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ORDER OF THE 2024 FALL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

College of Liberal Arts and Romain College of Business and School of Graduate Studies Ceremony

Saturday, December 14, 2024

10 a.m.

Processional

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

Grand Marshal

Dr. Shelly B. Blunt, *Interim Provost; Professor of Chemistry*

National Anthem

Sarah M. Smith '25

Welcome and Introductions

Steven J. Bridges '89 M'95, *Interim President*

Reflection

Jessica L. Williams '12 M'20 M'24

Class of 2024 Recognition

Dr. Del D. Dougherty, *Dean of the College of Liberal Arts; Professor of English*

The Commencement Address

Dr. Tamara L. Hunt, *Professor Emerita of History*

Conferral of Degrees

Steven J. Bridges '89 M'95, *Interim President*
Assisted by Dr. Shelly B. Blunt, *Interim Provost*

Presentation of Graduates

Steven J. Bridges '89 M'95, *Interim President*
Presented by Dr. A. David Hitchcock, *Co-Director of Master of Arts in Second Language Acquisition, Policy and Culture; Chair of World Languages and Cultures Department; Professor of Spanish*

Welcome from the USI Alumni Council

Ashley Riordan-Elpers '05 M'21, *President of the USI Alumni Council*

Alma Mater

Constant, Faithful and True
Original music by Daniel R. Craig, *Associate Professor of Music*, Lyrics by David O'Neil,
Assistant Professor of English

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.

TAMARA L. HUNT TO DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS



Dr. Tamara L. Hunt

Dr. Tamara L. Hunt, Professor Emerita of History, is the 2024 recipient of the USI Distinguished Professor Award, recognized for her exceptional service to students, significant contributions to academia and her consistent engagement with scholarship.

Hunt joined the University of Southern Indiana in 2003 as Associate Professor before being promoted to full Professor in 2006. A distinguished scholar and dedicated educator with a remarkable career spanning over three decades, she was appointed Professor Emerita in August 2024. Her extensive service includes roles as Director of the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program (2017-22) and College of Liberal Arts Core Curriculum Facilitator (2015-22), where she spearheaded vital assessment initiatives for the University's Core 39 curriculum.

Recognized both nationally and internationally for her research in 18th-century British history, particularly in political caricature and national identity, Hunt has authored books, articles and chapters, as well as contributed to peer-reviewed journals and edited volumes. Her published books include *Defining John Bull: Political Caricature and National Identity in Late Georgian England* (2003) in which she explores the role of satire in shaping national consciousness, and *Women and the Colonial Gaze* (2002) where she explores the intersections of gender, colonialism and political identity in 19th-century Ireland. Her scholarship has garnered numerous grants and awards, including fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for College Teachers and multiple Faculty Development Awards from USI.

In addition to her research, Hunt is known for her commitment to pedagogy. She has presented on the use of technology in enhancing online education, service learning in history and innovative approaches to curriculum development. Hunt's work in this area earned her recognition for Outstanding Service to the College of Liberal Arts 2020, College of Liberal Arts Faculty Development Award (multiple years) and more.

Hunt's historical research exceeds the boundaries of some of her more political work to include historical paranormal figures. She has published, lectured and presented on Indiana's ghosts' identity and entertainment, including the renowned Grey Lady.

She is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Historical Association, North American Conference on British Studies and the Society for the History of Authorship, Reading and Publishing.

Her extensive contributions to historical scholarship, her passion for teaching and her leadership within the academic community, including her service as Chair of the History Department and Director of the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Program, make her a distinguished voice in her field.

She earned a bachelor's degree in history from Mundelein College in Chicago, Illinois; a master's degree and a doctoral degree in British History, and Britain and the Empire–Commonwealth since 1688, respectively, from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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



ORDER OF THE 2024 FALL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Kinney College of Nursing and Health Professions and Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education and School of Graduate Studies Ceremony

Saturday, December 14, 2024

1 p.m.

Processional

Pomp and Circumstance, Edward Elgar, Composer

Recording by London Philharmonic, Daniel Barenboim, *Conductor*

Grand Marshal

Dr. Shelly B. Blunt, *Interim Provost; Professor of Chemistry*

National Anthem

Ethan D. Hoover '26

Welcome and Introductions

Steven J. Bridges '89 M'95, *Interim President*

Reflection

Melanie N. Cedeno Morales '24

Class of 2024 Recognition

Dr. Julie L. McCullough, *Dean of the Kinney College of Nursing and Health Professions; Associate Professor of Food and Nutrition*

The Commencement Address

Dr. Bohan Ye, *Assistant Professor of Economics*

Conferral of Degrees

Steven J. Bridges '89 M'95, *Interim President*

Assisted by Dr. Shelly B. Blunt, *Interim Provost*

Presentation of Graduates

Steven J. Bridges '89 M'95, *Interim President*

Presented by Dr. Kevin J. Valadares, *Chair of Health Administration and Health Informatics and Information Management; Professor of Health Services*

Welcome from the USI Alumni Council

Ashley Riordan-Elpers '05 M'21, *President of the USI Alumni Council*

Alma Mater

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Original music by Daniel R. Craig, *Associate Professor of Music*, Lyrics by David O'Neil, *Assistant Professor of English*

Recessional

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BOHAN YE TO DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS



Dr. Bohan Ye

Dr. Bohan Ye, Assistant Professor of Economics, is the 2024 recipient of the H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award. She is recognized for her innovative approach to engaging students in the classroom, delivering impactful economic lessons that instill critical thinking and practical skills.

Ye joined the University of Southern Indiana in 2020 as an Assistant Professor in the Romain College of Business, where she has since earned widespread recognition for her teaching and research. A dedicated educator, she was honored with the University Outstanding Teaching Award in 2023 and the Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2022. Her commitment to effective teaching methods has earned her a reputation as a transformative presence in the classroom, where she teaches a range of courses including Microeconomics, Managerial Economics and Games and Strategic Behavior.

She is recognized for her research on trust dynamics, emotional responses in digital communication and economic behavior. Ye has authored numerous articles in peer-reviewed journals, including the *Journal of Economic Theory*, *Social Psychological and Personality Science* and *Games and Economic Behavior*. Her interdisciplinary research, which spans economics and psychology, explores the complex nature of trust and deception in group dynamics and social media environments. Her work has been presented at prestigious international conferences, including the Asian Pacific American Economic Science Association Meeting and the North American Economic Science Association Meeting, solidifying her as a thought leader in the field of behavioral economics.

