



2009

COMMENCEMENT

EXERCISES

May 10, 2009

Order of the 2009 Spring Commencement Exercises

Processional

Evansville Brass Quintet
Pomp and Circumstance, Edward Elgar, Composer

Grand Marshal

Thomas M. Rivers, *Professor of English, Director of Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Program*

Marshals

Michael K. Aakhus, *Associate Dean of Liberal Arts*
Laurie M. Berry, *Director of Residence Life*
Jennifer A. Briggs, *Associate Registrar*
James W. Browning, *Director of Counseling*
Linda L. Cleek, *Director of Continuing Education*
Sandy K. Farmer, *Registrar*
Pamela F. Hopson, *Director of Multicultural Center*
Nancy L. Johnson, *Director of Alumni and Volunteer Services*
Eric H. Otto, *Director of Admission*
Philip L. Parker, *Director of Career Services and Placement*
Brian D. Posler, *Assistant Provost for Undergraduate Studies*
Tracy Sinn, *Assistant Registrar*
Carmen F. Stoen, *Director of Student Development Programs*
Andrew J. Zellers, *Assistant Registrar*

Welcome and Introductions

Linda L. M. Bennett, *Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

Reflection

Jane A. Davis-Brezette, *Associate Professor of Physical Education*

The Commencement Address

H. Ray Hoops, *President*

Presentation of Candidates for Honorary Degrees

Linda L. M. Bennett, *Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*
Assisted by M. Edward Jones, *Vice Provost for Outreach, Dean of Extended Services*

Robert M. Kent, Sr., *Doctor of Laws*
Presented by W. Harold Calloway, *Trustee*

James W. Murray, *Doctor of Laws*
Presented by John M. Dunn, *Trustee*

Presentation of Distinguished Professor Award to Kevin J. Valadares

Lesa F. Cagle, *Chair, Faculty Senate, Assistant Professor of Nutrition*

Presentation of President's Medal to Jamie L. Johnson

Linda L. M. Bennett, *Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*



Conferral of Degrees

Linda L. M. Bennett, *Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*
Assisted by M. Edward Jones, *Vice Provost for Outreach, Dean of Extended Services*

Degrees to be Conferred

Master of Arts In Liberal Studies	Bachelor of Arts
Master of Business Administration	Bachelor of General Studies
Master of Health Administration	Bachelor of Science
Master of Public Administration	Bachelor of Science In Engineering
Master of Science In Education	Bachelor of Science In Nursing
Master of Science In Industrial Management	Bachelor of Social Work
Master of Science In Nursing	Associate of Arts
Master of Science In Occupational Therapy	Associate of Science
Master of Social Work	Associate of Science In Nursing
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate	

Presentation of Graduates

John L. Deem, *Associate Vice President for Student Affairs*

Master Degrees

Graduate Studies

Linda L. M. Bennett, *Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

Awarding of Hoods

Peggy Harrel, *Director of Graduate Studies*

Assisted by Brian D. Posler, *Assistant Provost for Undergraduate Studies*

Baccalaureate Degrees

College of Business

Mohammed F. Khayum, *Dean, Professor of Economics*

Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services

Julie H. Edmister, *Dean, Professor of Education*

Extended Services

M. Edward Jones, *Dean, Vice Provost for Outreach*

College of Liberal Arts

David M. Glassman, *Dean, Professor of Anthropology*

College of Nursing and Health Professions

Nadine A. Coudret, *Dean, Professor of Nursing*

Pott College of Science and Engineering

Scott A. Gordon, *Dean, Professor of Biology*

Associate Degrees

M. Edward Jones, *Vice Provost for Outreach, Dean of Extended Services*

Recessional

Evansville Brass Quintet

H. Ray Hoops to Deliver Commencement Address

President H. Ray Hoops will bring the Commencement address today.

Dr. Hoops was chosen by the University's Board of Trustees to serve as the second president of the University of Southern Indiana beginning in July 1994. During his tenure, he has forged important community partnerships and has overseen dramatic growth in the University's enrollment, academic programs, and facilities.

Dr. Hoops views the partnerships USI has developed with business and community leaders, donors, alumni, and legislators as key to its success. In the 2008 Annual Report he wrote, "The partnerships we have with business and community leaders, support from the Indiana General Assembly, and the faculty's desire to make teaching and learning preeminent in our classrooms and laboratories have defined the University of Southern Indiana."

