

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA  
COMMENCEMENT



December 13, 2025

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2025

— FALL —

COMMENCEMENT

# ORDER OF THE 2025 FALL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

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

Saturday, December 13, 2025

10 a.m.

### Processional

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

### Grand Marshal

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

### National Anthem

Morgan L. Stauter '27

### Welcome and Introductions

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

### Reflection

Emily B. James '25

### Class of 2025 Recognition

Dr. Teri A. Beam, *Dean of the Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education; Professor of Biology*

### The Commencement Address

Dr. Zachary A. Pilot, *Associate Professor of Psychology*

### Conferral of Degrees

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

### Presentation of Graduates

Steven J. Bridges '89 M'95, *President*  
Presented by Dr. Kent W. Scheller, *Professor of Physics*

### Welcome from the USI Alumni Council

Raleigh M. Holman '13, *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,  
*Associate Professor of English*

### Recessional

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

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## ZACHARY PILOT TO DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

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Dr. Zachary A. Pilot

Dr. Zachary Pilot, Associate Professor of Psychology, is the 2025 recipient of the H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award. He is recognized for his innovative, student-centered teaching practices that foster inclusive learning environments and promote academic success across diverse student populations.

Pilot joined the University of Southern Indiana in 2018 as an Assistant Professor of Psychology, where he has earned distinction for his work in core curriculum courses and undergraduate research mentorship. A dedicated educator, he was honored with the Liberal Arts Faculty Excellence Award in 2024 and has led multiple initiatives to enhance student engagement and retention.

Pilot teaches a broad range of courses, including Introduction to Psychology, Research Methods and Statistics I and II, History and Systems of Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, and Child and Adolescent Development. He is known for implementing empirically supported peer mentoring and student teaching models, which have resulted in hundreds of hours of supplemental instruction and professional development for students. His service-learning curriculum in child and adolescent development has generated over 6,000 hours of community service in collaboration with local schools and organizations.

He is recognized for his research on adverse childhood experiences, resilience, social cognition and mental health. Pilot has authored numerous articles in peer-reviewed journals including *Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Psychology*, *North American Journal of Psychology* and *Midwest Social Sciences Journal*. His interdisciplinary research explores the psychological impacts of the double empathy problem in autism studies. His work has been presented at national conferences and featured in TEDxUSI, where he delivered a talk titled, *Double Empathy: How a Lack of True Empathy Fails Autistic People*.

Beyond his teaching and research, Pilot plays an active role in the University community. He serves as Coordinator for the Promise Scholars program, is a member of the Faculty Senate and has contributed to initiatives such as the Liberal Arts Summer Camp, Solarpalooza and the Mental Health Collaborative for Greater Evansville. He has also led grant writing efforts and collaborative research projects focused on student well-being and community engagement.

Pilot earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown in 2012 and master's and doctorate degrees in psychology from Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

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, Pilot will receive a \$4,000 stipend and a \$2,000 faculty development grant underwritten by long-time and generous University friends, Ann and H. Lee Cooper III.



# ORDER OF THE 2025 FALL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

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

Saturday, December 13, 2025

1 p.m.

### Processional

*Pomp and Circumstance, Edward Elgar, Composer*  
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### Grand Marshal

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

### National Anthem

Timothy R. Rosignol '25

### Welcome and Introductions

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

### Reflection

Timothy R. Rosignol '25

### Class of 2025 Recognition

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

### The Commencement Address

Dr. Abbas Foroughi, *Professor of Computer Information Systems*

### Conferral of Degrees

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

### Presentation of Graduates

Steven J. Bridges '89 M'95, *President*  
Presented by Dr. Nicholas D. Rhew, *Chair of Management and Information Sciences; Associate Professor of Management*

### Welcome from the USI Alumni Council

Raleigh M. Holman '13, *President of the USI Alumni Council*

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## ABBAS FOROUGHI TO DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

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Dr. Abbas Foroughi

Dr. Abbas Foroughi, Professor of Computer Information Systems, is the 2025 recipient of the USI Distinguished Professor Award. This honor recognizes his outstanding contributions to teaching, scholarship and service throughout his more than four decades at the University of Southern Indiana.