Beyond her research and teaching, Ye has played a vital role in the University community. She serves as Chair of the College Student Affairs Committee and is a member of the University Endeavor Award Committee, where she supports undergraduate creative and research efforts. Her leadership on the College Strategic Planning Committee contributed to the Romain College of Business securing AACSB accreditation, a testament to her commitment to advancing the College's mission and excellence.

Ye's passion for student engagement extends outside the classroom. She is an advisor for several student organizations, including the Asian Student Association, Asian Student Union and the Student Japanese Club, where she works to create inclusive cultural experiences for the University's diverse student body. A multi-talented individual, Ye is also a performer of Chinese Opera and has used her artistic talents to raise awareness on cultural issues and anti-Asian violence.

She earned a bachelor's degree in economics and master's degree in management science from Tsinghua University in Beijing, China; a research master's degree in economics from Tilburg University the Netherlands; and her doctoral degree in economics from the University of Arizona.

The H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award was established in 2000 and honors USI faculty members whose work in University Core Courses (UCC) has been especially creative and successful in furthering UCC goals. As a recipient, Ye 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 2024

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND ROMAIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES CEREMONY

Saturday, December 14, 2024
10 a.m.

MASTER DEGREES

MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION

Simran Kaur Singh, Plainfield

MASTER OF ARTS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Jonathan Rudell Clark, Evansville

Daniel Lee Greenwell, Indianapolis

MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

Aubrey Christine Swart, Noblesville

MASTER OF ARTS IN SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION, POLICY AND CULTURE

Rosalinda Guardado, Jasper

Loren Visser, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Aanuoluwa Abidun Adesuyi, Indianapolis

