



2022  
COMMENCEMENT  
EXERCISES

# ORDER OF THE 2022 FALL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

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

Saturday, December 17, 2022

10 a.m.

### **Processional**

*Pomp and Circumstance, Edward Elgar, Composer*

Recording by London Philharmonic, Daniel Barenboim, *Conductor*

### **Grand Marshal**

Mohammed F. Khayum, *Provost*

### **National Anthem**

Recording by Daniel R. Craig, *Associate Professor of Music*

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Ronald S. Rochon, *President*

### **Reflection**

Luke L. Lindsay '22

### **Class of 2022 Recognition**

Dr. Constance F. Swenty, *Interim Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions; Professor of Nursing*

### **The Commencement Address**

Dr. Stephanie L. Young, *Associate Professor of Communication Studies; Director of Basic Course*

### **Conferral of Degrees**

Ronald S. Rochon, *President*

Assisted by Mohammed F. Khayum, *Provost*

### **Presentation of Graduates**

Ronald S. Rochon, *President*

Presented by Dr. Kevin J. Valadares, *Chair of Health Administration, Professor of Health Services*

### **Welcome from the USI Alumni Association**

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

### **Recessional**

*Trumpet Tune & Bell Symphony, Henry Purcell, Composer*

Recording by Michael Murray and the Empire Brass

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## STEPHANIE L. YOUNG TO DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

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Stephanie L. Young

**D**r. Stephanie Young, Associate Professor of Communication Studies and Director of Basic Course, is a co-recipient of the H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award. She is being honored for her tireless dedication in teaching Core 39 courses and her outstanding service and contributions to the Core 39 curriculum.

Young began her career at USI in 2009. Presently at USI, Young serves as the Director of the Introduction to Public Speaking (CMST 101) course and the College Achievement Program (CAP) Faculty Liaison for CMST 101. In these roles, she is responsible for maintaining the standards of CMST 101 and the Core 39 curriculum for 15-20 sections of the course per semester, as well as for high school seniors across the state of Indiana. Young also conducts classroom visits for all instructors, provides feedback to instructors and serves as an additional resource to all students in CMST 101.

She has been instrumental in writing and upholding the Core 39 petitions, developing assessments and revising curricular changes in a variety of additional communication courses. For example, in Communication Criticism and Analysis, a writing embedded experience course, students conduct an entire qualitative research project including ethnographic methods, textual analysis and a literature review. Young spends countless hours each semester guiding students through the writing process and provides valuable line-by-line feedback to improve students' writing. Students often comment on how exemplary Young is in this class in improving their writing abilities.

In addition to her Core 39 development, Young continually publishes a variety of pedagogical research articles which speak to her ability to connect pedagogical excellence, her identities as a professor and her students' ability to critically think about the world around them. Young has published scholarship on her pedagogical practices as a biracial and queer professor, and she has also co-authored a textbook on researching popular culture. Students find her research incredibly helpful as they navigate critical textual research.

Young earned a bachelor's degree in interpersonal communication and women's studies from Purdue University in 2004; a master's degree in communication studies from Ohio University in 2006; and a doctorate in philosophy in communication studies from Ohio University in 2009.

The H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award was established in 2000 and honors USI faculty members whose work in University Core Courses (UCC) has been especially creative and successful in furthering UCC goals. As a recipient, Young 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.



## LEIGH ANNE HOWARD HONORED WITH H. LEE COOPER CORE CURRICULUM TEACHING AWARD

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Leigh Anne Howard

**D**r. Leigh Anne Howard, Professor of Communication Studies and Chair of the Communication and Media Department, is a co-recipient of the H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award. She is being honored for her ongoing dedication to service-learning and innovative community-based pedagogy.

Howard began her career at USI in 2000 after serving as an Assistant Professor of Communication at Spalding University in Louisville, Kentucky. Since her time at USI, she has held a multitude of leadership roles, including Graduate Director for the Master of Arts in Communication Program and Program Director for Communication Studies. Howard also has been as an organizer for the Core 39 Speaker Series Event, has served on multiple College of Liberal Arts search committees and is the Chair for the Student Publications Committee.

While teaching core curriculum courses at USI, Howard has implemented numerous innovative pedagogical practices. For example, to adapt Communication Criticism and Analysis during the COVID-19 pandemic, she revised the intensive writing assignment to have students engage in online ethnographic research. She also uses interactive and community-based performances to teach course content to enhance students' ability to understand differing views and cultural perceptions.

