



2016
COMMENCEMENT
EXERCISES

ORDER OF THE 2016 FALL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

College of Nursing and Health Professions and Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education Ceremony

Saturday, December 10, 2016
10 a.m.

Processional

Evansville Brass Quintet
Pomp and Circumstance, Edward Elgar, Composer

Grand Marshal

Julie L. McCullough, *Associate Professor of Nutrition; Chair of Food and Nutrition Program;*
Assistant Dean of Health Services

National Anthem

Claire E. Hirsch '19

Welcome and Introductions

Linda L. M. Bennett, *President*

Reflection

Toni J. Braun '16

Class of 2016 Recognition

Ann H. White, *Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions; Professor of Nursing*

The Commencement Address

Kathy V. Rodgers, *Professor Emerita of Mathematics*

Conferral of Degrees

Linda L. M. Bennett, *President*
Assisted by Ronald S. Rochon, *Provost*

Presentation of Graduates

Kent W. Scheller, *Professor of Physics*

Master Degrees

Ronald S. Rochon, *Provost*

Baccalaureate Degrees

Ann H. White, *Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions; Professor of Nursing*
Zane W. Mitchell, Jr., *Interim Dean of the Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education;*
Professor of Engineering

Associate Degrees

Ronald S. Rochon, *Provost*

Welcome from the USI Alumni Association

Sally A. Gries '02 M'16, *President of the USI Alumni Association*

Recessional

Evansville Brass Quintet

*A reception will be held in University Center East immediately following the ceremony.
Join us in the celebration on social media by including #USIGrad in your posts.*

ORDER OF THE 2016 FALL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Romain College of Business, College of Liberal Arts and Outreach and Engagement Ceremony

Saturday, December 10, 2016

1 p.m.

Processional

Evansville Brass Quintet
Pomp and Circumstance, Edward Elgar, Composer

Grand Marshal

Betty L. Hart, *Director of Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Program; Professor of English*

National Anthem

Clay A. Steenbergen '19

Welcome and Introductions

Linda L. M. Bennett, *President*

Reflection

Susan R. Todd '16

Class of 2016 Recognition

James M. Beeby, *Dean of the College of Liberal Arts; Professor of History*

The Commencement Address

Kathy V. Rodgers, *Professor Emerita of Mathematics*

Conferral of Degrees

Linda L. M. Bennett, *President*
Assisted by Ronald S. Rochon, *Provost*

Presentation of Graduates

Dane M. Partridge, *Associate Professor of Management*

Master Degrees

Ronald S. Rochon, *Provost*

Baccalaureate Degrees

Mohammed F. Khayum, *Dean of the Romain College of Business; Professor of Economics*
James M. Beeby, *Dean of the College of Liberal Arts; Professor of History*
Mark C. Bernhard, *Associate Provost for Outreach and Engagement*

Associate Degrees

Ronald S. Rochon, *Provost*

Welcome from the USI Alumni Association

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KATHY V. RODGERS TO DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS



Kathy V. Rodgers

Dr. Kathy V. Rodgers, professor emerita of mathematics, is the 2016 recipient of USI's Distinguished Professor Award and will present today's Commencement address. She was recognized during the Spring Commencement ceremony for the Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education for her leadership, teaching excellence and passion for student success.

Rodgers began her career at USI in 1990, and for over 25 years, she has been involved with student education and departmental development at USI. Her leadership includes serving as associate chair, acting chair and chair of the Mathematics Department, a position she held for 12 years. She has long been recognized for her role in collaboration across colleges, departments and other universities.

Rodgers was a founding member of USI's Council of Chairs and Program Directors and served as the chair of this organization for two years. She was invited to nationally share numerous innovative ideas related to the teaching and learning of mathematics; she spoke at meetings for the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the American Association of Colleges and Universities, the National Academic Advising Association, the Higher Learning Commission and numerous regional and state meetings. She also served on the National Science Foundation's selection committee for the prestigious NOYCE grants.

Among the many advisory boards, committees and task forces she served on while at USI, most notable is serving as USI's representative on the Indiana Commission for Higher Education's Math Innovation Council and the Indiana Core Transfer Library. She also has been associated with state and regional efforts through her participation with the Indiana Statewide Transfer and Articulation Committee and with Northwest Kentucky's Forward Education First Task Force. Additional leadership roles include the Indiana Department of Education's Algebra Project and the National Advisory Committee, and the Alumni Advisory Committee both for the Department of Mathematics at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Student success is at the center of her work in all capacities.

At USI, Rodgers is praised by her peers for her efforts to improve departmental offerings for majors, with an understanding of the factors that impact student success. She has demonstrated commitment to improving the teaching and delivery of mathematics, and works diligently as an academic advisor to guarantee that advisees have a viable path to graduation. Rodgers has been recognized at USI as a champion of academic integrity and standards that serve as her responsibility as a teacher to help students master the skills that will serve them well in their academic and professional lives. In 2000, she was named Faculty Member of the Year, and in 2011 she received the University Advising Award.

