

**USI'S FIRST GROUP OF  
PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
RECIPIENTS TO GRADUATE**

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It was just four years ago that University and USI Foundation officials devised the scholarship program that would bring many of Indiana's brightest and best to the University of Southern Indiana.

They established the Presidential Scholarship for Hoosier valedictorians and salutatorians. The award assures students the cost of tuition fees, books, and room and board at USI will be met, a potential of nearly \$20,000 over four years.

Fourteen of that original group will receive degrees at the 1992 Commencement ceremony. A 15th member -- Bethany Nuss Gallion of Louisville, formerly of Brownstown -- became the first to graduate in 1991, having completed her studies in just under three years. A recipient of the Margaret Henderson Blair Presidential Scholarship, she was 1988 valedictorian at Brownstown Central and graduated magna cum laude from USI with a B.S. in mathematics.

Another '88 Presidential Scholar, Laura L. Huber of Cannelton, will graduate summa cum laude this year. Huber is an elementary education major who has maintained a 3.987 grade point average (in a 4.0 system). She was valedictorian of the 1988 graduating class at Cannelton High School and is the daughter of Thomas T. and Jane R. Huber of Woodland Heights in Cannelton, Indiana. She also is a cousin of USI Trustee J. David Huber.

The 1992 honors graduates include 32 at the magna cum laude (3.8 GPA and above) level and 61 at the cum laude (3.6 and above) level. Twelve of them are Presidential Scholars. Besides Huber, the '88 Scholars who graduate in '92 include:

**Paula J. Baughn** - B.A. communications, cum laude; Evansville Central High School valedictorian; daughter of Robert and Laura Baughn, 4112 Kensington. Baughn has worked at the campus newspaper, *The Shield*, serving as sports editor, staff writer, and photographer, and since October, has been a reporter at *The*

*Evansville Press*. She won the Courier Journalism Award in 1991 and the Academic Achievement Award in Journalism in 1992.

**Debra Seifrig Dauby** - B.A. mathematics, cum laude; Perry Central valedictorian; she lives in St. Meinrad and is the daughter of Bonita S. Myers

of NC 70, Siberia. She is a member of the Golden Key national honor society.

**Pamela S. Graper** - B.S. accounting, cum laude; Wood Memorial (Oakland City) salutatorian; daughter of Ralph and Patsy Graper, RR 2, Princeton. Graper is a member of

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Golden Key national honor society; vice president of the Accounting Club, and treasurer of the Economics/Finance Club and the USI Personnel Club.

**Christopher W. Green** - B.A. accounting, cum laude; Borden High School salutatorian; son of Beverly S. Greenwell and Donald W. Green of rural Borden. A student worker at USI, he is a member of Golden Key national honor society and the Accounting Club; he also has won an IMA Scholarship and a Scholastic Excellence Award. His wife, Candice Star Green, formerly of RR 2, Borden, will graduate cum laude with a B.A. in elementary education.

**Melinda G. Grooms** - B.S. accounting, magna cum laude; Boonville valedictorian; daughter of Kenneth and Linda Grooms, 4988 State Road 62 West, Boonville. She is president of the USI Economics/Finance Club; vice president of Golden Key honor society; treasurer of Alpha Chi honor society and the Inter-Business Council, fund-raising chairman for the Student Alumni Association; and a member of the Accounting Club and AMIGOs (Ask Me I Give Orientation).

**Thad M. Immel** - B.S. elementary education, magna cum laude; Goshen Fairfield valedictorian; son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Immel, 19227 Tarman, New Paris.

**Anita F. Lengacher** - B.S. elementary education, magna cum laude; Barr-Reeve salutatorian; daughter of Samuel and Anna Lois Lengacher, RR 3, Washington. She has been a math tutor at USI and an intramural coordinator for student housing.

**Kimberly L. Mathews** - B.S. business administration; New Harmony salutatorian; daughter of James and Karen Mathews, RR 2, New Harmony. An employee of the Old Mill Mart in New Harmony, she is treasurer of the USI Marketing Club and a member of APICS and the Activities Programming Board. She also has received the Scholastic Excellence Award.

**Lisa May** - B.A. English and German, magna cum laude; Owen Valley valedictorian; daughter of Larry and Carol May, RR 3, Spencer. She was active with USI Playmakers. May has a scholarship to attend an intensive program in German this summer in Portland, Oregon, and will

enter graduate school next fall, to study German at the University of Iowa.

**Patrick E. McDonald** - B.S. biology and pre-med; Portage salutatorian; son of Linda McDonald, 2385 Dixie Drive, Portage, and Edward R. McDonald. He has been active in track, cross country, and intramural sports at USI.

**Stacy Bowman Pierson** - B.A. chemistry, cum laude; Crawford County Junior-Senior valedictorian; she and her husband, Michael, live at 8047A O'Daniel, Evansville; she formerly lived at RR 1, Marengo.

**Lana R. Stoll** - B.S. biology, magna cum laude; Washington valedictorian; she is the daughter of Darrell R. and Frances Stoll, RR 3, Washington. Stoll transferred to Indiana University this year, where she completed her senior year requirements and began her first year in the IU School of Dentistry.

**Stacey Summers** - B.S. accounting, cum laude; Crawford County Junior-Senior salutatorian; daughter of Richard and Carolyn Summers, RR 1, Birdseye.

Since 1988, donors from Evansville and Jasper have honored Hoosier excellence by providing the Presidential Scholarships for more than 60 valedictorians and salutatorians. There now are three endowed scholarships and 19 four-year named awards, with the balance coming from a Presidential Scholarship fund assuring that the students' needs will be met. Six '92 graduates received four-year named scholarships -- Bristol-Myers Squibb Presidential Scholarships: Paula J. Baughn, Lisa May, Patrick J. McDonald; Citizens National Bank of Evansville Presidential Scholarship: Stacy Bowman Pierson; National City Bank of Evansville Presidential Scholarship: Melinda G. Grooms; and Old National Bank of Evansville Presidential Scholarship: Lana Stoll -- while the rest came from the scholarship fund.