
FALL

COMMENCEMENT
EXERCISES



2023

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SCREAMING EAGLES ARENA
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA
EVANSVILLE, INDIANA



2023
COMMENCEMENT
EXERCISES

ORDER OF THE 2023 FALL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

College of Nursing and Health Professions and Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education and School of Graduate Studies Ceremony

Saturday, December 16, 2023

10 a.m.

Processional

Pomp and Circumstance, Edward Elgar, Composer
Recording by London Philharmonic, Daniel Barenboim, *Conductor*

Grand Marshal

Dr. Shelly B. Blunt, *Interim Provost; Deputy Title IX Coordinator; Professor of Chemistry*

National Anthem

Sarah M. Smith '25

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, *President*

Reflection

Emily M. Jacobs '23

Class of 2023 Recognition

Dr. William S. Elliott Jr., *Interim Dean of the Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education;*
Professor of Geology

The Commencement Address

Dr. Jill M. Raiser '03, *Professor of Teacher Education*

Presentation of Candidate for Honorary Degree

Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, *President*
Presented by Dr. Shelly B. Blunt, *Interim Provost*
Marjorie O. Labhart, *Doctor of Science*

Conferral of Degrees

Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, *President*
Assisted by Dr. Shelly B. Blunt, *Interim Provost*

Presentation of Graduates

Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, *President*
Presented by Dr. Kent W. Scheller, *Professor of Physics*

Welcome from the USI Alumni Council

Melanie N. Rasche '10 M'16, *President of the USI Alumni Council*

Alma Mater

Constant, Faithful and True
Original music by Daniel R. Craig, *Associate Professor of Music*, Lyrics by David O'Neil, *Assistant Professor of English*

Recessional

Trumpet Tune & Bell Symphony, Henry Purcell, Composer
Recording by Michael Murray and the Empire Brass

Join us in the celebration on social media by including #USIGrad in your posts.

JILL M. RAISOR TO DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS



Dr. Jill M. Raisor '03

Dr. Jill M. Raisor '03, Professor of Teacher Education, is the 2023 recipient of the USI Distinguished Professor Award. She is being recognized for her exceptional service to students, teaching and scholarship, as well as her vast work in the community.

Raisor joined USI faculty full-time in 2010 as Teacher in Residence, and over the course of her tenure has served as a Children's Learning Center (CLC) Liaison and Coordinator, Chair of Teacher Education and now as Professor of Teacher Education.

Throughout her tenure, Raisor has taught a diverse array of courses at the University, including but not limited to, Music, Movement, Play, and the Expressive Arts for the Young Child; Growth and Development Early Childhood; and Guidance of Young Children. Students consistently praise her for creating an environment where they feel heard, valued and engaged. Raisor is also recognized as a dedicated mentor, guiding new faculty through the publication process of their first manuscripts during their pre-tenure years.

During her role as a liaison for the former CLC on campus, Raisor played a pivotal role in the Center's success, contributing to its national accreditation and achieving a prestigious four-star rating from the National Association for the Education of Young Children. She fostered strong relationships between the Center, University community and various external entities.

In her current role as Professor of Teacher Education, Raisor unites individuals with a shared purpose to promote thriving communities, including USI faculty and students, regional children, and business and organizational leaders. She serves on several administrative boards for local agencies, including the Indiana Early Intervention Conference Planning Committee, the Early Care and Education Coalition of Vanderburgh County Advisory Committee, Safe Kids of Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties, Building Blocks and the Ivy Tech Community College Evansville Advisory Board.

Raisor consistently integrates the classroom with the community, collaborating on curriculum development with local entities for distribution to regional schools. For example, she worked with USI students to create curriculum for BFit by Bob's Gym childcare areas, earning praise from program staff and parents. She also co-designed curriculum for the Evansville Mounted Patrol.

With more than 20 peer-reviewed publications, 85 professional presentations (over 25 with students) and five funded grants, Raisor's contributions to education and community outreach are substantial.

Raisor was the recipient of the 2021 USI Alumni Award, the 2018 Outstanding Academic Advisor Award and the 2013 Excellence in Service Award for the Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education.

She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education in 2003 from USI, a master's degree in education from Indiana University and a doctorate of curriculum and instruction from Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

The Distinguished Professor Award was established in 1983 and is USI's highest award given in recognition of significant achievement in teaching, scholarship and service. As a recipient, Raisor will receive a \$7,000 stipend plus a \$3,000 faculty development grant underwritten by generous donors to the USI Foundation.



ORDER OF THE 2023 FALL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

College of Liberal Arts and Romain College of Business and School of Graduate Studies Ceremony

Saturday, December 16, 2023

1 p.m.

Processional

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Recording by London Philharmonic, Daniel Barenboim, *Conductor*

Grand Marshal

Dr. Shelly B. Blunt, *Interim Provost; Deputy Title IX Coordinator; Professor of Chemistry*

National Anthem

Rayn M. Miller '26

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, *President*

Reflection

Alice R. Burris '23

Class of 2023 Recognition

Dr. Sudesh N. Mujumdar, *Dean of the Romain College of Business*

The Commencement Address

Dr. Mark D. Krahlung, *Associate Professor of Chemistry*

Presentation of Candidate for Honorary Degree

Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, *President*

Presented by Dr. Shelly B. Blunt, *Interim Provost*

Timothy B. Mahoney, *Doctor of Business*

Conferral of Degrees

Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, *President*

Assisted by Dr. Shelly B. Blunt, *Interim Provost*

Presentation of Graduates

Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, *President*

Presented by Dr. Nicholas D. Rhew, *Assistant Professor of Management*

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MARK D. KRAHLING TO DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS



Dr. Mark D. Krahling

Dr. Mark D. Krahling, Associate Professor of Chemistry, is the recipient of the 2023 H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award. He is being recognized for his nearly 30 years of service as a professor, scholar and leader in the Core Curriculum at USI.

Krahling joined the University in 1994 and has served as Director of University Core Curriculum (UCC) and Associate Dean for the Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education, in addition to his current role as Associate Professor.

As Director of the UCC for nearly nine years, he oversaw the UCC, chaired the UCC Council, coordinated the review of new courses proposed for addition to the UCC and assisted with the assessment of curriculum. Krahling was also instrumental in the development and inception of USI's UNIV 101 First Year Experience course, required for all USI freshmen.

His commitment to a general education core extended beyond the University—Krahling served on the Indiana Statewide Core Transfer Leadership Team at the state level to implement Senate Enrolled Act 182, a statute requiring all state public colleges and universities to identify a 30-credit core curriculum that would transfer between all institutions. He has also been involved in an array of community activities linked to general education, such as the One Book One Community Planning and the Bonding through Books Committees.

In his role as Associate Dean for the Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education from 2014-18, Krahling was responsible for various internal operations related to the administration of the College, including monitoring College course enrollment, coordination of external grants and special projects, oversight of the College Advising and Resource Center, among other responsibilities.

Currently, in his role as Associate Professor of Chemistry, Krahling imparts his extensive knowledge in various chemistry courses, receiving acclaim for his adeptness in simplifying complex content for chemistry and non-chemistry majors alike.

Beyond the classroom, he has served on several University search committees in addition to other University committees including the USI Eagle Experience, the First Year Experience and the USI Nature Preserve Committees. He presently serves on the USI Merit Scholars Selection Committee.

Krahling earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry and physical science education in 1983 from Southwest Minnesota State University and a doctorate in chemistry in 1992 from the University of Wisconsin.

The H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award was established in 2000 and honors USI faculty members whose work in University Core Courses has been especially creative and successful in furthering UCC goals. As a recipient, Krahling will receive a \$4,000 stipend and a \$2,000 faculty development grant underwritten by longtime and generous University friends, Ann and H. Lee Cooper III.