Since joining the University in 1983, Foroughi has been a cornerstone of the USI Computer Information Systems program, teaching undergraduate and graduate courses. He served as Chair of the Management and Information Systems Department from 2008-23, where he led efforts to enhance faculty development, expand curriculum offerings and support accreditation initiatives. Under his leadership, the department introduced new minors and certificates in areas such as cybersecurity, data analytics and supply chain management. He played a key role in integrating SAP—an industry-leading ERP software used by businesses to manage operations and data—into the curriculum, ensuring students gained hands-on experience with tools widely used in the corporate world.

Foroughi has authored more than 60 peer-reviewed journal articles and contributed to numerous conference proceedings, and has served as a reviewer for several academic conferences and journals.

His work has appeared in respected journals such as *Decision Sciences Journal of Innovative Education*, *Journal of Computer Information Systems*, *International Journal of Business Information Systems* and *Journal of Information Technology Management*. His research interests span digital transformation, supply chain management, negotiation support systems and online education. In 2022, he received the Best Learning and Education Research Paper Award from the Decision Sciences Institute for his study on digital supply chain skill gaps. He has also received multiple Best Paper Awards at national and international conferences and has served as a reviewer and editorial board member for several academic journals.

Beyond his academic achievements, Foroughi is deeply committed to community engagement. He has been a member of the Rotary Club of Evansville since 1999, serving on its Board of Directors, chairing the Rotary Education Committee, earning the Rotarian of the Year and of the Decade Awards, as well as being named a Paul Harris Fellow. His involvement with local organizations and businesses has helped bridge the gap between academia and industry, providing students with valuable experiential learning opportunities and fostering regional economic development. He has also received multiple awards in research and service from the Romain College of Business, including the Sydney L. and Sadelle Berger Faculty Community Service Award.

Throughout his tenure at USI, Foroughi has exemplified the University's mission through his dedication to academic excellence, innovation and service. His legacy is reflected in the generations of students he has inspired, the programs he has helped build, and the partnerships he has cultivated across campus and the broader community.

Foroughi earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics, a Master of Business Administration degree in quantitative business analysis and a doctorate in management information systems, all from Indiana University. His interdisciplinary background and commitment to lifelong learning have made him a respected mentor and educator.

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, Foroughi will receive a \$7,000 stipend plus a \$3,000 faculty development grant underwritten by generous donors to the USI Foundation.



**KINNEY COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH  
PROFESSIONS AND POTT COLLEGE OF SCIENCE,  
ENGINEERING, AND EDUCATION AND  
SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES CEREMONY**

**Saturday, December 13, 2025**

**10 a.m.**

**DOCTORAL DEGREES**

**DOCTOR OF EDUCATION**

Jeffrey Alan Dierlam, Evansville  
Educational Leadership  
Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Timothy Mattison  
Tayler Nicholle Dove, Portage  
Educational Leadership  
Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Timothy Mattison

Dustin Hitt, Carlisle  
Educational Leadership  
Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Moriah Smothers  
Heidi Tasa, Princeton  
Educational Leadership  
Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Wilkins

**DOCTOR OF NURSING  
PRACTICE**

Benita Randolph, Saint Croix, Virgin Islands  
Organizational and Systems Leadership  
Faculty Mentors: Dr. Anne White & Dr. Bailey Rankin

**POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE**

Allen Dean Woodruff III, Evansville

**MASTER'S DEGREES**

**MASTER OF HEALTH  
ADMINISTRATION**

Jean Harris, Evansville  
Molly Louise Johnson, Evansville  
Gurleen Kaur, Fishers  
Kendra Nicole Logsdon, Chandler  
Kimberly Ann Moeller, Huntingburg  
Stella Chika Opara, Bloomington  
Melissa Ann Parkhurst, Indianapolis  
James Taylor-Caudill, New Harmony  
Lura Elizabeth Thach, Springfield, Missouri  
Cavan Williams, Westfield