In 1971 she received her bachelor's degree in mathematics from Western Kentucky University. She continued her education at the University of Evansville and, in 1979, received a master's degree in mathematics education. In 1995, she received her doctorate in curriculum and instruction with an emphasis in mathematics from Southern Illinois University.

Rodgers will retire in 2016. She and her husband, Terry, reside in Morganfield, Kentucky.



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA
Candidates for Degrees

CLASS OF 2016

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS
AND POTT COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING,
AND EDUCATION CEREMONY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2016

10 A.M.

MASTER DEGREES

Awarding of Hoods

Mayola Rowser, *Director of Graduate Studies; Associate Professor of Nursing*
Assisted by Shelly B. Blunt, *Associate Provost for Academic Affairs; Associate Professor of Chemistry*

**MASTER OF HEALTH
ADMINISTRATION**

Christina Carranza, Evansville
Master of Health Administration
Andrea Lynn Fields, Indianapolis
Master of Health Administration
Haley L. Fisher, Breese, Illinois
Master of Health Administration
Jeffrey Allen Hanson, Westfield
Master of Health Administration

Krista Raye Kercher, Evansville
Master of Health Administration
Marisela Moreno, Griffith
Master of Health Administration,
Health Informatics
Nichole Robinette Morton, Plainfield
Master of Health Administration,
Health Informatics
Whitney P. Nelson, Evansville
Master of Health Administration
Karen Harpenau Schulte, Evanston
Master of Health Administration

**MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN EDUCATION**

Katherine R. Peak, Evansville
Master of Science in Education,
Secondary Education

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN
INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT**

Jonathan Kent Eickhoff, Evansville
Master of Science in Industrial Management

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Mohammed Hamoud Alanazi, Riyadh,
Saudi Arabia
Health Services
Hatim Ghazi Alotaibi, Saudi Arabia
Health Services
Kara Marie Batie, Chrisney
Health Services
Sarah Elise Bishop, Evansville
Health Services

Shannell L. Black, Henderson, Kentucky
Health Services
Phoebe N. Bohlen, Evansville
Health Services
Rachel Lynn Brane, La Fontaine
Health Services
Candra N. Broady, Evansville
Health Services
Rachel C. Brown, Evansville
Health Services

Katelyn Michelle Bullock, Brownsburg
Health Services, *cum laude*
Kristin Elizabeth Cameron, Evansville
Health Services
McKayla Marlenda Carr, Nashville
Health Services, *cum laude*
James R. Caulton III, Terre Haute
Radiologic and Imaging Science
Hailey B. Cox, Bloomingtondale
Health Services

Mackenzie Elise Crane, Boonville
Health Services, *cum laude*

James Eric Crowe, Owensboro, Kentucky
Radiologic and Imaging Science

Rachel Lynne Curtis, Marion
Health Services

Sarah LeeAnn Denny, Roachdale
Health Services

Mackenzie S. Donovan, Evansville
Health Services, *magna cum laude*

Robin L. Downton, Roachdale
Health Services

Emily Anne Edge, Evansville
Health Services

Kristen Michelle Ellis, Evansville
Health Services

Caitlin Mackenzie Farmer, Madisonville,
Kentucky
Health Services

Daneisha A. Farmer, Evansville
Health Services

Haley B. Girton, Newburgh
Health Services

Lynsay R. Goffinet, Tell City
Health Services, *cum laude*

Kelsey Annette Greenwell, Evansville
Health Services, *magna cum laude*

Megan L. Gregory, Charlestown
Radiologic and Imaging Science

Katelyn J. Hamilton, Evansville
Health Services

Ryan Mitchell Herring, Indianapolis
Food and Nutrition

Johannah Diane Jackson, Birdseye
Health Services, *magna cum laude*

Brandi D. Johnson, Marietta
Health Services

Hope Kristine Johnson, West Lebanon
Health Services

Kelsey Nicole Kasinger, Evansville
Health Services

Dana Carlene Lyons, Fort Branch
Health Services

Alexandra Nicole Malhotra, Evansville
Health Services, *cum laude*

Ashton Lee Maurer, Evansville
Health Services, *magna cum laude*

Jessica Lauren Means, Indianapolis
Health Services

Maria Mehringer, Owensboro, Kentucky
Health Services

Amanda L. Mikeworth, Robinson, Illinois
Radiologic and Imaging Science

Elaine M. Mischler, Evansville
Health Services

Olivia Paige Myers, Washington
Health Services

Sierra Christine Nunez, Muncie
Health Services

James Austin Peckham, Evansville
Food and Nutrition

Amber K. Pretzsch, Yorktown
Health Services, *magna cum laude*

Mallory Ann Robinson, Evansville
Health Services

Ashlyn J. Ruxer, Saint Meinrad
Health Services, *cum laude*

Sara Azarian Scheller, Newburgh
Food and Nutrition

Carol Sue Seyffarth, Evansville
Health Services

Megan Lynn Sink, Morgantown
Health Services
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Seth Stevens, Princeton
Health Services

