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**Dr. David Hamburg to address USI Class of 2000;  
honors to go to Hamburg, Ira Neal, and Betty Rice**

President emeritus of Carnegie Foundation David Hamburg, an Evansville native who graduated from Bosse High School in 1942, will bring the University of Southern Indiana's Commencement address on Saturday, May 6 at Roberts Stadium.

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.

A psychiatrist who graduated from Indiana University, Dr. Hamburg has long been concerned with the problems of human aggression and violence, especially with violence prevention and conflict resolution. He directed the adult psychiatry branch of the National Institutes of Health from 1958 to 1961 and served as professor and chair of the department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Stanford University for the next 11 years. Beginning in 1975 he was president of the Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences and later was named the director of the division of health policy research and education and John D. MacArthur Professor of Health Policy at Harvard University. He served as president and then chairman of the board of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Dr. Hamburg is a member of President Clinton's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology and a visiting professor at Harvard Medical School's department of social medicine. The author of *Today's Children: Creating a Future for a Generation in Crisis*, (1992), Dr. Hamburg has concentrated on child and adolescent development in recent years.

Dr. Hamburg received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, in 1996.

A Doctor of Laws degree will be conferred on Ira T. Neal in recognition of his achievements and his public service to the African American community both locally and in the Midwest.

Dr. Neal attended secondary school in Memphis and earned a bachelor's degree from University of Evansville, a master's degree from Indiana University, and a doctorate in education from Nova Southeastern University in Florida.

In his career as an educator he has worked with the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation as teacher, director of federally-funded projects, and coordinator of cultural diversity activities. His responsibilities have extended to human relations, race relations, conflict resolution, affirmative action programs, staff development, and the recruitment of minority personnel for the school corporation. He also has been a trustee of Vincennes University and a member of the IU Medical Center Advisory Committee.

As director of the Head Start Program and Community Action Program of Evansville, Dr. Neal has provided development services for low-income preschool children and social services for their families. Currently he coordinates the African American Academy, a Saturday morning enrichment program; Project S.E.T. (Students Exploring Teaching); and the Math Peer Tutoring program.

His work in minority recruiting and social service efforts have earned him the NAACP Education Committee Service Award, the Black Leadership Conference Civil Right Award, and the Kappa Alpha Psi Humanitarian Award. A sought-after leader, he has served on the Police Merit Commission, the Vanderburgh County Judicial Nominating Commission, and the Greater Evansville Community Foundation.

He is a member of New Hope Baptist Church and he and his wife Jacqueline have one adult daughter.

The University also will confer a Doctor of Laws degree on Mrs. Betty Rice, USI's founding First Lady who helped develop the University. Armed with little more than vision and her boundless energy, Mrs. Rice served as official University hostess and special events planner greeting faculty, students, and community leaders in the Rice home during the first 15 years her husband, Dr. David Rice, served as chief executive officer for the University. She helped to establish student life programs on the campus including Greek-letter organizations, Madrigal dinners, and other cultural events. When the Rices moved to the University Home in 1983, Mrs. Rice continued in her role as official hostess, entertaining University friends and faculty, community organizations, and University guests. She served in that role until Dr. Rice retired in 1994.

For more than three decades, Mrs. Rice has served dozens of community organizations including the boards of directors of the Raintree Council Girl Scouts, American Association of University Women, United Way of Southwestern Indiana, YWCA, Evansville Home Economists, Extension Homemakers, Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra, Posey County Community Foundation, Operation City Beautiful, and Westwood Garden Club. She has held leadership offices with many of these.

An avid gardener, Mrs. Rice was owner of Peckenpaugh's Garden Center in Evansville for several years. In retirement, she continues to volunteer daily at the Girl Scout Office. She serves on the executive committee of the USI-New Harmony Foundation Board and the Posey County Community Foundation Board. She and Dr. Rice now live in New Harmony.

Mrs. Rice earned bachelor's and master's degrees in home economics from Purdue University. In 1981 she received the Purdue University "Service to Others Award," the highest award given to an outstanding alumnus.