In his 15 years at USI, there has been steady growth in enrollment from 7,443 students in fall 1994 to 10,126 students in fall 2008. The University also has seen a dramatic increase in the quality of students attending the University of Southern Indiana. At the same time, the University remains committed to providing accessible and affordable opportunities for Indiana citizens seeking higher education.

Under the leadership of President Hoops, the University of Southern Indiana successfully undertook its first capital campaign in 1996. Dr. Hoops was instrumental in organizing the University's Volunteer Services program, a nationally recognized program unique to higher education.

As a guide to long-range planning, President Hoops commissioned a study in 2000 and again in 2007 to study workforce development trends and to assess how institutional programs serve regional employers and the regional economy. Through the findings of the task force, new academic programs have been developed to meet community and regional eco-



H. Ray Hoops

omic needs. Eleven undergraduate degree programs and five graduate degree programs have been added to the curriculum during the Hoops administration, including the Bachelor of Science in Engineering in 2002 and the Doctor of Nursing Practice in 2008.

The Hoops' presidency leaves an indelible mark on USI's physical presence. With over \$217 million invested in campus physical facilities, the University opened the Health Professions Center; the Liberal Arts Center; the Art Studio; Newman, Governors, O'Bannon, and Ruston residence halls; the Education Center and Torrington Wing of the Science Center; Rice Library; the Recreation and Fitness Center; the Ceramics Center; and McCutchan Art Center/Pace Galleries on Dr. Hoops' watch. Construction continues on campus with a \$7.75 million addition to the Recreation and Fitness Center to open this summer and a \$32 million Business and Engineering Center to open in 2010. Construction begins mid-year on a campus loop road and on an addition to the University Center. The \$18.4 addition will incorporate the former library building and add a conical-shaped tower to the campus landscape.

A native of Illinois, Dr. Hoops received his undergraduate degree from Eastern Illinois University and master's and doctoral degrees in Audiology and Speech Sciences from Purdue University. He also completed an M.B.A. at Moorhead State University. Prior to becoming USI's president, Dr. Hoops served as the vice chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Mississippi. While at "Ole Miss," Dr. Hoops received the National Council of State Governments Association Award for his pioneering work on Project '95, a blueprint for the reform of education in the state of Mississippi. He also received the Peterson's Guide Award for contributions to the education of minority students in the innovative and highly successful graduate participation initiative.

An influential and visionary leader, Dr. Hoops serves on the Deaconess Hospital Board of Directors, the Evansville Education Roundtable, and the Southwest Indiana Economic Development Task Force. In 2004 he was honored as the recipient of the Evansville Rotary Civic Award and in 2009 he received the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Buffalo Trace Council of Boy Scouts of America. He formerly was a member and chair of the WNIN Board of Directors and a director of the Metropolitan Evansville Chamber of Commerce. He has served the American Association of State Colleges and Universities as a director and as a member of its Committee on Professional Development and its Council of State Representatives and is a former director and chair of the Indiana Conference of Higher Education.

President Hoops will conclude his 15-year presidency when he retires in July. Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels describes President Hoops as one of Indiana's most effective college presidents who will leave a substantial mark on both the University and the entire southwest region of the state of Indiana.

He is married to Linda Hoops and they have one daughter, Victoria.

Two Civic Leaders to be Recognized

Generosity and leadership are celebrated in today's ceremony. Honorary doctorates will be conferred on Robert M. "Robbie" Kent, Sr. and Dr. James W. Murray.



Robert M. "Robbie" Kent, Sr.

Mr. Kent built a distinguished career in the automotive industry. Through the support of his family, his affinity for automobiles, and his competitive nature, he owned and operated 11 automotive franchises. He was chairman and chief executive officer of Kenny Kent Toyota Lexus and Kenny Kent Chevrolet. He has served on local, state, regional, and national boards and dealer councils.

In 1967, he was a member of the first USI Eagles men's basketball team. He learned an appreciation of the game and the value of intercollegiate athletics. He was introduced to the challenges of funding athletic programs and he has supported the USI Athletic Department with in-kind gifts to help meet transportation needs of the teams. He is a member of the Screaming Eagles Varsity Club.

During the first capital campaign at the University of Southern Indiana, Mr. Kent served as honorary alumni campaign chair for the College of

Business. His generous gift and his work as chair increased scholarship and faculty development opportunities.

Mr. Kent has always had a big heart for the community. An advisor and donor to St. Mary's Medical Center, he received the Steward of St. Vincent DePaul Award in 2007. He has served in leadership positions on the boards of the Boys and Girls Club; Fifth Third Bank, South Region; University of Evansville; Evansville Chamber of Commerce; Evansville Museum; and Junior Achievement.