Jalal Adi, Lebanon

Douglas Arnold Adkins, Gahanna, Ohio

Maryam Akbari, Evansville

Umamah Syed Alam, Tinley Park, Illinois

Jordan Wesley Allison, Owensboro, Kentucky

Dana Alnajim, W Bloomfield, Michigan

Justin M. Amos, Chandler

Brooke Nicole Anderson, Lafayette

Cory Anderson, Linton

Emma Ann Anderson, New Albany

Christopher Anthony Antonites, Paducah,
Kentucky

Amir Aiden Aria, Los Angeles, California

Mikaela Shea Ashby, Newburgh

Ariane Attix, Wilmington, Delaware

Brikny Esmeralda Ayala, Madison, Wisconsin

Breah Kay Bailey, Lynnville

Anthony Baillie, Antioch, Illinois

Kelsey Michele Bartok, Ridgway, Illinois

Sebastien Basey, Frankton

Kanwal Bibi, Jamaica, New York

Berkeley Elizabeth Bittner, Evansville

Kathryn Boardman, Moscow, Idaho

Elizabeth Ann Bracher, Boonville

Tegan May Fischer Breedlove, Memphis,
Tennessee

Robert Kyle Brown, Bedford

Adam David Burbrink, Cold Spring, Kentucky

Korin Kristine Calkins, Petersburg, Michigan

Lily Helena Cano, Evansville

Dia Marie Carter, Columbus

Jacob Anakin Chafins, San Francisco,
California

Timothy Allen Champion, Carrollton, Texas

Nohemi Chumacero Mancilla, Evansville

Travis Clymer, Terre Haute

Charles Michael Connelly, Evansville

Christopher Dwayne Cooper, Pompano
Beach, Florida

Abigail Copeland, Columbia City

Aundrea Lynn Corwin, Odon

Briar Marann Curd, Mount Vernon, Illinois

Jamie Rae Curry, New Harmony

Milan Dahal, Indianapolis

John R. Dalton, Newburgh

Krystal Daugherty, Seabrook, Texas

Olivia Daugherty, Spring Hill, Tennessee

Tracey Davidson, Orlando, Florida

Kristen Marie Davis, Elk Grove Village, Illinois

Christabel Day, Middletown

Camden James Dean, Greencastle

Myriam Minouche Joseph Delmy, Bethlehem,
Pennsylvania

Matthew Lee DeMott, Clarkston, Michigan

Tyler Ronald Denu, Evansville

Peter Deoniziak, Schaumburg, Illinois

Sherley Desir, Queens, New York

Amara Aziz Diomande, Indianapolis

Madison Faith Dischinger, Petersburg

Mitchel Elliot Dolletzki, Evansville

Michael Doss Jr., Indianapolis

Kayce Elizabeth Dozer, Owensboro, Kentucky

Stella Chen Driscoll, Downingtown,
Pennsylvania

Christopher Drullinger, Noblesville

John Brooks Duggan, Pembroke,
Massachusetts

Savarc Mawolo Dumbar, Camby

Sarah Elizabeth Forgey Dunaway, New
Palestine

Cianna Yaritza Duncan, Clarksville, Tennessee

Ryan Duzon, Jacksonville, Florida

Karol Wojciech Dywel, Brooklyn, New York

Thomas Edwards, Seabeck, Washington

Hossam ElGhol, Egypt

Salaheddine Elfakir, Keego Harbor, Michigan

Omar T. Elgazzar, Sugar Land, Texas

Lindsay Jordan Ellis, Clinton, Tennessee

Tyler Duane Elsberry, Troutdale, Oregon

Asma Iqbal Engelbrecht, Grosse Ile, Michigan

Marc Allen Engelbrecht, Grosse Ile, Michigan
Gavin Beck Englert, Zionsville
Gibson Carter Erlewein, Greenfield
John Stanley Esche, Evansville
Matthew David Evans, Westfield
Melissa Ewbank, Crown Point
Carrie Ewing, Holmen, Wisconsin
Md Shamiul Fahad, Portland, Oregon
Kyle Fahey, Austin, Texas
Ryan Wade Free, Indianapolis
Anthony Shane Galloway, Mishawaka
Joshua Randall Garon, The Woodlands, Texas
Wesley Auston Gibson, Batesville
Gwendolyn Kriss Gilman, San Clemente, California
Aaron Goad, Bloomington
Molly Goodwin, Memphis, Tennessee
Jill Gould, Westfield
Brenda Graham, Houston, Texas
Nicholas Ryan Graveel, Pendleton
Christopher Michael Grubs, Clarksville
Dustin Haldeman, Evansville
Aaron D. Hammond, Evansville
Victoria Handley, Jeffersonville
Constance Teresa Hannigan Franck, Ashburn, Virginia
Bianca Hardiman, Princeton
Chelsea Hargan, Kyle, Texas
Kristin Michelle Hauck, Avilla
Tyler Christian Hoel, Evansville
Jason L. Holland Jr., Indianapolis
Tilon Kirby Maddux Hood, Indianapolis
Kedzie Nicole Hopkins, Evansville
Kelsi Paige Hunsinger, Carmi, Illinois
Tierney Andra Hutchison, Chicago
Nimotallahi Oluwaseyi Ige, Nigeria
Chika Sopuruchi Ikeya, Bloomington
Bryant Jackson, Linton
Carl Riley Jackson II, Pinson, Alabama
Amberly Rose Jacob, Jasper
Ahmed Dherar Jassim, Lexington, Kentucky
Robert B. Jennings, Portage
Jocelyn Jimenez, Gilberts, Illinois
Jackson Elliott Johnston, Newburgh
Burundi Joyner, Round Rock, Texas
Tailor Maegan Joyner, Round Rock, Texas
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Olufemi Kehinde, Nigeria
Aminatou Keita, Indianapolis
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Ryan Kenny, Allegan, Michigan
Sarah Keute, Evansville
Kamran Khatri, Glenview, Illinois
Anne Wanjira Kiboi, Whiteland

Bryce Joseph Kirchner, North Vernon
Roy Frank Kirk, Sherman Oaks, California
Andrew Scott Kirkland, Maryville, Tennessee
Christian Karl Ko, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
Lance M. Kollker, Evansville
Riley Marie Komurka, Newton, Wisconsin
Kala Nicole Kuvinka, California, Pennsylvania
Ashley Landis, Saint Joseph, Illinois
Danielle Elizabeth Lanham, Owensboro, Kentucky
James Larson, Colorado Springs, Colorado
Han Vu Bao Le, Vietnam
Simone Jasmin Lisenbee, Bowling Green, Kentucky
Mark James Livingston, Olathe, Kansas
Dana Rene Lopez, McCordsville
Mikayla Marie Lopez, Buckeye, Arizona
Michelle L. Ludwig, Marysville, Ohio
Kaitlyn Marie Lunsford, Vincennes
Bradley Charles Lutz, Key West, Florida
Evan Clark Madden, Harrisburg, Illinois
Karl John Olson Mader, Northfield, Minnesota
Cameron Mahoney, Carmel
Natalia Anna Majkut, Des Plaines, Illinois
Amara Major, Grand Blanc, Michigan
Clara J. Marksberry, Newburgh
Traci Kristine Martin, Teutopolis, Illinois
Ashley Cheyenne McCauley, Versailles
Trevor McDowell, Evansville
Sophia I. Mehboob, Grosse Ile, Michigan
Miguel A. Mendoza Lopez, Chicago, Illinois
John Victor Hanna Michael, Westfield
Dalton Wayne Michels, Evansville
Erin Mickey, Kinnelon, New Jersey
Katherine B. Miles, Wheatfield
Sofia Linda Mirshed, Chicago, Illinois
Meagan Mitchell, Evansville
Brandon Lee Morris, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Ally Morrow, Henderson, Nevada
Adriana Allyssa Moya, Phoenix, Arizona
Hilaire Nachtrab, Ann Arbor, Michigan
Radostina Plamenova Nakova, Summitville
Zac Newkirk, New Whiteland
Tyler James Nichols, Mahopac, New York
Jennifer Noblitt, Columbus
Sarmad M. Nomani, Carterville, Illinois
Jamie Kay Nowlin, Westfield
Amanda Christine O'Mahoney, Indianapolis
Christine A. Oreyo, Kenya
Rotsen Palacios, Moreno Valley, California
Gage Alixander Zafra Paraiso, Hayward, California
Victoria Logan Parish, Saint Louis, Missouri
Danielle LeAnne Pate, Solsberry
Grant Bradley Pemberton, West Lafayette

Sarah J. Pepper, Evansville
Michael James Phillips, Tell City
Eshaben Patel, Piscataway, New Jersey
Radhe Amish Patel, Piscataway, New Jersey
Manasi Praveen Patil, Columbus, Ohio
Jonathan Piceno, Aurora, Illinois
Danielle Placide, Breaux Bridge, Louisiana
Allison Rachel Polland, Brooklyn, New York
Justin Tyler Pollock, Queen Creek, Arizona
Keenan Danielle Pruet, Westfield
Sarah M. Qanadilo, Indianapolis
Heather Christine Ray, Newburgh
Emily Jean Reidford, Wadesville
Bethany L. Rensink, Saint Charles, Missouri
Akeem Alwayne Riley, West Chester, Pennsylvania
William Roberts, Tell City
Tatiana Sierra Robinson, Indianapolis
Stacy Ann Royalty, Owensboro, Kentucky
Micheal David Rushing, Mount Vernon
Dana L. Russell, Scottsville, Kentucky
Usef Saab, Dearborn Heights, Michigan
Ariba Arif Sartaj, Schaumburg, Illinois
Jason Mark Saude, San Marcos, California
Christopher Ryan Schilling, Columbus
Chandler Schmidt, Jasper
Christalyn Marie Schmidt, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Sheri L. Scott, Plainfield
Damilola Seyi-Amole, Hometown
LouAnn Marie Shively, Bluffton
Adeline Elizabeth Shotts, Marshall, Illinois
Jason Silvar, Worth, Illinois
Gideon Smith, Bone Gap, Illinois
Julia Nicole Smith, Black River Falls, Wisconsin
Kathleen Jiatong Smith, Owensville
Mohamed Sofi, Astoria, New York
Joylene Spence, Gary
Kayla Speth, Indianapolis
Courtney N. Srimoungchanh, Florence, South Carolina
Andrea Stattenfield, Columbus
Tammy L. Tanner, Terre Haute
Hany Tawdros, Effingham, Illinois
Christopher James Thomas, Jacksonville, Florida
Ethan Matthew Thomas, Evansville
Andrew Steven Thompson, Evansville
Clayton J. Titzer, Evansville
Keith Dewayne Toby, Noblesville
Dommenique Travis, Detroit, Michigan
Anna Ava Van Dehey, Bourbonnais, Illinois
Christian M. Villegas, Crown Point
Justin David Waddington, Indianapolis
Jay Wahlquist, Woodbury, Minnesota

