



2009

COMMENCEMENT

EXERCISES

December 12, 2009

Order of the 2009 Fall 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

Jennifer A. Briggs, *Associate Registrar*

Linda L. Cleek, *Associate Dean of Extended Services*

Sandy K. Farmer, *Registrar*

Mary Jo Harper, *Director of Student Financial Assistance*

Pamela F. Hopson, *Director of Multicultural Center*

Nancy L. Johnson, *Director of Alumni and Volunteer Services*

Eric H. Otto, *Director of Admission*

Tracy Sinn, *Assistant Registrar*

Kira N. Vaal, *Assistant Director of Alumni and Volunteer Services*

Andrew J. Zellers, *Assistant Registrar*

Welcome and Introductions

Linda L. M. Bennett, *President*

Reflection

Karyn Z. Sproles, *Director of Faculty Development, Professor of English*

The Commencement Address

Kevin J. Valadares, *Associate Professor of Health Services/Administration,
2009 Integra Bank Distinguished Professor*

Conferral of Degrees

Linda L. M. Bennett, *President*

Assisted by Nadine A. Coudret, *Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

Presentation of Graduates

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

Master Degrees

Graduate Studies

Linda L. M. Bennett, *President*

Awarding of Hoods

Peggy Harrel, *Director of Graduate 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

Ann H. White, *Interim Dean, Professor of Nursing*

Pott College of Science and Engineering

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

Associate Degrees

Nadine A. Coudret, *Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

Recessional

Evansville Brass Quintet

Kevin J. Valadares Will Bring Commencement Address



Dr. Kevin J. Valadares

Dr. Kevin J. Valadares, associate professor of Health Services and Health Administration, will bring today's Commencement address. He received the 2009 Integra Bank Distinguished Professor Award. It is a University tradition for the recipient to deliver the fall Commencement address.

Dr. Valadares joined the faculty in 2001. He is the director of the undergraduate program in health services and the Master of Science in Health Administration program. He has been selected as one of five visiting professors to teach at Harlaxton College in Grantham, England, during his sabbatical in the spring semester. He will teach courses on issues and trends in healthcare systems, ethics, and bioethics.

An associate professor of health services and health administration, Dr. Valadares is continuing research into generational differences of physicians. He has studied a trend indicating that younger physicians are more interested in striking a balance between their personal and professional lives than physicians of older generations. While in England he will investigate whether the trend holds true among British primary physicians.

Dr. Valadares is one of the USI representatives who attended the Association of University Programs for Health Administration's annual meeting to support the health services program's self-study in a face-to-face panel review. The USI program was awarded certification, one among 41 of 175 undergraduate programs that have attained AUPHA certification.

He is a member of USI's strategic planning committee and has led the effort, through video reflections and directions by USI faculty and staff, to tell the USI story.

Active in the life of the University, he serves on faculty committees and sits on consulting boards for numerous community agencies including Seaton Hall, the Women's Hospital, St. Mary's Health System, and WNIN, the local public broadcasting station.

Through his teaching and research, he prepares students to work in today's changing healthcare environment. He is a leader in using technology to enhance student learning activities, with emphasis on responding to human need.

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

University of Southern Indiana
Candidates for Degrees
Class of 2009

10 a.m. Ceremony

Master Degrees

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Sarah J. A. Allen, Mount Vernon
Adam D. Burris, Evansville
Nabil Elabra, Evansville
Jonathan Heath Hatfield, Morganfield, Kentucky
Marshay Nicquel Jolly, Merrillville
Richard A. Koester, Henderson, Kentucky
Swapnil Lodha, Evansville
Jessica Marie Paul, Poseyville
Svetlana R. Phipps, Evansville
Melissa Denise Popp, Winslow
Brooks Robert Ranard, Princeton
Sherry Lynn Rhodes, Evansville
Laban P. Roth, Evansville

Joshua David Schuler, Evansville
Andrew T. Skodinski, Evansville
Kendra L. Vanzo, Haubstadt
Joyce E. Will, Evansville
Jason L. Williams, Newburgh

MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Patrick L. Burdsall, West Lafayette
Carol Cloud, Evansville
Bradley Huston Gant, Evansville
Nicholas Aaron Harley, Owensboro, Kentucky
Paul F. Hawa, Evansville
Jennifer Lynn Roberts, Owensboro, Kentucky
Lori Ann Roth, Evansville
Janie Carol Swedenburg, Evansville

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Deborah A. Elliott, Anna, Illinois
Nursing Education
Tonya S. Heim, Holland
Nursing Management and Leadership
Lori B. Maloy, Aspen, Colorado
Nursing Management and Leadership
Vivian Marks, Alto Pass, Illinois
Nursing Education
Tracy L. Phillips, Paducah, Kentucky
Nursing Management and Leadership

Post-Baccalaureate Certificates

College of Business

Katie R. Aurs, Evansville
Professional Accountancy
Matthew R. Brinkmann, Newburgh
Professional Accountancy
Misty L. Massey, Evansville
Professional Accountancy
Brant S. Miller, LeMars, Iowa
Professional Accountancy

Dumitra L. Pascu, Newburgh
Professional Accountancy
David M. Smith, Boonville
Professional Accountancy
Donald O. Stucki, Evansville
Professional Accountancy

Sumathi Thanikaivelan, Evansville
Professional Accountancy
Jason Alan Todd, Evansville
Professional Accountancy
Zachariah D. Zirkelbach, Evansville
Professional Accountancy

Baccalaureate Degrees

College of Business

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Amy L. Beard, Newburgh
Economics and Spanish, UNIVERSITY
HONORS SCHOLAR
Amanda N. Becker, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services
Nikki L. Bullock, Newburgh
Business Administration
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Business Administration
Rebecca E. Dossett, Evansville
Business Administration
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Marketing
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Management
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Accounting and Professional Services
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Lauren A. Abbott, Palmyra
Accounting and Professional Services
and Finance
Janessa L. Arney, Henderson, Kentucky
Business Administration
David W. Batey, Evansville
Computer Science
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Business Administration

Christopher L. Bobbitt, Evansville
Business Administration
Austin D. Bolton, Jasper
Management
Ryan Keith Botsch, Carmi, Illinois
Accounting and Professional Services
Brett Allen Bunner, Evansville
Management
Kyle J. Campbell, Evansville
Marketing
Paul Vincent De Guzman Castillo, Manila,
Philippines
Business Administration
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Finance
Mandy Ranae Chinn, Evansville
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Business Administration
Jacob Robert Clawson, Evansville
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Joseph D. Collins, Rockport
Business Administration
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Computer Science
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Accounting and Professional Services
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Marketing
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Business Administration

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Business Administration
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Accounting and Professional Services,
magna cum laude
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Accounting and Professional Services,
cum laude
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Amanda L. Fidler, Sandborn
Marketing
Julia Marie Fischer, Saint Meinrad
Finance
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Business Administration
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Management
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Accounting and Professional Services, *cum laude*
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Business Administration
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Marketing
Angela R. Goepfner, Jasper
Business Administration
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Business Administration
Michele R. Graham, Chandler
Accounting and Professional Services,
magna cum laude

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Finance and Accounting and
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Business Administration

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Accounting and Professional Services

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Accounting and Professional Services

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Finance

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Accounting and Professional Services and
Finance, *magna cum laude*

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Business Administration

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Business Administration

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Marketing

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Finance

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Management

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Finance

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Computer Information Systems

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Marketing

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Business Administration

Denise Rodgers, Princeton
Marketing

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Accounting and Professional Services,
magna cum laude

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Computer Information Systems

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Finance

Lynn M. Schmitt, Evansville
Management

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Accounting and Professional Services,
summa cum laude

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Finance, *cum laude*

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Accounting and Professional Services

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Marketing

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Business Administration

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Finance

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Accounting and Professional Services

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Management

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Accounting and Professional Services,
cum laude

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Management

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Marketing

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Business Administration

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Management

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Accounting and Professional Services

