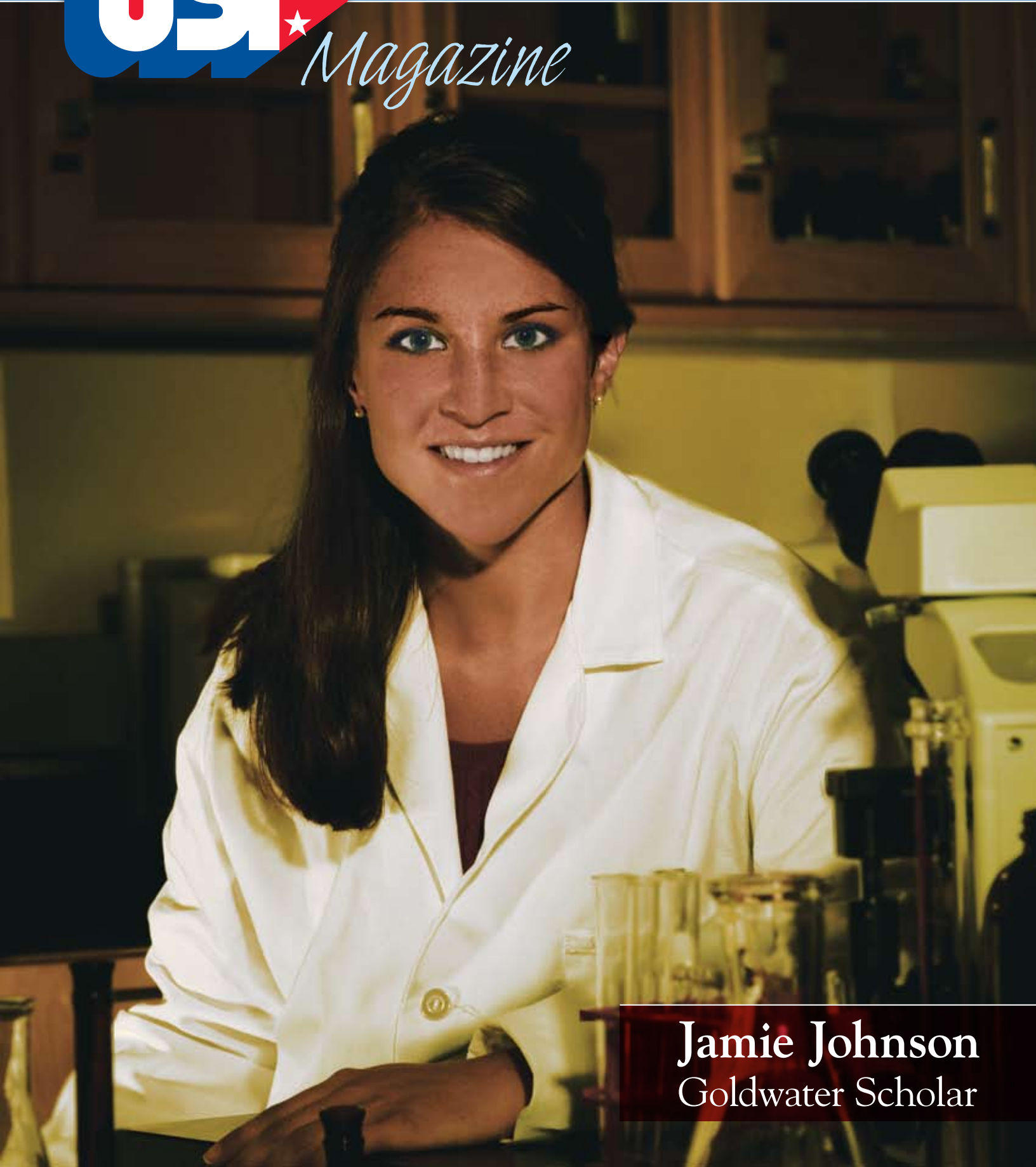


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Jamie Johnson
Goldwater Scholar

Where students come first

Our focus at the University of Southern Indiana is on teaching undergraduates. In this issue of *USI Magazine*, you will meet students who are demonstrating how far a USI education can take them.

In the Campus News section, we feature a team of four accounting students who won a national contest in competition with college teams from throughout the country. A College of Business team has qualified for the national finals in this particular competition for three straight years.

In the Features section, we tell you about students who have won nationally competitive awards. Jamie Johnson, pictured on the cover, received the prestigious Goldwater Scholarship for students pursuing careers in mathematics, the natural sciences, and engineering. Two other students recently received competitive scholarships to study abroad, and another was selected for an internship with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

This issue also lists recipients of USI's top scholarships for entering freshmen. The six Baccalaureate/Doctor of Medicine Scholarship recipients hail from five different Indiana communities—all the way from Merrillville in the northern part of the state to Evansville in Southern Indiana. The 10 Presidential Scholars represent some of Indiana's highest-achieving students from eight different high schools in six communities. The 10 Deans Scholars span the map from Momence, Illinois, near Chicago, to Louisville, Kentucky.

We welcomed an unusually high number of submissions for the Alumni Today section of this issue. Keep them coming.

Betty R. Vawter



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Student trustee and chemistry major Jamie Johnson is among University of Southern Indiana students competing successfully for prestigious scholarships offered nationwide. See page 10.

Trustees direct search for University's third president

With President H. Ray Hoops' announcement of plans to retire at the end of June 2009, the USI Board of Trustees has taken major steps in preparing the search for the University's third president.

The trustees appointed a broad-based Search and Screen Committee with representation from the University's constituent groups. The committee includes:

- **Board of Trustees:** John M. Dunn (chair of the trustees and the Search and Screen Committee), W. Harold Calloway, Jamie L. Johnson '09, Jeffrey L. Knight, Amy MacDonell, and Ted C. Ziemer, Jr.
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- **USI Foundation:** Bix Branson
- **Community:** Bruce H. Baker and Chris Melton '72

The basis for recruiting and screening is the "Statement of Leadership Qualities Sought in the Next President," a document based on interviews and discussions with individuals and groups across the campus.

Advertising and active recruitment are in progress. After interviews of semifinalists, the Search and Screen Committee will recommend three to five finalists to the Board of Trustees by the end of fall semester. Those finalists will be invited for campus visits and interviews in January and February. The trustees expect to make an

appointment by March 1 with the new president assuming office July 1, 2009.

All information on candidates is confidential until the finalists are invited to campus.

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search coordinator, at
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Accounting team wins national competition

A team of accounting students won first place in the national Student Case Competition sponsored by the Institute of Management Accountants.

In the final round the USI students competed against teams representing Rider University in New Jersey, Wright State University in Ohio, and Western Illinois University in Illinois. The competition took place in June at the 89th IMA Annual Conference and Exposition in Tampa, Florida.

Student teams from 25 universities throughout the country entered the initial round of competition. This was the third straight year for a USI College of Business team to qualify for the national finals. As a competitor in the "final four," the USI team received an award of \$3,000. As winner, the team received an additional \$2,000.

USI team members were accounting majors Andy Dill of Princeton, Brad Greene of Georgetown, Angela King of Santa Claus, and Amy Oglesby of Galatia, Illinois. Faculty sponsors were Dr. Brian McGuire, associate dean of the College of Business and professor of accounting, and Jeanette G. Maier-Lytle, instructor in accounting.



Accounting team members and faculty sponsors are, from left, Dr. Brian McGuire, sponsor; Brad Greene; Angela King; Jeanette Maier-Lytle, sponsor; Andy Dill; and Amy Oglesby.

Governor appoints three to Board of Trustees

Governor Mitch Daniels announced the appointments of three new members of the University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees.

Ira Boots and Ronald D. Romain '73 of Evansville and Steve Schenck '72 of Indianapolis have been named to the board.

Boots, president and CEO of Berry Plastics, graduated from the U.S. Department of Labor's tool-making program in 1975 and also studied at the University of Michigan's Executive Business School. He has served as plant manager, executive vice president of operations and CEO during his 30-year tenure at Berry Plastics.

Ron Romain, who received his undergraduate degree from USI in 1973, was recommended by the USI Alumni Association to represent alumni as

required by statute. He is the CEO of United Companies and a former chair of the USI Foundation Board.

Schenck received his undergraduate degree from USI in 1972. He is a



Boots



Romain



Schenck

vice president at Merrill Lynch and is a member of the Board of Directors for the United Way of Central Indiana and the Greater Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce.

The new trustees replace Mark Day, Frank McDonald II '73, and James Will, and their terms began upon appointment in July and expire June 30, 2012.

Distinguished Professor Sherry Darrell to speak at fall Commencement

Dr. Sherry B. Darrell, 2008 Integra Bank Distinguished Professor, will deliver the address December 13 at fall Commencement in the Physical Activities Center.



Darrell

For the first time, the fall Commencement will feature two ceremonies. Degree candidates from the College of Business, College of Nursing and Health Professions, and Pott College of Science and Engineering will participate in the ceremony at 10 a.m.

Students from the Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services, College of Liberal Arts, and Extended Services will participate in the 1 p.m. ceremony.

The two ceremonies will allow the Physical Activities Center to accommodate the increasing number of graduates and family and friends taking part in the fall Commencement.

Darrell, professor of English and director of Humanities, received the Distinguished Professor award during the 2008 spring Commencement ceremony. The award recognizes significant achievement in teaching, leadership, and service.

According to a colleague, Darrell's daily goal is "to engage minds and help them become excited about great writing and great literature." She has taught at USI for more than 30 years.

As Distinguished Professor, Darrell received a grant from Integra Bank. She will select a student to receive a scholarship in her name in 2008-09 and will deliver the Distinguished Professor lecture during this academic year.

Margaret Felton receives Berger Award for service

Margaret Felton, instructor in psychology, is the 2008 recipient of the Sydney L. and Sadelle Berger Faculty Community Service Award acknowledging distinguished community service among USI faculty members.

Felton has volunteered at Cedar Hall Elementary School every week for the past 10 years, teaching classes in child development to young parents in Cedar Hall's Even Start Family Literacy Program. The program integrates early childhood education, adult literacy, parenting education, and interactive parent and child literacy activities for low-income families.

The award winner, selected by the USI Faculty and Academic Affairs committee, receives a plaque and a stipend. The Sydney and Sadelle Berger Faculty Community Service Award is made possible by the Bergers' son Charles and his wife Leslie.



Felton

Ground broken for new Business and Engineering Center



Ceremonial shovels outline the perimeter of the Business and Engineering Center building site as donors, faculty, students, and contractors gathered in July to mark the breaking of ground to start construction. Construction is expected to be completed in 2010.

Recreation and Fitness Center to double in size

A 44,000 square-foot addition under construction will double the square footage of the Recreation and Fitness Center.

The improved facility will include a rock-climbing tower surrounded by glass walls, enabling climbers to be viewed from all three floors, and an 8-foot-tall bouldering

wall. Additional space will be available for many recreational activities and new fitness equipment will outfit the cardio and weight-training areas.