USI BESTOWS TWO HONORARY DEGREES FOR

Fall 2023 honorary degree recipients are celebrated in the University of Southern Indiana community for their continued dedication to higher education. The recipients are credited for actively shaping their respective communities and have made significant contributions to science and business at USI and beyond.

Marjorie O. Labhart will receive an honorary Doctor of Science degree at the College of Nursing and Health Professions and Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education and School of Graduate Studies Ceremony, and Timothy B. Mahoney will receive an honorary Doctor of Business degree at the College of Liberal Arts and Romain College of Business and School of Graduate Studies Ceremony.

Marjorie O. Labhart, Instructor Emerita in Mathematics, is receiving an honorary Doctor of Science degree for her dedication and expertise in the field of mathematics and her generous service and support to the University of Southern Indiana.

Labhart began her teaching career as a full-time faculty member the first day the University opened on September 15, 1965. She taught in the USI Mathematics Department until her retirement in 2008. Over this 43-year period, she saw the campus move from the Centennial School to its permanent location in 1969 with one building to the flourishing campus we know today.

Labhart, with her extensive expertise in the field, was renowned for her meticulous approach and dedication in teaching a diverse range of mathematics courses. Despite the intricacies of the subject, she earned recognition from her students for her exceptional ability to make complex content understandable at all levels. Labhart's knowledge and guidance were frequently called upon during the creation of foundational courses within USI's current Mathematical Sciences Department. She also played a pivotal role as a mentor to new faculty members and actively



Marjorie O. Labhart

contributed to several committees, consistently advocating for the significance of a robust mathematical education on campus.

Her support extended beyond the classroom, as she was instrumental in forming USI's first Student Government Association and was a member of the first Faculty Council (presently Faculty Senate). Labhart received the Faculty Recognition Award in 2005 for her work in and beyond the classroom.

Labhart and her family have invested in the University and its students for many years, including in 1996,

establishing the Labhart-Olsen Family Math Scholarships for USI undergraduate students majoring in an academic program offered by the Mathematical Sciences Department. These scholarships bring top mathematics students to USI, strengthening the department; the Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education; the University; and community as a whole.

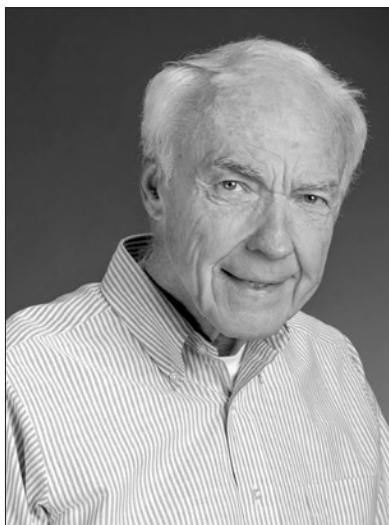
Labhart earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Evansville and a master's degree from the University of Tennessee.

DISTINGUISHED AND EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE

Timothy B. Mahoney, Instructor Emeritus of Economics, is receiving an honorary Doctor of Business degree for his unwavering dedication to teaching and advising and his continuous service to the University of Southern Indiana. Since joining the University in August 1987, Mahoney has made a profound impact on countless lives through his many contributions. He officially retired from USI in 2020 but continued teaching two online courses until Fall 2023.

Initially recruited by USI as the Coordinator of the Labor-Management Education Forum, a former program under USI Outreach and Engagement, Mahoney played a pivotal role in bringing employers and unions together to address shared concerns and interests. He made significant contributions to the region's economic well-being by spearheading various initiatives.

One key accomplishment was the formation of an advisory group comprised of leaders from major national organizations such as Ford, GM, Chrysler and Alcoa. These leaders participated in a series of half-day programs aimed at enhancing their competitiveness and fostering better collaboration. Following the successful conclusion



Timothy B. Mahoney

of this endeavor, Mahoney redirected his focus towards teaching and advising.

Throughout his impressive three-and-a-half-decade career at the University, Mahoney taught several economics and finance courses to an array of majors. His research interests are wide-ranging, encompassing economics, history, finance, psychology and student development.

Mahoney also was affectionately known as a "legendary student advisor" at USI, and his office door was frequented by students seeking his guidance. His unwavering

commitment to the success of his students, both in and beyond the classroom, was well-recognized, and he was known for his patient and attentive listening.

His dedication to education has earned him numerous accolades, including the national *Wall Street Journal* Distinguished Professor Award, the USI Athletics Jane Davis-Brezette Faculty Excellence Award, the USI Alumni Association Faculty Recognition Award, the Romain College of Business Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching and Advising and the Interfraternity Faculty Member of the Year Award.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Mahoney's philanthropic efforts mirror his commitment to USI. He actively supports various USI Foundation initiatives, including Athletics, Historic New Harmony, the Society of Arts and Humanities, presidential scholarships as well as the Tim Mahoney Business Scholarship. Mahoney also served as Fraternity Advisor for Alpha Sigma Phi and assisted Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Mahoney earned a bachelor's degree from Ripon College and a master's degree from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Honorary degrees are awarded for distinguished and extraordinary service consistent with the mission of the University. That service may be to the University itself, and/or to local, statewide, national or international communities. Individuals selected to receive an honorary degree exemplify the highest ideals of integrity, service and dedication to learning.

Candidate applications for honorary degrees from the University of Southern Indiana are reviewed by a committee defined by the Honorary Degree Award Policy. Recommendations are submitted to the President for approval by the USI Board of Trustees. Such a degree is the highest form of recognition granted by USI.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA

Candidates for Degrees

CLASS OF 2023

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND POTT COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES CEREMONY

Saturday, December 16, 2023
10 a.m.

DOCTORAL DEGREES

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Pamela Faye Hopson, Evansville
Educational Leadership
Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Khalilah T. Doss

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Derrick M. Garletts, Bloomington
Organizational and Systems Leadership
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Constance Swenty

POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE

Hailee Hunt-Hawkins, Nashville, Tennessee
Family Nurse Practitioner

MASTER DEGREES

MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Carolina Espinosa Allen, Orlando, Florida
Paige Lowery Barrett, Bloomington
Mackenzie Acuff Blevins, Indianapolis
Georgette Veronica Boyce, Quincy
Mary Katherine Bradley, Ferdinand
Laura Turk Brassell, Nashville, Tennessee
Ambria Layne Carroll, Evansville
Lisa Ann DeWilkins, Mishawaka
Brittany Michele Fields, Seymour
Tommie Johnson, Evansville
Kamalpreet Kaur, Hoffman Estates, Illinois
Olufemi Kehinde, Lagos, Nigeria
Kendall Rae March, Indianapolis
Jessica Lauren Means, Indianapolis
Melissa Meredith, Vincennes
Chinwendu Nzerem, Boston, Massachusetts
Dominic Anthony Plutino, Evansville
Sheryl Renee Pritchett, Celestine
Melissa Russell, Poseyville

Troy Lemond Sims, Houston, Texas
Joban P. Singh, Forest, Virginia
Jennifer Vick, Rock Hill, South Carolina
Jillian Marie Ward, Huntington

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Lindsey Ann Barr, Brazil
Mathematics Teaching Secondary
Karolyn L. Blackford, Evansville
Curriculum and Instruction
Breana Goldman, Evansville
Mathematics Teaching Secondary
LaToya Gregory, Marion
Curriculum and Instruction
Deraina Miller, Indianapolis
Curriculum and Instruction
Miranda S. Weinzapfel, Evansville
Curriculum and Instruction

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT

Chadwick J. Zirkelbach, Evansville

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Brianna Marie Conery, Osceola
Nursing Education Leadership
Courtney Michelle Giannosa, Tampa, Florida
Healthcare Systems Leadership
Taylor Lynn Memmer, Logansport
Nursing Education Leadership
Mona Nemetallah, Newburgh
Healthcare Systems Leadership
Jonathan David Treece, Monrovia
Nursing Education Leadership
Alicia Jeannette Vosholler, Alhambra, Illinois
Healthcare Systems Leadership