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Marketing

Jeannie Denise Woodside, Henderson, Kentucky
Accounting and Professional Services

Collette Lyn Woody, Park Falls, Wisconsin
Business Administration

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Accounting and Professional Services

College of Nursing and Health Professions

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Health Services, *cum laude*

Rachel E. Beckley, Moores Hill
Health Services

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Food and Nutrition

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Health Services

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Health Services, *cum laude*

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Health Services

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Health Services

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Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

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Health Services

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Health Services

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Health Services, *cum laude*

Cathy Lynn Gross, Evansville
Health Services, *magna cum laude*

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Dental Hygiene

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Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

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Health Services, *cum laude*

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Health Services

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Health Services

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Health Services, *cum laude*

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Health Services

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Health Services

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Health Services

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Food and Nutrition, *cum laude*

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Health Services
Toni Lee Warren, Brownstown
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College of Science and Engineering

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Angela Jane Helm, Evansville
Mathematics

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Michelle L. Bryant, Owensboro, Kentucky
Biology
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Mathematics, *magna cum laude*
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Industrial Supervision
Christopher P. Drone, Eldorado, Illinois
Science Teaching
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Biology
Aaron Lee Garner, Evansville
Industrial Supervision

Dawn Michelle King, Evansville
Biophysics
Rhen M. Koester, Wadesville
Industrial Supervision
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Biology
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Biology
Breanna E. Meeks, Evansville
Mathematics
Austin K. Miller, Evansville
Biology
Zachary Thomas Moorman, Corydon
Geology
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Alexander S. Pund, Troy
Science Teaching
Christopher M. Pyle, Evansville
Biology
Taylor I. Sellers, Mount Vernon
Geology

Drew Camden Smith, Indianapolis
Mathematics
Dustin J. Stolz, Evansville
Geology, *magna cum laude*
Bryan M. Will, Wadesville
Industrial Supervision
Zachary Wayne Will, Evansville
Mathematics
Nathaniel Ryan Xanders, Saint Meinrad
Mathematics

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING

James A. Diaz, Evansville
Hunter D. Fields, Newburgh
Garrett Wayne Mitchell, Evansville
Jason Daniel Nix, Evansville
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Associate Degrees

College of Business

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Nicole E. Clifford, Elberfeld
Business
Jason A. Estes, Newburgh
Business

Adonna C. Hardy, Evansville
Business
Morgan Rae Haskins, Evansville
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Business

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Business
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Business

College of Nursing and Health Professions

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

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Occupational Therapy Assistant
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Occupational Therapy Assistant
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Occupational Therapy Assistant
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Occupational Therapy Assistant
Lisa R. Brown, Evansville
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Occupational Therapy Assistant
Stefanie R. Kelley, Evansville
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Robert A. Lawrence, Rockport
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Leslie Ann Martin, Evansville
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Erin Leigh Meadows, Bedford
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Erica D. Melton, Henderson, Kentucky
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Meagan Lynn Musgrave, Carmi, Illinois
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Anna Nicole Myers, Newburgh
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Dustin R. Neighbors, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Paulette Russin, Henderson, Kentucky
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Nikki D'Lee Spinks, Linton
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Calvin Brent Stevens, Newburgh
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Joy E. Wagoner, Henderson, Kentucky
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Angela M. Walls, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Christina Marie Ward, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Amy Lynne Whitten, Fort Branch
Occupational Therapy Assistant
John A. Williams, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant

University of Southern Indiana
Candidates for Degrees
Class of 2009

1 p.m. Ceremony

Master Degrees

MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES

Nan Benedict, Evansville
Jennifer A. Greene, Evansville
Samoa C. Hempfling, Evansville

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Lana J. Abel, Evansville
Michelle L. White, Evansville

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Julie Ann Burczyk, Evansville
Elementary Education
Jeffrey Alan Dierlam, Evansville
Secondary Education
Julie A. Faucett, Elberfeld
Elementary Education
J. Ryan Flener, Newburgh
Elementary Education
Sara Anne Helsley, Evansville
Elementary Education