Shelby Lee Stoner, Henderson, Kentucky
Health Services

Jessica LeAnn Toliver, Kokomo
Health Services

Marissa C. Towler, Chandler
Food and Nutrition

Haley M. Turner, Philpot, Kentucky
Health Services, *cum laude*

Mary T. Ubelhor, Evansville
Food and Nutrition

Jennifer Wagner, Dolan Springs, Arizona
Radiologic and Imaging Science,
summa cum laude

Kyrstin Marie Wampler, Richmond
Health Services

Christina Rachelle Wilkerson, Morganfield,
Kentucky
Health Services

Taylor Leigh Willard, Newburgh
Health Services

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Megan Nicole Batten, Evansville

Linda S. Baxter, Grayville, Illinois

Jennifer L. Benton, Marion, Illinois

Holly Marie Bertram, Evansville

Kristie Lee Brackett, Evansville

Makayla E. Broeker, Culver

Dionna L. Burnette, Henderson, Kentucky

Rebecca Mary Carter, Evansville

Anel O. Chavez, Edinburg, Texas

Veronica Christine Collins, Henderson, Kentucky

Danielle Brooke Deisher, Lawrenceville, Illinois

Mackenzie S. Donovan, Evansville
magna cum laude

Mary Elaine Eident, Champaign, Illinois

Thaisa Elmer, Jasper

Danielle Marie Elsner, Evansville

Paige Christine Englert, Huntingburg
cum laude

Chelsie A. Forbey, Boonville

Christopher D. Fruit, Newburgh

Morgan Frances Gansman, Evansville

Melissa K. Garrett, Henderson, Kentucky

Leanna K. Graber, Loogootee

Cassandra Marie Gustin, Depauw

Kylie Louise Heckard, Newburgh
cum laude

Meagan M. Hoefling, Evansville

Jill C. Hoy, Bloomington

Tara Lee McConnell Hunsinger, Henderson,
Kentucky

Lauren Johnson, Zionsville
cum laude
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Clara Jones, Newburgh

Lauren Alexandra Kasha, Evansville
magna cum laude

Alissa M. Kozlecar, Boonville

Jesse Lynn Kuhlenschmidt, Mount Vernon

Alice Bellfower Latorre, Miami, Florida

Arsenio A. Latorre, Miami, Florida

Jessica M. Long, Owensboro, Kentucky

Cassandra L. Lowe, Owensboro, Kentucky

Aaron Joseph Luebbehusen, Haubstadt

Katie Rose McChesney, Spottsville, Kentucky

Jennifer Nicole Melton, Dixon, Kentucky

Megan Joan Miller, Evansville
magna cum laude

Savannah Minchin, Cordyon

Shannon Lee Mooney, Evansville

Meagan Michelle Morgan, Evansville

Krista Marie Neuman, Dale

Cherileen D. Niemiec, Homewood, Illinois

Haley B. Offutt, Evansville

Alyssa Lee Payne, Eldorado, Illinois
magna cum laude

Wendy Jo Peter, Newburgh
cum laude

Brittney Nichole Phipps, Evansville

Jennifer Marie Pifer, Vincennes

Sarah Beth Powell, Henderson, Kentucky

Lowry Beth Prather, Evansville

Kimberly Ann Reece, Brownsburg

Yolana D. Reed-Young, Evansville

Christina Lynne Riggs, Morganfield, Kentucky

Reagan Elizabeth Robbins, Evansville

Michelle Lynn Schnapf, Newburgh

Hannah Christine Sills, Evansville
magna cum laude

Jennifer Lynn Smith, Evansville

Anthony F. Spaulding, Mitchell

Blake L. Stayrook, Indianapolis
magna cum laude

Bailey E. Stiff, Owensboro, Kentucky

Sonja Brandice Stowe, Gastonia,
North Carolina

Larissa M. Tenbarge, Evansville
Amy L. Turley, Owensboro, Kentucky
Jennifer Lee Veeck, Mount Vernon
Kimberly Lynn Wedding, Utica, Kentucky

Sarah Marie Welp, Ferdinand
Amber Wenthe, Effingham, Illinois
magna cum laude
Claudia Freeman-Surch Williams, Newburgh
cum laude

Heather Sue Willis, Chandler
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR
Sarah Elizabeth Winkler, Philpot, Kentucky
Kathleen A. Yony-LaRowe, Evansville
magna cum laude

POTT COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Cari Elizabeth Carnes, Evansville
Special Education
Shawn D. Chambers, Frankfort
Sport Management
Larryn Paige Hinkle, Washington
Elementary Education
Kaleb Kramer, Greensburg
Biology and Spanish Studies
Laura Ann Schwindel, Evansville
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Brooke E. Abney, Crawfordsville
Elementary Education
Kristen Tyler Allen, Boonville
Elementary Education, *cum laude*
Seth H. Backes, Evansville
Geology
Justin M. Banks, Evansville
Chemistry
Scott C. Beard, Chesterton
Geology
Derek Andrew Berggren, Evansville
Exercise Science
Hannah Elizabeth Bitter, Evansville
Elementary Education
Curt M. Bouchie, Newburgh
Exercise Science, *cum laude*
Toni Jo Braun, Evanston
Elementary Education
Emily Ann Buckman, Corydon, Kentucky
Elementary Education, *cum laude*
Zachary Allen Buckman, Evansville
Biology
Jennifer Elizabeth Campbell, Indianapolis
Geology
Rae Marissa Clodfelter, Evansville
Elementary Education
Megan Elizabeth Cloum, Evansville
Elementary Education, *cum laude*
Nathan Michael Cobb, Evansville
Sport Management
Noah Thomas Cobb, Brownstown
Elementary Education
Kaleigh Kathleen Constantino, San Diego,
California
Elementary Education, *cum laude*,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR
Breanna M. Cooper, Mooresville
Elementary Education

