTICE OF PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEO and AUDIOTAPING

Photography, video and audio may be recorded before, during and after each ceremony and may be used in future University of Southern Indiana news, advertising and promotional materials. By attending this event, you consent to having your likeness captured without restriction or financial compensation for possible University use and publication.



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### Constant, Faithful and True

The University of Southern Indiana Alma Mater

Lyrics: David O'Neil Original Music: Daniel R. Craig

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

USI... USI...

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

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

USI... USI...

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