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USI graduates excel on Indiana CPA exam

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Five 1996 University of Southern Indiana accounting graduates ranked in the top ten list of highest scores in Indiana on the November 1996 Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam. The five by their November ranking are:

Second - Michelle Schroeder of Jasper, Indiana, who graduate summa cum laude and now is with Kimball International, Jasper

Fourth - Scott Olinger of St. Meinrad, Indiana, now with Harding Shymanski & Co., Evansville

Seventh - Heather Rollett of Evansville, now with Ernst & Young, Indianapolis

Eighth - Sharon Mendino of Boonville, Indiana, now with Riney, Hancock & Co., Evansville

Tenth - Melody Linenburg of Evansville, now with Geo. S. Olive & Co., Evansville

These five USI graduates were part of the Becker CPA Review course offered for the first time on the USI campus in preparation for the November exam. More than 1,000 candidates sat for the exam in Indiana, 60,000 nationwide.

The pass rate for all four sections of the November exam among first-time candidates who had taken the Becker course at USI was 39 percent (11 of 28), which is substantially better than the normal national pass rate of about 15 percent. USI graduates in the Becker course had a pass rate for all four sections of 50 percent (9 of 18). The other USI graduates in the USI/Becker course who also passed all four parts of the CPA exam were:

Brett Begle of Huntingburg, Indiana, now with Blue & Co., Indianapolis

Lani George of Evansville, an attorney with Repro-Graphics, Evansville

Tasmina Quddus of Evansville, now a temporary staff accountant at USI

Marcia Wesenberg of Morganfield, Kentucky, now with Campbell, Royster & Carver, Henderson

Two non-USI graduates who were in the USI/Becker course and passed the exam as first-time candidates were Diane Anderson of Evansville, now with Geo. S. Olive & Co., Evansville, and Susanne Greenland of Tell City, Indiana, now with Best Chairs of Ferdinand, Indiana. Eleven other candidates who were part of the USI/Becker group received a conditional status by passing two or three sections of the four-part CPA exam.

The instructors for the USI/Becker course were Robert Wuerth, lead instructor, Craig Ehlen, and Brian McGuire, all of USI, and Elizabeth Campbell, an attorney with National City Bank. Mary McGrew, office assistant in the USI School of Business, coordinated the course.