Thomas Edward Jankowski, Evansville
Secondary Education
Jason Richard Johnson, Evansville
Secondary Education
Amanda Marie Keener, Newburgh
Elementary Education
Valerie C. McClellan, Evansville
Elementary Education
Cady S. Schmitt, Boonville
Elementary Education
Brian C. Smith, Evansville
Elementary Education
Marissa Liane Zimmer, Evansville
Elementary Education

Baccalaureate Degrees

College of Education and Human Services

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Amanda K. Bain, Indianapolis
Special Education
Sarah A. Cozart, Newburgh
Elementary Education, *cum laude*
Molly M. Cummings, Evansville
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*
Ashley Susan Flynn, Nashville
Elementary Education and French, *cum laude*
Laura Renee Grass, Lamar
Elementary Education
Sarah A. Haskins, Evansville
Elementary Education, *cum laude*
Christina Leigh Shemwell, Wadesville
Elementary Education, *summa cum laude*
Danielle M. Sikes, Evansville
Elementary Education

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Brian E. Baumeier, Evansville
Elementary Education, *cum laude*
Jennifer Lynn Bays, Dale
Elementary Education
Amy Jo Beasley, Dale
Elementary Education
Katherine E. Beckman, Evansville
Exercise Science
Jessica Nicole Benham, English
Elementary Education, *cum laude*
Jessica E. Bennett, Henderson, Kentucky
Elementary Education
Alicia King Bippus, Worthington
Elementary Education
Addison Rene Blose, Vincennes
Elementary Education
Michael A. Brockman, Santa Claus
Elementary Education
Angela Lynn Broster, Mount Carmel, Illinois
Elementary Education
Julie Marie Burton, Evansville
Elementary Education
Tiadawn R. Burton, Washington
Elementary Education
Audrey E. Carnahan, Evansville
Special Education
Jacey M. Childers, Evansville
Elementary Education, *cum laude*
Jamie M. Childers, Princeton
Elementary Education
Justin Michael Clark, Huntington
Exercise Science
Amanda Beth Cox, Evansville
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Katie L. Davis, Evansville
Early Childhood Education
Mallory M. Davis, Evansville
Elementary Education
Kelcey Shea Dodd, Fort Branch
Elementary Education
Alison A. Eaton, Bargersville
Elementary Education
Allison Lynn Edwards, Omaha, Illinois
Elementary Education
Katie M. Elbrink, Evansville
Elementary Education
Christian K. Farley, Evansville
Kinesiology
Lisa M. Ferguson, New Albany
Elementary Education
Brittney Marie Fryrear, Hazleton
Early Childhood Education
Deanna Kay Gambill, Sandoval, Illinois
Early Childhood Education
Michael David Goad, Newburgh
Elementary Education
Courtney Nichole Hartz, Washington
Early Childhood Education
Misty L. Hawk, Mitchell
Early Childhood Education
Karen Montavon Johnson, Bedford
Elementary Education
Alicia D. Kammerer, Monticello
Kinesiology
Bryant T. Keen, Elberfeld
Elementary Education
Jennifer Marie Kessler, Newburgh
Elementary Education
Krista S. King, Loogootee
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*
Joshua P. Kissen, Bridgeport, Illinois
Elementary Education
Jennifer Lena Knight, DuQuoin, Illinois
Exercise Science
Jordan C. Komosa, Gary
Exercise Science
Amy M. Kraus, Tell City
Elementary Education, *cum laude*
Breana E. Laue, Bicknell
Exercise Science
Jami D. Martin, North Vernon, Illinois
Physical Education
Lauren Alice McClure, Bruceville
Early Childhood Education
Allyn R. McKinley, Sullivan
Exercise Science
Christine M. Mears, Holland
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Jennifer Lynn Meyers, Dillsboro
Physical Education
Krista A. Mills, Uniontown, Kentucky
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*
Sarah K. Mitchell, Washington
Elementary Education
Lauren E. Mochau, Mount Vernon
Elementary Education
Cynthia Marie Myers, Evansville
Early Childhood Education
Meghan E. O'Rourke, Evansville
Kinesiology
Jenna L. Prior, Fulda
Elementary Education
Cassandra L. Reeder, Evansville
Physical Education
Ann Marie Reich, Evansville
Early Childhood Education
Jessica J. Reid, Greenwood
Elementary Education and Special Education
Ingrid Jr. Renner, Velpen
Elementary Education
Amy Marie Seibert, Poseyville
Early Childhood Education
Michele Renée Sepulveda, Camby
Elementary Education
Jessica Lynne South, Enfield, Illinois
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*
Brittney Renee Tepovich, Princeton
Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education
Megan Leigh Tepovich, Princeton
Early Childhood Education, *magna cum laude*
Maloree D. Tippet, Eldorado, Illinois
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Physical Education
Melinda Lou Turley, Evansville
Elementary Education
Jacob A. VanWinkle, Evansville
Elementary Education
Lacey N. Weaver, French Lick
Elementary Education
Jason T. Webb, Bedford
Elementary Education
Jessica Lenn Werner, Evansville
Elementary Education
Danielle L. Wesselman, Chandler
Elementary Education
Amanda Marie Wheatley, Tell City
Elementary Education, *cum laude*
Meredith E. Zimmerman, Fishers
Elementary Education