Cade Michael Walsh, Saint Louis, Missouri
Halle Walters, Monticello
Kara Wamboldt, Kenosha, Wisconsin
Michael J. Wamboldt, Kenosha, Wisconsin
Rachel Jeanne Wamboldt, Kenosha,
Wisconsin
Kevin Ward Jr., Cleveland, Ohio
Stephen David Warren, Grantville, Georgia
Debbie Wexler, Orlando, Florida
Cameron C. Whaley, Mount Carmel, Illinois

Tyler Chase Wheeler, Sellersburg
Thomas Ray Whipple, Madisonville, Kentucky
Christian C. Wickware Jr., Indianapolis
Jessica Lynn Williams, Evansville
Nathalie Howard Williams, Peachtree Corners,
Georgia
Robert Thomas Wilson, Chatham, Illinois
Adam Christian Wing, Evansville
Ty Jordan Wingate, Redlands, California
McKenzi Wright, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Suzanne R. Wyatt-Deem, Little Hocking, Ohio
Li Y. Yin, San Diego, California
Liliana Yohonn, Fairport, New York
Casey Pendergraff Young, Lecanto, Florida
Aladdin Zeitoun, Chicago, Illinois

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Erika Qualls Barnett, Evansville
Non-Profit Administration

POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE

Darla S. Perigo, Evansville
Computer Information Systems

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Catalina Candelaria Baker, Carmi, Illinois
Sociology, *cum laude*
Hannah Lynn Dupuy, Bunkie, Louisiana
Art
Jacqueline L. Godinez, Mount Vernon
Visual Art P-12 Teaching
Hailey Christine Gotshall, Lucerne
Criminal Justice, *magna cum laude*
Fouad L. Hamami, Evansville
Political Science, *magna cum laude*
Corinne Grace Hawkins, Westfield
World Languages and Cultures Teaching,
summa cum laude
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR
Jaleigh Paige LaBrec, Vincennes
World Languages and Cultures,
magna cum laude
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR
Noah E. Lang, Newburgh
World Languages and Cultures,
magna cum laude
Bobbie Libbey, Evansville
World Languages and Cultures,
magna cum laude
Alyssa Fay Meier, Chandler
Psychology
Aden C. Puerner, Evansville
Psychology and World Languages and
Cultures, *magna cum laude*
Jerzey Leigh Reibold, Lynnville
Psychology, *magna cum laude*
Carleigh Kay Robinson, Evansville
World Languages and Cultures
Hannah Elizabeth Robinson, Evansville
World Languages and Cultures
Mikayla Renae Satterfield, Oakland City
Art
Claire Emmanuela Sinvil, Chicago, Illinois
World Languages and Cultures

Ashley Lynn Staib, Evansville
Art, *magna cum laude*
Walker Lloyd Taylor, Newburgh
History and German Studies
Violet D. Thomas-Cummings, Birdseye
Art, *cum laude*
Zachary Michael Winger, South Elgin, Illinois
Art
Ashlyn Wright, Evansville
Psychology

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Madison Olivia Mayes, Newburgh
Art

BACHELOR OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Andrew Bojas, Hudsonville, Michigan
Individualized Studies
Kamryn Alexis Bridges, Henderson, Kentucky
Individualized Studies
Ella Jo Brizendine, Indianapolis
Individualized Studies
Kensley Rose Cash, Coatesville
Individualized Studies
Max Edwards, Evansville
Individualized Studies
Ebonique Larease Ellis, Evansville
Individualized Studies
Kenyll Lee'anna Mae Flemming, Evansville
Individualized Studies
Patrick M. Hickey, Evansville
Individualized Studies
Carissa King, Newburgh
Individualized Studies
Melissa A. King, Henderson, Kentucky
Individualized Studies
Jordan Kathryn Kralis, Rockport
Individualized Studies

Noah E. Lang, Newburgh
Individualized Studies, *magna cum laude*
Alexis Jade Lett, Boonville
Individualized Studies
Bobbie Libbey, Evansville
Individualized Studies, *magna cum laude*
Michael Barnett Long, Evansville
Applied Studies
Katie Lonneman, Terre Haute
Individualized Studies
James Dalton McCowen, Colorado Springs,
Colorado
Individualized Studies
Alyssa Marie Powell, Evansville
Individualized Studies
Micah Marie Rothenberger, Bicknell
Individualized Studies
Delayne Elizabeth Sitzman, Mount Vernon
Applied Studies
Stephanie Lynn Smith, Vincennes
Individualized Studies
Mar'Shail Ar'Chelle Wisdom, Evansville
Individualized Studies
Jace Wyman, Tipton
Individualized Studies

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Evan Charles Acree, Mount Carmel, Illinois
Psychology
Noah James Beard, Evansville
Public Relations and Advertising
Daniela Patricia Benson Peña, Evansville
Psychology
Mary Catherine Brinkmann, Waterloo, Illinois
Criminal Justice and Psychology, *cum laude*
Kayla Brown, Noblesville
Psychology
Zachary Andrew Broyles, Noblesville
History