Danessa Beth Crawhorn, Corydon
Early Childhood Education
Seth Taylor Crowley, Henderson, Kentucky
Sport Management
Jordan Patrick Dallas, Mount Vernon
Exercise Science
Erin S. Davenport, Evansville
Biochemistry
Dariane T. Davis, Lapel
Geology
Kristopher N. Davis, Tell City
Mathematics Teaching
Kellsey Ozell Dempsey, Evansville
Special Education
Kristen Nicole Drummond, Greenwood
Elementary Education
Lindsay Maree Duffy, New Albany
Kinesiology
Rachel Kelle Eickhoff, Evansville
Biology
Angela Jo Ericksen, Mount Vernon
Early Childhood Education
Gregory Mark Felter, Jr., Alma, Georgia
Advanced Manufacturing
Giselle Cristina Fernandez Betancourt,
Caracas, Venezuela
Biology
Taylor Christine Foster, Evansville
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*
Laura Freeman, Henderson, Kentucky
Elementary Education
Tyler W.T. Gilbert, French Lick
Exercise Science
Tasha J. Gore, Chandler
Elementary Education
Jordan R. Gould, Tell City
Special Education, *cum laude*
Jacob John Haines, Fort Wayne
Chemistry
Andrew K. Hamilton, Evansville
Biology
Alexandra Kay Hanmore, Griffin
Early Childhood Education
Justin J. Hedlinger, Mariah Hill
Exercise Science
Melanie J. Herrmann, Evansville
Early Childhood Education, *cum laude*
Whitney Janell Hill, Avon
Elementary Education
Edward Hilt, Lafayette
Biology

Kevin F. Howard, Newburgh
Geology, *magna cum laude*
Ryan M. Hufford, Evansville
Industrial Supervision
Lauren M. Jones, Evansville
Elementary Education
Jack Joyce, Bournemouth, United Kingdom
Sport Management
Katlyn Cecilia Kerstiens, Ferdinand
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*
Haley Mae LaMar, Poseyville
Elementary Education, *summa cum laude*
Justus C. McGill, Boonville
Geology
Alexander Joseph Meier, Evansville
Biology
Scott H. Miller, Boonville
Geology
Blake Anthony Modafferi, Evansville
Mathematics, *cum laude*
Morgan Elizabeth Mosley, Corydon
Elementary Education, *cum laude*
Andrew David Nelson, Carmi, Illinois
Kinesiology
Abby M. Nichols, New Palestine
Elementary Education
Tyler Jason Nicole, Westfield
Elementary Education, *cum laude*
Megan Marie Ochs, Princeton
Elementary Education
Sarah Christine Palisano, Evansville
Biology
Kourtney Elizabeth Peka, Indianapolis
Biology
Alexandra Nicole Phelps, Evansville
Elementary Education
Colton B. Phelps, Paoli
Exercise Science, *cum laude*
Sara Ann Poletti, Hamel, Illinois
Exercise Science, *magna cum laude*
Austin Lee Pryor, Eldorado, Illinois
Sport Management
Brandon R. Reed, Elnora
Biochemistry
Jacquelyn Ritter, Bringham
Early Childhood Education, *magna cum laude*
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR
Charlotte A. Roberts, Mount Vernon
Early Childhood Education
Michael Paul Sass, New Palestine
Exercise Science

Trevor A. Scarlett, Evansville
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Danielle M. Schmitt, Evansville
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Travis David Schnell, Schnellville
Exercise Science

Emily Rose Sellers, Evansville
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Aalaa B. Shahin, Evansville
Biology

Jessica L. Sheets, Santa Claus
Elementary Education

Hannah Beth Shoptaw, Newburgh
Biology

Jessica Simmons, Muncie
Exercise Science

Jessica M. Smith, Cynthiana
Elementary Education

Shelby Anne Smith, Vincennes
Elementary Education

Dawn M. Stoltz, Evansville
Early Childhood Education, *cum laude*

Sarah A. Stoltz, Mount Vernon
Early Childhood Education, *magna cum laude*

Cody Wayne Stone, Carthage
Sport Management

Sarah K. Szmuto, Evansville
Exercise Science, *cum laude*

Sheldon C.H. Tinch, New Castle
Kinesiology

Donald Joe Totten, Olney, Illinois
Kinesiology

De'Arius B. Valentine, Evansville
Sport Management

Danielle C. Weatherholt, Evansville
Advanced Manufacturing

Darius D. Wilson, Anderson
Exercise Science

Nicole Lisa Wilson, Chandler
Kinesiology

Colton Thomas Winger, Evansville
Sport Management

Sean Michael Wright, Evansville
Chemistry

Dillon Cheyenne Yearby, Chrisney
Sport Management

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Adam Wayne Bailey, Rising Sun
Engineering