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPORT MANAGEMENT

Noah Joseph Croak, Petersburg
Joshua Aaron Deutsch, Alexandria
Oliver Fröschl, Vienna, Austria
Nathan Sevenish, Indianapolis

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Shoraem Ali Alaklaby, Saudi Arabia
Respiratory Therapy

Taylor Nicole Bonte, Brazil
Health Services

Danielle Bridgette, LaFayette, New York
Respiratory Therapy

Dia Marie Carter, Columbus
Respiratory Therapy

Lindsey Jo Clark, Evansville
Health Services, *magna cum laude*

Julia Renee Collier, Evansville
Health Services

Kathryn Raye Craft, Owensboro, Kentucky
Health Services

Audrey Crowder, Avon
Health Administration

Gavin Forrest Fletcher, Brownsburg
Health Services

Deq Garad, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Respiratory Therapy

Robin Glasgow, New Palastine
Respiratory Therapy

Sage Harker, Shoals
Health Services

Ryan Timothy House, Terre Haute
Respiratory Therapy

Conner Ray Jarrell, Evansville
Health Services, *magna cum laude*

Brandie R. Jones, Mooresville
Respiratory Therapy

Samantha L. Lemon, Evansville
Health Services

Greer Mitchell Opel, Evansville
Health Services

Tristen Aris Payne, Olney
Health Administration

Brittany A. Porter, Brownsburg
Respiratory Therapy

Leslie Ruthann Presson, Liberty
Health Services

Cessy Elaine Espinosa Ramirez, North
Arlington, New Jersey
Respiratory Therapy

Kelsey Rausch, Evansville
Health Services

Makenzi Marie Redman, Evansville
Health Administration

Kiley Shea Riley, Manhattan, Kansas
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

Abbie Jonell Rock, Beaver Dam, Kentucky
Health Services

Morgan G. Taylor, Troy, Illinois
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences,
magna cum laude

Cameron Turpin, Newburgh
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

Makenna Marie Watson, Evansville
Health Administration

Sara L. Welch, Carmel
Health Services

Jordyn Ashley Wiseman, Birdseye
Health Services

Jennifer Marie Young, Owensboro, Kentucky
Health Services

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH INFORMATICS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Fayez Nukhaylan Almutairi, Saudi Arabia

Dianna Ashley Foster, Pittsboro

Emily Marie Jacobs, Newburgh
magna cum laude

Makala Lina Jeffcoat, Evansville

Afton Elaine Lee, Evansville
magna cum laude

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Elizabeth Anne Angermeier, Haubstadt
cum laude

Cathy Lynn Ashton, Owensboro, Kentucky

Brianna Mary Baez, Hammond
summa cum laude

Jordyn Nichole Beshears, Wadesville

Hannah Jayde Bruce, Evansville

Mia Raquel Bruno, Madisonville, Kentucky
cum laude
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Autumn Bumps, Louisville, Kentucky

Andrea Marie Burkhart, Vincennes
summa cum laude

Kimberly Calvillo, Hungtingburg

Josh Chowdhuri, Newburgh

Amber Jean Clausheide, Evansville

Melissa Cook, Newburgh

Madalin Brooke Dant, Washington

Elizabeth Mae Davis, Boonville

Hailey Denton-Nordlund, Evansville

Mary Elizabeth Dixon, Evansville

Taylor Anne Dixon, Evansville

Cody Faith, Vincennes

Tess Ferguson, Evansville

Maci Elizabeth Foster, Haubstadt

Mollie Jane Fournier, Indianapolis

Megan Lynn Frascella, Georgetown

Hannah Mason Fulcher, Greenville, Kentucky

Matthew Gant, Sidney, Illinois

Kathleen Summer Grisham, Jeffersonville

Angela Mischelle Head, Owensboro, Kentucky

Brianna M. Higgs, Evansville

Ava Margaret Hoffman, Greenwood

Susan Elizabeth LaMar, Bloomington

Rachel Lauren Martinez, Chicago, Illinois

Dylan Tyler Maurice, Newburgh

Emma Jean May, Tennyson
magna cum laude

Marissa McKinney, Wadesville

Madison Kristine Motz, Evansville

Laura Jean Nunn, Henderson, Kentucky

Ashley Marie Opperman, Mount Vernon

Morgan Alexandra Palstring, Evansville

Vy Ha Thao Pham, Newburgh

Miranda Rayann Phillips, Mount Vernon

Alexus Porter, Evansville

Ashley Lorene Reagin, Cory

Lea Brooke Rhinerson, Owensboro, Kentucky

Halle R. Sheetz, Loogootee

Hannah Claire Smith, Newburgh

Amanda Louise Staggs, Bloomfield

Emmalee Tyler, Mount Carmel, Illinois

Mercedes Lane Williams, Evansville

Ashley Nicole Winkle, New Castle

Rylee Laine Woodrow, Springerton
cum laude

POTT COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Emily Grace Albrecht, Indianapolis
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Hanna Louise Baker, Shelbyville
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Bronwyn Barrett, Pendleton
Special Education

John Epping, Mitchell
Sport Management

Anne Barrett Engelbrecht Fulkerson,
Evansville
Elementary Education

Michael Dee Kavanaugh, Evansville
Kinesiology

Caitlyn Marie Salaman, Newburgh
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Rachel Katherine Ann Stiles, Newburgh
Elementary Education

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Jabin Wayne Adams, Evansville
Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Alexander Joseph Archuleta, Evansville
Sport Management

Elyse Michelle Baker, Newburgh
Elementary Education

Jordan Tyler Barron, Newburgh
Exercise Science, *magna cum laude*

Kyleigh Jean Blum, Whiteland
Exercise Science

Logan Brown, Mount Vernon
Sport Management

Elijah Mason Ray Burden, Mount Vernon
Elementary Education

Alexis Dakota Cobb, Evansville
Elementary Education and
Early Childhood Education

Dylan Cole Courty, Carmi, Illinois
Kinesiology, *magna cum laude*

Audrey Helene Dausman, Evansville
Elementary Education and
Special Education

Dylan Lee Eagan, Evansville
Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Ryan Eckels, Henderson, Kentucky
Mathematics

Kara Embry, Tell City
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Gina Jasmin Flores Mora, Huntingburg
Exercise Science

Donna Corin France, Boonville
Mathematics Teaching

Grant Easton Gardner, Henderson, Kentucky
Biology

Arieona Christian Monet Garrett, Evansville
Sport Management

Brooke Marie Goedde, Haubstadt
Special Education and
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Mackenzie A. Groben, Evansville
Exercise Science

Julia Marie Hagan, Owensboro, Kentucky
Exercise Science, *magna cum laude*

Kaelan N. Hall, Herrin, Illinois
Exercise Science and Kinesiology,
magna cum laude

Kaylee Jo Hardesty, Henryville
Exercise Science, *summa cum laude*

Alix Laine Hardy, Salem
Biology

Agustina Femoselles Harvey, Newburgh
Early Childhood Education

Lindsay Rose Hasenour-Woolery, Jasper
Kinesiology

Destinee Lee Heneisen, Tennyson
Exercise Science, *magna cum laude*

Caroline Grace Herman, Vincennes
Exercise Science, *summa cum laude*

Haley Michelle Herring, Marion
Exercise Science

Johnathan William Hill, Selvin
Biology

Kamber Alyse Isle, Fairfield, Illinois
Elementary Education

Elizabeth Marie Jelley, Noblesville
Exercise Science, *magna cum laude*

Morgan Nicole Jones, Avon
Early Childhood Education

Haneul Jung, South Korea
Mathematics

Rhett Anthony Kaelin, Charlestown
Biology, *magna cum laude*

Logan Frederick Keeker, Oakland City
Biochemistry, *magna cum laude*

Allyson Mackenzie Kempf, Richland
Elementary Education

Jared Lee Kern, Jasper
Exercise Science

Dylan Andrew Kidd, Fort Branch
Exercise Science, *cum laude*

Samantha Mae Kilzer, Troy, Illinois
Biology, *magna cum laude*,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Zane Michael Kisner, Evansville
Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Kelsey Jan Knowlton, Elkhart
Special Education, *cum laude*

