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1,300 USI students will participate in Commencement 2000

Approximately 1,300 students will be eligible to receive master's, bachelor's, and associate degrees at the University of Southern Indiana's 2000 Commencement, to be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at Roberts Stadium. Graduates will arrive at 6 p.m. for graduation check-in and robbing. Graduates will assemble in the loading area in the lower level of the stadium.

In the class of 2000, seven will graduate summa cum laude with perfect 4.0 grade point averages, 71 who will graduate magna cum laude, and 90 who will graduate cum laude. The summa cum laude graduates are elementary education major Emily J. Bell of Hagerstown; nursing major Teri L. Engle of Vincennes; social science teaching major Mary Jo Hagedorn of Tell City; math major David G. Niles of Evansville; political science major Kimberly A. Wells of New Harmony; occupational therapy major Jill M. Zimmerman of Sunman; and accounting major Jill M. Welden of Morganfield, Kentucky.

Dr. David Hamburg, president emeritus of Carnegie Foundation and a 1942 graduate of Benjamin Bosse High School, will deliver the Commencement address. Dr. Hamburg also will be awarded an honorary doctorate degree in recognition of his achievements in research, medical, and psychiatric fields. He served as the Carnegie Foundation's eleventh president from 1982 to 1997. Under his leadership the work of the foundation focused on education and health development of children and youth, human resources in developing countries, and international security issues.

Other special honors at the 2000 Commencement are honorary degrees awarded to Ira T. Neal, a local educator, and Betty Rice, USI's founding first lady. Dr. John Gottcent professor of English, will receive the National City Bank Distinguished Professor Award. The President's Medal will be awarded to Jill M. Welden, an accounting major.