He and his wife Marguerite, a 1972 USI graduate, have four children and three grandchildren. The Kent family continues to support higher education in the public sector with a Kent Family Endowment for a Presidential Scholarship at USI.

In today's ceremony, Mr. Kent will receive the honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

USI also is honoring Dr. James Murray who served as the eighth president of Oakland City University, retiring in 2007. He has a remarkable ability to manage change for genuine benefits.



James W. Murray

With vision and dedication, Dr. Murray revamped Oakland City University.

In the early 1970s, with old infrastructure and life-threatening debt, the institution enrolled 324 students. With Dr. Murray at the helm over a 33-year period, Oakland City University became fully accredited by every appropriate educational agency. The OCU enrollment reached 2,000 students and indebtedness was eliminated, new academic programs implemented, and an endowment established. New campus buildings have been constructed on the Oakland City University campus and the new administration center bears his name.

He continues to serve OCU and the Oakland City University Foundation as a fundraiser and representative.

A General Baptist ordained minister for over 60 years, Dr. Murray has led churches in California and Illinois.

He distinguished himself as an officer in the United States Marine Corps. He is a combat-wounded veteran who earned three Purple Hearts and the Bronze Star for bravery.

An innovative community volunteer, Dr. Murray serves on the board of directors for Gibson County Habitat for Humanity, the Gibson County Foundation, and Welborn Baptist Foundation. He is vice president of the General Board of the General Association of General Baptists and past president of the Home Mission Board, Inc. of General Baptists.

He has academic degrees from Shurleff College, Chapman University, Oakland City University, and Walden University.

Dr. Murray and his wife Rae have two children, four grandchildren, and one great grandchild. He will receive the honorary Doctor of Laws degree in today's ceremony.

Dr. Kevin Joseph Valadares to Receive Distinguished Professor Award

Dr. Kevin J. Valadares, associate professor of Health Services and Health Administration, has been selected by his colleagues to receive the Integra Bank Distinguished Professor Award, given in recognition of the proficiency he demonstrates in teaching, advising, scholarship, and service.

A faculty member since 2001, Dr. Valadares is program director of the undergraduate program in health services and the Master of Science in Health Administration program. He was a leading advocate for the redesign of two classrooms in the Health Professions Center to facilitate collaborative learning and for the use of tablet computers to support more dynamic faculty-student learning interaction.

An exemplary teacher, he inserts expertise, enthusiasm, and creativity into his instruction. He is a leader in using technology to enhance student-learning activities in traditional classrooms and online classes. He was instrumental in working with the technology team to implement the use of podcasting for the College of Nursing and Health Professions. Because he is committed to the liberal arts, he advances the importance of the humanities and arts for students in the health care professions.

Dr. Valadares employs service-learning activities in his teaching. A recent study was commissioned by Evansville Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel to assess the cost effectiveness and quality of the Evansville area ambulance service. The study provided the city with



Kevin Joseph Valadares

important information and students with research, public policy, and presentation experience.

Dr. Valadares is a recognized scholar in his field. Since joining USI, Valadares has written or collaborated on 10 peer review articles and has an additional 10 articles under review or in process. He is coauthor for *Ethics and Health Care in a Pluralistic Society*, which will be published in January 2010 by Health Administration Press, and he serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of Health Administration Ethics*.

In addition to a heavy teaching load, sizeable classes, and research, he is involved in community education,

especially advancing ethics and health administration. At the national level, Dr. Valadares chairs the Ethics Faculty Forum for the Association of University Programs in Health Administration and helps plan the annual meeting. He has enhanced the reputation of USI and the college through national, state, regional, and local presentations.

He also is active in the life of the University, serving on faculty committees. He chairs the Economic Benefits Committee and is a member of the Intercollegiate Athletics Board and the Benefits Review Committee. His community service includes Seaton Hall Board of Directors, membership on the Perinatal Ethics Committee for the Women's Hospital, and chair of the Planning Committee for WNIN, the local public broadcasting station. He is a member of the Finance Committee and the Ethics Committee for St. Mary's Health System.

He earned a doctorate in health care ethics in 2003 from St. Louis University. He graduated with honors in two undergraduate degree programs at the University of Ottawa, and he holds a Master of Health Administration degree from St. Louis University.