Total cost for the project is about \$7.75 million with the debt to be paid by student fees. Work is expected to be complete by fall 2009.



The addition to the Recreation and Fitness Center is situated to the right of the original building.

Orr Iron Company archway will be campus feature

A limestone archway from Evansville's Orr Iron Company, the family business of former Governor Robert D. Orr who signed the legislation that created the University of Southern Indiana, will have a place in the design of the University Center expansion.

The archway was moved to campus and stored in June when the historic building was demolished to make way



The archway at Orr Iron Company was removed before demolition of the building and will have a new home in the University Center's addition.

for a new interchange at the intersection of the Lloyd Expressway and Fulton Avenue.

Stephen P. Helfrich, director of USI Facility Operations and Planning, said Holzman Moss Architecture of New York will incorporate the archway into the University Center expansion and renovation project.

Robert Orr's ancestor Samuel Orr established Orr Iron Company before 1850. The building that was demolished was erected in 1912.

Michael Dixon receives Cooper Award for teaching

Enthusiastically endorsed by colleagues and students, Dr. Michael Dixon, associate professor of history, is the 2008-09 H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award winner. Focusing exclusively on teaching, the Cooper award honors a USI faculty member whose work in University Core Curriculum courses has been especially creative and successful in furthering UCC goals.

Dixon has been with the University since fall 2000. He introduced Latin to the curriculum during the 2001-02 academic year and developed a classical studies minor at USI.

Dr. Silvia Anna Rode, chair of the Modern and Classical Languages Department, wrote a letter in support of Dixon's nomination, citing "his meticulous and challenging course materials and preparations, his high level of energy to help students succeed, and his up-to-date knowledge of materials and teaching theory."

Dixon inspired Jessica Doyle, a 2008 graduate with a Bachelor of

Arts degree in history and a classical studies minor, to follow in his footsteps. In her recommendation, she wrote, "Dr. Dixon inspired me to be interested in ancient history because of the way he presented it...and the way he motivated me to succeed. Although I was one of many students, he took the time to encourage me personally..." Doyle plans to earn a Ph.D. and become a professor of ancient history.

The Cooper award is named in honor of H. Lee Cooper, long-time friend and supporter of USI. It includes a generous stipend, a plaque, and additional monies for travel and related faculty development. As this year's winner, Dixon will deliver a presentation to the University community during the 2008-09 academic year.



Dixon

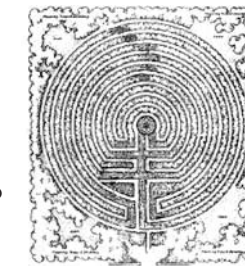
Harmonist Labyrinth restored to original design

Historic New Harmony has restored the Harmonist Labyrinth to a true one-path labyrinth similar to that designed by the founding Harmonie Society around 1820. The labyrinth was recreated as a hedge maze by the New Harmony Memorial Commission at a site adjacent to the original labyrinth in 1939.

According to Robert Ferré of Labyrinth Enterprises, a labyrinth is a pattern with a single path that leads circuitously to the center. A maze has multiple paths, intersections, choices, and dead ends. The Harmonists built a labyrinth at each of their three communities, including those at Harmony and Economy, Pennsylvania.

Historic New Harmony is an outreach program of the USI Office of Extended Services.

Drawings indicate how the Harmonist Labyrinth was transformed from a maze, top, into a true one-path labyrinth.



\$1.2 million NSF grant furthers STEM initiatives

A National Science Foundation Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program (STEP) grant totaling \$1.2 million to be distributed over the next five years will reinforce efforts by USI to strengthen interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields.

The grant money will be used to create Southwestern Indiana Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics Initiative (SwISTEM).

Dr. Scott Gordon, dean of the USI Pott College of Science and Engineering, said this initiative continues the effort which previously resulted in the naming of USI as the lead institution representing southwest Indiana in the Indiana STEM Resource Network. In partnering with Ivy Tech Community College, Southwest, USI will help the region and the state to develop a strong workforce with skills necessary to compete in the technology and science-based economy.

Bowles awarded President's Medal

Sam Bowles '08 is the 2008 recipient of the President's Medal, the highest honor awarded to a graduating senior at Commencement.

Bowles graduated with a 4.0 grade-point average in English/secondary education. A native of Marengo, Indiana, he held the Robert E. and Judith E. Griffin Endowed Presidential Scholarship.

Graduate school, divinity school, teaching overseas, and the Peace Corps are some of the career options he is considering.



Bowles

Top scholars

Entering freshmen for fall 2008 have been named to receive the University of Southern Indiana's top scholarships

Baccalaureate/Doctor of Medicine Scholarship Recipients

The Baccalaureate/Doctor of Medicine (B/MD) Scholarship program offers admission to USI and a provisional seat in the Indiana University School of Medicine, a full-tuition waiver for the undergraduate program, and special opportunities to conduct undergraduate research.

Christopher Baumgart

Mater Dei High School
Evansville, Indiana

Henry J. and Hazel D. Bennighof B/MD Scholarship

Phillip Behrens

Reitz Memorial High School
Evansville, Indiana

Henry J. and Hazel D. Bennighof B/MD Scholarship

Jessica Lingafelter

North Posey High School
Wadesville, Indiana

Victor V. Schriefer, Jr. Endowed B/MD Scholarship

Mikayla Meyer

Carmel High School
Carmel, Indiana

Edward F. Harrison B/MD Scholarship

Joshua Mills

Heritage Christian School
Indianapolis, Indiana

Edward F. Harrison B/MD Scholarship

Prince Nzeata

Merrillville High School
Merrillville, Indiana

Edward F. Harrison B/MD Scholarship

Presidential Scholars

Presidential Scholarships cover tuition, laboratory fees, books, and room and board for four years.

Lauren Akin (chemistry)

Central High School
Evansville, Indiana

Bristol-Myers Squibb Presidential Scholarship

Lauren Balbach (nursing)

Central High School
Evansville, Indiana

Bill and Trudy Mitchell Endowed Presidential Scholarship

Eva Beabout (biology)

Trinity Lutheran High School
Seymour, Indiana

Ray and Mary Pelle Goebel Endowed Presidential Scholarship

Theodore Clunie (Spanish)

Cascade High School
Clayton, Indiana

Escalade Presidential Scholarship

Emily Craig (biology)

Morristown Junior-Senior High School
Morristown, Indiana

W. Paul and Mildred Torrington Endowed Presidential Scholarship

Blake Frazier (radio and television)

Mount Vernon Senior High School
Mount Vernon, Indiana

Homer L. and Olive Carruthers Clifft Endowed Presidential Scholarship

Ryan Hicks (mathematics)

Central High School
Evansville, Indiana

Hafer Associates PC Presidential Scholarship

Mackenzie Mahan (mathematics)

Francis J. Reitz High School
Evansville, Indiana

Fifth Third Bank Endowed Presidential Scholarship

Kasey Spicer (political science)

Scottsburg High School
Scottsburg, Indiana

Henry W. and Helen N. Ruston Endowed Presidential Scholarship

Sherilyn Weinzapfel (biology)

Mater Dei High School
Evansville, Indiana

Robert E. and Judith E. Griffin Endowed Presidential Scholarship

Deans Scholars

The Deans Scholarships provide \$2,000 toward tuition.

Danielle Bethel (biology)

Apollo High School
Owensboro, Kentucky

Bess C. and Elmer W. Halwes Memorial Deans Scholarship

Adrienne Curtis (food and nutrition)

Assumption High School
Louisville, Kentucky

Kahn Memorial Deans Scholarship

Amanda Harrawood (radiologic and imaging sciences)

Hamilton County High School
McLeansboro, Illinois

Louis and Ann Harpole Deans Scholarship

Kelsey Kreke (accounting)

Effingham High School
Effingham, Illinois

Aline Nunn Renner Deans Scholarship

Kathryn Loeser (biology)

Trinity School at Greenlawn
South Bend, Indiana

Frederick B. Riechmann Deans Scholarship

Elizabeth McCormick (English)

Newburgh Christian School
Evansville, Indiana

Henry J. and Hazel D. Bennighof Deans Scholarship

Alyssa Oller (undecided)

Apollo High School
Owensboro, Kentucky

Raymond B. Preston Family Foundation Deans Scholarship

Taylor Reese (biology)

Southridge High School
Huntingburg, Indiana

Henry W. and Betty Jane Ruston Deans Scholarship

Rebecca Reynolds (biology)

Brebeuf Jesuit Prep School
Indianapolis, Indiana

Edward F. Harrison Deans Scholarship

Carly Whittemore (biology)

Momence High School
Momence, Illinois

Edward F. Harrison Deans Scholarship

Science makes summer super



Children in USI's Super Summer program enjoyed hands-on science lessons during the summer while 24 K-8 teachers from Evansville area schools strengthened their expertise in providing inquiry-centered instruction. The USI partnership with Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation continues next summer thanks to a two-year Mathematics and Science Partnership grant, an initiative of the No Child Left Behind Act.

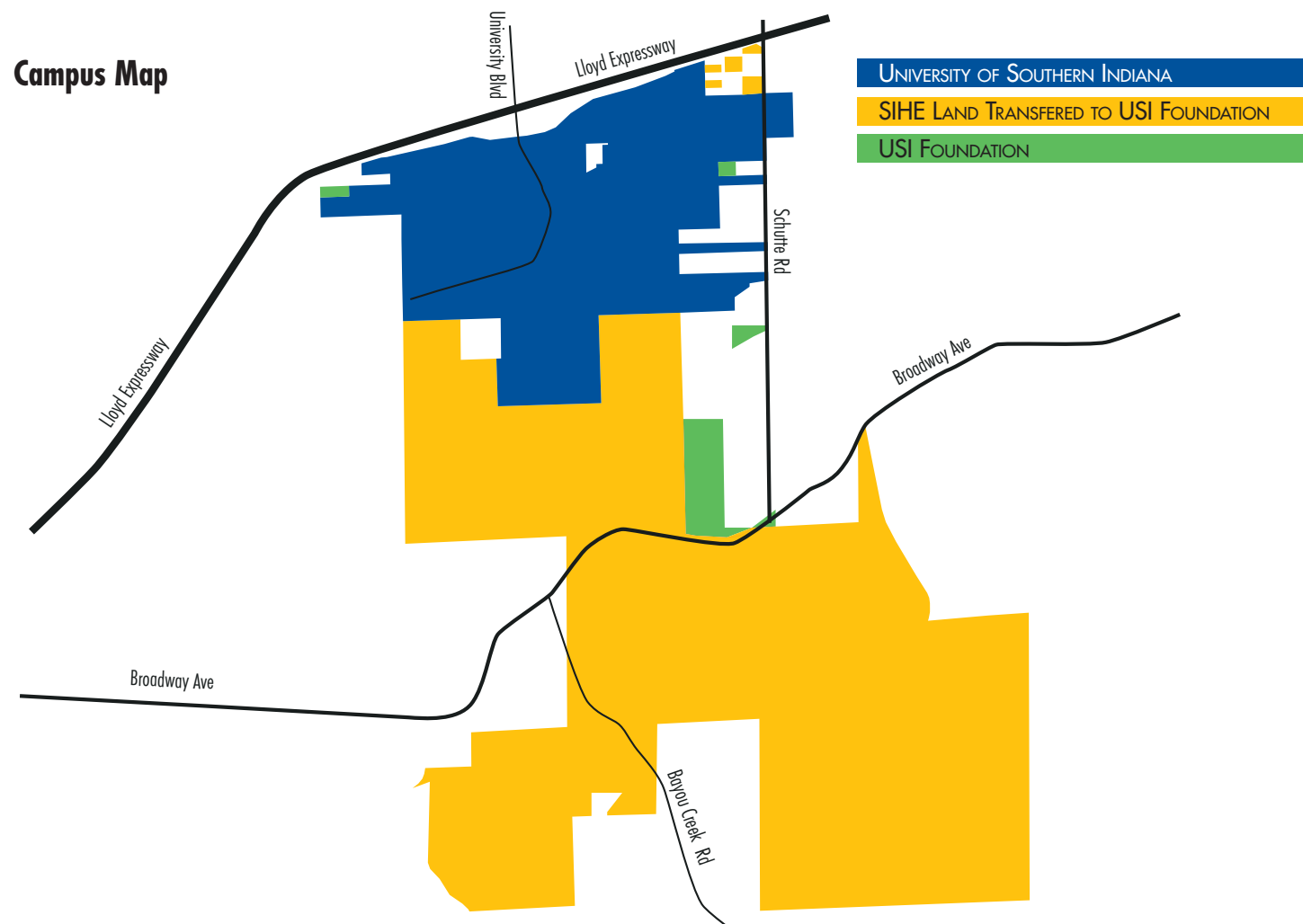
Carter Graduate Studies Scholarships awarded

