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## 31 USI students named to '97 *Who's Who*

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The University of Southern Indiana has had 31 students selected as national outstanding leaders who will be listed in the *1997 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

The students' selection is based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success. Several are Presidential Scholars, students who graduated from an accredited Indiana high school as valedictorians or salutatorians and are attending USI under full scholarship.

The USI students will be among leaders from more than 1,800 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign nations who are listed in the next *Who's Who*. USI students include:

**Lisa A. Amiano**, a Presidential Scholar and Dean's List elementary education major; she is the daughter of Joseph and Barbara Amiano, 1617 S. 1st Street, Boonville, Indiana, and a 1994 graduate of **Boonville High School**. Her USI activities include the Student Education Association, treasurer of Collegiate Democrats, Student Government Association vice president for academic affairs, secretary of the Student Alumni Association, and a member of AMIGOs (Ask Me I Give Orientation), SOS, Student Ambassadors, the University Computer Services Advisory Board, and several Intramural sports. In the community, she is active with Kappa Kappa Kappa and her church, where she is a Sunday School teacher and organist.

**Alicia A. Armes**, a Presidential Scholar and Dean's List biology senior; she is the daughter of Tim and Elaine Armes, RR 2, Montgomery, Indiana, and a 1994 graduate of **Washington High School**. At USI, her activities have included the Science and Ecology Club, Student Alumni Association, Sigma Zeta and Golden Key national honorary societies, '97 Honors Symposium, Student Life Advisory Committee, Student Board of Trustees Selection Committee, and conducting Biology Department tours for

Southern Hospitality Days. She was awarded a stipend for a research project in a neuropharmacology laboratory at the Evansville Center, Indiana University School of Medicine, which she successfully completed and presented in a symposium for students; she also will be co-author of the study when it is published.

**Lori S. Balsdon**, Presidential Scholar and Dean's List accounting senior; she is the daughter of Bruce and Debbie Balsdon, 13225 Perinial Drive, Evansville, and a 1994 **North High School** graduate. She is vice president of the USI Accounting Club, with responsibility for a variety of community projects, and a student member of the Institute of Management Accountants; business manager of *The Shield*, the campus newspaper; and a member of Alpha Chi and Golden Key honorary societies, serving as secretary for Alpha Chi.

**Tina M. Berg**, a Dean's List junior accounting major; she is the daughter of David and Rebecca Berg, 1450 E. 350 S, Huntingburg, Indiana, and a 1995 **Forest Park High School** graduate. She is active with the USI Accounting Club, currently serving on the Indiana Managerial Accounting Report Committee, and is a

member of Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity. She is a member of St. Ferdinand Catholic Church.

**Christina R. Berry**, a Dean's List elementary education senior; she is the daughter of M.R. and Donna Berry of RR 1, Rockville, Indiana, and a 1994 graduate of **Rockville Junior-Senior High School**. She is president of both the USI Student Education Association (SEA) and the Indiana SEA, was the first USI student selected to serve on an SEA national advisory committee, and is active with the Evansville Area Reading Council. She was a delegate to the NEA Representative Assembly in Atlanta and attended the Indiana State Teachers Association Summer Leadership Conference. She also is an active member of Golden Key national honor society and Kappa Delta Pi teacher education honorary. She is a member of the USI women's tennis team and was named to the Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) All-Academic women's tennis team.

**Brandi Jean Broster**, a junior business administration and marketing major; she is the daughter of Allen and Debbie Broster of RR 2, West Salem, Illinois, and a 1995 **Mt. Carmel High School** graduate. She is philanthropy chair for Delta

Zeta sorority and works with and outside the sorority to aid a variety of community organizations. She also is president of the Panhellenic Council and Extension Committee chair, now involved in an effort to organize a new sorority on campus. She also is a member of Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity and is active in intramural sports.

