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President's Medal to be awarded at USI Commencement

MaryBeth* Cable, a communications major who will graduate from the University of Southern Indiana in May, has been selected by the Student Academic Affairs committee to receive the 1999 President's Medal, the highest honor bestowed on a graduating senior. The daughter of Roddick and Paulette Cable of Crown Point, Indiana, she will receive the President's Medal during USI Commencement at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 8, at Roberts Stadium. The medal bears a replica of the University Seal.

Cable graduated with high honors from Crown Point High School in 1995 and has been a Dean's List student throughout her career at USI. She was a USI Honors Symposium participant and is a member of Alpha Chi Honorary Society and Golden Key National Honor Society. Cable was selected by Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and was a finalist for the student representative position with the Indiana Commission for Higher Education.

Cable served as executive vice president of the USI Student Government Association. She is a member of the Public Relations Student Society of America, Student Housing Association, Student Alumni Association, the Student Publications University Committee, and the student orientation staff.

Cable will receive a Bachelor of Arts in communications with an emphasis in public relations. Her sister, Nicole Cable Hume, received the President's Medal in 1997.

Cable was one of six finalists for the award. The other graduating seniors nominated were Melissa Chambers, Linton; Dina Shipley, Patoka; Keri Stein, Salem, Illinois; David Stephens, Evansville; and Andrew Yochum, Vincennes.

Melissa Chambers, a 1994 graduate of White Water Valley High School, is the daughter of Marlita Chambers and the late Greg Chambers of Linton.

Chambers will graduate with honors with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

Her academic honors and awards include the Scholastic Excellence Award for every semester at USI, and the Liberal Arts Scholastic Achievement Award. She was a candidate for the 1999 Honors Symposium. Chambers has been on the Dean's List throughout her academic career at USI. She is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society and the Sigma Tau Delta National English Honor Society.

Dina Shipley, a 1982 graduate of Dixon High School, is the wife of Leonard Shipley of Patoka.



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Shipley will graduate with honors receiving a Bachelor of Science in communications with a minor in English. She will be certified to teach in middle school and at the secondary level.

She received the Bill Sands Special Communications Award in Communications Education. Shipley has been a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society throughout her career at USI.

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She is a member of Alpha Chi Honorary Society and Sigma Tau Delta National English Honor Society.

Keri Stein, a 1995 graduate of Salem Community High School, is the daughter of Margaret and Darrell Stein of Salem, Illinois.

Stein will graduate magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in occupational therapy.

Her academic honors and awards include the Illinois Elk Scholarship for Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy student every year from 1995 through 1999 and the USI Activities Programming Board Scholastic Achievement Award. Stein was on the Dean's List throughout her academic career at USI and was selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

She was president of the Activities Programming Board. Stein is a member of the Student Housing Association and the Student Ambassadors.

David Stephens, is a 1978 graduate of North High School, is the husband of Tana Stephens of Evansville.

Stephens will graduate magna cum laude receiving a Bachelor of Science in art.

He is a member of Alpha Chi Honorary Society and Golden Key National Honor Society.

Stephens is a member of the Evansville Astronomical Society and Bethel Temple.

Andrew Yochum, 1995 valedictorian of South Knox High School, is the son of Ruth and Thomas Yochum of Vincennes.

Yochum will graduate magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in biology and a minor in pre-medicine.

He is a Presidential Scholar and was selected for Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Yochum is a member of Alpha Chi Honorary Society, Golden Key Honor Society, and Sigma Zeta fraternity.

Yochum is president of the Student Alumni Association and a member of the USI Science and Ecology Club.

*Her name has no space (MaryBeth)