Autumn Rayne Cohara, Cleveland, Ohio English Teaching	Lauren Elizabeth Lane, Vincennes Psychology	Reese Charles Schulte, Bloomfield Criminal Justice
Thomas Dale Cunningham, Huntingburg History	Kelsey Lang, Mount Vernon English	Rhiannon R. Schulz, Evansville Psychology
Alexis Danyelle Dant, Washington Psychology and Business Administration	Kenley Paige Leavens, Grayville, Illinois Art	Caleb Dante Scnear, Bedford Political Science
Victoria Paige Deig, Evansville Public Relations and Advertising	Abigail Grace Lewis, Evansville Psychology	Sara Bell Shackelford, Newburgh Sociology
Katelyn Elizabeth SuEmma Dersch, Evansville Public Relations and Advertising	Gage Maxwell Lynn, Evansville Communication Studies	Safa Shahin, Newburgh Psychology
Abigail Rose Eckert, Schnellville Psychology	Ethan Miles MacCowan, Franklin Radio and Television	Kaitlyn Jeaneen Sons, Bedford Criminal Justice
Mary Catherine Eppler, Evansville Public Relations and Advertising, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Nicholas James Maserejian, Evansville Criminal Justice	Jillian Sorensen, Evansville Public Relations and Advertising, <i>cum laude</i>
Gabriela Esther Fernandez Gil, Panama Psychology, <i>magna cum laude</i> UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR	Caleigh Janae Massey, Evansville Psychology	Gabrielle B. Stemle, French Lick English
Emma Claire Fox, Evansville Communication Studies	Mason A. Niemeier, Evansville Art	Kyla Rene Tarr, French Lick Psychology, <i>cum laude</i>
Desarai Michelle Frederick, Boonville Criminal Justice and Psychology	Valentine Pokorney, Evansville English	Kade Carson Taylor, Washington Communication Studies
Grace Olivia Gray, Hutsonville, Illinois Political Science, <i>cum laude</i>	Sara Christine Pressley, Evansville Psychology	Shelby Mickelina Trotter, Jasonville Art
Jacob Cole Ham, Evansville Psychology	Mehsum Raza, Newburgh Psychology	Emma Renee Vaught, Bloomfield Criminal Justice, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Madison Reese Harris-Gist, Cannelburg Psychology	Corbin Antonio Ricketts, Evansville Criminal Justice	Emma Mae Walls, Bedford Sociology
Julian Michael Herke, Evansville History	Lily Grace Robbins, Owensboro, Kentucky Psychology, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Pandora Violet Wells, Evansville English, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Jennah Marie Hottel, New Harmony Art	Tyler Charles Robinson, Newburgh Psychology	Noah Benjamin West, Lebanon Public Relations and Advertising
Bronwyn Michelle John, Evansville Psychology	LaMar Tyre Rollins, Evansville Criminal Justice	William L. Williams, Chrisney Psychology
Kylee Nicole Kessler, Evansville Criminal Justice	Tegan Elizabeth Ruhl, Fairfield, Illinois Journalism and English, <i>summa cum laude</i> UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR	Morgan Jean York, Covington Public Relations and Advertising, <i>cum laude</i>
Ethan Youngju Kim, Indianapolis Psychology, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Olivia Nicole Sams, Evansville Psychology	

ROMAIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Yaye Mane Amar, Evansville
Business Administration

Macy Broshears, Evansville
Economics, *summa cum laude*

Joslyn Hardesty, Floyd's Knobs
Business Administration, *cum laude*

Sean Hiraki Lubbers, Huntingburg
Accounting and Professional Services

Connor Thomas Quick, Evansville
Marketing

Michaela Elizabeth Sampson, Vincennes
Business Administration

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Piercen Stephen Abbett, Jasper
Business Administration

Nicole Elizabeth Allyn, Evansville
Marketing, *cum laude*

Rushil Pathil Amin, Newburgh
Finance

William Eric Barczewski, Nashville, Illinois
Finance

Joseph Matthew Biggs, Newburgh
Computer Information Systems, *cum laude*

Ryan Dean Bischke, Canada
Finance, *summa cum laude*

Dylan N. Bland, Holland
Business Administration

Michael Judge Bolognone, Medford Lakes,
New Jersey
Finance
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Trevor Bower, Olney, Illinois
Finance

Heath Burch, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services

Brandon Tyler Burglund, Evansville
Finance

Jordan Scott Byrd, Evansville
Business Administration

Shelby Jane Cole, Henderson, Kentucky
Business Administration

Dylan Cox, Evansville
Computer Science

Alexis Danyelle Dant, Washington
Business Administration and Psychology

Alexander Christian Delgman, Newburgh
Business Administration

Joshua David Dellamuth, Santa Claus
Computer Science, *magna cum laude*

Bradley Devine, Evansville
Marketing

Ryleigh Addison Evans, Beaver Dam, Kentucky
Marketing and Business Administration

Colton Wayne Franks, Lanesville
Finance

Cassidy Summer Griffith, Owensboro, Kentucky
Business Administration, *cum laude*

Kenneth Robert Hall, Evansville Computer Science	Kiersten Ann LeBarron, Evansville Marketing, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Hayley Lauren Sink, Macedonia, Illinois Accounting and Professional Services
Seth Alan Hartwick, Jasper Marketing	Atalia Marsan-Mulet, Newburgh Economics	Rush Neal Slocum, Mount Vernon Business Administration
Harrison James Hayden, Newburgh Business Administration and Marketing	Cameron Micheal Masterson, Evansville Business Administration	Justin Paul Steinback, Evansville Computer Science
Pryce Wayne Hedrick, Loogootee Computer Science	Daniel Mattingly, Evansville Accounting and Professional Services	Nicholas Ryan Stelchek, Concord, California Marketing
Luke Matthew Heinemann, Georgetown Finance	Autumn Marie Meece, Rockport Computer Information Systems, <i>cum laude</i>	Anna Sullivan, Evansville Management, <i>magna cum laude</i> , UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR
Kathryn Ann Herman, Vincennes Accounting and Professional Services, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Caleb Michael Miller, Evansville Business Administration	Braeden Monroe Tapp, Evansville Management
Addison Higgins, Evansville Computer Science	Emma Nicole Nathan, Evansville Business Administration	Madison Marie Taylor, Newburgh Economics and Mathematics, <i>cum laude</i>
Hunter Hillenbrand, Newburgh Accounting and Professional Services	Brynna Scarlet Nicol, Mitchell Computer Information Systems, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Lee Anndra Thomas, Evansville Business Administration
Garrett Holcomb, Washington Marketing	Benjamin Thomas Niehaus, Evansville Management	Konner Allen Thyen, Huntingburg Finance, <i>cum laude</i>
Peyton Luke Hopkins, Evansville Computer Science, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Esther Sui Par, Evansville Accounting and Professional Services	Preston Wayne Turner, Evansville Accounting and Professional Services and Finance, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Zachary Carmen Houglund, Corydon Finance	Faith Abigail Peterlin, Evansville Business Administration	Kylie Nichole Vowells, Evansville Marketing
Jianna Karin Hughes, Vincennes Marketing	Blake Matthew Petty, Evansville Business Administration	Tyler Wade Watson, Derby Computer Information Systems
Kylie Jordan Kaiser, Arcadia Marketing UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR	Haley Beth Phelps, Henderson, Kentucky Business Administration	Gavin Alexander Wallen, Brazil Business Administration
Jalen Alexander Kenworthy, Evansville Accounting and Professional Services	Devin Ray Reiminger, Jackson, Missouri Business Administration	Grace Margaret Weidner, Noble, Illinois Accounting and Professional Services
John Nolan Klus, Evansville Business Administration	Edvin Reyes-Angeles, Washington Business Administration	Jakob Alexander Whitney, Floyds Knobs Economics
Marshall McGregor Knight, Evansville Computer Information Systems, <i>cum laude</i>	Hallie Marie Riordan, Evansville Business Administration, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Brandon Michael Williams, Newburgh Accounting and Professional Services
Simon Reed Lackey, Brazil Business Administration	Cathy Sandoval, Long Beach, California Computer Science	Madeline Grace Williams, Evansville Marketing, <i>cum laude</i>
Kaleb Lamb, Evansville Computer Information Systems	Blake Russel Schaefer, Saint Meinrad Finance, <i>cum laude</i>	Allie Elizabeth Witherspoon, Owensboro, Kentucky Business Administration
Parriah Shibree Laramore Milton, Warsaw Accounting and Professional Services	Jacob Thomas Schmidt, Lincoln City Finance	Logan Andrew Wunderlich, Evansville Accounting and Professional Services and Finance, <i>cum laude</i>
Trevor Laub, Edwardsville, Illinois Marketing	Ashley Julianne Schwartz, Evansville Business Administration	Corey Eugene Yates, Henderson, Kentucky Business Administration
Kayla Lynn LeBarron, Evansville Marketing, <i>cum laude</i>	Chloe Rose Shopmeyer, Newburgh Marketing, <i>magna cum laude</i>	