Five students pursuing master's degrees at the University of Southern Indiana are recipients of Carter Graduate Studies Scholarships for 2008-09.

The recipients are Kristie Friedrich, Murray, Kentucky, Master of Social Work; Bridget Nelson Hargus, Winslow, Indiana, Master of Science in Nursing; Timothy Hart, Boonville, Indiana, Master of Public Administration; Ann Held, Oaktown, Indiana, Master of Science in Nursing; and Susan Hunt, Evansville, Master of Social Work. Each received a \$1,000 scholarship.

These awards are possible because of generous gifts to the USI Foundation from the late Jennings D. and Josephine K. Carter and are the first graduate scholarships awarded by USI's Office of Graduate Studies and Sponsored Research.

Campus Map



SIHE awards assets to USI Foundation

Campus gains 900 acres, \$500,000 for endowed scholarships

More than 900 acres of land valued at \$3 million and approximately \$500,000 have been transferred to the USI Foundation by Southern Indiana Higher Education, Inc. (SIHE), the nonprofit organization that Evansville community leaders organized some four decades ago.

Chris D. Melton '72, long-time president of SIHE, and other directors and officers voted in May to dissolve the organization and transfer assets to the USI Foundation. Melton said, "SIHE's purpose can be better fulfilled long-term by the USI Foundation." The transfer was effective June 30.

The cash gift will be used to create two endowed Presidential Scholarships and a general scholarship,

all bearing the SIHE name. Presidential Scholarships are prestigious awards for valedictorians and salutatorians who graduate from qualified Indiana high schools. Ten scholarships are awarded each year and bring Indiana's best and brightest students to USI.

The 900 acres are part of the original 1,400 acres which SIHE compiled and purchased in 1967 to create the Mid-America University Center to encourage the state of Indiana to establish what has become the University of Southern Indiana.

USI President H. Ray Hoops said, "Historically, Southern Indiana Higher Education, Inc. has always been a great asset for the University of Southern Indiana and for this entire community.

This action by the Board of Directors insures that their 42-year history of promoting higher education in this region will continue, only in a different format."

SIHE has a history of giving to the University of Southern Indiana that is approaching \$10 million.

When the Evansville community negotiated for a state university, it was Southern Indiana Higher Education that raised \$1 million in 1966 and purchased 1,400 acres of land to serve public higher education needs for southern Indiana. SIHE contributed the 300 acres which has become the campus of the University of Southern Indiana.

In an effort to serve USI students because housing was denied to the

40 years of giving

Mayor McDonald encouraged start of USI Foundation

The USI Foundation celebrates its 40th birthday this year. Dr. David L. Rice, USI president emeritus, was the leader of the young campus in 1968 when Evansville Mayor Frank F. McDonald Sr. encouraged the organization of a foundation that would provide individuals an opportunity to make financial gifts to help the University grow and develop.



Clodeen G. and Frank McDonald Sr.

Today, the USI Foundation has assets of almost \$68 million thanks to many generous donors who have supported the University of Southern Indiana's mission to provide higher education that is accessible and affordable to all.

In honor of the 40th anniversary, a special commemorative book featuring profiles of generous friends who have supported higher education in Southern Indiana

with gifts to the USI Foundation will be published. It is the first volume in a series that will record the stories of individuals who have invested in helping others improve their lives through education.

Guests at the annual dinner for the President's Associates on October 17 will receive a copy of the inaugural volume, dedicated to the memory of Mayor McDonald and his wife Clodeen. The President's Associates is a giving society honoring those who make annual gifts of \$1,000 or more to the USI Foundation to benefit the University of Southern Indiana.

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young campus, SIHE constructed apartments east of campus beginning in 1984 and gave the complex, valued at \$5.9 million, to USI in 1994.

SIHE has been a generous USI supporter of scholarships, the University Home, and Rice Plaza, a water landscape built in recognition of the contributions of Dr. and Mrs. David L. Rice. Rice was the first president of USI.

A plaque listing every individual who served as a director of SIHE from its founding to its dissolution will be installed at the University in testimony of the important work of the organization.

Lawrence award recognizes excellence in teaching nursing



Tracy Kinner M.S.N. '05, instructor in nursing, accepts the Melissa Faye Lawrence and John M. Lawrence Excellence in Teaching Award from John Lawrence '73. The \$2,500 award, the largest faculty development award established in the USI Foundation, recognizes outstanding teaching in USI nursing programs. Lawrence's wife, the late Melissa Faye Lawrence, was a nurse.

Rolland Eckels receives Nicholson Leadership Award



Susie Nicholson and Rolland M. Eckels, a 25-year member of the USI Foundation Board of Directors, examine the award presented to Eckels earlier this year for strong leadership by a foundation board member. He was honored for his zeal for expanding public higher education including many years on the SIHE Board of Directors. The Suzanne A. Nicholson Leadership Award is presented annually. It is named for Nicholson, who retired in 2006 after 20 years with USI.

Nationally Competitive Prestigious scholarship programs recognize high quality of USI students

Students are globe-trotting or staying right at home on the University of Southern Indiana campus with new resources as recipients of some of the most prestigious and competitive scholarships available.

A year ago the USI Office of Academic Affairs launched a new emphasis and mentoring program to assist students in applying for nationally competitive scholarships. Three students learned recently they had landed some of the top honors that attract applicants from universities around the country.

Student trustee Jamie Johnson is a Goldwater Scholar. She will use the award for study this year at USI. Kelly Evans and Jessie Kessler were awarded competitive scholarships for undergraduate study overseas. Evans traveled to Egypt and Kessler has been in Thailand.

Dr. Brian D. Posler, USI assistant vice president for Academic Affairs, has led the initiative to build on the University's past successes in the competitive scholarship arena.

"We know our students are competitive. We have to convince them to apply for these scholarships," he said.

Posler assembled a number of faculty members who mentor students applying for scholarships in specific fields. In addition to the individual attention, the initiative provides online tips for interviewing, getting

letters of reference, and other steps in the application process.

Heidi Gregori-Gahan, director of International Programs and Services, has assisted students interested in scholarships that involve study abroad. She mentored Evans and Kessler as well as Robert Hipple, an English major who received the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship in fall 2007. He spent fall semester at Peking University in China and spring semester at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. The Gilman Program received 1,422 applications for 420 possible awards in 2007-08.

Gregori-Gahan said, "Students like Kelly, Jessie, and Robert are not just strong academically. They distinguish themselves because of their interest in studying in a region of the world that is outside the frame of reference for the vast majority of people their age. Their experiences in Egypt, Thailand, and China will undoubtedly change their perspective on the world, their understanding and appreciation of their host cultures, as well as create a new understanding and appreciation of their own culture."

USI students also are strong contenders for prominent internship programs. Engineering major Katie Funke spent the summer as an intern at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.

Read about USI students who have demonstrated the competitive quality of a USI education in the stories that follow.



**Jamie
Johnson**
Goldwater Scholar

Jamie Johnson, a USI senior, is among 321 college students nationwide to be named a 2008 Goldwater Scholar. The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation selected recipients on the basis of academic merit from a field of 1,035 mathematics, science, and engineering students nominated by the faculties of colleges and universities throughout the country.

The award covers the cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board up to a maximum of \$7,500 per year.

A chemistry major, Johnson maintains a 4.0 grade-point average. She plans to pursue a career as a physician.

In 2007, she was appointed by Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels to serve a two-year term as the student representative to the USI Board of Trustees.

"I cannot express how much I've enjoyed learning about the inner workings of the University," she said, regarding her service as student representative, "but the people I've met mean the most."

Johnson has conducted undergraduate research with Dr. Cindy M. Basinski, an Evansville obstetrician/gynecologist, since summer 2007. Under Basinski's supervision, she has completed research related to the Essure method of female sterilization, a method that requires no incision and no general

anesthesia. Johnson also has served as a research assistant to Dr. Kenneth E. Walsh, USI assistant professor of chemistry. She has presented findings of a study relating to carbohydrates at local and national meetings of the American Chemical Society.

A USI professor who nominated Johnson for the Goldwater Scholarship said she was a standout in the chemistry seminar.

"Jamie demonstrated superior writing ability and particularly excelled at presenting technical seminars. Many students find these presentations unnerving, but Jamie demonstrated knowledge, poise, and self-confidence, even under a barrage of questions from faculty," he said.

Johnson is co-founder and president of the USI Pre-Health Professions Club. She is serving a third term as administrative vice president for academic affairs for the Student Government Association.

Johnson is a 2005 graduate of Castle High School in Newburgh, Indiana.

The Goldwater Scholarship Program honoring Senator Barry M. Goldwater encourages outstanding students to pursue careers in mathematics, the natural sciences, and engineering. It is the premier undergraduate award of its type in these fields. Dr. Jeannie Collins is USI faculty advisor for the Goldwater Scholarship.



Kelly Evans

Critical Language Scholarship

Senior Kelly Evans received the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Critical Language Scholarship enabling her to attend an intensive summer Arabic institute in Cairo, Egypt, where she studied how to write and speak Egyptian Arabic. The program included a pre-orientation in Washington D.C.

Last year, 6,000 students applied for the 367 Critical Language Scholarships available and only 22 were selected for the program in Cairo. The program is part of the National Security Language Initiative, a U.S. government inter-agency effort to expand the number of Americans studying and mastering critical-need foreign languages.