As Distinguished Professor, Dr. Valadares will receive a grant from Integra Bank, select a student to receive a scholarship in his name next year, deliver the Distinguished Professor lecture during the next academic year, and deliver the address at the fall Commencement in December.

Jamie L. Johnson to Receive President's Medal

Jamie L. Johnson is an accomplished student leader who has demonstrated outstanding scholarship in the Pott College of Science and Engineering. She is graduating summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry, and she is receiving the President's Medal, the highest award given to a graduate. The award recognizes academic excellence and a commendable record of University service.

Ms. Johnson has a broad range of interests and has taken leadership roles in many campus activities and in the community. Her professionalism and integrity are consistent in her service to USI as a student leader, tutor, and volunteer.

In addition to her stellar performance in the classroom, she served as the student member of the USI Board of Trustees for two years, appointed by Governor Mitch Daniels. In that role, she served as a member of the Presidential Search Committee to appoint USI's third president in addition to other board committee assignments.

She is the first student to serve on the USI Foundation Board of Directors. She has held leadership positions including associate vice president of Academic Affairs for the Student Government Association and president of the Pre-Health Club, an organization she helped establish.

A member of the Honors Program, Ms. Johnson is the first chemistry student to complete an honors compo-



Jamie L. Johnson

nent to the senior synthesis course. She holds membership in Sigma Zeta National Science and Mathematics Honor Society and consistently appeared on the Honors List, generated each semester to show academic excellence among students. She received the majority of the merit-based awards and scholarships available to chemistry majors. She was among 321 college students nationwide to be named a 2008 Goldwater Scholar, selected on the basis of academic merit from a field of mathematics, science, and engineering students.

While working with a local physician, she discovered her aptitude for applied research. Starting in her sophomore

year, she began a research project in carbohydrate chemistry and presented at state and national conferences for undergraduate research.

In a letter supporting her nomination for the President's Medal, a faculty member wrote, "Prepared for every class meeting, Ms. Johnson contributed her insights, volunteered to read from her drafts, helped the other students during peer review sessions, and never failed to inspire the class with her cheerful attitude."

A graduate of Castle High School, Ms. Johnson is from Newburgh. She is the daughter of Brent and Lisa Johnson. Her sister Jackie is a junior at USI majoring in elementary education. Her interests outside the classroom include running, reading, and attending theatrical and musical productions.

She will attend the Indiana University School of Medicine in the fall. As part of the application process for medical school, Ms. Johnson completed the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) with such successful scores that she has been asked to serve as a teacher of a preparatory course for other students taking the test.

Other finalists for the President's Medal were Abbie Balbach, Christoph Burger, Danielle Harrison, and Michael Patzer. The Student Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate selects the President's Medal recipient.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA

Candidates for Degrees

CLASS OF 2009

MASTER DEGREES

MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES

Chad A. Cain, Mount Vernon
 Marcia Heather Dragoo, Evansville
 Brent R. Endsley, Boonville
 Sarah Nicole Gremore, Vincennes
 Clifford R. Holm, Evansville
 Dustin L. Murray, Evansville
 Linda Frances Negro, Newburgh
 Eric L. Padgett, Evansville
 Ronald E. Risinger, Mount Vernon
 Kristi N. Scott, Evansville

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Emily L. Adamson, Evansville
 Sarah J. A. Allen, Mount Vernon
 Nicholas M. Buchanan, Mount Vernon
 Matthew T. Burns, Newburgh
 Adam D. Burris, Evansville
 Constantin Donea, Evansville
 Matthew Robert Duncan, Henderson, Kentucky
 Stacey M. Finley, Henderson, Kentucky
 Amanda Jean Horton, Elberfeld
 Angela H. Humphrey, Owensboro, Kentucky
 Dena Rachelle Kamman-Kramer, Huntingburg
 Jesse E. Kauffman, Harrisonville, Missouri
 Josi R. Kauffman, Evansville
 Brian John Kessler, Evansville
 Irina Valeriyevna Kozlenkova, Togliatti, Russia
 Brian S. Luigs, Evansville
 Paul A. Nielson, Newburgh
 Eric John Ramon, San Antonio, Texas
 Tanya L. Rasler, Evansville
 Nicole R. Sanders, Evansville
 Michael J. Schaefer, Evansville
 Anju Singh, Evansville
 Matthew R. Spohn, Evansville
 Steven Thomas Stump, Wadesville
 Caitlin M. Talley, Carmi, Illinois
 Donna O'Reilly Teague, Evansville
 Yantao Zhu, Evansville

MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

James P. Bosley, Georgetown
 Deborah A. Bruner, Paoli

Justin Ray Burton, Bloomington
 Kimberly L. Field, Oakland City
 J. Keith Hiatt, II, Greenwood
 Wayne Meriwether, Henderson, Kentucky
 Sandee E. Strader-McMillen, Evansville

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Lori R. Harter, Evansville
 Miles J. Krieger, Greenville
 Kelly Ronea Salee, Newburgh
 Nicholas J. Tomes, Wadesville
 David S. Waterman, Evansville
 Michelle L. White, Evansville

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Melissa R. Allinder, Henderson, Kentucky
 Elementary Education
 Ryan J. Beck, Evansville
 Elementary Education
 Charlene Amy Christmas, Boonville
 Elementary Education
 Joel A. Claycomb, Evansville
 Secondary Education
 Marby Jo Cox, Santa Claus
 Elementary Education
 Sonya Gayle Farmer, Evansville
 Elementary Education
 Michele Lee Branson Gmutza, Evansville
 Elementary Education
 James W. Hamilton, III, Lake Station
 Secondary Education
 Jennifer A. Harpenau, Newburgh
 Elementary Education
 Kimberly G. Hite, Henderson, Kentucky
 Secondary Education
 Cathy Leigh Hoffman, Evansville
 Elementary Education
 Jessica Kay Huff, Evansville
 Secondary Education
 Stacey E. Hyslop, Evansville
 Elementary Education
 Neil J. Jones, Newburgh
 Elementary Education
 Jennifer N. Lamb, Evansville
 Secondary Education
 Joy Ann McBride, Newburgh
 Secondary Education
 Barbara R. Miller, Evansville
 Elementary Education

Scott M. Morgan, Rockport
 Elementary Education
 Yasumi Morikane, Kashihara, Japan
 Secondary Education
 Sarah L. Pace, Newburgh
 Secondary Education
 Heather J. Palmer, Winter Haven, Florida
 Elementary Education
 Tina M. Parker, Mount Vernon
 Elementary Education
 Lynn M. Price, Chrisney
 Elementary Education
 Lucinda D. Rinehart, Newburgh
 Elementary Education
 Cristina Redmon Sandefur, Henderson, Kentucky
 Elementary Education
 Soozie B. Scheller, Evansville
 Elementary Education
 Susan E. Schmitt, Wadesville
 Elementary Education
 Blake L. Schoen, Oxford
 Secondary Education
 Rebecca Noelle Tackett, Evansville
 Secondary Education
 Terri S. Theis, Tell City
 Secondary Education
 Jeremy David Villines, Evansville
 Secondary Education
 Buffy D. Wannemuehler, Mount Vernon
 Secondary Education
 Robert Allen White, Evansville
 Elementary Education
 Christina M. Willey, Alexandria
 Elementary Education
 Amanda C. Wilson, New Harmony
 Elementary Education
 Amy Lynn Wilson, Mount Vernon
 Secondary Education
 Carolyn S. Wuertz, Evansville
 Secondary Education

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT

Elissa Inez Bakke, Evansville

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Kelly C. Allen, Harrison, Arkansas
 Nursing Education
 Lacie S. Asher, Burley, Idaho
 Family Nurse Practitioner
 Brenda L. Boyer, Terre Haute
 Nursing Education

Judith A. Breeding, Seymour
Nursing Education

Kimberly Ann Burrow, Corydon, Kentucky
Family Nurse Practitioner

Ina Janette Chandler-Benge, Olaton, Kentucky
Family Nurse Practitioner

Mariah Kathryn Charles, Coulterville, Illinois
Family Nurse Practitioner

Susan L. Collman, Keyesport, Illinois
Nursing Education

Jan Wayment Davis, Ogden, Utah
Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Marinetta J. DeMoss, Evansville
Nursing Education

Kelly R. Derington, Paducah, Kentucky
Family Nurse Practitioner

Joyce A. Deutsch, Williamstown, Massachusetts
Nursing Management and Leadership

Amy Marie Dziewiatka, New Albany, Ohio
Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Deborah A. Elliott, Anna, Illinois
Family Nurse Practitioner

Jennifer Lynn Ellis, Danville, Illinois
Nursing Education

Carol Jean Etienne, Tell City
Family Nurse Practitioner

Kristie N. Friedrich, Murray, Kentucky
Family Nurse Practitioner

Jennifer L. Gamache, Newburgh
Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Sarah M. Gillaspie, Des Moines, Iowa
Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Leslie Ann Gray, Westfield
Nursing Management and Leadership