Brooklyn G. Cater, Evansville  
James Logan Cockerham, Salem  
Tara Ann DeGroff, Warsaw  
Justin Michael Denton, Chesterton  
Margaret Duggan, Defiance, Missouri  
KaliAnna Farris, Carthage  
Samantha Jones, Evansville  
Abbey Klipsch, Evansville  
Julianne Denise Lovan, Evansville  
Lori L. Madison, Evansville  
Ashley Molina, Carmel  
Jean Mathew, Yonkers, New York  
Taylor Rhea Pruitt, Belleville, Illinois  
Otejri Simone Rascoe, Newburgh  
LaWan Treymon Rollins, Evansville  
Aubrey Lynn Ruxer, St. Meinrad

Jacob Scheller, Evansville  
Michael David Snidle, Albion, Illinois  
Leylah Mae Wininger, Vincennes  
Sarah Beth Ziko, Fort Wayne

**MASTER OF SCIENCE  
IN NURSING**

Kaitlyn Cross, Westfield  
Amber Harris, Carmichael, California  
Hannah Elizabeth Miera, San Diego, California

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN  
SPORT MANAGEMENT**

Dakota Beaver, Greenfield  
Brittany Michelle Goebel, Princeton  
Jordan Hanni, Rexburg, Idaho  
Madison Kennedy Sioux Lowe, Evansville

**POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE**

**POTT COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND EDUCATION**

Maxwell Edward Ziller, Evansville  
Teaching

## BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

### KINNEY COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Walker Banks III, Indianapolis  
Health Services  
Taylor Renee Bettis, Olney, Illinois  
Health Administration  
Emily A. Bogdanski, Cleveland, Ohio  
Respiratory Therapy  
Sophie Carnahan, Winslow  
Health Administration  
Austin Robert Clymer, West Terre Haute  
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences  
Kendall Crabtree, Providence, Kentucky  
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences  
Lauren Kay Crumrin, Robinson, Illinois  
Health Services  
Joseph Hayden Wright Kidwell, Hermitage,  
Arkansas  
Respiratory Therapy  
Jessica Lunceford, Evansville  
Health Services  
Staci Lee Reiser, Highland  
Respiratory Therapy  
Aldren Sarmiento, Henderson, Nevada  
Respiratory Therapy  
Cora Schmitt, Wadesville  
Health Services, *cum laude*  
Brandon Micheal Slisher, Bridgeport, Illinois  
Food and Nutrition, *cum laude*  
Jessica Bonett Summerville, Clinton  
Respiratory Therapy  
Kacie Thieme, Fort Wayne  
Respiratory Therapy

Corinna Warrick, Clinton  
Health Services  
Todd Waugaman, Evansville  
Health Administration  
Albany Aliya Whann, Petersburg  
Health Services, *magna cum laude*  
Lilly R. Williams, Boonville  
Health Services

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH INFORMATICS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT**

Evan Andrew May, Ferdinand  
*cum laude*

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

Aidan Scott Ashley, Evansville  
Sheridan Kaye Baird, Morganfield, Kentucky  
*magna cum laude*  
Hannah Christine Barnett, Richland  
*cum laude*  
Corey Andrew Durham, Corona, California  
Samantha Hoy Haas, Evansville  
*cum laude*  
Logan Hamilton, Lawrenceville, Illinois  
Heather Marie Hawkinson, Saint Louis, Missouri  
Wren Heidorn, Robinson, Illinois  
*magna cum laude*  
Taryn Nicole Houchins, Fort Branch  
*cum laude*  
Emma Hubert, Branchville

Jacey Beth Husk, Lewisport, Kentucky  
Carolyn Kircher, Beaver Dam, Kentucky  
Addyson Renee Lingafelter, Chandler  
*magna cum laude*  
Haley Marie Lowe, Wadesville  
*magna cum laude*  
Jessica Marie Lucas, Terre Haute  
Jaydian Mckenzie Mahan, Boonville  
Alexandra Layne Maurer, Evansville  
Andrea Kristine Messamore, Hanson, Kentucky  
Baylee Lynn Miller, Bainbridge  
Abigail Kathleen Millhorn, Carmi, Illinois  
Darian Montgomery, Beavercreek, Ohio  
Brittany Renee Moore, Bedford  
Nicholas Logan Murphy, Boonville  
*magna cum laude*  
Peyton Olivia Murphy, Bargersville  
*summa cum laude*