**MaryBeth Cable**, a Dean's List communications/Spanish junior; she is the daughter of Roddick and Paulette Cable, 912 Mohawk Drive, Crown Point, Indiana, and a 1995 graduate of **Crown Point High School**. She is active with numerous campus organizations, including the student Activities Programming Board, AMIGOs (Ask Me I Give Orientation), Student Government Association, Student Housing Association, Collegiate Democrats, Student Ambassadors, Student Alumni Association, and Student Christian Fellowship. She also serves on the University Student Publications Committee and Volunteer USI Committee, and has been an Academic Skills math tutor and an Options program tutor.

**Nathan M. Cecil**, a Dean's List accounting senior; he is the son of Mike and Jill Cecil, 2101 Mallard Drive, Washington, Indiana, and a 1994 graduate of **Washington High School**. He has been active with the Student Government Association, USI Accounting Club, the Student Alumni Association, Golden Key honor society, and intramural sports. He served on the University committee to select the student member of the USI Board of Trustees. He holds a student internship with the City of Evansville and is embarking on the Rotary Club Mentoring Program.

**Nancy C. Dauby**, a junior elementary education major; she is the daughter of Donald and Carol Dauby, 1304 11th Street, Tell City, Indiana, and a 1995 graduate of **Tell City High School**. She is active with the Student Education Association, Kappa Delta Pi, Student Government Association, SOS, O'Daniel Leadership Academy, AMIGO (Ask Me I Give Orientation), Student Ambassadors, and Intramural sports. She has worked in the USI Registrar's Office and the Tell City Library, and is a substitute teacher and volunteer tutor and Bible School teacher.

**Kristine L. Dawson**, a Dean's List occupational therapy senior; she is the daughter of Richard L. and Rosalind H. Dawson, 2 Huntington Drive, Belleville, Illinois, and a 1994 graduate of **Althoff Catholic High School**. She formerly attended St. Louis University and Belleville Area College. She has been a student worker in the USI Learning Resource Center and a physical medicine technician at Deaconess Hospital, Evansville. Having been active in numerous community programs in Belleville, she continued at USI and is currently a peer advisor in the OT program, a regular Crop Walk of America participant, and a member of Kappa Chi, American and Student Occupational Therapy associations, Teens Encounter Christ, and Golden Key honor society. A former varsity softball and volleyball player at Althoff, she also played softball at USI for two years.

**Andrea "Annie" Duros**, a junior elementary education major; she is the daughter of Robert and Polly Duros, 5968 Oak Hill, Plainfield, Indiana, and a 1995 graduate of **Plainfield Junior/Senior High School**. She is active with the student Activities Programming Board, Student Government Association, Student Education Association, Alpha Gamma Delta, Student Ambassadors, Student Housing Association, AMIGOs (Ask Me I Give Orientation), and the University housing sanctions committee; she has attended numerous regional and national meetings for campus organizations.

**Krista K. Elpers**, a Presidential Scholar and Dean's List biology senior; she is the daughter of David and Marilyn Elpers of RR 2, Haubstadt, and a 1994 graduate of **Gibson Southern High School**. In addition to academic research in her biology studies, she is House of Representatives parliamentarian with the Student Government Association; vice president of the Science and Ecology Club; treasurer of the Student Alumni Association; and a member of Sigma Zeta, Alpha Chi, and Golden Key honor societies. She also has been active in intramural sports, a member of the Catholic Youth Organization, and has been a volunteer at Deaconess Hospital and with Boy Scouts.

**Elexica Finch**, a junior communications/public relations major; she is the daughter

of Marie Finch of 437 SE 11th Street and William Rogers, Sr., 1617 Culver Drive, and a 1991 graduate of **Evansville Central High School**. She was named USI Student Leader of the Month for January 1997 and is a Resident Assistant in University housing. She is active with the Black Student Union, Multicultural Center, and Student Government Association; a charter member of the USI Chapter of Public Relations Student Society of America; a member of AMIGOs (Ask Me I Give Orientation), O'Daniel Leadership Academy, Newman Ministries, Communications/Art Club, and Delta Sigma Theta; she is a student mentor and academic advisor and sings with the gospel choir. In the community, she is active with Habitat For Humanity, a church youth committee, a soup kitchen, and the Evansville Housing Authority, where she has tutored young girls in algebra and black history.