Karley Elizabeth Korff, Evansville
Elementary Education

Luke David Lengacher, Montgomery
Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Amy Mack, Marengo
Elementary Education and
Special Education

Hannah Joy Maddox, Trafalgar
Elementary Education

Isaac Scott Maddox, Santa Claus
Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Hailey Magdalene Marvel, Evansville
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Cole Jaden Neeley, Grayville, Illinois
Exercise Science, *cum laude*

Mia Ryleigh Nicol, Mitchell
Sport Management

Austin Hunter Palmer, Jasper
Chemistry, *cum laude*

Matea Radović, Montenegro
Biochemistry

Jenna R. Ream, Clay City
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Logan Michael Reid, Hobart
Geology

Tyler Charles Robinson, Newburgh
Biology

August Reed Saunders, Carmi, Illinois
Biology

Madison Marie Slauter, Martinsville
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Hunter James Smith, Marion, Illinois
Mathematics

Abigayle Snyder, Evansville
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Katherine Anne Spalding, Petersburg
Exercise Science, *cum laude*

Sydney Stahl, Bloomfield
Special Education and
Elementary Education

Shelby Rae Vaughn, Stendal
Exercise Science, *magna cum laude*

Jackson David Wendel, Bloomington
Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Aaron J. Wheeler, Evansville
Kinesiology, *cum laude*

Rachel Hope Williams, Haubstadt
Sport Management

Allison Nicole Willis, Chandler
Exercise Science, *cum laude*

Kinzee Ann Wilson, Greencastle
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Morgan Dianna York, Mount Carmel, Illinois
Elementary Education

Bailee Elizabeth Zobel, Shelbyville
Exercise Science, *summa cum laude*,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING

Ali Justine Lamb, Cartersville, Illinois

Andrew M. Routh, Evansville

Carlos Ivan Solis Rodriguez, Panama

Noah A. Wagner, Evansville

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Kaden Michael Boyd, Montgomery

Briston Lee Bundy, Mitchell

Timothy Michael Desser, Jasper

Christopher Hager, Loogootee

Steven Ray Molinet Jr., Elberfeld

Ethan Michael Watson, Floyds Knobs

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING

Jack Daniel Bulcher II, Elberfeld

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Brogan W. Barnes, Macon, Illinois

Joshua Antonio Botello Pitty, Panama

Russell William Denton, Evansville

Matthew Joele Dill, Princeton

Brooks Logan Hartz, Newburgh

Kassidon Aodyn Hatfield, Evansville

Logan Johnson, Owensboro, Kentucky

Marco Antonio Lara, Evansville

Genevieve Delaney Liebert, Elizabeth

Koby Gray Lindner, Evansville

Joey Juvens Pierre, Evansville

Alfredo Sandoval, Washington

Kyle Jeffrey Sledge, Wayne City, Illinois

Chandler Cort Weeks, Princeton

Zachary Joseph Wigand, Evansville

Jacob Keefer Wisniewski, Bloomington

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Danielle Lee Adams, Bristow
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Ashlyn Rose Bailey, Olney, Illinois
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Taylor Nicole Bonte, Brazil
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Jessica Don Cave, Morgantown
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Morgan Faith Chastain, Springfield, Illinois
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Baylee Richelle Fish, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Elizabeth Kathryn Gaspardo, North Aurora, Illinois
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Henley D'Lee House, Linton
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Joseph Michael Lay, Evansville
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Holly Marie Linn, Norman
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Alexandria Cheree Marks, Indianapolis
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Desiree Christine Robison, South Milford
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Miranda Lynn Schlachter, Ferdinand
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Kierstin Olivia Weiss, Lawrenceville, Illinois
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Hadley Elizabeth Welden, Waverly, Kentucky
Occupational Therapy Assistant

This printed list of candidates for degrees does not include late changes.

**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND
ROMAIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND
SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES CEREMONY**

Saturday, December 16, 2023

1 p.m.

MASTER DEGREES

**MASTER OF ARTS IN
COMMUNICATION**

Rebecca Jackson Yates, Henderson, Kentucky

**MASTER OF ARTS IN
CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Jonathan Rudell Clark, Evansville

Erin Beth Hollinger, Mount Vernon

Micala Noelle McHargue, Evansville

**MASTER OF ARTS IN SECOND
LANGUAGE ACQUISITION,
POLICY AND CULTURE**

Asuka Nakagawa, Japan

**MASTER OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION**

Jacob Palmer Adams, Vincennes

Kevin Lee Aeschliman, Newburgh

Mustafa Nuri Alhajji, Saudi Arabia

Raciel Amador, Miami, Florida

Justin M. Amos, Chandler

Kristi Faye Applegate, Tell City

Zachary Archer, Fort Wayne

Venkata S. Arza, Fort Wayne

Adam Ashmore, Bakersfield, California

Joseph Elam Auer, Scottsburg

Katie R. Aurs, Newburgh

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Graham William Parks Baily, Los Angeles, California

Ryan Michael Barrett, Highlands Ranch, Colorado

Jenna Bass, Nashville, Tennessee

Misty Dawn Bearden, Philpot, Kentucky

Jason Harrison Beisel, Fishers

Trevor Bell, Perry, Georgia

London Belli, Nutley, New Jersey

Lisa Marie Benigno, Redwood City, California

Jennifer Gail Beshears, Wadesville

Serena Bhardwaj, Windsor, Ontario

Michael Antonio Biddle, Wakarusa

Aboubacar Binate, Memphis, Tennessee

Olivia Grace Bischof, Jeffersonville

Kelsey L. Blackgrave, Jasper

Elizabeth Margaret Marie Blanford,
Henderson, Kentucky

Amy Callahan Borgese, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Olivia Deeanna Lan Boze, Mount Vernon