Through her involvement in the International Club and as an international orientation assistant for new international students, Evans made friendships that fostered an interest in Arabic culture and language. Evans carries a double major in biology and health services and a minor in nutrition and public health. She has worked as a pharmacy technician since she was 17 years old and planned to become a pharmacist, but a 2007 mission trip to work in a health clinic in Haiti was a turning point in her life.

In the remote mountain village where the clinic was located, most Haitians spoke Creole, a mixture of French and African languages. "We mostly used thumbs up and 'okay,' to communicate," she said. "It renewed my interest in language and made me want to incorporate that into health care."

Finding the experience of working directly with patients more rewarding than pharmacy work, she has changed her career plans. She has decided to apply to Master of Medical Science programs and become trained as a physician assistant. Her goal is to work in international health care, live abroad, and use her knowledge of the Arabic and French languages to work in medicinal and nutritional education. Her main area of interest is women's and children's health care, particularly prenatal nutrition.

Evans is a 2000 graduate of Henderson County High School in Henderson, Kentucky.

She was assisted through the scholarship application process by Dr. Leslie Roberts, professor of French, and Heidi Gregori-Gahan, director of International Programs and Services.



Jessie Kessler

Freeman Award for Study in Asia

Jessie Kessler, a sophomore International Studies major, studied at Thammasat University in Bangkok, Thailand, during spring semester. She applied for and was awarded a Freeman Award for Study in Asia.

The Freeman-ASIA scholarships are meant to increase the number of U.S. undergraduates who study in East and Southeast Asia. Award recipients are expected to share their experiences with their home campuses to encourage study abroad in East and Southeast Asia by others, and to spread greater understanding of Asian peoples and cultures within their home communities.

"I grew up in a small town but I always watched the travel channel," she said. "I loved to learn about people in other countries. One year we had an exchange student at our high school. I became friends with her and she taught me a lot about her culture. From then on I have always wanted to travel the world. Also, one of my hobbies is learning languages."

Kessler chose Thailand because she wanted to go to an Asian country where fewer Americans have studied. She doesn't speak Thai, but said, "Many people here speak enough English for me to get around pretty easily."

In addition to a language course, she enrolled in courses in Buddhist Institutions, Thai Rural Development, and Art History and Archaeology of Thailand.

She said one of the most striking cultural differences is the method of greeting. "They don't shake hands. They do what is called a wai. It is when they put their hands together and bow their heads. This is not only a way to say hello, but the deeper you wai the more you show respect for the person to whom you are waiing."

At USI, Kessler worked in the International Programs and Services office, was involved in the International Club and Global Community, and volunteered with the English as a Second Language International program.

After graduation she hopes to volunteer with the Peace Corps and work for a non-governmental organization. Kessler is a 2006 graduate of Charlestown High School in Charlestown, Indiana.

Katie Funke

NASA Intern



As a Baccalaureate/Doctor of Medicine scholar and engineering major, Katie Funke already has a lot of opportunities before her, but an internship she received this summer may allow her future to take flight.

Funke was accepted for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Undergraduate Student Research Program and received one of only a dozen intern spots at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.

During her 10 weeks in Houston, she analyzed data and interpreted the effects of radiation on human cells, comparing the amounts of radiation in samples from the organs of astronauts.

"I didn't have any kind of impressive engineering background on my application. I thought that would be a setback, but it happened that they were looking for someone with more of a medical background," Funke said.

She has job-shadowed doctors and witnessed heart surgeries. She attended the Molecular Medicine in Action symposium, the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine, and the Deaconess Health Science Institute. She chose an engineering major at the suggestion of her uncle, a doctor. "He said engineering helps out in surgery, with logical reasoning, thinking on your feet, and working with your hands. I love math and science so engineering seemed to be a good fit."

An engineering background also helps out in research and applications for prosthetics, one of her specialization interests, along with cardiology and oncology.

Funke said, "I definitely want to go to med school, and before this NASA internship it had never occurred to me to do anything involving space. Space has always fascinated me, but I didn't know I could combine a love of medicine with a love of astronomy. Since then, I've talked to professors who have told me that flight surgeons go into space. A flight license and a medical degree can really take you places. That's always an option now."

Funke is spending the first semester of her junior year studying abroad at University College Cork in Ireland. A 2006 graduate of Mater Dei High School in Evansville, she holds the Henry J. and Hazel D. Bennighof B/MD Scholarship at USI.

McCutchan Art Center/Pace Galleries

First exhibition open

A permanent venue for the exhibition of art is open on the University of Southern Indiana campus.

The Kenneth P. McCutchan Art Center/Palmina F. and Stephen S. Pace Galleries opened September 7 with an exhibition featuring the collection and work of benefactors to the USI art program.

Kenneth P. McCutchan was a lifelong Evansville resident who collected Indiana art. His estate plan provided that much of his collection would be given to the University for display and use in the teaching collection. He also left a significant gift to develop an art center. McCutchan died in 2002 at age 89.

James A. Sanders, USI director emeritus for corporate and foundation relations, said, "Ken was very excited about this space. He wanted it to be a place to help students learn about art, art history, and the conservation of art." Sanders was a longtime friend of McCutchan.

Stephen S. Pace, the celebrated American artist, and his wife Palmina returned to Southern Indiana in 2007 after many years in New York City. Stephen Pace lived in New Harmony, Indiana, in his youth and studied with Evansville artist Robert Lahr in the 1930s. Pace continues to paint in his Evansville studio. In 2006, he and his wife provided a major gift to benefit the art program at USI. They also plan to give many of his oil paintings, watercolors, and drawings to the University collection. Pace participated in selecting pieces of his art for the opening exhibition.

The McCutchan Art Center/Pace Galleries, a 4,800-square-foot addition to the Liberal Arts Center, provides an appropriate place for exhibition of student and faculty artwork as well as traveling exhibits. It will assist the University in carrying out its mission which includes contributing to the cultural awareness of southwestern Indiana.

The new facility overlooking Reflection Lake was designed by Sarah A. Schuler, director of architecture for VPS Architecture in Evansville. It features three gallery spaces with moveable walls, a reception area with additional display space, and a workroom.

She said the design of the facility is meant to serve as a portal into the art, engaging visitors with glimpses of art as they come in and encouraging their continued movement through the spaces.

The exhibition area features white walls to provide a neutral background and bamboo floors. The walls are reinforced to allow the anchoring of heavy pieces. The high ceilings make it possible to display large works of art such as those by Pace.

Michael K. Aakhus, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and professor of art, said, "It's a great facility with state-of-the-art lighting. We have the capability of doing multimedia presentations that will allow our graphic design students to present their work in a professional way."

The opening exhibition will continue through the fall semester. In the spring the facility will showcase the work of senior students in fine arts and graphic design as well as the annual juried Student Art Exhibition.



Ken McCutchan,
circa 1947



Stephen and Palmina
Pace circa 1949



▲ "Dennis Hopper", 1977
 Andy Warhol
 Gift from The Andy Warhol Foundation
 for the Visual Arts, Inc., 2008

▼ "Lakeside Mountain Suite: Near Albuquerque", 1976
 David Shapiro
 University Art Collection, 1978



▶ "Plates, Bars, and Erection", 1982
 Timothy W. Fitzgerald '82
 Gift from the Estate of Kenneth P.
 McCutchan, 2002



Inside the University art collection

Exposure to great art—an essential part of education

The University of Southern Indiana art collection is a resource for instruction, research, and enjoyment.

It enables students to engage in a direct encounter with art rather than experiencing it solely through reproductions in a textbook.

Sherrienne M. Standley, vice president emerita for Advancement and a former member of the Art Collection Committee, said the University collection got its start when the late Dr. James R. Blevins, who was dean of the College of Liberal Arts, recognized the need for a teaching collection. The intention was that faculty in many disciplines would be able to draw on this collection to expose students to the arts and help them understand the life and times it represents.

Some of the first pieces were taken into the collection in the 1970s when Lakeside Studio of Chicago held annual print sales on campus. The University received a number of prints, primarily by contemporary artists, in exchange for hosting the sale. Many of these were framed and hung in offices where visitors to the growing young University could enjoy them along with faculty, staff, and students. Ramona Hinton Stamets, a faculty member who taught art education, was instrumental in connecting the University with Lakeside Studio.

Evansville industrialist R. Malcolm Koch took an early interest in the University. An art collector and philanthropist, he invited Dr. David L. Rice, the University's first president, to his office one day and told him that "every great university needs an art collection." He invited Rice to choose a piece from his personal collection. Rice chose a painting of Charles I of England attributed to Flemish painter Anthony Van Dyck (1599-1641). Later Koch asked Rice to choose another piece. This time Rice selected a painting of Saint Dorothea dating from the 13th to 15th century. Koch died in 1981.

Today the diverse University art collection comprises more than 1,200 pieces. Growth over the years is due to the generosity of USI friends who have given from their collections or provided financial support earmarked for the purchase of faculty or student artwork.

A large majority of the collection is works on paper, including prints, drawings, and watercolors. The collection has examples of various printmaking techniques, including lithography, intaglio, and silkscreen. Many painting styles—realism, abstract expressionism, impressionism, primitive/naïve technique—are represented. In addition to the contemporary Midwest prints that gave the collection its start, significant components include works of the late 19th and early 20th century Hoosier Group and the Brown County Art Colony in Indiana.

The Art Collection Committee, charged with selection and administration of the collection, wants to develop the collection in the area of photography. A recent acquisition of photographs from the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts is a step in this direction. The gift includes 150 photographs by the legendary artist.

Michael K. Aakhus, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and professor of art, is a member of the Art Collection Committee. A piece must be considered by the committee to be of high artistic merit to be accessioned into the collection.

Aakhus expects the art collection to get wider exposure with the recent opening of the Kenneth P. McCutchan Art Center/Palmina F. and Stephen S. Pace Galleries in the Liberal Arts Center. Many pieces from the collection hang in public spaces in University buildings, but the new venue on campus will allow more pieces to be rotated out of secure storage for public view. Changing exhibits will showcase the teaching collection, student and faculty artwork,

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and traveling exhibits. The facility bears the names of individuals who have taken a leading interest in the USI art program.

McCutchan was an Evansville resident who developed an interest in Hoosier art.

In a lecture before his death he explained his collecting strategy: "For several years I bought indiscriminately, whatever caught my eye that I could afford. When I began to realize that, indeed, I had become a collector, I decided that I should have some sort of theme—so I decided to concentrate on only American work—so I sold my European pieces.

"In 1976, my farm was designated a 'Hoosier Homestead' by the Indiana Historical Society and the Indiana Department of Commerce. It struck me then that if I was to live in a designated Hoosier Homestead, then my walls should be decorated with Hoosier paintings, so again I weeded out and sold all that were not Hoosier—and today I own nothing except the work of Indiana men and women."