**Amy Marie Folz**, a Presidential Scholar and Dean's List elementary education major; she is the daughter of James and Karen Folz, 5900 Caborn Road, Mt. Vernon, and a 1994 graduate of **Evansville Mater Dei High School**. She is an active member of the Student Education Association and Student Alumni Association; plays numerous Intramural sports and was named Intramural Female Athlete of the Year for 1995 and 1996; and is a student worker in the USI Student Financial Assistance Office. In the community, she is eucharist minister at St. Philip Catholic Church, has coached volleyball and basketball in Evansville area elementary and high schools, and is an elementary and high school math tutor.

**Scott J. Greenfield**, a Dean's List chemistry major; he is the son of Jeff and Robin Greenfield, 5707 E. Jefferson, Evansville, and a 1994 graduate of **Harrison High School**. He was one of 14 selected to attend the University of Alabama's Summer Undergraduate Research Program, where he did research in a new water purification method, and also has done organic synthesis research at USI, which won him the Spirit of the Eagle Award. He is active with the Math Club, student American Chemical Society chapter, Science and Ecology Club, Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity, Sigma Zeta and Golden Key honorary chapters, Student

Government Association, and Intramural sports.

**Justin H. Hunter**, a senior elementary education major; he is the son of Anita Hamer, 411 Johnson, Gary, Indiana, and a 1994 graduate of **Horace Mann High School**. He is past president of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity (USI/University of Evansville), past vice president of the USI Black Student Union, the first African American chief justice with the USI Student Government Association, and a member of the National Alliance of Black School Educators, Indiana State Teachers Association, National Education Association, and Indiana Student Education Association. In the community, he is assistant pastor at Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church and is active with the NAACP, Urban league, One Church One School Program, and the USI Multicultural Center.

**Amy Michelle Mischler**, a senior Dean's List biology major; she is the daughter of Michael and Erma Mischler, RR 2, Washington, Indiana, and a 1994 graduate of **Washington Catholic High School**. She is active with the Science and Ecology Club, student American Chemical Society chapter, Student Government Association, Student Alumni Association, and Student Ambassadors; is a member of Sigma Zeta, Alpha Chi, and Golden Key honor societies; and is active in Intramural sports. She has done research at USI and at the Evansville Center, Indiana University School of Medicine, which is located at USI, and has been a USI Southern Hospitality Day tour guide and a tutor. In the community, she has done volunteer work at Daviess County Hospital, has tutored Boy Scouts working on merit badges, and has been eucharist minister and lector at St. Simon Catholic Church.

**Brian D. Mullen**, a Presidential Scholar and senior Dean's List chemistry major; he is the son of Daniel and Brenda Mullen, 1300 Maxwell, Washington, Indiana, and a 1994 graduate of **Washington Catholic High School**. He is active with the Student Government Association and student American Chemical Society chapter; a founding member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity at USI; a member of Sigma Zeta, Golden Key, and Order of Omega honor societies;

and is active in Intramural sports. He has participated in the Butler University Research Conference and the University of Alabama Summer Undergraduate Research Program.

**Maurice R. Mumford**, a senior communications/economics and finance major; he is the son of Quester and Jimmy Adams, 1045 W. 73rd, Indianapolis, and a 1992 graduate of **North Central High School**. He is president of the Communications/Arts Club and a member of the Economics and Finance Club and Black Student Union; he also is active with the USI Multicultural Center and was a volunteer in various holiday food and toy campaigns. In the community, he has been a volunteer tutor, was a speaker at an annual youth summit and the Carver Community Organization 50th Anniversary Dinner, and will represent the Ad Club in a national contest in April in Chicago. He also has helped re-establish a high school club called S.T.Y.L.E. and has been a volunteer with the 21st Century Scholars Program.