Meredith Kate Priar, Haubstadt  
Samuel A. Springer, Henderson, Kentucky  
Lilian June Stahl, Jasonville  
*magna cum laude*  
Andrea Rose Smith, Heltonville  
*summa cum laude*  
Jason Andrew Volk, Terre Haute  
Aubrey Marie Ward, Evansville  
*cum laude*  
Carrie Whitefeather, Santa Claus  
Courtney Paige Williams, Newburgh

## POTT COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND EDUCATION

#### **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Alexandria Rose Terry, Evansville  
Early Childhood Education,  
*magna cum laude*  
Victoria Anne Terry, Evansville  
Early Childhood Education,  
*magna cum laude*

Christian Daniel Bender, Boonville  
Exercise Science, *magna cum laude*

Seth Aaron Carlisle, Evansville  
Biochemistry

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Abrahem Abu-Hussein, Evansville  
Biology  
Tabbitha Louise Ault, Evansville  
Elementary Education, *cum laude*  
Elizabeth Dawn Axsom, Vincennes  
Biology, *cum laude*  
Noah Barger, Fairfield, Illinois  
Exercise Science

Jasmine Kaniah Bennett, Evansville  
Exercise Science, *cum laude*

Morgan Lyn Carr, Newburgh  
Biology

Lily Blake, Evansville  
Elementary Education  
Elouise Clarissa Bromm, Wadesville  
Exercise Science, *cum laude*

Cooper William Craig, Evansville  
Sport Management

Keith Liam Brooks, English  
Exercise Science  
Elliott Cole Buechlein, Lamar  
Exercise Science and Kinesiology  
Bret Nicholas Bullington, Wadesville  
Exercise Science, *magna cum laude*  
Dayton Burnett, Evansville  
Exercise Science

Mallory Nichole Evans, Vincennes  
Elementary Education

Madison Elizabeth Finney, Evansville  
Elementary Education

Lillian Jean Frazer, Avon  
Exercise Science, *magna cum laude*

Jackson Cooper Galey, Evansville  
Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Makana Renee Goss, Noblesville  
Mathematics

Austin Bruce Haggard, Corydon  
Exercise Science  
Thomas R. Hall, Boonville  
Sport Management, *cum laude*  
Asheley Brooke Henson, Sellersburg  
Elementary Education  
Cole Lee Hess, Cannelton  
Manufacturing Engineering Technology  
Emma C. Hoskins, Carmi, Illinois  
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*  
Daxton Keith Huff, Tell City  
Biochemistry  
Brody Matthew Hunter, Vincennes  
Exercise Science  
Jacob Gene Johnson, Santa Claus  
Exercise Science, *magna cum laude*  
Dylan Joseph Kandal, Evansville  
Biology  
Anna Elizabeth Kegeris, Avon  
Exercise Science  
Brianna Lee Kellams, Evansville  
Biology  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR  
Elizabeth Grace Kerney, Newburgh  
Exercise Science  
Samantha Leeann Kihega, Greenfield  
Elementary Education  
Julia Ann Kingery, Mount Vernon  
Special Education, *magna cum laude*  
Cody Edward Krogman, Newburgh  
Exercise Science  
Anna Landes, Frankton  
Elementary Education and Special Education,  
*cum laude*  
Sydney Nicole Landrum, Lanesville  
Elementary Education, *summa cum laude*  
Colin P. Lee, Lakeland, Tennessee  
Sport Management, *cum laude*  
Claven John Lueke, McLeansboro, Illinois  
Manufacturing Engineering Technology  
Ryan Daniel Luitjohan, Edwardsville, Illinois  
Sport Management  
Ian Madden, Evansville  
Biology, *cum laude*  
Amelia Ruth Madison, Evansville  
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*  
Maryam Haitham Ibrahim Mahmoud, Newburgh  
Biology  
Ryan Levi Maxwell, Newburgh  
Mathematics