McCutchan provided in his estate plan that the majority of his art would be used by USI for display and as a teaching collection. The work of Indiana artists from painters William Merritt Chase and T.C. Steele to contemporary artists such as painter George Deem, ceramicist George Smyth, and printmaker Rudy Pozzatti were included in this provision.

Standley was a member of the Art Collection Committee when the McCutchan and Pace gifts were made. She said, "Ken loved collecting Hoosier artists. He had note cards about the artists and notations about where and when he bought their work. When Ken knew that his art would be cared for, curated, and secure at the University, he was satisfied. He spent his life collecting art."

Stephen Pace began his formal art education with Evansville artist Robert Lahr (whose work is included in the USI collection) and went on to study in Mexico, France, Italy, and New York. Beginning in the 1950s, he became a prominent member of the New York group of abstract expressionists. A sophisticated use of color and bold compositions are traits of his work.

Pace's work is in the permanent collections of such notable institutions as the National Museum of American Art and the Phillips Collection in Washington, D.C.; the National Academy of Design, Metropolitan Museum of Art, and Whitney Museum of American Art in New York; and the Portland Museum of Art in Portland, Maine.

Five works by Pace are on exhibit at USI in the Rice Library, University Center, and the Education Center. Susan Colaricci Sauls, registrar for the University art collection, is helping to document many additional pieces in his personal collection which he and his wife Palmina brought with them when they moved from New York to Evansville in 2007. Sauls joined the University in 2005. She was registrar at the Evansville Museum of Arts, History, and Science for more than five years. A University of Evansville graduate, she earned a Bachelor of Arts with associated studies in business and completed internships at the Evansville Museum and Lincoln Cathedral in Lincolnshire, England.

Sauls said many of the Pace sketchbooks reveal the daily life of the artist. Occasionally, a short list of grocery items or a telephone number is noted on the back of a sketch.

Another Evansville resident who took an interest in the USI art program and teaching collection was Elizabeth Hartmetz Zutt. Zutt bequeathed 22 works from a diverse art collection collected over a lifetime of travel worldwide. She invited Dr. Margaret Skoglund, associate professor of art, and Blake Cook, then director of the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art in New Harmony, Indiana, to come to her home and select pieces for the teaching collection.

The University art collection also has a number of pieces given by artist and collector Charles E. Hirsch of Poseyville, Indiana. Hirsch is known for his watercolors of barns, churches, and rural landscapes. The Witherspoon piece shown on page 19 graced a lakeside

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▲ "Havana Memory", 2002
Carolyn L. Roth
USI Art Collection Committee Purchase,
2004. Carolyn Roth, instructor in art,
has taught at the University of Southern
Indiana since 1984.



▼ "Dancing Couple", Mid-20th century
Max Beckmann
Gift from the estate of Elizabeth Hartmetz
Zutt, 2006. This work was once in the col-
lection of the actor and art collector
Vincent Price.



▲ "The Annunciation of Saint
Dorothea", 15th century
Gift of R. Malcolm Koch, 1975

▼ "Eagle in Flight", 20th century
Herold Witherspoon
Gift of Charles E. Hirsch, 2006
This work is on permanent dis-
play in the Rice Library.





▲ "On the Banks of White River Near Muncie", 1892
William Forsythe
Gift of Kenneth P. McCutchan,
2000

▼ "Football Playin' Motorcyclin' Fighter Pilot Mania", Late 20th century
Roger E. Sills '77
Gift of Steve and Shirley '81 Kern,
Evansville, Indiana, 2007. Roger Sills is an
art educator at Mater Dei High School in
Evansville. This work is on display in the
Department of Teacher Education in the
Education Center.



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home in Christmas Lake Village that he and his late wife Erma shared.

Many individual gifts through the years also have enhanced the collection.

James A. Sanders, USI director emeritus for corporate and foundation relations, has been a leader in providing purchase awards which allow the Art Collection Committee to expand the collection. Through the years the committee has added the work of USI art faculty to the collection as well as the artwork of students and alumni. Michael Aakhus, John McNaughton, Carolyn Roth, and Kathryn Waters are among art faculty represented in the collection. Student or alumni art in the collection includes the work of Corliss Elizabeth Chastain '78, Timothy W. Fitzgerald '82, Eric S. Ridenour '89, Donald E. Stahlke '92, Matthew N. Gehring '98, Amanda R. Koenig '04, and Amy Moore '08.

Along with the new McCutchan Art Center/Pace Galleries, the art collection provides opportunities for students to learn about the documentation and preservation of art through internships. Students obtain practical curatorial experience that facilitates their interest in careers in art history or arts and heritage management.

Display highlights life of Ken McCutchan

A display featuring the life of Ken McCutchan is on exhibit through fall semester in the McCutchan Exhibition Space of the Wright Administration Building. Visitors will learn about his Army service, pioneering radio career, family homestead, painting, and writing.

Basketball tips off with Division I exhibitions

Men play University of Evansville in Vectren Community Classic; Women meet IU

The USI men's and women's basketball teams tip off the 2008-09 campaigns with a pair of exhibition games on November 1. The men's squad will play the University of Evansville in the Vectren Community Classic for the third time since 2004 at Roberts Stadium in Evansville, while the women's team travels to Bloomington, Indiana, to play Indiana University.

In the men's 7:05 p.m. game at Roberts Stadium, the Screaming Eagles will be looking for their first victory over the Aces. The Aces won 88-75 in 2004 in front of a crowd of 12,441 and 77-75 in 2006 before 11,597 fans.

USI men's basketball Head Coach Rick Herdes and the Eagles plan to bounce back from an injury-plagued 2007-08 season. USI is led by junior forward Anthony Pimble (11.4 ppg, 4.1 rpg), the Eagles' top returning scorer, and senior guard Kenny Love (7.8 ppg, 2.9 rpg in 2006-07), who missed all of last season with a knee injury. The Eagles will have eight newcomers on the roster.

The USI women's basketball team will start the season with a Division I exhibition opponent for the second straight year when the Eagles travel to Assembly Hall. This is the first opportunity for the USI women's team to face an opponent from the Big 10



The Vectren Community Classic turns out a large crowd of Screaming Eagles' fans at Roberts Stadium.

Conference, one of the premier Division I leagues in the country. The Eagles played the University of Notre Dame in 2007.

USI women's basketball Head Coach Rick Stein and the Eagles have seven players returning from last year's team. USI will be led by sophomore guard Amie Newhart, the team's top returning scorer (9.8 ppg), and senior center Ninette Evans, the squad's top returning rebounder (5.7 rpg). The Eagles have supplemented the

returning players by signing six new players including a Division I transfer.

Jon Mark Hall, director of Athletics, said, "We are pleased that we will have the opportunity to compete against Evansville and Indiana. These are great events for basketball fans and the student athletes enjoy the competition. Our ultimate goal is to compete for a national championship, and playing great programs in this type of atmosphere will help prepare us for that challenge."



Tennis coach becomes U.S. citizen

USI men's tennis Head Coach Ross Brown took the oath of allegiance to become a U.S. citizen in May. A native of Australia, Brown came to the states in 1978 to play college tennis at Paris (Texas) Junior College and Southwest Texas State University. His wife Jamia was at his side for the citizenship ceremony.

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Alumni Calendar 2008 of Events

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| October 9 | Greater Indianapolis Alumni Chapter Gathering
7 p.m., The Rathskeller, Indianapolis |
| October 11-12 | Parents & Families Weekend |
| October 18 | The Shield 40th Anniversary Reunion
6:30 p.m., Carter Hall |
| October 21 | Return to the Heart of Nursing: Annual Nursing Alumni
Society Dinner
5:30 p.m., USI Carter Hall |
| November 1 | USI Tailgate Party before the Vectren Community
Classic USI vs. UE Exhibition Basketball Game
5 p.m.-6:45 p.m., Roberts Stadium parking lot |
| November 11 | Alumni Council Meeting
5:45 p.m., USI Foundation |
| December 3 | Lighting A Tradition |
| December 13 | Fall Commencement*
10 a.m., College of Business, College of Nursing and
Health Professions, and Pott College of Science and
Engineering
1 p.m., Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and
Human Services, College of Liberal Arts, and Extended
Services
USI Physical Activities Center |
| *Two ceremonies to allow for class size and proper seating for family and friends | |
| January 4 | Varsity Club and Alumni Chili Supper
5:30 p.m., USI Physical Activities Center 200 |
| January 10 | Greater Louisville Alumni Gathering
8 p.m., Molly Malone's Irish Pub, following USI at
Bellarmine University basketball games |
| January 13 | Alumni Council Meeting
5:45 p.m., USI Foundation |
| February 6 | Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Dinner
6 p.m., Carter Hall |
| February 7 | Homecoming 2009
Tailgate Tent, Noon-3 p.m.
Alumni Party, 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. |

All alumni are invited to attend these events.

1970s

Jane Snow Sharka '73, English/history, has retired after 33 years as a school library media specialist. She is completing a term as president of the Illinois School Library Media Association.

Trudy Pirkle '74, elementary education, retired in May after teaching 38 years for the Pike County School Corporation in Petersburg, Indiana.

Gary L. Beck '74, biology, is the associate medical director at St. Mary's Rehabilitation Institute in Evansville. He received the

American Medical Association's Physician Recognition Award in 2007.

Kenneth L. Davis '75, social science, is a technology integration specialist at South Middle School in Henderson, Kentucky.

Jean Blanton leads USI Alumni Association

Young attorney is at home in courtroom

The University of Southern Indiana was an important part of two life-changing decisions for attorney Jean Cunningham Blanton '01, the new president of the Alumni Council.

The first was a decision to transfer to USI for the second semester of her freshman year. She visited campus to see friends Krista '00 and Kari '00 Douglas who were USI freshmen and classmates from Southmont Senior High School in Crawfordsville, Indiana, during fall break from Purdue University. Immediately, she fell in love with the USI campus community, the affordability of higher education at USI, and the quality of the education. After a meeting with Dr. Jack L. Marr, now associate professor emeritus of biology, she enrolled at USI with biology as her major.

Scholarships she had received were transferable to USI and covered most of her expenses. Blanton is the first college graduate in her family and took responsibility for her college expenses.

The second life-changing decision came in a University Core Curriculum class. Blanton led her team in a course called Introduction to Ethics to win an in-class debate taking a position against capital punishment. After class Dr. David W. Drebushenko, associate professor of philosophy, took her aside and asked if she had considered going to law school.

"I walked out of there dumbfounded," she said. After careful consideration, she enrolled in more liberal arts classes and changed her major to political science and public relations. She completed an internship in the office of Evansville Mayor Russell G. Lloyd Jr. that enabled her to put knowledge and skills from both majors into action.

She received a sizable scholarship to attend law school at the University of Cincinnati and completed a law degree in 2004.

Today, Blanton is an associate in the Evansville law firm of Ziemer, Stayman, Weitzel, and Shoulders. She is primarily a trial attorney practicing in state and federal trial and appellate courts in the areas of commercial disputes,

employment matters, family law, and bankruptcy and creditor rights.