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Jodi L. Linette, Evansville
Jessica D. Stiles, Washington

Donna K. Trimble, Lawrenceville, Illinois
magna cum laude
Melinda J. Wade, Evansville

Jerrica L. Williams, Henderson, Kentucky

Extended Services

BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

Amy Lynn Carie, Vincennes
Individual Studies

Nicole E. Clifford, Elberfeld
Individual Studies
Charlene F. Kaufman, Wadesville
Individual Studies, *cum laude*

Kelly J. Robinson, Evansville
Individual Studies
Patrick E. Walker, Henderson, Kentucky
Individual Studies

College of Liberal Arts

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Courtney A. Ahlfield, Jasper
English, *magna cum laude*
John D. Barford, Albion, Illinois
English
Amy L. Beard, Newburgh
Spanish and Economics, UNIVERSITY
HONORS SCHOLAR
Raymond E. Brugger, Ridgway, Illinois
German
Christie Nicole Clark, Newburgh
Radio and Television and Public Relations
and Advertising, *cum laude*
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Social Science
Dustin Robert Cline, Evansville
Public Relations and Advertising, *cum laude*
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Psychology
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Political Science
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English
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Radio and Television
Erin Elizabeth Emerson, Tell City
English and History
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German and Social Science, *magna cum laude*
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English, *cum laude*
Katie M. Griffin, Evansville
Sociology
Robert W. Hipple, Indianapolis
International Studies
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Spanish
Larina Michelle Gabrielle Hubbard, Indianapolis
Radio and Television
Adam L. Kahn, Newburgh
Psychology
Thomas Kinner, Evansville
Art, *magna cum laude*
Russell A. Luecke, Evansville
French and German
Priscilla Raquel Muñoz Mo a, San Jose, Costa Rica
Spanish
Arika Danielle Mullis, Lebanon
Radio and Television
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English
Anna Marie Nellis, Evansville
Psychology

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Gloria J. Payne, Tell City
Art
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Presidential Medallion

During the Middle Ages, medallions signified membership in religious orders and guilds; 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. Donated by the late Melvin Denner, professor emeritus of biology, and Anne Denner, former instructor in nutrition and biology, and their family, this medallion was fabricated by Honorcraft for the 1995 inauguration of H. Ray Hoops. Dr. Denner served as grand marshal at the University's first inauguration.

The University of Southern Indiana Presidential medallion signifies the authority invested in the president. The medallion's obverse carries, at its center, a three-inch reproduction of the University seal and, surrounding the seal, a half-inch rim. On the reverse appear the names and dates of appointment for the University's presidents. The president wears this medallion for all formal academic ceremonies.