Emma Nicole Mayo, Indianapolis  
Exercise Science  
Elyse Anne Mays, Henderson, Kentucky  
Elementary Education  
Lauren Kristine McKay, Madison  
Elementary Education  
Matthew David Miller, Indianapolis  
Kinesiology  
Jacob Henry Mills, Westfield  
Manufacturing Engineering Technology  
Destiny Nichole Morgan, Mount Vernon  
Exercise Science, *summa cum laude*  
Edwin Ortez, Newburgh  
Exercise Science  
Kennedy Bethe-Brooks Page, Evansville  
Elementary Education  
Nathan Hunter Ricketts, Wadesville  
Manufacturing Engineering Technology  
Emily Anne Rusaw, Indianapolis  
Sport Management  
Brynn Victoria Schwartz, Jasper  
Exercise Science  
Lexi Rose Smith, Fishers  
Special Education  
Mallory Elizabeth Smith, Boonville  
Elementary Education and Special Education  
Seth Thomas Smith, Bristow  
Manufacturing Engineering Technology  
Ethan James Snipes, Evansville  
Exercise Science  
Kristen Marie Spindler, Fort Branch  
Elementary Education, *summa cum laude*  
Austin Tatem, Newburgh  
Manufacturing Engineering Technology  
Emma Bryann Thompson, Mount Vernon  
Elementary Education and Special Education  
Haley Renee Thompson, Owensboro, Kentucky  
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*  
Payton Tyler, Evansville  
Biology  
Alexis Jane Updike, Saint Louis, Missouri  
Biochemistry  
LaKiesha Jo Wampler, Huntingburg  
Chemistry  
Katelyn Mashell Wathen, Newburgh  
Elementary Education and Special Education  
Grace Olevia Weidenbenner, Jasper  
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Sydni Fay Marie Williams, Evansville  
Mathematics  
Zachary Michael Williams, Jasper  
Elementary Education  
Abigail Nicole Wilson, Mount Vernon, Illinois  
Exercise Science

Jesse Andrew Wolfe, Corydon  
Kinesiology  
Mary Wonzik, Mount Carmel, Illinois  
Chemistry  
Logan Scott Zink, Huntingburg  
Sport Management

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING**

Timothy Glenn Bohlen, Evansville  
*magna cum laude*  
Bailey Christine Stambaugh, Freeburg, Illinois  
*summa cum laude*  
Ella Mckenna Wolf, Jasper  
*summa cum laude*

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING**

Joshua Michael Blunk, Bedford  
Sean Joseph Fischl, Crown Point  
John Charles Harrington, Mount Carmel,  
Illinois  
Jace Michael Helm, Flora, Illinois  
*magna cum laude*  
Josiah S. Hollis, Evansville  
Grant Allen Huey, Cynthiana  
Seth C. Mann, Evansville

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING**

Warren Michael Halbig, Evansville  
*cum laude*

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**

Harley Mack Clark, Newburgh  
Elijah James Horton, Huntingburg  
Jason Ray Meeks, Robinson, Illinois  
Carson Lee Naone, Charleston, South  
Carolina  
Braeden Alan Senninger, Jasper  
Nolan James Winkler, Ferdinand