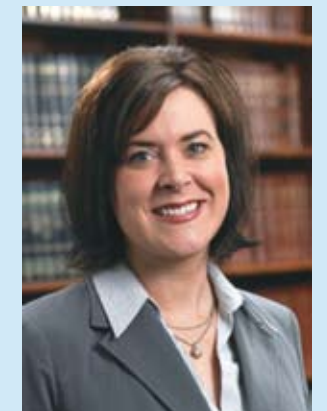
She said that practicing in a city the size of Evansville has given her excellent opportunities to get involved in hands-on litigation early in her career. She argued her first trial in Vanderburgh County in January 2005. In 2007, just three years after graduating from law school, she presented a case before the Indiana Supreme Court. In February 2008, she presented a case at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in Chicago.

She recently completed a term of service on the Board of Directors for the Evansville Bar Association. She also served as chair of the association's young lawyers section.

Blanton met her husband Jared Blanton '05 at USI at a social event for Gamma Phi Beta sorority. She was a founding member of the USI chapter and served on the first executive board. She has served as chapter advisor for three years and now is president of the Evansville area alumnae chapter.

Blanton said the USI Alumni Association will work this year to encourage more alumni to become involved in the organization. The Alumni Council will host breakfast meetings at locations throughout Southwestern Indiana to assess alumni needs and get feedback.

She also encouraged alumni to participate in the new Alumni Directory being produced by Harris Connect. In addition to contact and employment information, graduates may provide a brief essay on their USI memories or current happenings and submit up to two photos. The coffee-table directory and companion CD-ROM will feature more than 300 photos celebrating the USI heritage.



Blanton

Del Bromm '76, business, is a managing broker for Hoffman & Mullen Realty & Auctions in Huntingburg, Indiana.

Valerie Boewe Krajec '76, English, is an information specialist for National Child Care Information in Fairfax, Virginia.

Dennis J. Webb, attended '76-'79, has owned The Webb Group Physical Therapy for 23 years in Newburgh, Indiana. He was a member of the first student Public Relations Organization in fall 1977 and was an AMIGO at USI.

Michelle Swearingen Thompson '77, elementary education, is a math teacher at Narcoossee Community School in Saint Cloud, Florida.

1980s

Harold E. Tepoch '80, communications, was reappointed as national executive chair, to the faculty executive board, and the national scholarship committee for the Alpha Beta Gamma International Business Honor Society. He is a professor of business management at Vincennes University in Vincennes, Indiana.

Abdulmuhsin A. Askar '81, business, has joined SABIC Basic Industries Corporation as a communications and marketing leader in Saudi Arabia.

Patricia Hansert Hart '81, business, is the director of Student Services in the School of Nursing at the University of Louisville.

Elaine Adams '83, elementary education, was named Evansville Catholic Schools Teacher of the Year. She has taught at Saint Benedict Cathedral School for 22 years.

Teresa Wheatcroft Julian '83, management, is the office manager for Andrews Auto Sales, Inc., in Evansville.

Rock A. Clouser '84, communications, was promoted to fretted instruments product manager at Hanser Music Group in Hebron, Kentucky. His duties include the product design and development for all guitars, mandolins, dobros, and acoustic guitars.

Eric E. Edwards '85, communications, is a photographer at WDRB Fox 41 Independence Television in Louisville, Kentucky.

Jan Huther Hipp '85, management, has opened a second jewelry store, The Queen's Jewels Too, Inc., in Fayetteville, Georgia.

Eric A. Adams '86, chemistry, is the president and chief executive officer for enGene Inc., in Vancouver, Canada.

Patrick R. Sullivan '86, business administration, '90, communications, has taken the position of technical sales consultant with Pinnacle Computer Services in Evansville.

Jean Keasling Vieck '86, accounting, is a business resource manager at Caterpillar in Peoria, Illinois.

Rebecca A. York '86, business administration, was promoted to vice president, credit process manager at Old National Bank in Evansville.

Dan Fulkerson '87, management, is a territory sales manager for Mead Johnson Nutritionals in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Michael L. Egler '89, accounting, is a senior financial analyst/budget manager at Integra Bank Corporation in Evansville.

Mark D. Meyer '89, mechanical engineering technology, is director of Engineering and Field Services for Hunt Power, LP in Arlington, Texas.

1990s

Jennifer Carter Conaway '90, communications, is a service coordinator at the Department of Social Services, Division of Youth Services in Jennings, Missouri.

Terry E. Lewis '90, marketing, is an assessment specialist for the Davidson County Sheriff Office in Nashville, Tennessee.

Thomas W. McVeety '90, art, is a pagination technician at *The Evansville Courier and Press*.

Pam Guinn Kaelin '91, business administration, is a records specialist for Vectren in Evansville.

Ann Niemeier Claspell '92, business administration, is a vice president, human resources operations manager at Old National Bank in Evansville.

Sharon L. Duell '92, history, is the vice president of Evansville Chrysler Kia Mazda Volvo, Inc., in Evansville.

Monty M. Ream '92, elementary education, is a social studies teacher at Lincoln Middle School in Logansport, Indiana.

Jennifer Kluesner Titzer '92, radiologic technology, '00, nursing/health services, is an instructor of radiologic technology at USI.

Angela Catt Brawdy '93, accounting, '99, Master of Business Administration, a senior professional in human resources employed as benefits manager at Shoe Carnival, Inc., has received the 2007 Human Resources Professional of the Year Award from the Evansville Area Human Resource Association.

Michael G. Brown '93, accounting, is the controller of the Genesis Project at Sisters of Mercy Health System in St. Louis, Missouri.

Diana Lutz Garms '93, communications, a paraplegic, entered the Ms. Wheelchair Georgia Competition at age 45 and won. She travels as a speaker bringing awareness to the issues of the handicapped. Garms retired from the Social Security Administration. She lives in Columbus, Georgia.

Jennifer Payne Wigginton '93, communications, is the director of The Literacy Center in Evansville.

Leslie Moreland Carmack '94, business administration, is a payroll tax analyst at Deloitte in Hermitage, Tennessee.

Tarrie Kendall Crist '94, communications, has taken the position of adjunct instructor at Ivy Tech in Indianapolis.

Jenifer Bryan Gossman '94, business administration, is a computer teacher/technology coordinator at Holy Redeemer Catholic School in Evansville.

Stephanie Yager Hampton '94, occupational studies, is the creative director for Inside in Chicago.

Hendricks A. Posey '94, elementary education, was awarded the WalMart Teacher of the Year Award for the Jeffersonville, Indiana, region of the state.

Jennifer Young Posey '94, political science, has taken the position of project manager for Chapman Kelly in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Harry W. Clark '95, business administration, is a compliance supervisor for DuCharme, McMillen & Associates in Indianapolis.

Amy Fellows Harris '95, accounting, is a financial analyst manager for Aeareo Technologies in Indianapolis.

Adib M. Hawa '95, Master of Business Administration, is the president of MidWest Uniform Suppliers and MGC Medical Supply.

Robert White '95, elementary education, has taken the position of second-grade teacher at West Terrace Elementary in Evansville.

Thomas C. Burkhardt '96, communications, is the general manager of C.H. Robinson Worldwide in Evansville.

Jason W. Hopf '96, business administration, is a treasury analyst at Clarian Health Partners in Indianapolis.

Kent L. Kleiman '96, political science, has taken the position of territory manager for Ritchie Brothers Auctioneers in Louisville, Kentucky.

Knute A. Lentz '96, accounting, is the chief executive officer for Brybelly Holdings, Inc., in Indianapolis.

Rodney M. Brugger '97, business administration, is director of office sales and leasing at Meridian Real Estate in Indianapolis.

Joann Carter: Embracing the jewelry business

Joann Griffin Carter believes in developing strong business and personal relationships.

"It is important that people trust and believe in you and want to do business with you," said the Indianapolis businesswoman, owner of The Jewelry Lady, specializing in fine jewelry with personal and professional service.

Carter was president of the Black Student Union while attending the University of Southern Indiana in the late '80s. She was an AMIGO orientation assistant and pledged the sorority Delta Sigma Theta. She also was active in a community group called PRIDE (People Responsible for Improving the Development of Education), a volunteer organization that works to enhance the educational development of minority students in elementary and secondary schools.

A marketing major, Carter developed a career in sales after she and her husband Vernal moved to Indianapolis in 1989. Her first business was selling handpainted clothing.

"I'm not an artist, but I designed stencils for the clothing. I enjoyed being on my own, and I sold the clothing to boutiques," she said.

She also worked as an independent representative for Elasta QP hair products.

While Carter was working in the hair-care business, she ran across a woman whose mink coat she admired. As a result, Carter was introduced to Helen Dock, the owner of a jewelry business who also happened to have a large number of pre-owned furs for sale. After buying a coat for herself, Carter sold others to acquaintances.

"I sold every coat she had," Carter said. "After that Helen said 'it's time for you to sell jewelry.'"

On her first day of selling, Carter sold 10 diamond tennis bracelets and became hooked on the jewelry business.

She often sold jewelry to people at salons and barber shops. People came to know her as "The Jewelry Lady." Later, Carter's sister, Mitsue Edwards, became involved in the business with her.

Carter and Dock formed a partnership. When Dock retired, Carter ran the business from a small commercial office building. After 11 years as an appointment-only private jeweler, Carter expanded The Jewelry Lady to a retail storefront operation on the northeast side of Indianapolis. Carter has clients throughout the country.

She believes her business philosophy has been an important part of her success. "Treat people with the highest respect and give them the most for their money," she said.

Carter gives back to the community with donations to many nonprofit groups and attends scholarship dinners, silent auctions, and other events.

To be a successful owner of a small business, she advised that an individual must be motivated, disciplined, and driven to succeed.

Carter and her husband, an Evansville native, own and manage investment real estate in their company Carter Investments, LLC. Vernal also owns a real estate brokerage firm known as Flat Fee Realty, LLC. They have a son and two daughters. Twan is employed in sales. Tiffany is a freshman at Purdue University, and Ashley is a senior at Hamilton Southeastern High School.

The Carters' niece, Ashonda Carter, and nephew, Tylon Carter, are students at USI.



Carter

Stephanie Wuchner Buchanan '97, business administration/German, is an account executive at Kentucky Data Link, Inc., in Evansville.

Michael L. Good '97, communications, is the vice president for Walker in Indianapolis.

Matthew C. May '97, communications, has been hired as a consultant with Kemper Technology Consulting LLP in Evansville.

Amanda Stock Lankford '98, geology, was promoted to installation and repair manager at AT&T in Evansville.

Paul A. Laudeman '98, psychology, is the identity solutions architect for Perot Systems in Plano, Texas.

Stephanie Stewart Polen '98, business administration/French, '05, Master of Business Administration, was promoted to vice president, Business Development and Marketing at Card Management Corporation in Evansville.

Eileen M. Weber '98, chemistry, has taken the position of ultraviolet coatings product manager at Red Spot Paint and Varnish Company in Evansville.

Annie Duros Keller '99, elementary education, is a kindergarten teacher for Franklin Township School Corporation in Indianapolis.