Bridget R. Hargus, Petersburg
Family Nurse Practitioner

Semise Raivette Harrison-Gary, Evansville
Family Nurse Practitioner

Terri D. Heath, Symsonia, Kentucky
Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Tonya S. Heim, Holland
Nursing Management and Leadership

Ann Marie Held, Oaktown
Family Nurse Practitioner

Karen Higdon, Louisville, Kentucky
Nursing Management and Leadership

Kimberly A. Jackson, Mount Vernon
Family Nurse Practitioner

Mary Ellen Jarvis, Newburgh
Family Nurse Practitioner

Lisa Ann Jennings, Columbia, Missouri
Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Sheila A. Jensen, Evansville
Family Nurse Practitioner

Ashley Rebecca Johnson, Columbus
Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Lauren J. Johnson-Lavender, Mashpee, Massachusetts
Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Millicent E. Kadner, Murray, Kentucky
Family Nurse Practitioner

Stephanie Brent Krampe, Henderson, Kentucky
Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Shannon L. Kratzer, Santa Claus
Family Nurse Practitioner

Jill Ann Krug, Evansville
Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Ross P. Ledgerwood, Golden, Colorado
Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Daniel Scott Lucky, Modesto, California
Family Nurse Practitioner

Alisha Noel Mack, South Bend
Family Nurse Practitioner

Noadiah D. Malott, Noblesville, Kansas
Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Vivian L. Marks, Alto Pass, Illinois
Family Nurse Practitioner

April Mitchell McLevain, Henderson, Kentucky
Family Nurse Practitioner

Lisa Gail Motch, Salem, Illinois
Nursing Education

Cristina D. Myers, Ashley, Illinois
Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Joel F. Nagel, Fort Wayne
Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Melody Sue Oeth, Mount Vernon
Family Nurse Practitioner

Brian M. Payne, Whitesville, Kentucky
Family Nurse Practitioner

Nora Lea Paysour, Crouse, North Carolina
Family Nurse Practitioner

Terence Michael Pinkston, Springfield, Missouri
Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Donna J. Purviance, Terre Haute
Family Nurse Practitioner

Sara E. Reckelhoff, Ferdinand
Family Nurse Practitioner

Montra Elayne Reinhardt, Ellettsville
Nursing Education

Melissa L. Reintjes, Sullivan
Family Nurse Practitioner

Kristy J. Richardson, Fort Wayne
Family Nurse Practitioner

Kristy M. Robertson, Hawesville, Kentucky
Family Nurse Practitioner

Natalie J. Scherle, Jasper
Family Nurse Practitioner

Jayma C. Schmidt, Evansville
Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Ashley R. Senning, Evansville
Family Nurse Practitioner

Stacey Kaye Snyder, Newburgh
Family Nurse Practitioner

Deborah Susan Sullivan, Harrisburg, Illinois
Family Nurse Practitioner

Judith Ann Tape, Vallonia
Family Nurse Practitioner

Janet L. Todd, North Vernon
Nursing Education

Janie J. Tompson, Olney, Illinois
Family Nurse Practitioner

Shirley A. Utley, Providence, Kentucky
Nursing Education

Mark Aaron Washam, Florence, Kentucky
Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Derek M. West, Newburgh
Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Bruce R. Williams, Spurgeon
Nursing Management and Leadership