Marisa Bean, Evansville
Engineering

Ivan E. Bland, Branchville
Engineering

Adam Scott Buddemeyer, Newburgh
Engineering

Aaron R. Choate, Mount Vernon
Engineering

Jonathan R. Davis, Sturgis, Kentucky
Engineering

Ryan Elpers, Fort Branch
Engineering and Mechanical Engineering,
magna cum laude

Logan M. Folz, Mount Vernon
Engineering

Matthew James Hartig, Newburgh
Engineering

David E. Hassman, Newburgh
Engineering

Joseph C. Holland, Henderson, Kentucky
Engineering, *magna cum laude*

Loick IY Houngrinou, Evansville
Engineering

Joshua M. Perkins, Mount Vernon
Engineering, *cum laude*

Tyler Wayne Schickel, Poseyville
Engineering

John William Siepinski, Bradford, Pennsylvania
Engineering, *magna cum laude*

Jackson Lloyd Taylor, Red Hook, New York
Engineering

Jackson G. Traylor, Evansville
Engineering

Tyler VanMeter, Evansville
Engineering

Matthew Joseph Waltz, Evansville
Engineering, *summa cum laude*

Mackenzie Ann Will, Wadesville
Engineering

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Katelyn M. Ballard, Parkersburg, Illinois
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Danielle Carleen Barnes, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Emily Taylor Becker, Indianapolis
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Megan L. Brasher, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Chelsea Lynn Brown, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Lydia M. Chapman, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Neringa Clark, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Sarah Coleen Daly, Manteno, Illinois
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Morgan N. Fields, Mount Vernon
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Ann Caroline Fowler, Lynville
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Katie Marie Fuchs, Tell City
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Lindsay E. Galloway, French Lick
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Kendle Lee Gibbs, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Stefanie Heather Gresham, Lynnville
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Haley Elizabeth Gudorf, Jasper
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Brittany Nicole Hedden McCoy,
Wayne City, Illinois
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Molly Meredith Hendricks, Henderson, Kentucky
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Danielle Storm Newton, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Savanna Jo Ridenour, Crossville, Illinois
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Jessica Elizabeth Roller, Galveston
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Vanessa Angeline Rust, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Stephanie Schutte, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Casey Jo Shirk, Warsaw
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Hannah Nicole Smith, Washington
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Karina E. Speth, Mount Carmel, Illinois
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Hope Elizabeth Thompson, New Castle
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Danielle E. Uessler, Corydon
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Allison June Wingate, Normal, Illinois
Occupational Therapy Assistant

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

ROMAIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT CEREMONY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2016

1 P.M.

MASTER DEGREES

Awarding of Hoods

Mayola Rowser, *Director of Graduate Studies; Associate Professor of Nursing*
Assisted by Shelly B. Blunt, *Associate Provost for Academic Affairs; Associate Professor of Chemistry*

MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION

Caylin Jordan Blockley, Troy, Illinois
Emily C. S. Ellison, Munster
Almira Havic, Saint Louis, Missouri
Caitlin Elizabeth Hildenbrand, Evansville
Amy R. Johnson, Newburgh

MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

Melissa A. Hobson, Anderson
Audrey Claire McDaris, Newburgh
Clinton Omohundro, Evansville

Tammy E. Vick, Evansville
Michael L. White, Evansville

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Brent Lee Epley, Evansville
Sara L. Fehrenbacher, Evansville
Ashliegh R. Havener, Wadesville
Kimberly Jacqueline Garey, Evansville
Stevie R. Lynch, Tennyson
Kyle D. Mangold, Evansville
Aaron D. McCullough, Flat Rock, Illinois

Lauren Michelle Piekos, Evansville
Melanie N. Rasche, Newburgh
Brian M. Sams, Chandler
Rafael E. Tauil, Evansville
Sarah Elizabeth Timmons, Evansville
Emily M. Wolcott, Evansville

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Holly L. Gossman, Evansville
Public Sector Administration
Traci Linn Welp, Evansville
Non-Profit Administration

POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE

ROMAIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Lauren M. Raber, Evansville
Accountancy

Jennifer Tillman, Evansville
Accountancy

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

ROMAIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Garrett Z. Burton, Washington
Marketing
Eric Nicholas Cassada, Evansville
Management
Megan K. Dicken, Merrillville
Accounting and Professional Services
Stephanie M. Donovan, Evansville
Business Administration, *magna cum laude*
Sauche U. Eiland, Bridgeton, Missouri
Business Administration
Ahmet Semih Keskin, Istanbul, Turkey
Business Administration

Isaac David Lewis, Haubstadt
Marketing
Isabel Navarro, Evansville
Finance
Jordan Michael Nickelson, English
Finance, *magna cum laude*
Tobias Rebert, Schloss Holte-Stukenbrock,
Germany
Management, *cum laude*
Cameron M. Steenberg, Evansville
Finance
Trae Dominik Stewart, Evansville
Computer Information Systems