Meridith Haley Breedlove, Nashville, Tennessee

Ryan Peyton Brink, Fort Wayne

Casey Alan Brock, Clayton

Jonathan T. Brothers, Toledo, Ohio

Cassandra Marie Brown, Henderson, Kentucky

Maridith Buchanan Lee, Madison

Steven Bumm, Owensboro, Kentucky

Stephen Travis Bush, Rockport

Julie Butler, Oviedo, Florida

Timothy Alan Catron, Chandler

Steven Lynn Chappell, Henderson, Kentucky

Madeline Rose Chrzan, Fort Wayne

Michael Thomas Ciresi, Greenwood

Maya Nicole Claridge, Oakland City

Philip Willie Bankole Clarkson, Olney, Maryland

Amanda Jane Cleek, Union Mills

Steven Clifton, Ferdinand

Alex Lee Cole, Tell City

Lori M. Corne, Wadesville

Cynthia L. Cotton, Indianapolis

Logan Craft, Herrin, Illinois

Jamie L. Cutrell, Evansville

Emily Nicole Dalton, Mitchell

Angela Davis, Jeffersonville

Amy Leeanne Debon, Indianapolis

Lacey Decker, Zionsville

Keontaque Abron Derokey, Lawton, Oklahoma

Blake J. Dicken, Franklin

Heather Marie Dill, Conifer, Colorado

Tiffany Dyer, Sandia Park, New Mexico

Julie Danielle Eastwood, Sebree, Kentucky

William V. Edmonds III, Los Angeles, California

Ashley Nicole Eissler, Greenville

Amr Elgendy, Columbus

Nicholas Barry Faddis, Saint Louis, Missouri

Bryant Paul Fairley, New Lenox, Illinois

Sydney Noelle Fritch, Evansville

Joseph Fundaro, Brooklyn, New York

Harpreet Gaur, Brooklyn, New York

Kelly Gay, Kingsport, Tennessee

Ashlyn Nicole Gehlhausen, Louisville, Kentucky

Blaine Garry Gerein, Irvine, California

Eyobel Getachew, Chicago, Illinois

Manishkumar M. Ghadiya, Columbus

Gina Lynn Gilge, Griffith

Rebecca Gleason, Simsbury, Connecticut

Thomas Jacob Gloria, Las Cruces, New Mexico

Anastasia Diane Godsey, Terre Haute

Zane August Graper, Fort Branch

Monet Nicole Gray, Indianapolis

Tammy L. Grut, Lewisport, Kentucky

John Joseph Gundy, Chesterfield, Virginia

Adam Noel Haas, Vermillion, South Dakota

Emily L. Hall, Roachdale

Katherine Lyndsey Hamilton, Paoli

Elyssa Rose Happe, Evansville

Ethan Price Harms, Norris City, Illinois

Landon Harner, French Lick

Parker Brown Harrison, Fishers

Bradley Alan Hartwick, Jasper

Mia Nichelle Harvey, Houston, Texas

Hebatallah Hassan, Wylie, Texas

Roman Daniel Hentish, Spring Hill, Tennessee

Joshua Colby Hibbitt, Indianapolis

Kathryn Elizabeth Hicks, Fishers

Jordan Matthew Hill, New Palestine

Van Bawi Hnem, Indianapolis

Andrew Joseph Hochgesang, Jasper

Alex Paul Hohl, Huntingburg

Barrett Michael Hollingsworth, Rohnert Park,
California

Alec David Holmes, Orlando, Florida

Debra Horton, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Noeim Ikwala, Democratic Republic of Congo

Lupe Esmeralda Jauregui, Munster

Eduard Jacob Javonillo, Honolulu, Hawaii

Hannah Marie Johnson, Grand Blanc, Michigan

Jennifer Godsey Jones, Coatesville

Naveen Jose, Manteca, California

Logan Jost, Fort Wayne

Vanessa Amber Kazmierczak, Grand Blanc,
Michigan

Trey Michael Kelley, Hagerstown

Kamal Khan, Livermore, California

Timothy Lee Kilbourne Jr., Mooresville

Tonya Angelique Kimbrough, Chicago, Illinois
 Gabriell Knight, Henderson, Kentucky
 Heather Leigh Koenig, Fishers
 Jayme Koester, Wadesville
 Lance M. Kollker, Evansville
 Nicole Larkey, Bedford
 Christopher Lasher, Rockport
 Katie Elizabeth Leitch, Marshall
 Emily Rose Lewis, Jasper
 Colin Lidster, Chelsea, Massachusetts
 Brittany Lauren Long, Indianapolis
 Steven L. Loudenback, Indianapolis
 Catherine Lukemeyer, Carmel
 Robert Lukemeyer III, Carmel
 Nikhil Omprakash Lulla, Columbus
 Noah Anthony Lutz, Evansville
 Piotr Machowski, Palatine, Illinois
 Melissa Marie Macomber, Springfield, Illinois
 Michelle Marie Magda, Munith, Michigan
 Albie T. Marco, Carmel
 Marissa Elizabeth Markus, Aviston, Illinois
 Michael Allen Marshall Jr., Evansville
 Ashley Nicole Martin, Nolensville, Tennessee
 ReAnne Heather May, Newburgh
 Lenord Joseph McCreery, Warsaw
 Heather R. McLeish, Bargersville
 Alec Meissner, St. Charles, Missouri
 Monica Jazmin Mendoza, Merrillville
 Nichole Janee' Meyer, Greenwood
 Grant DeWayne Miller, Upton, Kentucky
 Dalton Joseph Mitchell, Olney, Illinois
 Ayman Mohsen, Wylie, Texas
 ReAnna Raeleen Moore, Newburgh
 Steven M. Morales, Lincoln Park, Michigan
 David A. Morrison, Los Angeles, California
 Ali Mroueh, Griffith
 Adam Christopher Mullican, Owensboro, Kentucky
 Joshua David Mumbower, Anderson
 Alison Haley Nelson, Fishers
 Emmaline R. Nevitt, Henderson, Kentucky
 Andrew Nurrenbern, Evansville

Tyler Nutt, Tampa, Florida
 Nicholas Taylor Orange, Lowell
 Tori J. Osban, New Harmony
 Noah Hunt Osip, Cicero
 Babatunde Oluwaseun Oyedele, Nigeria
 Kelly Lynn Padovani, Wilmington, Delaware
 Austin Pappas, Hobart
 Radhika Chokshi Patel, Bartlett, Illinois
 Brian J. Peters, Lamar
 Megan Elizabeth Pietrasiewicz, Mount
 Washington, Kentucky
 Monica Pipenger, Evansville
 Danielle Placide, Breaux Bridge, Louisiana
 Heather Brooke Polley, Evansville
 Jerri Denise Poston, Saint Louis, Missouri
 Alysia Rae Prosser, Champaign, Illinois
 Molly Ann Ramsey, Newburgh
 Carson C. Ray, Peru
 Patrick Andrew Rediger, Toledo, Ohio
 Natalie Kay Reynolds, Henderson, Kentucky
 Kaelen Rice, Mount Vernon
 Shaun Riordan, Crown Point
 Nichole Samuel, Calumet Park, Illinois
 Uzma Sarfaraz, Ashland, Massachusetts
 Adam Schmitt, Poseyville
 Olivia Schmitt-Metz, Bloomington
 Brandon Joseph Scott, Murfreesboro, Tennessee
 Nicholas A. Shafer, Bloomington
 Michael J. Silvar, Romeoville, Illinois
 Levaughn Smart, Indio, California
 Nancy C. Smart, Indio, California
 DeAnna Dawn Smith, Shoals
 Anna Sorci, Southampton, Pennsylvania
 Brittany Nicole Southall, Nashville, Tennessee
 Taylor Stepp, Jackson, Ohio
 Aaron Carter Stevens, Slaughters, Kentucky
 Emily Noel Stevens, Evansville
 Alex Stewart, Fisher, Illinois
 Lakala Arie Stewart, Beachwood, Ohio
 Sydney Shiann Rae Stocksdale, Charlestown
 Lindsey Storm, Winter Springs, Florida

Matthew Kilbourn Stotts, Louisville, Kentucky
 Eban Sylvia Taylor, Cincinnati, Ohio
 Kelly Lynn Terry, Lebanon
 Ruatsang Tluangneh, Indianapolis
 Leven Edward Tomey, Crestview, Florida
 Scott Michael Toren, Olathe, Kansas
 Brianna Marie Townsend, Santa Claus
 McKenna Brooke Tutt, Newburgh
 Tara L. Uebelhor Bayse, Speedway
 Nathan Venturini, Columbus
 Shanna Renee Vucinic, Evans City, Pennsylvania
 Renard Walker, Poughkeepsie, New York
 Brad Raymond Weil, Alexandria, Virginia
 Shannon Lynne Wenzel, Patoka
 Mason Werling, New Haven
 Stephen E. Westlund, Noblesville
 Cameron C. Whaley, Mount Carmel, Illinois
 Bradley Allen Wheeler, Martinsville
 Emily White, Fort Wayne
 Carlene Widmer, West Lafayette
 Jasniqua Shenya Williams, Mulberry, Florida
 Michelle C. Williams, Evansville
 Chase George Williamson, Holt, Michigan
 David D. Wilson Jr., Indianapolis
 Devon C. Woehler, Evansville
 Brandon Woolfolk, Dayton, Ohio
 Samantha Wooten, Carmi, Illinois
 Benjamin Worthington, Carthage, Missouri
 Jennifer Coyle Wright, Louisville, Kentucky
 Kalyan Chakravarti Yellapragada, Alpharetta,
 Georgia
 Pavin Bin Zachariah, Mount Prospect, Illinois
 Valerie Ziegler, Tipton