## ASSOCIATE DEGREES

### KINNEY COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

#### ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

James Ancona, Evansville  
Occupational Therapy Assistant  
Abigail Biggs, Mount Erie, Illinois  
Occupational Therapy Assistant  
Kylie Faith Bowlds, Hawesville, Kentucky  
Occupational Therapy Assistant  
Mackenzie Grace Brogan, Oakland City  
Occupational Therapy Assistant  
Allyson Marie Brost, Oxford  
Occupational Therapy Assistant  
Molly Elizabeth Evans, Evansville  
Occupational Therapy Assistant  
Sarah Ann Gruen, Washington  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Abigail E. Hassler, Evansville  
Dental Assisting  
Clayton Andrew Hauser, Evansville  
Occupational Therapy Assistant  
Riley Lou Ingle, Elizabeth  
Occupational Therapy Assistant  
Emily Brooke James, Bluford, Illinois  
Occupational Therapy Assistant  
Emily Grace Lynch, Charlestown  
Occupational Therapy Assistant  
Reeanna Claire Needy, Clarksville, Tennessee  
Occupational Therapy Assistant  
Brooke Elizabeth Pranger, Odon  
Occupational Therapy Assistant  
Kelsey Routh, Evansville  
Occupational Therapy Assistant  
Laine Aeryn Ruggles, Haubstadt  
Occupational Therapy Assistant  
Addrianna Spain, Evansville  
Dental Assisting  
Klaudia Elizabeth Stahl, Spencer  
Occupational Therapy Assistant  
Hannah Jo Thurman, Georgetown  
Occupational Therapy Assistant  
Dylan Suzanne Wallace, Corydon  
Occupational Therapy Assistant  
Peter T. Warner, Evansville  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

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

# UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA

## Candidates for Degrees

### CLASS OF 2025

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

Saturday, December 13, 2025

1 p.m.

#### MASTER'S DEGREES

##### MASTER OF ARTS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Alice Racine Burris, Evansville  
Manoucheka Damas, Indianapolis  
Seth Payton Hudson, Kansas City, Missouri  
Katherine Powell, Evansville  
Emma Renee Vaught, Bloomfield

##### MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

Ashlee Hoos, Fremont

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

Alexandria Keefe Brennan, Saint Louis, Missouri  
Jamarro Johnson, Indianapolis

##### MASTER OF ARTS IN STRATEGIC AND ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATION

Molly E. Cummings, Ferdinand

##### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Myrina Jamal Abukhalil, Memphis, Tennessee  
Warda Amur Alaisari I, Evansville  
Ahmed Aljalil, Westfield  
Hassan Alshamrani, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia  
Emma Alterson, O'Fallon, Missouri  
Patricia Amezquita Frias, Hemet, California  
Jennifer Leanne Lopez Andrade, Henderson, Nevada