Jonathan D. Skidmore '99, business administration, has taken the position of project manager for Worldwide Interactive Services in Orlando, Florida.

Tim A. Starks '99, communications, is an intelligence reporter for *Congressional Quarterly* in Washington, D.C. Last year, he won the Bugle Award for reporting on the Disabled American Veterans, alongside CBS' Bob Schieffer.

Lisa Elder Willman '99, art education, is a kindergarten teacher at Combee Elementary School in Lakeland, Florida.

2000s

Brett J. Boezeman '00, elementary education, has taken the position of assistant principal at Northside Middle School in Columbus, Indiana.

Todd Niemeier honored as Young Optometrist of Year

Dr. Todd Niemeier '95, an Evansville optometrist, was named Young Optometrist of the Year recently by the Indiana Optometric Association.

The award goes to a member licensed eight years or less who has demonstrated not only contributions to his or her profession, but also service in behalf of the visual welfare of the public and service to the community at large.

The award was announced in April at the organization's annual convention.

Gouard named head coach at University of Indianapolis

Stan Gouard '00, former University of Southern Indiana men's basketball player, is the new head coach for men's basketball at University of Indianapolis.

Gouard was a two-time Division II men's basketball Player of the Year and helped USI win the 1995 national championship.

The USI graduate was an assistant at Indianapolis from 2002-05 and was most recently an assistant coach at Indiana State University.

He also is a former assistant coach for USI men's basketball.

At University of Indianapolis Gouard joins another former USI basketball player, LeAnn Freeland '98, who was named head coach for women's basketball in 2007.

Like USI, University of Indianapolis is in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.



Gouard

Jamie Fiscel Copenhaver '00, business administration, is a personal banker at Huntington National Bank in Franklin, Indiana.

Brandi Schwartz Hess '00, computer publishing, has taken the position of senior art director at Indigo 510@reative in Evansville.

Angel Temple Teague '00, business administration, is the supervisor sales/transportation manager at Batteries Now/Jeff Tunks Battery Service in Jasper, Indiana.

Kylene J. Baker '01, biology, is a doctoral student and graduate teaching assistant at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas.

Kimberly Loudon Graham '01, economics, is a vice president, credit approval officer 2 for JP Morgan Chase NA in Houston, Texas.

Toni M. Hurst '01, public relations and advertising, is the global channel enablement lead at IBM in Atlanta, Georgia.

Anthony G. Lewis '01, Master of Science in Education, has taken the position of football coach at F.J. Reitz High School in Evansville.

Wendy Wade Taylor '01, computer information systems, is a systems engineering manager at Pinnacle Entertainment in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Martha Ashworth Alhieh '02, history, is pursuing a double doctoral major in the fields of anthropology and near eastern languages and cultures at Indiana University.

Sara M. Bigger '02, elementary education, is a fourth grade teacher/team leader at Minglewood Elementary School in Clarksville, Tennessee.

Ryan W. Brown '02, business administration, is the director of Insurance and Enterprise Risk Management at Peabody Energy Corporation in St. Louis, Missouri.

Susan Atchley Evans '02, theatre arts, is an administrative assistant/statistical analyst at Vincennes Insurance, Inc., in Vincennes, Indiana.

"She was gonna be an actress, and I was gonna learn to fly..."

Harry Chapin

Stop wondering about your old friends and find out what they're doing today in the upcoming alumni directory. This exciting and invaluable resource will include personal, academic, and business information about our graduates.

Don't miss your opportunity to be part of this important project. When you receive your directory questionnaire, take a few minutes to update your information—and be sure your friends will know what's happening with you.

Sally A. Gries '02, public relations and advertising, has taken the position of development director for St. Mary's Warrick Foundation in Boonville, Indiana.

Gerald D. Hutton '02, computer information systems, is a business analyst for Fidelity National Information Services in Oakwood, Georgia.

Jill R. Siegel '02, elementary education, is in her second year of teaching English at MoonKkang Foreign Language Academy in Daegu, South Korea.

Kimberly Dersch Brumfield '03, marketing, is a customer service manager at Ameriprise Financial in Newburgh, Indiana.

Jon K. Hanebutt '03, computer information systems, was promoted to officer at Old National Bank in Evansville.

Brandi N. Harmon '03, political science, is the deputy prosecutor at the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office in Noblesville, Indiana.

Shannon L. Hurt '03, sociology, is a membership and publications manager at The Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana, Inc., in Evansville.

Karen Ugo Oldham '03, communications, is a radio host for South Central Radio Group, WLFW, 93.5 "The Wolf" in Evansville.

Nickolas D. Oldham '03, sociology, works in customer service for Berry Plastics Corporation in Evansville.

Johnnie A. Ricks '03, political science, is the chief of police at Sturgis Police Department in Sturgis, Kentucky.

Jeremy D. Stone '03, accounting, '05, Master of Business Administration, is an accountant with Peabody Energy in Evansville.

Kira Crowdus Vaal '03, communications, has taken the position of assistant director of Athletics and Corporate Giving in the USI Foundation.

Joseph J. Vidmar '97, business administration, '04, Master of Science in Industrial Management, was promoted to plant manager at Alcoa Architectural Products in Eastman, Georgia.

Carrie L. Wilsman '03, business administration, is a senior financial analyst for Direct General Insurance in Nashville, Tennessee.

Amber Hazelwood Wood '03, journalism and computer publishing, is a realtor with The Realty Group LeGate Real Estate in Henderson, Kentucky.

Carrie Larkerbrink Hanebutt '04, management, was promoted to employment specialist and officer at Old National Bank in Evansville.

Jennifer A. Harrison '04, business administration, is an inventory reconciliation clerk at WalGreens in Danville, Illinois.

Alissa Orth Mwenelupembe '04, English, is the program director at Ark Crisis Child Care Center in Evansville.

Erika N. Qualls '04, history, is head of adult services at Alexandrian Public Library in Mount Vernon, Indiana.

LeeAnn Baker '05, respiratory therapy, is a critical care respiratory therapist at St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville.

Ryan D. Carroll '05, radio and television, is the video editor/motion graphics at the Video Professor Inc. He is pursuing a Master of Arts in Mass Communications at the University of Denver. Carroll is working on developing a working script for his thesis project, which consists of a short narrative film focusing on the topic of schizophrenia in society. He resides in Englewood, Colorado.

C. Michelle Chappell '05, computer science, is an information technology instructional specialist at Owensboro Community and Technical College in Owensboro, Kentucky.

Robert L. Charbonneau '05, marketing, has taken the position of specialized transportation manager at Trans-United Inc., in Burns Harbor, Indiana.

Brandie Bethe Claborn '05, accounting, is a senior manager, Investor Relations at McAfee, Inc., in Plano, Texas.

Amanda Rickenbaugh Hoesli '05, psychology, is a corporate trainer for Atlas Van Lines, Inc., in Evansville.

Jamie L. Jordan '05, psychology, has been accepted to Officer Candidate School for the U.S. Navy.

Derek L. Polen '05, Master of Business Administration, has been promoted to corporate supply chain manager at Red Spot Paint and Varnish Company in Evansville.

Megan L. Barnhill '06, elementary education, is a third-grade teacher at Mount Carmel Elementary School in Douglasville, Georgia.

Amanda Grubb Barr '06, art education, is the owner of Digicom Consulting in Evansville.

Tori Wible Goodman '06, finance, is a commercial risk manager at Springer Insurance and Financial Services Inc., in Sullivan, Indiana.

Rikki Beaver Hanger '06, elementary education, is a first-grade teacher at Brandenburg Primary School in Brandenburg, Kentucky.

Sarah Miles Keltner '06, elementary education, is a cross-categorical autism teacher with Wabash Ohio Valley Special Education District in Norris City, Illinois.

Melanie A. Leach '06, public relations and advertising, was promoted to marketing manager for SMG Evansville.

Jeffrey A. Mobley '06, art education, is an art teacher at Stringtown Elementary School in Evansville.

USI Foundation
More than 100 alumni are President's Associates

More than 100 alumni made annual gifts of \$1,000 or more to the USI Foundation in 2007-08. This is the largest group of alumni to be named to The President's Associates giving society since it was organized in 1987.

The President's Associates honors those who make gifts of \$1,000 or more annually in support of the University of Southern Indiana. Alumni who belong to this prestigious group are recognized at an annual Alumni President's Associates reception.

Holly Dunn Pendleton '06, Master of Business Administration, received the Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnae Achievement Award for 2008. She is executive director of Holly's House, Inc., in Evansville.

Jacob R. Bessler '07, engineering, has taken the position of project manager at ARC Construction Company in Evansville.

James E. Burke '07, accounting, has taken the position of trainee in the Global Financial Development Program at SABIC Innovative Plastics in Mount Vernon, Indiana.

Johnna M. Denning '07, social work, is a ready-to-learn coordinator at WNIN in Evansville.

Linda Wilson Edwards '07, computer information systems, is a computer inventory specialist/technician at USI.

Troy Redman Hirsch '07, nursing, is an infection control coordinator at St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville.

The Shield to host 40th anniversary reunion

USI's student newspaper *The Shield* is turning 40 and will commemorate the occasion with a 40th Anniversary Reunion October 18 in Carter Hall in the University Center. The evening will include dinner and a program celebrating USI's support of freedom of the press and honoring former advisors and editors-in-chief.

Former staff members of *The Shield* or *Transitions Magazine* who would like to receive a reunion invitation may contact Erin Gibson, *The Shield* advisor, at emgibson@usi.edu. She also is looking for photographs, video, or other memorabilia to include in a special tribute.



The first issue of *The Shield* was published October 15, 1968.

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Paul W. Jellema '07, mathematics, is a professional runner at Hanson's Olympic Distance Program in Rochester Hills, Michigan.

Amanda J. Stanifer '07, communications, is a graphic designer/data specialist at Blanton Studios in Rockville, Maryland.

Abby S. Bauder '08, public relations and advertising, has taken the position of sales representative for Nussmeier Engraving in Evansville.

Danielle M Crowley '08, nursing, has taken the position of registered nurse in surgery at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

Dustin A. Roller '08, secondary education, is a seventh-grade social studies teacher at Washington Middle School in Evansville.

Alvin J. Swartzentruber '08, management, is a retail salesman for Graber Post Building, Inc., in Montgomery, Indiana.

Crystal Walters Tarter '08, public relations, has taken the position of mortgage account specialist at American General Finance in Evansville.