Gonfalons

Ceremonial flags called gonfalons originated in the Middle Ages for civil and military processions, often appearing beneath the steel head of a knight's lance. In Italy, gonfalons designated individual Italian republics; the chief magistrate or other high official served as gonfalonier carrying the banner.

At the University of Southern Indiana, gonfalons represent each major academic unit; typically deans or department heads act as gonfaloniers. Here gonfalon colors derive from traditional hues associated with each college's academic disciplines. Our commencement gonfalons come as a gift from the USI Bookstore.

University Seal

The University seal, designed by Nussmeier Engraving, 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 displaying 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, and 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 Richard Owen's walking cane serves as the staff for the University mace. A respected geologist and professor of natural science at Indiana University, Owen was the first president of Purdue University. He was a son of Robert Owen, 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, the late Kenneth D. Owen, that cane, lent to USI, served as the grand marshal's staff in all commencement exercises from 1985 to 1995.

Designed and fabricated by Nicholas Logsdon of Indianapolis, the gold-plated mace bears at the top, above the cane's golden head, an open orb with a replica of the University seal. The orb's free-flowing design symbolizes interrelationships among all academic disciplines. Immediately below the cane's orb, three two-inch, golden rings bear the names and appointment dates of the University presidents. The names of Kenneth Dale Owen, Jane Blaffer Owen, and James A. Sanders, donors of the mace, appear on a finial near the bottom of the cane replica.

Designed and created by alumnus Kenny Fisher '77, the replica of the cane and its base are made of walnut from the Owen mansion built in New Harmony during the 1830s.

Academic Regalia

In the Middle Ages, many Europeans wore long, flowing robes and gowns. Royal decree dictated materials and colors appropriate for each station in society. As trade guilds developed, so did gowns distinctive to particular professions. Thus, when students in medieval universities organized into guilds, they donned long gowns and hoods which helped keep them warm in unheated buildings and cold garrets. Usually students were clerks, members of the minor clergy; they and their masters wore hoods to protect their shaved heads. Later, when students and masters began wearing skullcaps, these hoods became ornamental.

Commencement Traditions

In the Renaissance, churchmen adopted the stiff, square cap known as the biretta, with black for priests, purple for bishops, and red for cardinals. Such caps originated in the address of ordinary people and ranged from inflexible to pliant, from square to round; ultimately the biretta led to the familiar mortarboard first popularized at Oxford University. The tassel elaborates the tuft originally decorating the center of a round cap.

Throughout the growth of universities, designs for gowns, hoods, and caps became standard. Apprentices of the arts (bachelors), teachers (masters), and erudite teachers who completed post-graduate studies (doctors) wore differing gowns and hoods, with strict rules governing these variations. From 1754 until after the Civil War, American students and faculty wore gowns and caps daily on campus, in class. A formal system of academic costume in the United States resulted from a conference at Columbia University in 1895. Current customs remain substantially the same as those adopted in 1895 and standardized by the Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume.

The basic color for all gowns is formal black although persons with associate degrees may wear gray gowns and caps and a few institutions allow robes in the university's colors. Associate and bachelor gowns have long, pointed, open sleeves. The bachelor's hood, seldom worn in the United States, is short with narrow, velvet edging in a color indicating the wearer's academic discipline and a satin lining in the granting institution's colors. In contrast, the master's gown has extremely long, closed sleeves from which the wearer's arms protrude at the elbows; and the lower part of the sleeves, ending in a tippet, dangles below the arms. Longer than the bachelor's hood, the master's hood has wide, velvet edging and exposes part of the satin lining. Bachelor and

master tassels are usually black, but may appear in a color indicating the academic discipline. The doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves and displays velvet down the front and on each sleeve's three crossbars; the velvet is black or a color signifying the wearer's academic discipline. Unlike the other academic hoods, the doctor's hood is characterized by great length, by wider velvet edging in a color representing the wearer's academic discipline, and by the full exposure of the satin lining in colors of the university which conferred the doctorate. The doctor's tassel is gold.

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.

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.

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.

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. 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) please call 800/813-4238 or 812/464-1924.



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