Dalynn T. Tran, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services
and Finance, *cum laude*
Shawn Michael Williamson, Morganfield,
Kentucky
Marketing

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Ibrahim Mana Al Riman, Najran, Saudi Arabia
Computer Information Systems
Isaac Taylor Alling, Newburgh
Marketing
Saleh Ghanem M. Alsagoor, Evansville
Computer Information Systems

Nicholas N. Alvarez, Haubstadt
Management

Adriana Meria Anthony, Indianapolis
Business Administration

Michaela Jewel Arvin, Evansville
Management

Alexander L. Azumah, Evansville
Marketing

Matthew Riley Beasley, Mooresville
Management

Jetmire Bektesoski, Covington
Marketing

Hans William Bernabe, Fort Wayne
Management

Spencer Blade, Terre Haute
Marketing

Crystal Renee Boehm, Evanston
Business Administration

Trent A. Bond, Nashville
Finance

Cody Ross Book, Robards, Kentucky
Management

Ashley Nichole Brandenberger, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Fletcher Garrett Brinkmeyer, Salem, Illinois
Management

Pedro HC Castro, Sao Jose dos Campos, Brazil
Finance

Trevor Lee Church, Petersburg
Management

Kendyl Danielle Clark, Evansville
Marketing

Erik Daniel Clodfelter, Olney, Illinois
Accounting and Professional Services
and Finance

Emily M. Cummings, Cincinnati, Ohio
Accounting and Professional Services,
summa cum laude

Elizabeth A. Damm, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services,
cum laude

Kelsey Dillman, Carmi, Illinois
Computer Science

Elizabeth G. Downard, Lafayette
Business Administration

Lauren Alyssa Downen, Newburgh
Marketing

Morganne Laine Doyle, Montgomery
Management

Emily Jo Droste, Evansville
Business Administration

Jason A. Estes, Newburgh
Accounting and Professional Services,
cum laude

David C. Feigel, Evansville
Economics

Seth Connor Ferguson, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services

Heather Nicole Figueroa, Portage
Business Administration

Walter Henry Fisher, Evansville
Computer Science

Corey Allen Foster, Boonville
Computer Information Systems

Lisa M. Garriss, Poseyville
Business Administration

Brittanie Ann Garrison, Carmi, Illinois
Management

Aaron K. Gottman, Owensville
Business Administration

Laura Elizabeth Greenwell, Evansville
Business Administration

Joshua Wayne Hammett, Evansville
Computer Information Systems

Dominique C. Harbosky, Fort Wayne
Economics

SirWilliam Keith Harris, South Bend
Business Administration

Robert T. Haymaker, Cicero
Marketing

Joshua R. Hazelwood, Evansville
Management

Rachel Lynn Hentrup, Ferdinand
Accounting and Professional Services
and Finance

Jacob B. Hester, Evansville
Management

David Douglas Horner, Newburgh
Marketing, *summa cum laude*

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Management, *magna cum laude*

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Business Administration

Jennifer Marie Kemp, Saint Croix
Finance

Jeffrey Harrison Kingery, New Harmony
Finance, *cum laude*

Joshua A. Kirwer, Evansville
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Miles T. Kline, Dale
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Taylor P. Klumper, Ferdinand
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Bailey E. Knable, Sellersburg
Business Administration

Kimberly Paige Kramer, Dover, Delaware
Management

BreAnn Nichole Lane, Jasper
Management, *cum laude*

Yao Lei, Huntingburg
Management

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Accounting and Professional Services,
magna cum laude

Dylan Alexander Logsdon, Valparaiso
Business Administration

Lynnzee L. Matthews, Boonville
Computer Science

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Hannah Marie Meadows, Bedford
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James M. Moseley, Evansville
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Marketing

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Computer Science

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Computer Science

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Marketing

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Management (certificate)
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Management

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Management
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Marketing
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Finance
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Finance

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History, *summa cum laude*
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Psychology
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Jessica Lynn Ballman, Tell City
Art
Cullen Andrew Baumgart, Boonville
Public Relations and Advertising
Toneisha Patricia Lee Bell, Evansville
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Osman Ralph Bien Aime, Henderson, Kentucky
Psychology
Kenneth L. Blaize, Princeton
Psychology
Travis Michael Bond, Galatia, Illinois
History
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Criminal Justice Studies
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Art
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Art
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Psychology

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Psychology

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Psychology

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McKenzie Raye McCormick, Evansville
Political Science, *cum laude*

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Psychology

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Psychology

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Psychology

Melinda Daureen Scott, Evansville
Art

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Psychology

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Art

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Communication Studies

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Art

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History

Brian Matthew Tenbarge, Haubstadt
Art

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Psychology

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Phillip D. Thompson, South Bend
Art

Zachariah Louis Tinner, Evansville
Psychology

James R. Vaughn, Indianapolis
Journalism

Nezza Casuela Villanueva, Evansville
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Michael Anthony Will, Haubstadt
Communication Studies, *cum laude*
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Art
Victoria M. Wilson, Evansville
Psychology

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Kelsey M. Wolfe, Newburgh
Psychology
Wesley Daniel Yager, Norris City, Illinois
Political Science
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Psychology, *cum laude*

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Individualized Studies
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Social Science
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Social Science

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA: IN TRANSITION FROM 1965 TO TODAY



President Linda L. M. Bennett became the third president of the University of Southern Indiana in 2009. In her inaugural address, she referenced the University's founding in 1965 and said, "Service to a greater good was a primary reason the University of Southern Indiana was created. It is our touchstone, and years after our founding and emergence as a separate state University, there is little doubt that USI is delivering on the promise of its founding."