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Elizabeth Katherine Alston, Haubstadt
 Public Sector Administration
 Danielle Renee' Walker, Evansville
 Public Sector Administration

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Abigail Katheryn Bednar, Chagrin Falls, Ohio
 Psychology, *magna cum laude*
 Sierra Bonnick, Newburgh
 History, *summa cum laude*
 Lucia Claire Boulet Dahlquist, Newburgh
 World Languages and Cultures,
magna cum laude
 Emma Clare Emmons, French Lick
 Anthropology

Osborne Philip McCord Fithian, Vincennes
 Art
 Danielle Faith Goebel, Evansville
 Art, *summa cum laude*
 UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR
 Elizabeth Margret Harden, Shelbyville
 English Teaching
 Grant Howard Harrison, Montgomery
 World Languages and Cultures Teaching,
summa cum laude

Alissa Christine Keating, Evansville
 Political Science
 Nicole Monika Kobylanski, Newburgh
 Art, *cum laude*
 Jenna Kratochvil, Evansville
 Criminal Justice
 Alyssa Gayle Lensing, Newburgh
 Criminal Justice
 Gabrielle Alexandria Lopez, Evansville
 Psychology, *cum laude*

Makayla McLane, Murphysboro, Illinois
Psychology and Criminal Justice

Eduardo Josue Mejia, Washington
Political Science and Spanish Studies

Avanly A. Meuth, Evansville
History and World Languages and Cultures

Bradley Wayne Neace, Washington
English

Sarah Eleanor Pease, Evansville
Political Science

Madison Victoria Peer, Evansville
English

Trin Schaeffer, Vincennes
English

Sarah Elizabeth Siebers, Evansville
Psychology, *magna cum laude*
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Isabelle Deborah Smith, Evansville
Psychology

Jacob E. Townsend Jr., Evansville
History, *magna cum laude*

Jacob Kiles Van Bibber, Haubstadt
History, *cum laude*

Mayson Brooke VanMeter, Evansville
World Languages and Cultures,
magna cum laude

Audrey Renee Wallace, Newburgh
Psychology, *magna cum laude*

Maliah Lin White, Evansville
Art and Public Relations and Advertising,
summa cum laude

BACHELOR OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Andrew Michael Bartley, Evansville
Individualized Studies

Amber Nicolette Brinton, Evansville
Individualized Studies

Arianna Yasmine Cruz, Carterville, Illinois
Applied Studies

Tanisha Nicole Davis, Indianapolis
Applied Studies

Tanesha Lastar Dodson, Evansville
Individualized Studies

Emma Lynn Eaton, Evansville
Individualized Studies

Thomas Emerich, Ava, Missouri
Individualized Studies

Joshua Robert Epley, Evansville
Applied Studies, *magna cum laude*

Trenton Michael Harker, Haubstadt
Individualized Studies

Clayton Hughes, Jackson, Tennessee
Individualized Studies

Jack Ryan Hutchison, Newburgh
Individualized Studies

Brittany Elizabeth Love, Evansville
Individualized Studies

Breanna More, Mount Carmel, Illinois
Individualized Studies

Jordan Samuel Nolan, Mount Vernon
Individualized Studies

Amy Osborne, Poseyville
Applied Studies

Ashley Nicole Patton, Shawneetown, Illinois
Individualized Studies

Natalie Sue Record, Evansville
Individualized Studies

Alexa Breanne Roach, Evansville
Individualized Studies

Brittany C. Schneider, Evansville
Applied Studies

Ember Shepherd, Crawfordsville
Individualized Studies

Damon D. Spivey, Mount Vernon
Individualized Studies

Emma Rae Young, Owensboro, Kentucky
Individualized Studies, *magna cum laude*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Amelia Paige Auberry, Indianapolis
History

Madison Paige Black, Bruceville
Public Relations and Advertising

Clara Boarman, Newburgh
Psychology, *cum laude*

Shelbie Nicole Boatman, Newburgh
Psychology, *magna cum laude*

Clarissa M. Botello, Corpus Christi, Texas
English

Caitlyn Boyd, Evansville
English

Shaelyn Danielle Branson, Henderson,
Kentucky
Criminal Justice

Ethan Wade Brinkley, Carmi, Illinois
Art, *magna cum laude*

Alice Racine Burns, Evansville
Criminal Justice

Isaac Thomas Cochran, New Harmony
History

Caleb Eugene Cunningham, Monroe City
Psychology, *summa cum laude*
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

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Criminal Justice

Chloe Michelle Durham, Beaver Dam,
Kentucky
Psychology

Caitlyn H. Ebert, Greenwood
Art, UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Noah Michael Fehribach, Ferdinand
Criminal Justice

Madison Paige Fulks, Owensboro, Kentucky
Criminal Justice

Nicholas Paul Garbison, Veedersburg
History

Courtney Nichole Gardner, Evansville
Art

Abby Gartner, Lawrenceville, Illinois
Psychology

Trinity Hope Gingerich, Odon
Psychology, *cum laude*

Anthony Hanes, Tell City
Psychology

Jensyn L. Hardiman, Princeton
Criminal Justice

Helen Elizabeth Hargis, Evansville
Psychology

Ian Jacob Hebner, Rockport
History

Kaitlyn Claire Hicks, Evansville
Psychology

Brooklyn Margaret Hoffeditz, Albion, Illinois
Radio and Television

Ashley Nicole Hopf, Cynthiana
History, *cum laude*

Tyler Seth Hoskins, Carmi, Illinois
History

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History

Danielle Jasmine Humm, Evansville
English

Bedjamin Joseph, Winter Haven, Florida
Political Science

Grant Alvey Maas, Evansville
Sociology

Savannah Leeann Mathews, New Harmony
Political Science

Gabrielle Elizabeth McGregor, Louisville,
Kentucky
Criminal Justice

Erin Ann McRae, Evansville
English Teaching

Miles Murphy, Newburgh
Anthropology

Jessica Fay Pauli, Evansville
Psychology, *cum laude*

Semira Pearson, Wichita, Kansas
Art

Daniel Benjamin Peters, Lafayette
Psychology

Quinn Danae Phelps, Newburgh
Sociology

Vrund R. Prajapati, Newburgh
Psychology

Kierstin Olivia Prewitt, Evansville
Theatre Arts and Psychology

Megan Marie Raleigh, Evansville
Art

Millicent Catherine Rathburn-Hall,
Greenwood
English Teaching

Austin Shane Roach, Bedford
Psychology, *magna cum laude*

Avery Dane Roach, Bedford
Psychology

Calista Romhill, Evansville
Psychology

Aniyah M. Ryan, Evansville
Anthropology

Jasmine Faith Salazar, West Lafayette
Criminal Justice

Christian Schmitz, Newburgh
Public Relations and Advertising

Jessica Shearer, Indianapolis
Art

Allison Lee Sheets, New Albany
Art, *cum laude*

Dakota Ryan Smith, Saint Cloud, Florida
Theatre Arts, *cum laude*

Katlin Michelle Smith, Evansville
Psychology

Rachel Anne Sorrells, Bedford
Psychology

Allison Rosalee Staples, Spencer
Public Relations and Advertising,
magna cum laude