Marriages

Sharon A. Schapker '76, accounting, and Michael Strader, September 15, 2007

Lisa F. Cox '97, nursing, and Seth Hancock, November 2, 2007

Sarah R. Huey '98, communications, and Mark Wiley, October 6, 2007

Melissa Moehlenkamp Lueken '99, psychology, and Joey Jones, February 2, 2008

Delta A. Nordhorn '99, business administration, and David York, October 13, 2007

Brandon M. Vignolo '00, marketing, and **Ashley L. Droste '06**, elementary education, June 23, 2007

Steven P. Wiederkehr '00, business administration, and Sarah, June 9, 2007

Julie J. Regedanz '01, elementary education, and Curt Hursey, July 14, 2007

Summer L. Pigeon '02, radio and television, and **Christian M. Fenn '03**, public relations and advertising, June 2, 2007

Mary C. Raver '03, economics, and Stephen Mulcahy, September 22, 2007

Amanda K. Wallace '03, health services/radiologic imaging science, and Perry Moore, March 3, 2007

Christina F. Freitag '04, elementary education, and Patrick Martin, August 25, 2007

Jeremy L. Mann '04, biology, and **Rebecca A. Mann '04**, biology, June 3, 2006

Alissa A. Orth '04, English, and Sekela Mwenelupembe, June 16, 2007

Sara M. Stoops '04, public relations and advertising, and **Jay N. Gallegos '04**, computer information systems, September 23, 2006

Kara M. Fitzgerald '05, German, and Zeb McCandless, June 14, 2008

Rachel E. Hite '05, marketing, and Jason Thienes, June 16, 2007

Ria M. DeCamp '06, biology, and Kim Baker, May 3, 2008

April M. Hale '06, elementary education, and **Randall L. Woodruff '07**, geology, May 26, 2008

Sarah E. Miles '06, elementary education, and Matthew Keltner, August 4, 2007

Jennifer L. Reed '06, accounting, and Michael Elsner, April 19, 2008

Amanda N. Butler '07, radiologic and imaging science, and Stephen Harris, May 19, 2007

Michelle L. Price '07, psychology, and Matt Seibert, June 30, 2007

Jeanette M. Schafer '07, nursing, and Edward Hay, May 10, 2008

Brandon C. Robbins '08, economics, and Kathleen, July 21, 2007

Births

Matthew D. Allyn '95, business administration, and **Heather Hazelip Allyn '00**, business administration, daughter, Alaina Claire, May 14, 2008

Kelly Vessel Graves '95, communications, and Richard, daughter, Zoe Leigh, July 18, 2007

Lynn Hildenbrand Preston '95, elementary education, and John, son, Jake Abram, March 27, 2008

Tony J. Bacon '96, mathematics, '01, mathematics teaching, and Jill, son, Joshua Anthony, June 30, 2008

Amy Happe Schoettle '96, accounting, and Andy, daughter, Ruby Lee, April 7, 2008

Jennifer Sipes Fortune '97, business administration/Spanish, and Craig, daughter, Reese Madelyn, July 25, 2007

Paula Mitchell Mayfield '97, communications, '02, Master of Business Administration, and Benjamin, daughter, Mary Margaret, December 31, 2007

Krista Perkins Decker '98, business administration, and Duane, daughter, Elyse Lynn, May 31, 2008

Mark A. Hollis '99, business administration, and Kim, daughter, Morgan Grace, March 28, 2008

Keri Lindley Liechty '99, communications/Spanish, and Kenny, son, Michael Alan, February 15, 2007

Amy Rowlett Bauer '00, elementary education, and Bill, son, Xander Dulani, February 28, 2008

Emily Eckert Holt '00, dental hygiene, and Tracy, daughter, Audrey Lynn, March 3, 2008

Travis S. Kemper '00, physical education, and **Kerri Rice Kemper '01**, elementary education, son, Dylan Thomas, December 9, 2007

Kimberly Wildeman Simon '00, communications, and **Brian J. Simon '00**, business, son, Preston Robert, April 10, 2008

Nick D. Aquilina '01, Master of Business Administration, and Melinda, son, Nicholas, January 17, 2007

Sean R. Fisher '01, business education, and **Amy Clem Fisher '02**, accounting, '07, Master of Business Administration, daughter, Audrey Jo, September 26, 2007

Crystal Beitler Niven '01, social work, and Chad, daughter, Ava Gabriella, January 4, 2007

Tara Wible Schaefer '01, elementary education, '07, Master of Science in Education, and Michael, daughter, Madelyn Rose, May 23, 2008

Jacob A. Bartley '02, accounting, and Amy, daughter, Samantha Jo, June 3, 2008

Michelle Digilio Hallock '02, Master of Social Work, and James, son, Peter James, November 8, 2007

Leslie Denham Wetzel '02, elementary education, and Jason, son, Harrison Denham, February 26, 2008

Audra Weisheit Wood '02, elementary education, and Chris, son, Ethan Christopher, March 18, 2008

Mark J. Brendel '03, art, and Nikki, son, Brayden Israel, August 13, 2007

Vanessa Schweitzer Joppek '03, health services, and **Aaron M. Joppek '04**, public relations and advertising, daughter, Lila Claire, March 1, 2007

Jeremy D. Stone '03, accounting, '05, Master of Business Administration, and **Emily Douglas Stone '04**, finance, '05, Master of Business Administration, daughter, Jaylee Madyson, September 17, 2007

Jennifer Ward Zimmer '03, business administration, and **Paul A. Zimmer '96**, sociology, son, Brady Hudson, August 30, 2007

Kathryn Beckstedt Hoekstra '04, accounting, and Matthew, son, Tristan Nathaniel, July 30, 2007

Sarah Holley Kirkman '04, radiologic and imaging sciences, and Joshua, daughter, Sophia Paige, August 6, 2007

Four are Alumni Award recipients



Jones



Barnett



Wicks



Trockman

The USI Alumni Association honored an administrator, a faculty member, and two alumni with awards in May at the Graduation Celebration Reception and Dinner.

Special Recognition Award

Dr. M. Edward Jones, associate vice president for Academic Affairs and dean of Extended Services, has been at the center of the University's development since he joined USI in 1974 as founding director of Continuing Education. Today, Extended Services is a comprehensive regional engagement division that provides programming for more than 15,000 Tri-state residents annually.

Faculty Recognition Award

Dr. Jeanne K. Barnett, professor of biology, has been instrumental in teaching and advising students in the areas of pre-medicine, immunology, and virology since joining USI in 1989. A coordinator for the Presidential Scholarship Program since 1990, she also oversees the Baccalaureate/Doctor of Medicine Scholarship program implemented in 2000.

Alumni Service Award

Jamie L. Wicks, 1991 business administration and 1997 Master of Business Administration graduate, served as president of the USI Alumni Association 2004-05 and Alumni Council member from 2000-06. She is assistant vice president, trust officer at Fifth Third Bank in Evansville.

Distinguished Alumni Award

The Honorable Wayne S. Trockman '81, has distinguished himself as an innovator of court programs. A 1981 management graduate, Trockman was appointed to the Vanderburgh Superior Court bench in December 1998 and served as chief judge from 2003-08. In 2001, he organized and implemented the first drug treatment court in Vanderburgh County.

Jennifer Wiederkehr Obermeier '04, occupational therapy, and Lee, son, Colton David, December 12, 2006

Elizabeth Christian Burgdorf '05, communications, and Eric, son, Alexander Ryan, November 13, 2006

Brent L. Bretz '05, public relations and advertising, and Dana, daughter, Ella, May 9, 2008

Jarrod M. Krisiloff '05, public relations and advertising, and Megan, son, Van Michael George, September 3, 2007

Sara Dunnewold Nethery '05, elementary education, and Travis, daughter, Ella Katherine, November 8, 2007

Jennifer Burchard Sisson '05, elementary education, and Jason, daughters, Jordan Eloise, January 24, 2006, and Jessica Elizabeth, March 27, 2007

Misty Lemler Werley '05, special education, and Kristofer, son, Jayden Matthew, December 25, 2007

Erin Christensen Fortune '06, nursing, and Wade, son, Jackson, February 16, 2007

Ryan S. Ottlie '06, political science, and Heather, son, Kyle Jacob, May 31, 2008

Owen T. McLean '07, communications, and Mary, son, Owen Michael, February 18, 2008

In Memoriam

Michael L. Boenigk '73, sociology, of Tell City, Indiana, died July 7, 2008. He received a master's degree in deaf education from Ball State University and another in severe disabilities from University of Evansville. He enjoyed working for the school corporation in Tell City for the last 20 years. Besides teaching severely handicapped children, he coached the Academic Super Bowl teams in social studies and English for Tell City Junior High School.

Rebecca Breivogel Brack '74, elementary education, of Knoxville, Tennessee, died March 27, 2008. She was a member of Sigma Sigma at USI. Brack enjoyed her work as a crash analyst for the Knoxville Police Department. She contributed to the community through her work at Volunteer America, defensive driving classes, and seat-belt education.

John M. Walker '79, chemistry, of Henderson, Kentucky, died June 16, 2008. He was a dentist.

Cliff Guilliams '80, communications, of Evansville, died April 13, 2008. A passionate writer and sportsman who was at his best covering horse racing and high school basketball for *The Evansville Courier and Press*, he was the recipient of many awards for his writing.

Elizabeth Schutte '82, elementary education, of Evansville, died May 14, 2008. She was a teacher at Thompkins Middle School.

Joyce Haller Whitmore '85, sociology, of Lexington, Kentucky, died May 4, 2008. She was employed at Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital in Lexington for 12 years.

Linnaea D. Ausenbaugh '91, elementary education, of Carmel, Indiana, formerly of

Evansville, died March 22, 2008. She was a graduate of Castle High School in Newburgh, Indiana, and earned a paralegal degree at the University of Evansville.

Cathy Cannon Webb '95, business, of Evansville, died June 16, 2008. She had worked for Bristol-Myers for 21 years.

Beverly G. Moody '96, Master of Science in Education, of Evansville, died June 4, 2008. She worked as a biology teacher at Central High School for 20 years.

Donna Alvey McPhee '05, health services, '06, nursing, of Evansville, died May 2, 2008. She attended classes full-time and part-time over an 11-year period and graduated from both majors with honors.

Remembering University Friends

Ruth Mueller Kleymeyer, University patron

Ruth Mueller Kleymeyer, a lifelong resident of Evansville, died June 26, 2008. She was a former librarian. In 1982, she and her husband Clifford established the first endowment to benefit USI's Rice Library. The Kleymeyers' endowment also provides scholarship support to students studying liberal arts. Clifford Kleymeyer died in 1990.

Two University facilities bear the Kleymeyer name. The Ruth M. Kleymeyer Reading Room in Rice Library was named to recognize Ruth Kleymeyer for her years of generous support in 2007. When the Liberal Arts Center was under construction, she provided a gift to complete a lecture hall and equip it with state-of-the-art instructional technology. The Clifford A. and Ruth M. Kleymeyer Lecture Hall is named in the couple's honor.

Macon Ray, Lincoln interpreter

Macon Ray, the Abraham Lincoln interpreter who played the role of the 16th president for 13 years at Lincoln Amphitheatre, died June 3, 2008, at age 81. Ray acted in the *Young Abe* drama from 1988 through 2000 at Lincoln State Park near Lincoln's boyhood home in Spencer County, Indiana. He also portrayed Lincoln at schools, on billboards, and in television commercials. Ray was formerly a high school teacher and coach in Indiana and Kentucky. He lived in Corydon, Indiana. The University of Southern Indiana is a former producer of performances at Lincoln Amphitheatre with support from arts organizations.



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