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PROFESSIONS AND POTT COLLEGE OF SCIENCE,
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SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES CEREMONY**
Saturday, December 14, 2024
1 p.m.

DOCTORAL DEGREES

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Douglas A. Allison, West Point
Educational Leadership
Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Catherine Minihan

Elizabeth Ann Casalini, Indianapolis
Educational Leadership
Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Wilkins

Larissa Cremeens, Mount Vernon
Educational Leadership
Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Bonnie Beach

Darla Kathleen Hoover, Evansville
Educational Leadership
Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Tori Colson

Travis Ivan Howard, Waynesville, North Carolina
Educational Leadership
Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Tori Colson

Tracy Lamont Johnson, Mount Vernon Springs, North Carolina
Educational Leadership
Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Xavia Burton

Jennifer Grace Lawrence, Boise, Idaho
Educational Leadership
Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Khalilah Doss

Sara Ann Loete, Evansville
Educational Leadership
Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Tori Colson

Diana Filipa Lynn, Alpine, California
Educational Leadership
Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Mariah Smothers

Mathew Joseph Medcalf, Dale
Educational Leadership
Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Wilkins

Jamorae A. Purcell, Evansville
Educational Leadership
Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Tori Colson

Janell Elyse Pycior, Evansville
Educational Leadership
Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Wilkins

Jessica J. Reid, Greenwood
Educational Leadership
Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Tori Colson

Ryan Matthew Simmons, Lafayette
Educational Leadership
Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Catherine Minihan

Jack Daniel Weagley, Princeton
Educational Leadership
Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Bonnie Beach

Joshua Norman Wildeman, Evansville
Educational Leadership
Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Tori Colson

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Elisabeth M. Bernal, Winchester
Advanced Practice
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jennifer Evans

Jeanne L. Braun, Evansville
Organizational and Systems Leadership
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jennifer Evans

Michelle Jean Wakefield, Evansville
Advanced Practice
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jennifer Evans

POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE

Emily J. Freeman, Oaktown
Addiction Science

Frederick Leon Greene, Portage
Educational Leadership (EdS)

Jamie Lynn Hill, Wadesville
Educational Leadership and Administration

MASTER DEGREES

MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Janver Canillas, Princeton

Timothy Daniel Carter, Evansville

Caitlin June Creech, Vincennes

Hannah M. DeBlock, Aledo, Illinois

Shannon Ann Earhart, Mount Vernon

Katelyn Nicole Earl, Carmi, Illinois

Janell Rowena Glass, Henderson, Kentucky

Ashley E. Gwaltney, Evansville

Rebekah Kellogg, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Beth L. Kilgore, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Ashleigh Ann Kormelink, Evansville

Brenna Kuper, Evansville

Kristin McDonald, Cridersville, Ohio

Mallory M. Mills, Evansville

Jana Renae Pace, Paoli

Alicia Pena, Indianapolis

Marina Lee Peterson, Sacramento, Kentucky

Victoria Claire Ramacciotti, Evansville

Jamie Louise Reed, Kokomo

Shellye Aide Rodriguez-Davis, Princeton

Victoria Na Reis Smith, Fishers

Blake Allen Snyder, Brownsburg

Jalicia Danielle Stewart, Homewood, Illinois

Paige Utley, Madisonville, Kentucky

Manisha Vunnam, Richmond, Texas

Jennifer Marie Young, Owensboro, Kentucky

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Kayla Sue Brant, West Lafayette
Curriculum and Instruction

Taylor Paige Bundren, Marion, Illinois
Curriculum and Instruction

Mackenzie Elizabeth Hornaday, Avon
Curriculum and Instruction

Shelby Dawn Kelly, Xenia, Illinois
Curriculum and Instruction

S. Loane, Louisville, Kentucky
Educational Leadership and Administration

Veronica Packard, Portage
Mathematics Teaching Secondary

Alexander David Reece, Fort Wayne
Mathematics Teaching Secondary
Keith Patrick Turner, Mount Vernon
Curriculum and Instruction
Kearney Cecilia Whelan Robinson, Evansville
Curriculum and Instruction

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPORT MANAGEMENT

Evan Bruce Douglas, Indianapolis
Thomas Ende, Wausau, Wisconsin
Chase M. Mosser, Fort Branch