USI began as a regional campus administered by Indiana State University. During the initial 20 years, the institution experienced enrollment growth and developed under an administration led by President David L. Rice with faculty dedicated to teaching and serving the community. Dr. Rice's vision of public higher education led to the modern, thriving institution we know today.

The institution started with 412 students and increased steadily to 2,420 students by 1985. In the next two decades, growth continued as the institution's name changed to the University of Southern Indiana, and the student population grew to more than 10,000 students by 2004. More buildings

opened including student apartments, residence halls, a fitness, wellness and recreation center, an Education Center and Torrington Science Center wing and Rice Library.

From 1994 to 2009, President H. Ray Hoops led institutional growth with new construction, continued academic program development and an ever-increasing, diverse student population coming from counties throughout Indiana, the Midwest and around the world. Throughout his presidency, Hoops positioned USI to be an agent for workforce and economic development. He encouraged USI faculty to be of service as consultants to industry, education, healthcare, business and other fields important to Indiana.

A Business and Engineering Center and an iconic 92-foot-tall Cone in the University Center complete the ring of structures around the quadrangle on campus. The Applied Engineering Center, with state-of-the-art equipment, opened in fall 2013, and the Performance Center opened spring 2015. The Griffin Center, a meeting and event building, opened spring 2016. Ground was broken for the Fuquay Welcome Center in fall 2016.

The University of Southern Indiana has embarked on its second strategic plan. The first five-year strategic plan concluded in 2015. The 2016-2020 strategic plan includes three overarching goals:

- Excellence in Learning for the Entire USI Community
- Access and Opportunity by Design
- Purposeful and Sustainable Growth

The three goals will serve as the primary focus points for the new strategic plan and will frame the strategies and metrics as the plan moves forward.

USI offers degrees in business, liberal arts, nursing and health professions, and science, engineering and education in four colleges. In addition to undergraduate programs, master's degrees in multiple areas and a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) are offered. Traditional-aged students and adult students continue to enroll in these programs and business development and continuing education classes offered at USI.

Nearly 39,000 alumni have been awarded diplomas from the University of Southern Indiana. USI graduates are renowned surgeons, bank executives, artists, leaders in K-12 education, accounting executives, lawyers, nurses, hospital administrators, college professors and elected officials—and they are involved in their communities.

COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

Presidential Medallion

During the Middle Ages, medallions signified membership in religious orders and guilds; in the Renaissance, membership in elite orders of knighthood and prominence in government office. Today, colleges and universities strike medallions to commemorate important events and achievements.

Donated by the late Melvin Denner, professor emeritus of biology, and Anne Denner, former instructor in nutrition and biology, and their family, this medallion was fabricated by Honorcraft for the 1995 inauguration of USI President H. Ray Hoops. Dr. Denner served as grand marshal at the University's first inauguration.

The University of Southern Indiana Presidential Medallion signifies the authority invested in the president.

The medallion's obverse carries, at its center, a three-inch reproduction of the University seal and, surrounding the seal, a half-inch rim. On the reverse appear the names and dates of appointment for the University's presidents. The president wears this medallion for all formal academic ceremonies.

Gonfalons

Ceremonial flags called gonfalons originated in the Middle Ages for civil and military processions, often appearing beneath the steel head of a knight's lance.

In Italy, gonfalons designated individual Italian republics; the chief magistrate, or other high official, served as gonfalonier carrying the banner.

At the University of Southern Indiana, gonfalons represent each major academic unit; typically deans or department heads act as gonfaloniers. Here gonfalon colors derive from traditional hues associated with each college's academic disciplines. Our Commencement gonfalons came as a gift from the USI Campus Store.

University Seal

The University Seal, designed by Nussmeier Engraving, bears the University's colors—red, white and blue—with gold. The shield signifies the importance of higher education in defending citizens against ignorance.

Between the two banners displaying the University's name appear a band and an open book, bound together by the torch of knowledge. In the band, rays of light emanate simultaneously from a rising sun, symbolizing the young University and, from the torch, symbolizing the light of

knowledge and the passion for scholarship. Trees on either side of the flame suggest not only the University's pastoral Southern Indiana setting but also life, growth and continuity.

Beneath this band, an open book emphasizes the importance of teaching and learning; *academia populi* and *academia populo* indicate that the University of Southern Indiana is a scholarly academy founded and supported *by the people, for the people*. Finally, the laurel branches to the right and left of the book represent victory: the light of learning overcomes the darkness of ignorance.