Steven William Steele, Evansville
Art, *cum laude*

Dominique Candace Thomas, Evansville
Psychology, *cum laude*

Jaeda Marie Thomason, Fairfield, Illinois
Art

Johnna Makayla Madison Todd, Henderson,
Kentucky
Psychology

Ryder Todd, Ferdinand
History

Mackenzie Faith Tron, Newburgh
Psychology, *cum laude*

Sydney Diane Tucker, French Lick
Psychology

Mary Olivia Vantlin, Vincennes
English

Jillian Grace Walker, Austin
Anthropology and Psychology,
summa cum laude

Lindsey Marie Ward, Evansville
Criminal Justice, *cum laude*

Brayden Webster, Linton
Psychology

Jackie Marie Welch, Carmi, Illinois
English Teaching, *magna cum laude*

Layla Francis Williams, Kingston,
Pennsylvania
Anthropology

Angel Cailin Williamson, Evansville
Psychology

Bethany Simone Leah Woods, Gary
Criminal Justice

Gabrielle Leah Wright, Evansville
Public Relations and Advertising

ROMAIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Samuel Mason Benoist, Foristell, Missouri
Economics

Isaac Bryant, Evansville
Management

Kenlee Elaine Gehlhausen, Schnellville
Accounting and Professional Services and
Marketing, *magna cum laude*

Dyllan M. King, Mount Vernon
Computer Information Systems, *cum laude*

Kayla Cheyenne Litton, Chandler
Business Administration

Suhaib Mokhtar Abdu Mohammed, Evansville
Finance

Eric James Ondash, Evansville
Finance

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Mark Bernard Abell, Evansville
Computer Information Systems

Gabriel Lee Barker, Newburgh
Computer Information Systems

Sarah Raelle Beaven, Morganfield, Kentucky
Accounting and Professional Services,
magna cum laude

Matthew Kyle Belcher, Rockport
Business Administration

Grace Elizabeth Bell, Evansville
Marketing

Adrienne Marie Betz, Jasper
Marketing, *cum laude*

Hadyn Loucas Biel, Oakland City
Finance

Berkeley Elizabeth Bittner, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services

Robert RJ Alfred Bohrer IV, Evansville
Finance and Accounting and Professional
Services

Elizabeth Ann Bracher, Boonville
Business Administration,
magna cum laude

Adam Charles Brewer, Calhoun, Illinois
Business Administration

Penny L. Byers, Evansville
Business Administration

Adam Alan Carlisle, Mount Vernon
Computer Science

Anne Marie Clark, Newburgh
Accounting and Professional Services,
summa cum laude
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Preston Dana Coots, West Lafayette
Finance

Preston Kolby Cottrell, Hardinsburg, Kentucky
Marketing, *cum laude*

Briar Marann Curd, Mount Vernon, Illinois
Finance, *summa cum laude*

Brayden Daugherty, Newburgh
Finance

John Micah Dohanich, Evansville
Computer Information Systems, *cum laude*

Mitchel Elliot Dolletzki, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services

Cruz Riley Effinger, Evansville
Business Administration

Sully El-Jerby, Saudi Arabia
Finance

Griffin Conner Elgin, Pekin
Business Administration

Gregory Cornell Ellis Jr., Evansville
Business Administration

Evan Clark Etensohn, Henderson, Kentucky
Computer Information Systems

Genesis Kevianne Evia, Newburgh
Marketing

Eric Isaac Gallegos, Evansville
Business Administration,
magna cum laude

Matthew Joseph Gerst, Newburgh
Business Administration

Benjamin Robert Gordon, Evanston
Business Administration

Camden Owen Grandstaff, French Lick
Finance, *cum laude*

Andrew Thomas Haile, Fairfield, Illinois
Marketing

Quentin Robert Hale, Patoka
Management

Raymond Cole Happe, Evansville
Business Administration

Madison N. Hatfield, Columbus
Marketing

Abigail Haynes, Vincennes
Business Administration

Hunter Matthew Henderson, Owensboro,
Kentucky
Computer Information Systems,
magna cum laude

Kenna Michele Hisle, Evansville
Business Administration

Levi Jackson Hopper, Evansville
Accounting and Professional Services

Cameron Leigh Hough, Olney, Illinois
Finance and Marketing, *magna cum laude*

Juliana Lexis Hubbard, Evansville
Business Administration,
magna cum laude

Ryan Michael Johnson, Mount Carmel, Illinois
Business Administration

Emily D. Jones, West Salem, Illinois
Business Administration

Paula R. Julian, Newburgh
Business Administration

Mathew Gerard Kercher, Evansville
Computer Information Systems

Bryce Joseph Kirchner, North Vernon
Business Administration

Thomas Matthew Klosowski, Santa Claus
Finance

Mitchell Alexander Kluemper, Jasper
Computer Information Systems

Daniel Joseph Knapp, Haubstadt
Finance

Wiktoria Tomasz Kobylanski, Newburgh
Marketing

Sara Elizabeth Lade, Vincennes
Business Administration

Dylen Matthew Lawson, Corydon
Management

Kyle Trent Leslie, Boonville
Marketing

Drew Richard Lutz, Wadesville
Management

Brian Joesph Martin, Trafalgar
Computer Science

Katherine Olivia Matthews, Washington Marketing	Peyton Robinson, Newburgh Finance and Management	Michael Andrew Taylor, Jeffersonville Marketing
Emma Nell Mattingly, Evansville Accounting and Professional Services	Allison X. Rusk, Evansville Accounting and Professional Services, <i>cum laude</i> UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR	Seth Thomas, Lamar Marketing
Chandler William McGill, Fairfield, Illinois Computer Science, <i>cum laude</i>	Dalton James Saeger, Christopher, Illinois Finance	Clayton Jeffrey Titzer, Evansville Finance, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Gavin Scott McLarty, Oldham County, Kentucky Finance, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Amber Marie Sander, Celestine Finance	Kyle Andrew Toomey, Evansville Computer Science
Janea Yvette Myles, Indianapolis Finance	Madeline Jane Sanner, Evansville Business Administration	Sebastian Dell Toy, Loogootee Business Administration
Ellie Janet Naylor, Newburgh Business Administration	Ryan Michael Schapker, Mount Vernon Computer Science, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Dylan James Tussey, Princeton Computer Science, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Olivia Lyn Neff, Evansville Management	Janell Cecilia Schirtzinger, Mount Vernon Computer Information Systems, <i>cum laude</i>	Kristian Michael Lee Tyler, Mount Carmel, Illinois Finance
Connor Nelson, French Lick Management	Robert Zachary Schoenstein, Evansville Accounting and Professional Services	Cade Michael Walsh, Lake Saint Louis, Missouri Finance
Chase Anthony Patton, Newburgh Business Administration	Jacob C. Seits, Evansville Economics	Grace Wang, Harrisburg, Illinois Computer Science
Eaven Guile Payne, Evansville Computer Science, <i>cum laude</i>	Camron Michael Ray Short, Evansville Business Administration, <i>cum laude</i>	Tyler Wade Watson, Derby Computer Information Systems
Reeder Christian Pennell, Evansville Management	Denai Korine Sicard, Ferdinand Marketing, <i>cum laude</i>	Imudunie Ayodya Wijesuriya, Sri Lanka Economics, <i>cum laude</i>
Lane Mitchell Proctor, Newburgh Business Administration	Keegan Gregry Simmons, Winslow Economics	Justin Ryan Winders, Morganfield, Kentucky Computer Information Systems, <i>cum laude</i>
Haley Nicole Reckelhoff, Dubois Business Administration	Diego Alejandro Socorro Neira, Venezuela Marketing	Ezekiel Wininger, Holland Computer Science
Dalton Scott Revels, Newburgh Finance	Kallen Lui Sullivan, Evansville Accounting and Professional Services, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Christiana L. Wolfe, Evansville Marketing
Jared Joseph Reynolds, Evansville Finance	Luke T. Taylor, Greencastle Computer Science	Kayla Ann Lin Wurtzbaugh, Shelbyville Marketing
Cameron Wayne Rich, Evansville Management		

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Jacob Lawrence, Newburgh
Social Science

Jera Star Pollock, Princeton
Social Science

This printed list of candidates for degrees does not include late changes.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA



President Ronald S. Rochon became the fourth president of the University of Southern Indiana in 2018. USI's presidential seal is embossed with the motto *education by the people, education for the people*. One of Rochon's core messages following his appointment was, "This campus is a community institution. It is, and always will be, the peoples' campus."