Mark Pieper III, French Lick
Nolan Jason Ross, Ephrata, Pennsylvania

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

KINNEY COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Olivia Sue Beavin, Newburgh
Health Services, *magna cum laude*
Jailyn Ann Carr, Evansville
Health Services, *cum laude*
Taylor Savanna Clemmons, Murphysboro,
Illinois
Health Services
Laisha Gonzalez Ramos, Evansville
Health Administration
Payton Bailey Griffith, Elberfeld
Health Services
Abeba Kabtyimer Haile, United Kingdom
Respiratory Therapy
Latoya Denise Hanks, Lathrop, California
Respiratory Therapy
MaKayla Morgan Hawes, Newburgh
Health Services
Riley Michelle Hyden, North Vernon
Health Administration, *cum laude*
Molly C. Kennedy, Terre Haute
Health Administration
Rylee Jade Lasher, Evansville
Health Services
Jaylee Marie Latham, Evansville
Health Administration, *cum laude*
Zoey Jeanette Lord, Indianapolis
Health Services
Kylie Mae Miller, Danville
Health Services
Emma Jenell Peerman, Evansville
Health Administration
Keely Lee Reed, Harrisburg, Illinois
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences
Shelby Lynae Reed, Terre Haute
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences
Alexis Christine Rusk, Crawfordsville
Health Services
Maimouna Saley Adamou, Indianapolis
Respiratory Therapy

Emma Peyton Scales, Lynnville
Food and Nutrition, *cum laude*
Madison Diane Shields, Bloomington
Health Services, *cum laude*
Noelle Sulit, Indianapolis
Health Services
Limpo Dianna Tippery, Odon
Health Services, *cum laude*
Kylee Elizabeth Vaal, Jasper
Health Services, *cum laude*
Juanita Westerfeld, Indianapolis
Respiratory Therapy
Mikayla JoyAnn Whittaker, Utica, Kentucky
Respiratory Therapy
Lili'uokalani G. Wisler, Greenwood
Health Services, *magna cum laude*
Amanda Sue Wright, Evansville
Health Services, *cum laude*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH INFORMATICS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Rachel Lee Memmer, Mooresville
cum laude

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Camille Rose Aders, Jasper
magna cum laude
Amelia Lynn Ahner, Jasper
Tami Gallardo Bator, Lombard, Illinois
Emily Beckerle, Evansville
cum laude
Alex Paul Breivogel, Fort Branch
Paige Marie Collins, Owensville
Kelsea Nicole Coomes, Rockport
Elissa Nichelle Corbitt, Evansville
magna cum laude
Katelyn Abigail Devers, Jeffersonville
Erin Katherine Evans, Henderson, Kentucky

Ricky Cooper Forshee, Newburgh
Danielle R. Gries, Evansville
summa cum laude
Levi Presley Helt, Jasonville
Bryce Lynn Hill, Evansville
Aubrey Elizabeth Holden, Evansville
Sarah Elizabeth Janoski, Evansville
Carly Elizabeth Johnson, Huntsville, Alabama
Daysha Johnson, Odon
Magdalena Marie Jourdan, Montgomery
magna cum laude
Katelyn Michelle Kessler, Hoyleton, Illinois
cum laude
Savannah Rose Kirchgessner, Sellersburg
Ashlie Krietemeyer, Evansville
Brooke Renee Matheis, Dubois
Makena Grace Moore, Bedford
cum laude
Erin Nicole Mullis, Huntingburg
Davienna Nkwangwanya, Westfield
Madisen Nicole Nomanson, Crown Point
Layne Marie Prechtel, Huntingburg
Abigail Jo Riggs, Evansville
Abigail Lucille Ruxer, Saint Meinrad
summa cum laude
Ashley Lauren Smythe, Seattle, Washington
cum laude
Kallin Brooke Trambaugh, Washington
magna cum laude
Hannah M. Tungate, Evansville
Brianna Utterback, Boonville
Katelynn Wagner, Bloomington
Lisa Poteet Wait, Bountiful, Utah
Ashley Jane Watts, Evansville
cum laude
Tiffany Michaelle Watts, Evansville
cum laude

POTT COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Brianna Katelyn Caudill, North Vernon
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Brooklynn Faye Stahl, Jasonville
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Olivia Lauren Ames, Newburgh
Elementary Education

Shaylin Rae Arnold, Woodlawn, Illinois
Special Education

Michaela Ann Baker, Newton, Illinois
Kinesiology

Arika Marie Ballard, Lebanon
Elementary Education and Special
Education

Taylor Allen Barrett, Evansville
Biochemistry, *cum laude*
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Meghan Carly Bateman, Hebron
Exercise Science, *magna cum laude*

Alivia Jade Bechtel, Greenwood
Exercise Science, *cum laude*

David Michael Berkemeier, Wadesville
Elementary Education and Special
Education, *cum laude*

Anna Alexandria Betz, Kokomo
Exercise Science, *cum laude*

Sydney Elizabeth Boldrey, Morganfield,
Kentucky
Biology

Codee Lee Bond, McLeansboro, Illinois
Science Teaching and Chemistry, *magna
cum laude*

Alex Stephen Boyd, Washington
Sport Management

Mark A. Boyer, Evansville
Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Emily A. Bunting, Carmi, Illinois
Early Childhood Education

Taryn Rae Carwile, Evansville
Elementary Education

Corrine Elana Corbin, Montgomery
Kinesiology, *cum laude*

Laura Christine Cumbee, Cynthiana
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Jordan Mckinzi Daily, Marengo
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Eli Wayne Dickens, Evansville
Exercise Science, *cum laude*

Cristian Dominguez Lopez, Jasper
Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Magdelyn Paige Earley, Vincennes
Elementary Education and Early Childhood
Education, *magna cum laude*

Sara Lynn Gall, Tipton
Environmental Science, *cum laude*

Mitchell Gilman, Willow Springs, Illinois
Sport Management, *cum laude*

Megan Elizabeth Gries, Evansville
Elementary Education

Cassandra Fay Grimes, Mount Carmel, Illinois
Early Childhood Education and Elementary
Education, *cum laude*

Ashley Hartz, Newburgh
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Elizabeth Marie Hasenour, Saint Anthony
Elementary Education and Early Childhood
Education, *magna cum laude*

Skylier Paige Herbert, Rushville
Environmental Science

Jordan Pierre Hibbler, Saint Charles, Missouri
Biology, *cum laude*
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Hudson Levi Himsel, Jasper
Sport Management, *cum laude*

Karissa June Hite, Indianapolis
Exercise Science

Austin Paul Holder, Evansville
Exercise Science

Oliver Brian Holscher, Evansville
Kinesiology

Eli J. Hopf, Jasper
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Emily Grace Horner, Evansville
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Olivia Loren Howard, Fishers
Exercise Science