Megan Elizabeth Armstrong, Evansville

Taylor Austin, Nicholasville, Kentucky

Rania Bara, Northridge, California

Melissa Rochelle Beague, Little River, South Carolina

Ryan Travis Beal, Evansville

Sarah Beery, Indianapolis

James Christopher Bender, Owensboro, Kentucky

Devon Bequette, Evansville

Evan Russell Bertram, English

Jered Louis Blanton, Evansville

Devin Griffith Bobay, Fort Wayne

Timothy Lowell Boldt, Greenwood

Michael Boylan, Westfield

Alexander Brand, Corning, New York

Christian Brock, Chicago, Illinois

Kenneth Jay Brookins Jr., San Diego, California

James William Buchanan, Lawrenceville, Illinois

Todd Stewart Burgess, Fishers

Diana Luna Burton, Brownsville, Texas

Tyree Campbell, Akron, Ohio

Bridgette J. Cassety, Amherst, New York

Arianna Nicole Chirillo, Manhattan, Illinois

Amanda Esposito Chismar, Youngstown, Ohio

Timothy Alan Cook, Jacksonville, Florida

Kylie Conway-Olivares, Indianapolis

DeAmbra Imana Crochrell, Florissant, Missouri

Samson Ademola Dare, Houston, Texas

Allison Clair Davis, Carmi, Illinois

Kelsey Lynne Davis, Bowling Green, Kentucky

Philip Ross Davis, Fishers

Emilie Deich, Sellersburg

Jacob Morgan Diamond, Chesterfield, Missouri

Carol Sue Dickhaut, Evansville

Maya Atanasova Dimitrova, Fort Mill, South Carolina

Jan Marie Dodd, Dubois

Bret Dorfman, Virginia Beach, Virginia

Jacqueline Anne Duff, Evansville

Jimmie Easley Jr., Fort Wayne

Sasha Eugene, Palm Coast, Florida

Ryleigh Addison Evans, Beaver Dam, Kentucky

Rasanga Randewwa Fernando, Bradenton, Florida

Gina Jasmin Flores Mora, Huntingburg

Nathan Alan Forshey, Newburgh

Riley W. Freels, Newburgh

Dana Funkhouser, Evansville

Eden Abara Gebre, Chicago, Illinois

Miranda German, Plymouth

Mitchell Gilman, Willow Springs, Illinois

Adena Rachel Goldstein, Baltimore, Maryland

Jacqueline Gremell, Plymouth, Massachusetts

James E. Grinnell, Lebanon, Illinois

Aldijana Grizic Sefo, Louisville, Kentucky

Jason Grotts, Whiting

Georgios Hadjisavva, Larnaca, Oroklini, Cyprus

Emily Danielle Hahn, Evansville

Jonathan Halter, Vincennes

Jennifer Hargrove, Evansville

Ryan J. Harris, Newburgh

Allison Judith Harville, Crown Point	Christopher Montesdeoca, North Arlington, New Jersey	Rachel Silliman, Georgetown
Jared A. Hatteberg, Vincennes	Szmdar Stori Morris, Evansville	Jared Michael Simon, Lisle, Illinois
Brandon Michael Hatten, Princeton	Matthew Moser, Jasper	Gerald Clayton Sims, Garden City, Michigan
Ashley Carol Hay, South Bend	Michael Anthony Moya, Springfield, Missouri	Dimitri Alexander Siotas, Buffalo Grove, Illinois
Audrey Marie Head, Delphi	John Stephen N. Muchai, Pendleton	Natalie J. Sirois, Indianapolis
Stephanie Heckler, Granville, Ohio	Courtney Yoshiye Mukai-Hargis, Lincoln, California	Taryn Kendal Smiley, Kokomo
Shirleyka Robine Hector, Brooklyn, New York	Caleb Regan Mulzer, Santa Claus	Joshua W. Smith, Evansville
Paul Johnathan Hiscock, Henderson, Nevada	Tessie Mariah Myres, Livermore, Kentucky	Mallery South, Noblesville
Jalan Martez Hobson, Henderson, Kentucky	Christopher Michael O'Neal, Scottsdale, Arizona	Katie Liang Southern, Greenwood
Sierra Lynne Hofmann, Ellettsville	Katie Schneider Omohundro, Evansville	Annalyn E. Sowder, Chandler
Hagan Arik Hollinger, Mount Vernon	Azeez Afebu Oseni, Baltimore, Maryland	Katelynn Stamm, Valley View, Ohio
Cooper Allan Huckabone, Indianapolis	Jason Christopher Otto, London, Ontario	Timothy Scott Stevenson, Bay, Arkansas
Logan Huskisson, Owensboro, Kentucky	Tyler Windham Owens, Round Hill, Virginia	Robert Osborne Struble III, Kingston, Massachusetts
Walter Alejandro Inope Sandoval, Palatine, Illinois	Derrek Andreas Pantelli, Grovetown, Georgia	Bryce Sullivan, Louisville, Kentucky
Erika Lynn Jeffers, Greenville, Ohio	Eden Marchman Parker, Joelton, Tennessee	Faith Marie Swindle, Mooresville
Mangesh Yashwant Joglekar, Morganville, New Jersey	Robert Earle Parker, Las Vegas, Nevada	Adam Terwilliger, Bloomington
India S. Johnson, Indianapolis	Dondon Domingo Parungao, Bloomington	Chloe LeeAnne Thai, Westfield
Jimmy Jolly, Glen Oaks, New York	Stephen D. Pavlock, Findlay, Ohio	Vishal Jaymin Thakkar, Irving, Texas
Janessa Renee Julsrud, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin	Nikki Marie Pearson, Lincoln City	Alexander Paul Theisen, Commerce Township, Michigan
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Jennifer Jeesu Lee, Fishers	Scott A. Qualls, Evansville	John Marc Vander Veer, Dyer
Nathanael Lehman, Southampton, Pennsylvania	Sharla Chong Rafferty, Palmetto, Florida	Michael Walker, Evanston, Michigan
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Individualized Studies  
Olivia Ranee Burress, Evansville  
Individualized Studies  
Khi Holiday, Fulton, Mississippi  
Individualized Studies  
Sophia Kates, Evansville  
Applied Studies  
Jami Lyn Kreegar, Lapel  
Individualized Studies