Jane Kitchens Williams, Madison
Nursing Education

Kristin Leann Yosanovich, Christopher, Illinois
Nursing Education

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**

Amanda L. Bacon, Gentryville

Erica D. Ballard, Evansville

Ayres Ray Baltzell, Evansville

Andrew J. Bender, Saint Meinrad

Brittany Elise Bender, Fort Branch

Cassandra Elaine Berney, Goshen

Ashlee Marie Brehm, Fort Wayne

Nicole L. Doherty, Jasper

Sarah J. Eller, Evansville

Lindsey Anne Fleck, Vincennes

Kaydee Alene Funkhouser, Grayville, Illinois

Robert Mathew Hays, Henderson, Kentucky

Beth Renee Heisler, Henderson, Kentucky

Lauren D. Hobbs, Evansville

Keegan Drew Humphrey, Indianapolis

Alexis A. Jackson, Evansville

Kristy G. Jenkins, Waverly, Kentucky

Nicole Marie Jolly, Merrillville

Emily E. Lewis, Valparaiso

Holly Nicole Mattox, Loogootee

Sabrina N. McIntire, Mount Carmel, Illinois

Amber N. Moody, Evansville

Amanda Hendricks Noel, Russellville, Kentucky

Angela Kay Oglesby, Raleigh, Illinois

Sarah Elizabeth Reffett, Evansville

Kirsten Marie Schuster, Crown Point

Jesse R. Tibbs, Cisne, Illinois

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Audra Leigh Bartelt, Jasper

Meredith L. Bean, Evansville

Janet J. Bett, Evansville

Cassandra A. Brockman, Saint Meinrad

Jacqueline Nicole Buzzard, Vincennes

Megan M. Castlen, Owensboro, Kentucky

Bobbie DeeAnn Cuffle, West Terre Haute

Shayona Jane Davis, Marion

Cassidy Davette Dearborn, Paoli

Stacey Lynn Easley, Evansville

Jessica M. Fail, New Castle
 Stephen Y. Ferguson, Newburgh
 Jonathan D. Finch, Bloomington
 Rebekah Marie Fisher, Evansville
 Amber Nichole Freels, Evansville
 Wendy L. Freeman, Evansville
 Tina Marie Gantz, Demotte
 Christopher E. Garnica, Evansville
 Randa D. Gatling, Evansville
 Jennifer Ann Gibson, Henderson, Kentucky
 Andrea Denise Harrawood, McLeansboro, Illinois
 Marcey L. Head-Vanpell, Evansville

Nancy M. Hill, Dale
 John A. Ireland, Evansville
 Mallory A. Jahn, Jasper
 Meghann O. Jeffries, Evansville
 Kristen J. Kassenbrock, Evansville
 Rachael Marie Kennedy, Newburgh
 Angie C. Kessinger, Evansville
 Marquette Lashel King, Evansville
 Candace O. Landmark, Evansville
 Amie Elizabeth Miller, Newburgh
 Brianna M. Miller, Evansville
 Melissa A. Oesch, Olney, Illinois

Jennifer M. Rue, Jasper
 Katie Diane Scheller, Evansville
 Christopher Allan Seibert, Evansville
 Ann L. Stutz Smith, Evansville
 Laura M. Symon, Evansville
 Jena McKenzie Thomason, Albion, Illinois
 Kyla M. Vaught, Evansville
 Britney Marie Wagler, Montgomery
 Linda B. Walters, Evansville
 Brooke Elizabeth Winiger, Evansville

POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATES

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Brian K. Ankenbrand, Fort Branch
 Professional Accountancy
 Jason Alan Cunningham, Evansville
 Professional Accountancy
 Kelly R. DeCarli, Evansville
 Professional Accountancy
 Laura A. Felker, Madisonville, Kentucky
 Professional Accountancy
 Steven H. Halber, Evansville
 Professional Accountancy

Paul S. Johnson, Henderson, Kentucky
 Professional Accountancy
 Angela Dawn Jones, Evansville
 Professional Accountancy
 Kyle Andrew Overby, Providence, Kentucky
 Professional Accountancy
 Charles W. Pride, Jr., Newburgh
 Professional Accountancy

Ryan E. Rapp, New Harmony
 Professional Accountancy
 Marietta F. Salmon, Evansville
 Professional Accountancy
 Kevin Michael Shelley, Evansville
 Professional Accountancy
 Eric E. Williams, Henderson, Kentucky
 Professional Accountancy

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Janell C. Bogle, Huntingburg
 Business Education
 Jessica Lynn Bellian, Greenwood
 Marketing
 Andrea Ashby Buescher, Vincennes
 Marketing
 Christoph Michael Burger, Wasserburg, Germany
 Management, *magna cum laude*
 Jonathan D. Coutts, Georgetown
 Business Administration
 Rebecca E. Dossett, Evansville
 Business Administration
 Gregory Kirk Eberhart, Crown Point
 Business Administration
 Katelyn E. Gasser, Huntingburg
 Accounting and Professional Services
 Louis David Gilliam, Indianapolis
 Business Administration
 Sarah Helen Hamilton, Evansville
 Accounting and Professional Services
 Lauren Nicole Ingle, Evansville
 Accounting and Professional Services,
magna cum laude
 Ahmet Karaagac, Evansville
 Marketing
 Amanda Ann Kloepfel, Lafayette
 Economics, *magna cum laude*