Alexandria Justine Humphrey, Waupun,
Wisconsin
Exercise Science, *cum laude*

Jannelle Desire' James, Tell City
Early Childhood Education

Raelyn Sue Kelle, Evansville
Exercise Science, *summa cum laude*

Sydney Ruthanne Kleinert, Henryville
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Yuri Lo Ng, Panama
Biology

Hailey Marie Miller, Boonville
Elementary Education

Katelyn Alyse Miller, Cisne, Illinois
Exercise Science

Colton Minnis, Evansville
Exercise Science

Lauren Elizabeth Monroe, Jeffersonville
Biology

Devin Murphy, Fort Branch
Exercise Science

Annaliese Marie Nobbe, Greensburg
Biology

Erin Nicole Otte, Seymour
Science Teaching, *magna cum laude*

Cierra Noel Parish, Evansville
Elementary Education and Special
Education, *magna cum laude*

Ashley Rachel Patino, Panama
Biochemistry

Ashton Lynn Rohleder, Jasper
Elementary Education

Lauren Marie Rowe, Terre Haute
Environmental Science

Ryan Michael Roy, Swansea, Illinois
Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Kendyl Shea Ruhe, Jasper
Biology, *summa cum laude*
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Juan David Salgado, Newburgh
Biology

Juana Rose Sandoval, Huntingburg
Special Education and Elementary
Education

Sara Elizabeth Schepers, Lamar
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Ethan James Schnur, Mount Vernon
Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Alexis Anne Schone, Sunbury, Ohio
Environmental Science

Katerina Elyse Eileen Shade, Newburgh
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Brian Thomas Sharp, Corydon
Exercise Science

Jasajah Lynn Shields, Evansville
Kinesiology

Madelyn Rose Spindler, Fort Branch
Elementary Education and Early Childhood
Education, *magna cum laude*

Madison Marie Taylor, Newburgh
Mathematics and Economics, *cum laude*

Matthew Robert Vaught, Evansville
Environmental Science

Jessica Elaine Wall, Mount Carmel, Illinois
Exercise Science

Abigail Ann Weber, Fishers
Elementary Education

Adam Thomas Weihe, Louisville, Kentucky
Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Alex Michael Windes, Mount Carmel, Illinois
Biology

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING

Marvin Antonio Acosta Flores, Panama

Kyler Brayden Duncan, Elberfeld

Tyler Kellen, Henderson, Kentucky

Jason Anthony Palamarchuk, Newburgh
cum laude

Ryan Shields, Sellersburg

Vince Michael Wilhelmus, Newburgh

Trenton Davis Wilkinson, Mount Carmel,
Illinois

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Melanie Nicole Cedeno Morales, Panama

Devin Christopher Emmons, Washington

Landon Richard Gates, Harrisburg, Illinois
summa cum laude

Noah James Geisler, Evansville
magna cum laude

Jacie Lynn Graber, Loogootee

Nicholas Paul Harpenau, Evansville

Benjamin Jeffrey Hochgesang, Jasper
cum laude

Dieufils Pierre, Evansville

Cedric Jean-Bernard Schleiss, Vincennes
cum laude

Ethan Jeremiah Simpson, Martinsville

Simon Patrick Stratman, Evansville
magna cum laude

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING

Nathan C. Hause, Perrysville

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
MANUFACTURING
ENGINEERING**

Riley B. Harris, Calvert City, Kentucky

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**

Alyson Kay Bertke, Owensboro, Kentucky

Nolan Brames, Huntingburg

Seth Matthew Cooper, Owensboro, Kentucky
cum laude

Logan Jay Graber, Montgomery
cum laude

Tyler Coy Spence, Carmi, Illinois

Erik Isaiah Thomas, Mariahill
cum laude

Cody John Vincent, Owensburg
Wyatt Wayne Vincent, Owensburg

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

KINNEY COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Clarissa Miriam Brown, Freedom
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Jailyn Ann Carr, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Brookelyn Krestin Coffey, Lafayette
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Payton Bailey Griffith, Elberfeld
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Taylor Nicole Hart, Oakland City
Dental Assisting

Alyssa Nikole Ivie, Henderson, Kentucky
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Anna Elizabeth Krueger Spratt, Fort Wayne
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Rylee Jade Lasher, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Hailey Yvonne Lukeman, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Kylie Mae Miller, Danville
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Corinna Lynn Moore, Clinton
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Eredia Obonor, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Alayna Elizabeth Pritchard, Newburgh
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Madison Diane Shields, Bloomington
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Kylee Elizabeth Vaal, Jasper
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Felicity Lynn Walker, Vincennes
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Albany Ashley Whann, Petersburg
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Sierra Kay Winchester, Muncie
Occupational Therapy Assistant

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA



Steven J. Bridges, a two-time alumnus of the University of Southern Indiana, became Interim President on July 20, 2024. As the first USI graduate to hold this position, Bridges brings a deep connection and dedication to the University he has long served. Since joining USI in 1989, his career has spanned multiple leadership roles, including Vice President for Finance and Administration since 2015.

One of Bridges' quotes following his appointment was, "I was the type of student for which this campus was founded nearly 60 years ago, and I feel a great responsibility to continue the extraordinary education I received, for our students of today and tomorrow."

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 59 years, the University has continued to uphold its mission under the strong leadership of its first four presidents, David L. Rice, H. Ray Hoops, Linda L. M. Bennett, Ronald S. Rochon, and now, Interim President Steven J. Bridges.

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 nearly 9,500 dual credit, undergraduate 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, Kinney College of Nursing and Health Professions, the Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education and the School of Graduate Studies.

The Kinney 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, Safety Training, Service Learning, Southern Indiana Japanese School and the Veteran, Military and Family Resource Center.

A competitive member of NCAA Division I and the Ohio Valley Conference, USI offers 19 varsity intercollegiate men's and women's sports.

Under the leadership of Interim President Bridges, the University continues a tradition of affordable excellence through innovation and engagement, and positions itself 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 2021–26 strategic plan, Accelerating Impact, which includes four overarching goals: improve student success, foster impactful engagement, elevate visibility and reputation and 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 54,000 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, elected officials, just to name a few, 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 H. Ray Hoops, USI President. Dr. Denner served as grand marshal at the University's first inauguration.

For President Emeritus Rochon's 2019 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.

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, department heads and deans 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 doctoral 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

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Graduates in each ceremony are receiving alumni lapel pins with the University logo as a gift from the University of Southern Indiana Alumni Council.

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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.

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