From its initial stages of planning in the early 1960s, community leaders have supported the University by providing a solid base for its present success and future growth. For more than 58 years, the University has continued to uphold its mission under the strong leadership of its first three presidents, David L. Rice, H. Ray Hoops, Linda L. M. Bennett, and now, Rochon.

The University of Southern Indiana was established on September 15, 1965, in the old Centennial School Building, offering classes to 412 students. In 1967 Southern Indiana Higher Education, Inc. (SIHE) raised nearly \$1 million to acquire the land where the campus now sits. The University moved to its present site four miles west of the city limits of Evansville in September 1969. The University graduated its first class of baccalaureate degree students in 1971 and achieved initial North Central Association accreditation in 1974.

USI Today

USI enrolls nearly 9,300 dual credit, undergraduate and graduate students in more than 130 areas of study. A public higher education institution located on a beautiful 1,400-acre campus, USI offers programs through the Romain College of Business, College of Liberal Arts, College of Nursing and Health Professions, the Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education and the School of Graduate Studies.

The College of Nursing and Health Professions also offers classes at the Stone Family Center for Health Sciences in downtown Evansville. The University offers study-abroad opportunities in many countries and is host to international students from around the globe.

USI is a two-time Carnegie Foundation Community Engaged University and offers programs and services to more than 15,000 participants annually through Outreach and Engagement. Programs and services include the Center for Applied Research, College Achievement Program, Community Engagement, Historic New Harmony, Historic Southern Indiana, New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art, Corporate Partnerships and Customized Training, Lifelong Learning Noncredit Programs, ROTC, Safety Training, Service Learning, Southern Indiana Japanese School, and the Veteran, Military and Family Resource Center.

A competitive member of NCAA Division I and the Ohio Valley Conference, USI offers 19 varsity intercollegiate men's and women's sports.

Under the leadership of President Rochon, the University continues a tradition of affordable excellence through innovation and engagement, and positions itself as a top choice for high-caliber college students across the state, nationally and internationally.

The University of Southern Indiana's vision states: *USI will be a recognized leader in higher education boldly shaping the future and transforming the lives of our students through exceptional learning and intentional innovation.*

Its mission statement is: *USI is an engaged learning community committed to exceptional education. We exist to provide an educated citizenry that can engage in a civil manner within a community with divergent ideas and cultural differences. We prepare our students to lead and make positive contributions to our state, their communities, and to be lifetime learners in a diverse and global society.*

USI is engaged in its 2021–25 five-year strategic plan which includes four overarching goals:

- Improve Student Success
- Foster Impactful Engagement
- Elevate Visibility and Reputation
- Strengthen Financial Viability

These four goals, along with the core values of integrity, exceptional education, transformative learning, inclusive and diverse community and external engagement, are a roadmap for the University's future.

Today, more than 52,000 alumni have been awarded diplomas from the University of Southern Indiana. USI graduates are renowned surgeons, bank executives, artists, leaders in K-12 education, accounting executives, lawyers, nurses, hospital administrators, college professors and elected officials, and through the knowledge gained from here—USI, their alma mater—they ignite transformation in their communities.

COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

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. The University of Southern Indiana Presidential Medallion signifies the authority bestowed upon the president.

Donated by the late Melvin Denner, Professor Emeritus of Biology, and Anne Denner, former Instructor in Nutrition and Biology, and their family, a medallion was fabricated by Honorcraft for the 1995 inauguration of H. Ray Hoops, USI President. Dr. Denner served as grand marshal at the University's first inauguration.

For President Rochon's inauguration, a new medallion was struck with the updated Seal and a new chain was fabricated. In addition to the names of USI's presidents on the reverse side of the medallion, the new chain was commissioned bearing their names on four separate plates. Made by Medalcraft Mint, Inc., the medallion and chain were underwritten by a generous gift from University trustee and alumnus, Ronald D. Romain '73 and alumna Connie Dartt Romain '74.

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; faculty members, department heads and deans serve as gonfaloniers. First used in 2005 and presented to the University as a gift from the Campus Store, new gonfalons were needed and fabricated for the 2019 Inauguration Ceremony.

University Seal

The University Seal, originally designed by Nussmeier Engraving and updated in 2018, bears the University's colors—blue, red and white—with gray. The shield signifies the importance of higher education in defending citizens against ignorance.

Between the two banners displaying the University's name appears an open book, illuminated by the torch of knowledge. Trees on either side of the flame suggest not only the University's pastoral Southern Indiana setting but also life, growth and continuity.

The 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 motto *education by the people, education 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. 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.

COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

Academic Regalia

The academic garb dates from medieval days when university students wore woolen and fur garments for warmth in damp and drafty buildings. Most of those studying were clerics in holy orders; they wore a cloak to which was attached a hood that could be pulled up to cover their tonsured heads.

Simplified today, the garb serves to remind us that its wearer is a member of an ancient and venerable profession; it also indicates, by its color and design, the wearer's degree and the institution by which the degree was conferred.

In the United States, black has been the traditional color for academic gowns, but some institutions authorize holders of their doctorates to wear colors of the institution. The bachelor's gown is distinguished by its long, open sleeves; the master's by its closed, slitted sleeves; the doctoral by its full sleeves trimmed with bands of velvet, which may be black or a color denoting the field in which the degree was taken.

The mortarboard cap, proper for all degrees, is black. Tassels, usually black, are worn over the left front quarter of the cap. Holders of the doctorate may wear tassels of gold thread.

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.

Doctoral and master's degree candidates will receive hoods distinctive to their degrees. The honorary doctoral hoods of the University of Southern Indiana are black, lined with blue satin with red satin chevrons. They are edged with white velvet. Retired members of the University faculty can be recognized in today's ceremony by the red, white and blue cords or a replica of the Presidential Medallion with a blue ribbon worn with their regalia.

The Distinguished Professor Award is the highest recognition bestowed upon a faculty member at the University of Southern Indiana. Faculty who have received this award can be recognized in today's ceremony by the blue and red stole embroidered with the University Seal worn with their regalia.

Baccalaureate Scholarship Honors

The baccalaureate degree candidate graduating with either a 4.0 or the highest grade point average graduates *summa cum laude*. Baccalaureate students with a grade point average of

3.80 or higher graduate *magna cum laude*. Those with grade point averages between 3.60 and 3.79 graduate *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 doctoral and 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 the Commencement ceremony by the white honor cords worn with their regalia.

Alumni Pins

Graduates in each ceremony are receiving alumni lapel pins with the University logo as a gift from the University of Southern Indiana Alumni Council.

Photography During Ceremony

GradImages® will take photos of each graduate throughout the ceremony. Approximately one week after Commencement, GradImages® will email proofs to graduates' USI email address and/or preferred email address. For further information, you may contact GradImages® at 800-628-4509. Family members who wish to take still or video photographs during the ceremony may do so from their seats. Your cooperation ensures the dignity of the Commencement Ceremony.

Photographs taken by USI Photography and Multimedia will be available following the ceremonies on social media platforms. A gallery of images and prints also are available for order at usiphotos.zenfolio.com/usigrad.

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Constant, Faithful and True

The University of Southern Indiana Alma Mater

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Where the North meets the South,
And the East meets the West,
Where roads cross tall fields of grain,
Where Evansville stands on the Ohio's rough sands,
May we evermore hear that refrain.

USI... USI...

Constant, faithful, and true.
We'll remember our home, wherever we roam.
In our hearts, we'll be loyal to you.

On these grounds by the people,
For the people endowed,
We honor the red, blue and white
And that name we'll hold dear
To the end of our years
As we lift up our voices on high.

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