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COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETINGS

July 25

September 15

November 21

UPCOMING EVENTS

President's Reception
July 25

Not Back to School Lunch
August 13

Annual Meeting
November 21

Retiree Organization Activities



Museum Program: Evansville: Then and Now

USI Retirees enjoyed a very interesting presentation by Tom Lonngberg at the Evansville Museum. He presented a recent exhibit Evansville: Then and Now with discussion of the photos, locations, and the changes in the downtown area and other Evansville sites. Thirteen retirees participated with discussion of memories of the business and venues including the historical Grand Theater, Vendome Hotel, and shopping venues. Much to our dismay, many of the sites are now parking lots but the USI

campus pictures with Dr. Rice and Dr. Rochon illustrate the extensive growth and development of USI.

Several USI retirees are docents at the museum. Christy Baker shared her experience as a docent including the training and activities. Go to <https://emuseum.org/blog/2023/what-is-a-docent> for Information about volunteering at the museum as a docent.



Evansville Then and Now

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8600 University Boulevard Indiana State University-Evansville, 1969 University of Southern Indiana, 2023

The September 1969 image depicts Dean (later president) Dr. David Rice walking in front of the Administration & Science Building and a sea of mud at Indiana State University-Evansville—a branch campus of Indiana State University of Terre Haute. This was the first semester on the school's new campus following four years in the former Centennial School building on Evansville's west side. 1,617 students attended that fall.

In 2023, the University of Southern Indiana's (USI's) current president Dr. Ronald Rochon posed for photographs in the same location Dr. Rice walked 54 years earlier. Today, USI, which became an independent university in 1985, has an enrollment of 9,286 students.

Historic Image Collection of the University of Southern Indiana Archives and Special Collections

Note from the President



Jeri Burger
President

I hope you are doing well and having a great summer. I know some are traveling but many of us take advantage of flexibility and enjoy the milder weather in the spring and fall. This year the retiree group had the Not Back to School Lunch in January, the Foundation Luncheon in March, and looking forward to the President's reception and fall activities. The MAIA conference will be August 8 and 9 and we will have our traditional Fall Not Back to School lunch at Turoni's on Main August 13. I'll keep you posted on additional opportunities and group activities.

Mid-American Institute on Aging and Wellness (MAIA)

The Mid-American Institute on Aging and Wellness (MAIA) will be August 8 and 9 at USI in the University Center. The theme this year is "live longer, healthier and happier," with presentations about healthy aging and wellness across the lifespan. There will be a wide variety of topics for older adults, family members, caregivers and healthcare providers.

One of the keynote speakers, Dr. Gary Small, will take a deep dive into memory and aging. Concurrent sessions will be on issues affecting seniors including nutrition, fall prevention, dementia, elder scams and chronic disease management.

The calendar and the schedule for concurrent sessions are available at the Mid-America Institute on Aging and Wellness website.

The MAIA registration fee will be waived for USI Retirees. Register Online to reserve your spot for either Thursday or Friday or both days. Only register if you are sure you are able to attend as lunch and snacks are provided, and MAIA conference planners want to avoid wasting food and financial resources. Retirees Council as president.

Foundation Luncheon

The USI Foundation hosted a luncheon for retirees on Saturday, March 23. Retirees shared a lunch buffet provided by the Foundation, enjoying the view of campus from the Griffin Center. The room was full of lively conversation and fellowship.



NEW RETIREES:

David Adcock
 Glenn Ballard
 Stephen Bequette
 Terri Bischoff
 Carolyn Campbell
 Manfen Chen
 Mary Doerner
 David Ellert
 Janet Johnson
 Mohammed Khayum
 Glen Kissel
 Mark Nelson
 Karen Parker
 Rita Ricketts
 Carol Schmitt
 Lee Ann Shafer
 Sheila Smith

Welcome!

Retirees Honored**Three Retirees Honored at Commencement**

Mohammed F. Khayum



Cynthia S. Brinker and M. Edward Jones

Mohammed F. Khayum, Cynthia S. Brinker, and M. Edward Jones received honorary doctorate degrees during the Spring 2024 Commencement Exercises. Honorary degrees are awarded for distinguished and extraordinary service consistent with the mission of the University.

Dr. Khayum, Provost Emeritus and Professor Emeritus of Economics, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Business degree for his extensive service and unwavering dedication to USI. Dr. Khayum joined the faculty of USI in 1991, served as Dean of the Romain College of Business from 2006-2018, and as Provost until he retired January 1, 2024. In all his positions, he shaped and implemented the University's strategic plans and elevated its academic and scholarly reach.

Together, Cindy Brinker and Ed Jones gave 75 years of service to USI. The Brinker-Jones couple met at USI and have shared their dedication to its mission, including to Historic New Harmony, where they were married at The Atheneum 30 years ago. Both also have been active supporters of the USI Retirees organization. Dr. Jones helped to found the USI Retirees and guided early development. Ms. Brinker recently led the USI Retirees Council as president.

Dr. Jones, Vice Provost Emeritus for Outreach and Engagement, joined USI in 1974 as founding Director of Continuing Education. His groundbreaking work transformed USI into southern Indiana's premiere resource for community and workplace leadership development, innovation practices, and skill enhancement. He received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in the ceremony.

Cindy Brinker, Senior Vice President Emerita for Government and University Relations, joined USI in 1979 as director of Human Resources. In 1991, she was promoted to Assistant Vice President of Business Affairs and Legislative Liaison. At the State House, she became the most senior legislative liaison in Indiana higher education, working closely with statewide elected officials and University legislative representatives to advance higher education at the Legislature. She received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in the ceremony.



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IN MEMORIAM

Mary Alice Bertram
widow of Retiree
Charles Bertram

Pat Cannon
Retiree

Debbie Clark
Retiree

Larry Green
Retiree

Timothy B. Mahoney
Retiree

Carl E. Wade
widower of Retiree Pam Wade

Zane Mitchell
Retiree

Dues are Due

The USI Retirees Group is a fun, social organization that allows retirees to get together, share experiences, and reminisce. Dues are only \$20 per year (fiscal year is July 1- June 30). The dues are used to fund scholarships given to current employees completing an undergraduate or graduate degree and to supplement events for retirees.

Membership is open to retirees of USI, their spouses and partners and surviving spouses and partners. Employees who worked at USI for at least 10 years and left in good standing are also eligible to join. We would love to have you join us for events and activities. You can pay the dues online or by check. Go to the Retiree Organization website for more information and the link to pay dues online.