**Kirt A. Page**, a Dean's List chemistry major; he is the son of Marvin and Sarah Ann Page, Henryville, Indiana, and a 1993 graduate of **Henryville High School**. He is active with the Math Club, student American Chemical Society chapter, and Evansville Astronomical Society; is a member of Golden Key honor society; participated in the 14th annual USI Honors Symposium; and is a chemistry and physics tutor. He has done polymer research at USI and the University of Mississippi, winning the USI Spirit of the Eagle award, and has received confirmation of interest in his joining the Max-Planck Institute for Polymer Research. He has applied for a Fulbright grant and hopes to study in Germany, and will be working toward a master's in polymer physics and doctorate in polymer chemistry. He is a U.S. Hapkido Federation member, three steps from black belt, and has worked third-shift the past four years at The Evansville Courier Co.

**James K. Reese**, a senior elementary education major; he is the son of Earl and Cindy Reese, 7801 Joest Road, Wadesville, Indiana, and a 1991 **North Posey High School** graduate. Named USI Student Leader of the Month for October 1997, he is active with Activities Pro-

gramming Board, Sigma Tau Gamma, Interfraternity Council, Student Education Association, Student Christian Fellowship, AMIGOs (Ask Me I Give Orientation), and Collegiate Democrats. He was 1996 Alpha Gamma Delta Man of the Year, is a resident assistant in University housing, and served on the selection committee for Student Life program director and with the student group interviewed in North Central Association reaccreditation of USI. He is active with Vanderburgh County 4-H and at Harwood Baptist Church.

**Ardith "Polly" Wilson Reynolds**, a Dean's List senior accounting major; the daughter of Mrs. Pat Schofield, Palestine, Illinois, she lives at 7600 Jeremy, Newburgh, Indiana, and is a 1982 graduate of **Robinson (Illinois) High School**. She is a member and past president of the USI Accounting Club, student member of the Institute of Managerial Accountants, a member of Golden Key honor society, participated in the 1997 Honors Symposium, was Becker CPA student representative for two years, and participated in the Rotary Mentoring Program in 1996. She has been on the School of Business Advisory Council since 1994, and served two years on the Accounting Advisory Council. Married and the mother of two, she has been a youth baseball and softball coach, League Three past president with Newburgh girls softball, and is active in the music ministry at Crossroads Christian Church, Evansville.

**Jamie Ann Robinson**, a junior Dean's List occupational therapy major; she is the daughter of Sheila A. Austin, 4220 N. Iroquois, and Eddie Robinson, 2532 N. Heidelberg, Evansville, and a 1995 graduate of **North High School**. She is active with the American OT and Student OT associations and is OT classroom coordinator. She also is active with the Activities Programming Board and Student Ambassadors. In the community, she has been a muscular dystrophy camp counselor and a volunteer with the Jerry Lewis Telethon and Adopt-a-Family.

**Dianne M. Smith**, a senior Dean's List mathematics major; a resident of 3366 Westhampton, Newburgh, Indiana, she is a 1981 graduate of **Warren Central High School** and the daughter of Judith D.

Bryan. She is vice president of Mu Gamma Pi math club and a member of the student American Chemical Society and Golden Key honor society; with a chemistry minor, she has been active with research groups, sometimes as group leader, and has received the Spirit of the Eagle award. She has two young sons and is active in their school and athletic events, while working throughout her college career as a waitress at the Cracker Barrel. She plans to seek a graduate degree in math that emphasizes statistical analysis in chemistry research.

**Keri A. Stein**, a Dean's List occupational therapy junior; she is the daughter of Margaret J. Stein, 340 W. Allmon, and Darrell Stein, 4566 Church, Salem, Illinois, and a 1995 graduate of **Salem Community High School**. She is a member of the OT Class of 1999, Student OT Association, and OT classroom coordinator; she has been president of the student Activities Programming Board the past two years and attended Illiana NACA meetings; she also is a member of Student Ambassadors, the Student Housing Association, and AMIGOs (Ask Me I Give Orientation); she is an English tutor in Academic Skills, a student mentor, and active in Intramural sports.