University Mace

In the Middle Ages, bodyguards of French and English monarchs carried ceremonial maces. Later, the mace became an important symbol of office in civil processions and academic pageantry. At the University of Southern Indiana, the grand marshal, a distinguished member of the faculty, carries the mace.

A replica of Richard Owen's walking cane serves as the staff for the University Mace. A respected geologist and professor of natural science at Indiana University, Owen was the first president of Purdue University. He was a son of Robert Owen, the Welsh industrialist who established New Harmony, Indiana, as a center for education and enlightened social reform in the early 1800s. The 32-inch tall wooden cane was presented to Richard Owen in 1874. Through the generosity of his descendant, the late Kenneth D. Owen, that cane, lent to USI, served as the grand marshal's staff in all Commencement exercises from 1985 to 1995.

Designed and fabricated by Nicholas Logsdon of Indianapolis, the gold-plated mace bears at the top, above the cane's golden head, an open orb with a replica of the University Seal.

The orb's free-flowing design symbolizes interrelationships among all academic disciplines. Immediately below the cane's orb, three two-inch, golden rings bear the names and appointment dates of the University presidents. The names of Kenneth Dale Owen, Jane Blaffer Owen and James A. Sanders, donors of the mace, appear on a finial near the bottom of the cane replica.

Designed and created by alumnus Kenny Fisher '77, the replica of the cane and its base are made of walnut from the Owen mansion built in New Harmony during the 1830s.

COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

Academic Regalia

The academic costume dates from medieval days when university students wore woolen and fur garments for warmth in damp and drafty buildings. Most of those studying were clerics in holy orders; they wore a cloak to which was attached a hood that could be pulled up to cover their tonsured heads.

Simplified today, the costume serves to remind us that its wearer is a member of an ancient and venerable profession; it also indicates, by its color and design, the wearer's degree and the institution by which the degree was conferred.

In the United States, black has been the traditional color for academic gowns, but some institutions authorize holders of their doctorates to wear colors of the institution. The bachelor's gown is distinguished by its long, open sleeves; the master's by its closed, slitted sleeves; the doctor's by its full sleeves trimmed with bands of velvet, which may be black or a color denoting the field in which the degree was taken.

The mortarboard cap, proper for all degrees, is black. Tassels, usually black, are worn over the left front quarter of the cap. Holders of the doctorate may wear tassels of gold thread.

Academic hoods vary in length according to the degree attained and are lined with the colors of the institution by which the degree was granted. The honorary doctoral hoods of the University of Southern Indiana are black, lined with blue satin with red satin chevrons. They are edged with white velvet. Retired members of the University faculty can be recognized in today's ceremony by the red, white and blue cords worn with their regalia.

Hooding Ceremony

Academic hoods vary in length according to the degree attained and are lined with the colors of the institution by which the degree was granted. Hooding signifies the induction of the graduate into the fellowship of the academy, a welcoming gesture by those who represent the high standards of scholarship and creative achievement.

During the Graduate Ceremony, doctoral and master's degree candidates will receive hoods distinctive to their degrees.

Baccalaureate Scholarship Honors

The baccalaureate degree candidate graduating with the highest scholarship index graduates *summa cum laude*. Baccalaureate students graduating with a scholarship index of 3.80 or higher graduate *magna cum laude*. Those with a

scholarship index between 3.60 and 3.80 graduate *cum laude*. These achievements are set forth on the individual diplomas. Honor students can be recognized in the Commencement exercises by colored stoles and tassels. Gold indicates *summa cum laude*; red, *magna cum laude*; and blue, *cum laude*.

Because students enrolled in doctoral and master's degree programs are expected to maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0, and most achieve much higher levels, scholarship honors at Commencement are given only to baccalaureate students.

University Honors Scholars

The designation of University Honors Scholar is awarded to students who successfully complete the Honors Program. They can be recognized in the Commencement ceremony by the white honor cords worn with their regalia.

Alumni Association Pins

Graduates in each ceremony are receiving alumni lapel pins with the University logo as a gift from the University of Southern Indiana Alumni Association. Organized with the first graduating class in 1971, the association commemorated 40 years in 2011.

Photography During Ceremony

A commercial photographer will take a photo of each graduate as the diploma is presented on stage. A second photograph will be taken as the graduate departs from the stage. Graduates will receive proofs of the photos from which duplicates can be ordered. Family members who wish to take still or video photographs during the ceremony may do so from their seats. Your cooperation ensures the dignity of the Commencement ceremony.

Photographs taken by USI Photography and Multimedia also will be available following the ceremonies in two locations. You can find USI Photography and Multimedia on Facebook, or view a gallery of images and order prints at www.usi.edu/gradphotos16.

Commemorative DVD

In response to requests from graduates and families, a commemorative DVD is being produced by the USI Office of Information Technology in cooperation with the USI Alumni Association. The DVD covers the platform ceremony, including each graduate receiving a diploma cover. To order a DVD (\$20 each), call 800-813-4238 or 812-464-1924, or order online at www.usi.edu/commencement/commencement-dvd.



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