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Individualized Studies

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Individualized Studies

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Individualized Studies

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Individualized Studies

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Individualized Studies

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*cum laude*

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English Teaching

Maya Faith Warner, Boonville  
Psychology

Lucas Ryan Washington, Santa Claus  
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English Teaching

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Psychology

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# UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA

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**S**teven J. Bridges, a two-time alumnus of the University of Southern Indiana, was appointed the University's fifth President on April 2, 2025, after serving as the Interim President since July 2024. As the first USI graduate to hold this position, Bridges brings a deep connection and dedication to the University he has long served. He began his career at USI in 1989 and has served in 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 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. 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, 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

The University of Southern Indiana (USI) enrolls nearly 9,400 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, 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. Over the past 60 years, the University has invested over \$500 million in new facilities.

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, Historic New Harmony, Historic Southern Indiana, New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art, Corporate Partnerships and Customized Training, Lifelong Learning Noncredit Programs, ROTC, Office of Charter Schools, 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 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'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.*

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, welcoming environment for all, and external engagement, are a roadmap for the University's future.

Today, more than 55,000 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

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## Presidential Medallion

During the Middle Ages, medallions signified membership in religious orders and guilds. Today, colleges and universities strike medallions to commemorate important events and achievements. Donated by the late Dr. Melvin Denner, Professor Emeritus of Biology, Anne Denner, former Instructor in Nutrition and Biology and their family, the University's first Presidential Medallion was used in the March 17, 1995, inauguration of Dr. H. Ray Hoops, the University's second President. Dr. Linda L. M. Bennett, the University's third president, also wore this medallion for her inauguration on October 15, 2009. The Presidential Medallion signifies the authority vested in the President. The medallion's obverse carries, at its center, a three-inch reproduction of the University Seal and, surrounding the seal, a half-inch rim. On the reverse appear the names and dates of appointment for the University's presidents. The President wears this medallion for all formal academic ceremonies.

For Dr. Ronald S. Rochon's inauguration on April 5, 2019, a new medallion was struck with an updated seal, and a new chain was fabricated. In addition to the names of USI's past presidents on the reverse side of the medallion, the new chain was commissioned bearing their names on four separate plates. 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. This same medallion and chain were reworked to include a plate inscribed with "President" on the chain and a fifth name added to the reverse side for the inauguration on October 16, 2025, of the University's fifth President, Steven J. Bridges.

## 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. First used in 2005 and presented to the University as a gift from the Campus Store, new gonfalons were fabricated for the 2019 inauguration of Dr. Ronald S. Rochon.

## University Seal

The University Seal, originally designed by Nussmeier Engraving Company, Evansville, and updated in 2018, bears the University's colors—blue, red and white—with gray. The Seal of the University was designed to signify 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 the University of Southern Indiana is a scholarly academy founded and supported where *education by the people*, *education for the people* flourishes. Finally, the laurel branches to the right and left of the book represent victory: the light of learning overcoming 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; and through the generosity of his descendant, the late Kenneth Dale 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

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## 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 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.

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 Pins

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

## Photography During Ceremony

Pro Pics will take photos of each graduate during the ceremony. After Commencement, photo proofs will be sent to the graduates' USI email address and/or preferred email address, if requested. To receive photo proofs, please visit [www.USIphotos.com](http://www.USIphotos.com). For further information, you may contact Pro Pics at [support@propicsusa.com](mailto:support@propicsusa.com). 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 will be available following the ceremonies on social media platforms. A gallery of images and prints also are available for order at [usiphotos.zenfolio.com/usigrad](http://usiphotos.zenfolio.com/usigrad).

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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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