**Morris D. "Moe" Stephens**, a junior secondary education major; he is the son of Allen and Cindy Stephens, 431 E. Harrison, Oakland City, Indiana, and a 1994 graduate of **Wood Memorial High School**. Named USI Student Leader of the Month for May 1997, he has been president of Phi Delta Theta and the Interfraternity Council, winning the True Phi Award, and is active with the student Activities Programming Board; he also is an AMIGO (Ask Me I Give Orientation) and Student Ambassador, a member of SOS, and has been active with many campus community projects, including USI campus and Ohio River cleanup projects. He plays numerous Intramural sports.

**Farrah Stichler**, junior accounting major; she is the daughter of Mitch and Cris Stichler, 3011 Nicole Drive, Evansville, and formerly of Brownsburg, Indiana, where she graduated from **Brownsburg High School**. Named USI Student Leader of the Month for September 1997, she is president of the USI

Student Housing Association (SHA) and has attended state, subregional, and national SHA meetings; she also is a member of Student Ambassadors, where she has held several offices, and was named Student Ambassador of the Month for October 1997; she is an AMIGO (Ask Me I Give Orientation), a member and past vice president of the student Activities Programming Board, and has served on University committees for retention study and housing point system review. She is a member of the Student Christian Fellowship and First Christian Church, Evansville.

**Kimberly L. Tremper**, a Presidential Scholar and occupational therapy major with a 4.0 grade point average; she is the daughter of Robert and Cathy Tremper, 421 W. Madison, Chandler, Indiana, and a 1995 **Castle High School** graduate. She is an OT peer advisor and active with the OT Class of 1999, Student OT Club, OT Journal Club, and American OT Association; she has been involved with Student Ambassadors and Student Alumni Association. In the community, she has been an OT volunteer at Woodlands Convalescent Center and Deaconess Hospital and has been nursery supervisor since 1992 at First Baptist Church, Boonville.

**Eileen M. Weber**, a Presidential Scholar and Dean's List senior chemistry major; she is the daughter of Robert and Mildred Weber, Washington, Indiana, and a 1994 graduate of **Washington Catholic High School**. She is a key player with the USI Lady Eagles basketball team — ranked No. 1 in the nation for at least six weeks this season — and was selected Great Lakes Valley Conference Player of the Week and team MVP, among many other titles. She is a member of Sigma Zeta honorary and the student American Chemical Society chapter; she is a volunteer tutor in math, English, and science, and participated in the 14th annual USI Honors Symposium and with a USI chemistry research group. She has been eucharist minister at St. Simon Catholic Church, Washington, and a basketball camp counselor. She has held a summer internship with Red Spot Paint for two years.

**Patrick A. West**, a junior secondary education major; he is the son of Thomas

and Carolyn West, 2244 Shawnee Drive, Madison, Indiana, and a 1995 graduate of **Madison Consolidated High School**. Named Student Leader of the Month for February 1997, he was Student Government Association chief justice when he took on the extra duty of overseeing 1997 SGA elections; he also has been a member and vice president of the Student Ambassadors, a resident assistant in student housing, a student mentor in the University Division Options program, an AMIGO (Ask Me I Give Orientation), and member and secretary of Collegiate Democrats. He is an official for Intramural volleyball.

**Andrew Joseph Yochum**, a Presidential Scholar and junior Dean's List biology major; he is the son of Thomas J. and Ruth Yochum, RR 5, Vincennes, Indiana, and a 1995 graduate of **South Knox High School**. He is an active member of the Science and Ecology Club, Sigma Zeta, and has run experimental research for a professor at the Evansville Center, Indiana University School of Medicine, located at USI. He also is a member of Student Ambassadors (named "king" for giving the most tours) and Student Alumni Association, including playing Santa at the annual "Lighting a Tradition" holiday tree-lighting program; and is a volunteer tutor for Boy Scouts earning merit badges. He is a member of the all-campus Intramural team and at church, is a frequent youth worship leader.