During the last 25 years, the University of Southern Indiana men's basketball program has become a force in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, the Great Lakes Region, and at the national level.

Since the beginning of the GLVC in 1979, the Screaming Eagles have become one of the premier teams in the league, winning nine regular-season titles in the GLVC. USI's teams also have featured three GLVC Coaches of the Year and five conference Players of the Year.

Starting with the 1992-93 USI team, the Eagles have made their mark on the Great Lakes Region and the NCAA Division II. USI has won 20 or more games 13 times in the last 15 years, and averaged more than 25 victories a year since 1993-94.

The Eagles stepped into the national spotlight in 1993-94 when they made their first trip to the NCAA Division II Elite Eight and the NCAA Division II Championship game.

The loss in the 1994 championship game propelled USI back into the NCAA Division II Championship game in 1995, and on to its first-ever national championship.

USI has been ranked number one nationally at one point during the season in seven of the last 10 years and has been to the NCAA Division II Sweet 16 eight times in the last 10 years.