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Mayor McDonald to be USI Commencement speaker; honors to go to McDonald, James J. Giancola, and Edward L. Brundick Jr., M.D.

City of Evansville Mayor Frank F. McDonald II will be the speaker for USI's 1999 Commencement, to be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at Roberts Stadium. Mayor McDonald, a 1973 USI graduate, is serving his third elected term as mayor and will receive an honorary doctor of laws in recognition for his service to the people of Evansville and southwestern Indiana. He followed his father Frank F. McDonald, former three-term Evansville mayor, into politics in 1987. This honorary doctorate mirrors a similar degree the elder McDonald received from the University during dedication of the campus in 1970.

Honorary doctorates also will be conferred upon civic leaders Dr. Edward L. Brundick Jr., Evansville orthopedic surgeon; and James J. Giancola, president and chief executive officer of CNBBancshares, Inc.

Approximately 1,334 students will be eligible to receive master's, bachelor's, and associate degrees at the ceremony, including eight who will graduate summa cum laude with perfect 4.0 grade point averages, 49 who will graduate magna cum laude, and 68 who will graduate cum laude.

The summa cum laude graduates are occupational therapy major Laura Mae Bengert of Evansville; health services major Rebecca N. Dicus of Mount Carmel; business administration major Cheryl J. Gaither of Montgomery; history major Dain L. Garrett of Carmi, Illinois; accounting major Tonya F. Kirkland of Dale; accounting major Katy M. Powell of Converse; and occupational therapy major Kimberly L. Tremper of Chandler.

Other special honors at the 1999 Commencement include awarding the National City Bank Distinguished Professor Award to Dr. Oscar Ozete, professor of Spanish; and the President's Medal to MaryBeth Cable, a communications major who 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.