Brandon James Ladley, Evansville
 Accounting and Professional Services
 Kayla Lynn Leffler, Corydon
 Accounting and Professional Services,
magna cum laude
 Brittney Renee Luna, New Harmony
 Marketing
 Brian J. Marchino, Newburgh
 Accounting and Professional Services,
magna cum laude
 Anna Elizabeth Mason, Evansville
 Finance and Accounting
 and Professional Services
 Wendy Leigh McWilliams, Cynthiana
 Accounting and Professional Services,
magna cum laude
 Krista L. Schmitt, Jasper
 Marketing
 Jennifer L. Simpson, Evansville
 Business Administration
 Nicholas R. Sternberg, Jasper
 Finance
 Kathleen Elise Stoltenberg, Indianapolis
 Marketing
 Stephanie Lynn Wall, Avon
 Management
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Commencement Traditions

Presidential Medallion

During the Middle Ages, medallions signified membership in religious orders and guilds and, 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. The University of Southern Indiana Presidential Medallion signifies the authority invested in the president.

Fabricated in bronze, the Presidential Medallion celebrates the 1995 inauguration of President H. Ray Hoops. At its center the bronze medallion bears a three-inch reproduction of the University seal, surrounded by a half-inch rim; on the back of the medallion are the names and dates of appointment of the University's presidents. During today's ceremony, a replica of the Presidential Medallion will be presented to Jamie L. Johnson. This is the highest honor given to a graduating senior.

University Seal

The University seal 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 carrying 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, 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 the walking cane of Richard Owen (1810-1890) serves as the centerpiece of the University mace. A respected geologist and professor of natural science at Indiana University, Owen became the first president of Purdue University. He was a son of Robert Owen (1771-1858), 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 and, through the generosity of his descendant Kenneth D. Owen, served as the Grand Marshal's staff until the mace was fabricated for the University's first Presidential Inauguration in 1995.

Designed and fabricated by Nicholas Logsdon of Indianapolis, the University mace encloses a replica of the Owen cane and is gold-plated. At the top,

above the cane's golden head, an open orb holds a replica of the University seal. The free-flowing design of the orb symbolizes the interrelationships among all academic disciplines. Below the cane's tip are three golden rings engraved with the names and appointment dates of the University presidents. A finial at the tip of the cane bears the names of Kenneth Dale Owen, Jane Blaffer Owen, and James A. Sanders, donors of the mace.

Designed and created by alumnus Kenny Fisher '77, the replica of the cane and the base are made of walnut from the Owen mansion built in New Harmony during the 1830s. The University mace is cared for by Paul F. Groeninger, Master Jeweler.

Gonfalons

Gonfalons, ceremonial flags, originated in the Middle Ages for military and civil processions. They often appeared beneath the steel head of a knight's lance. In Italy, gonfalons designated Italian republics; and the bearer, or gonfalonier, served as chief magistrate or held other high office. The University of Southern Indiana gonfalons represent each of the academic units of the institution, and they are carried by deans or department heads. Gonfalon colors derive from traditional colors for academic disciplines in each college. The University's commencement gonfalons are a gift from the USI Bookstore.

Academic Dress

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 and administrative staff 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 today's ceremony, master's degree candidates will receive hoods distinctive to their degrees.

Baccalaureate Scholarship Honors

The baccalaureate degree candidate graduating with the highest scholarship index is graduated *summa cum laude*. Baccalaureate students graduating with a scholarship index of 3.80 or higher are graduated *magna cum laude*. Those with a scholarship index between 3.60 and 3.80 are graduated *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 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 today's ceremony by the white honor cords worn with their regalia.

Alumni Association Pins

Graduates in today's ceremony are receiving lapel pins with the University logo as a gift from the University of Southern Indiana Alumni Association.

Photography During Ceremony

A commercial photographer is taking photographs of each graduate as he/she shakes hands on stage. Each graduate will receive a proof from which duplicates can be ordered. Family members who wish to take still or video photographs during the ceremony are asked to use the restricted area on the floor. Security guards will ask those who block aisles in the stands or occupy the area behind the stage to move. Your cooperation ensures the dignity of the Commencement ceremony.

Commemorative DVD

In response to requests from graduates and families, a high-quality commemorative DVD of today's ceremony is being produced by the USI Office of Instructional Technology Services in cooperation with the USI Alumni Association. The DVD includes the entire ceremony, depicting each graduate receiving a diploma cover, as well as candid behind-the-scenes shots. To order a DVD (\$20 each), call 800/813-4238 or 812/464-1924.



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