Within the broader community, Howard demonstrates a strong ability to connect classroom learning to everyday life. As a practitioner of service-learning and community-based pedagogy for over 25 years, she links various Core 39 courses to University, local, regional, national and global communities. For 14 years, students in Introduction to Performance Studies worked with the Evansville Boys and Girls Club in developing performances to support the Boys and Girls Club initiatives. In Introduction to Public Speaking, Howard introduced the multicultural speech into the curriculum in order to connect students with global issues. In Introduction to Interpersonal Communication, several social issues, including interpersonal conflict and conflict resolution, are actively discussed.

Howard's interactive, community-based style in the classroom encourages community engagement, enhances social awareness and inspires personal growth. Her teaching style sets a steady foundation for students to be successful lifetime learners in a diverse and global society.

Howard's publication record and array of awards speak to her teaching excellence and expertise in course subject matter. Her scholarship related to pedagogy in Core 39 courses has been published in several national and international journals, including the *Journal of Intercultural Communication*; the *Journal of Applied Communication Research*; *Communication Education*; *Michigan Journal of Community Service*; *Education, Citizenship and Social Justice*; and others. In 2014, Howard was awarded the Sisco Award for Teaching from Southern States Communication Association (SSCA), and in 2020, she received the Southern Scholar in Performance Studies Award from SSCA.

Howard earned a bachelor's degree in English and drama from Centre College of Kentucky; a master's degree in communication from Western Kentucky University; and a doctorate of philosophy in speech communication, with an emphasis in performance and cultural studies, from Louisiana State University.

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### **Reflection**

Ryan A. Memmer '22

### **Class of 2022 Recognition**

Dr. Del D. Doughty, *Dean of the College of Liberal Arts; Professor of English*

### **The Commencement Address**

Dr. Melissa J. Stacer, *Professor of Criminal Justice Studies; Director, MA in Criminal Justice*

### **Conferral of Degrees**

Ronald S. Rochon, *President*

Assisted by Mohammed F. Khayum, *Provost*

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## MELISSA J. STACER TO DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

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Melissa J. Stacer

**D**r. Melissa Stacer, Professor of Criminal Justice, is the 2022 recipient of the USI Distinguished Professor Award. She is being honored for her robust collection of research and her commitment to mentoring and advising students during their academic journeys.

Stacer joined the USI faculty in 2010 as an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice. She was promoted to Associate Professor of Criminal Justice in 2016 and then to Professor of Criminal Justice in 2021. She also serves as Director of the Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Program at USI. In this role, she establishes advertising and marketing initiatives for the program, advises current and prospective students, creates the program course schedule every semester and assigns faculty to teach respective courses.

As a scholar, Stacer is known for bringing inquisitive creativity and statistical skills into the research process. Her main area of expertise focuses on corrections, specifically institutional corrections. Her additional research interests include justice-involved veterans, prison culture, prisoner misconduct, reentry, collateral consequences of incarceration and criminal justice education. Colleagues consider Stacer “one of the most relevant experts in the study of incarceration and rehabilitation of former military personnel in the United States.” As a well-established independent and collaborative researcher, she serves as a mentor to her peers and students in their varied research endeavors.

Her students credit her for their passion for research and lifelong learning and say she is always prepared, professional and excited about the work she does. Stacer consistently advocates for the welfare of her students.

A former student said Stacer was instrumental throughout her time at USI and inspired her to continue her education in USI’s Master of Social Work program. Also, during this student’s time at USI, she was able to present at five professional conferences around the country and was also published twice alongside Stacer in the *Journal of Criminal Justice Education* and once in the *Journal of Scholarship of Teaching and Learning*.

Stacer presently serves as Vice President for the Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences and is an active member of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and the American Society of Criminology. She is the treasurer of the Promoting a Drug-Free Community in Posey County and a member of the Posey County Community Corrections Advisory Board. She was awarded the Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences Faculty Research Award in 2018 and has been awarded several internal University awards during her time at USI.

Stacer earned a bachelor’s degree (*summa cum laude*) in criminal justice and sociology from Saginaw Valley State University in 2005; a master’s degree in sociology from Purdue University in 2007; and a doctorate in sociology from Purdue University in 2010.

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, Stacer will receive a \$7,000 stipend plus a \$3,000 faculty development grant underwritten by generous donors to the USI Foundation.



# UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA

## Candidates for Degrees

### CLASS OF 2022

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

Saturday, December 17, 2022  
10 a.m.

#### DOCTORAL DEGREES

##### DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Beth Anne Young, Newburgh  
Educational Leadership  
Doctoral Advisor: Dr. Tori Colson

#### POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE

Danielle Elizabeth Kristina Perkins, Indianapolis  
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

#### MASTER DEGREES

##### MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Erin Catherine Beal, Greenfield  
Heather Beeler, Sunrise, Florida  
Sarah Kristine Burk, Newburgh  
Emilee Danielle Clarke, Mount Vernon, Illinois  
Rosy Duran, Baldwin, New York  
Christopher Randall Flowers, Pekin  
Cherise Lynelle Garrison, Matteson, Illinois  
Vandi Gooch, Evansville  
Kirsti Y. Humburg, Westfield

Shanita Robin Lee, Evansville  
Jennifer Claire Martin, Indianapolis  
Magdalene Wanja Mwangi, Round Rock, Texas  
Nora Noureldin, Lombard, Illinois  
Beidy L. Rubio Lopez, Logansport  
Alejandro Salah, New York, New York  
Nidia D. Thies, Austin, Texas  
Rachel Alexandra Upton, Carmel  
Rachel Ann VanOeffelen, Paw Paw, Michigan  
Taylor Wasserott, Cedar Lake

##### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Bethany L. Brown, Corydon  
Mathematics Teaching Secondary  
Emma Sarah DeHart, Indianapolis  
Curriculum and Instruction  
Sydney Marie Shalosky, Newburgh  
Curriculum and Instruction

##### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPORT MANAGEMENT

Jonathan Charles Aldridge, Plainfield  
James Francis Kingsley IV, Bloomfield  
Daniel E. Sullivan II, Elkhart

#### BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

##### COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

##### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Jamie Lee Anderson, Brazil  
Respiratory Therapy

Carlee Michelle Becher, Vincennes  
Health Services  
Savannah M. Cravens, Mitchell  
Health Services

Brayton Micheal Cummins, Vincennes  
Health Services  
Kylee Elyse Dallas, Evansville  
Health Services

Calynn Nicole Davis, Indianapolis  
Health Services

Katherine Rebecca Ellis, Haubstadt  
Health Services

Mary A. Ellis, Sacramento, Kentucky  
Respiratory Therapy

Natalie Feldmann, Evansville  
Health Services

Alisha Nicole Glover, Philpot, Kentucky  
Health Services

Corey Daniel Gould, Evansville  
Health Services

Ahmed Haji, Des Plaines, Illinois  
Respiratory Therapy

Perri Renee Hammett, Evansville  
Health Services, *cum laude*

Sarah Elizabeth Hirsch, Newburgh  
Food and Nutrition

Oluwatosin Tolulope Ilesanmi, Indianapolis  
Respiratory Therapy

Lauren Olivia Koester, Wadesville  
Health Services

Marissa R. Lynn, Henderson, Kentucky  
Health Services, *cum laude*

Kelsey Nicole Minick, Mount Vernon  
Health Services

Emily Gabrielle Myers, Evansville  
Health Services

Kayli Dawn Newman, Evansville  
Health Services

Emily Daniela Nord, Ferdinand  
Health Services

Calista Ann Paul, Evansville  
Health Services

Kelsey Nicole Poelhuis, Newburgh  
Food and Nutrition

Kelsey Rausch, Evansville  
Health Services

Joseph Richter, New Berlin, Wisconsin  
Respiratory Therapy

Jaydyn Lynn Rickard, Sullivan  
Health Services, *cum laude*

Madelene Yvette Rigel, Manitowoc, Wisconsin  
Respiratory Therapy

Chloe Sue Riley, Columbus  
Respiratory Therapy

Fuad A. Said, Chicago, Illinois  
Respiratory Therapy

Reid Allen Snyder, Olney, Illinois  
Health Services

Brooklyn Nicole Spindler, Evansville  
Health Services

Emmalee Lauryn Spinks, Indianapolis  
Health Services

Eric Vernon Po Tan, Orland Park, Illinois  
Respiratory Therapy

Tammy L. Tanner, Terre Haute  
Respiratory Therapy

Jacki Tindall, Sullivan  
Respiratory Therapy

Samantha Ann Tipton, Marine, Illinois  
Health Services, *cum laude*

Samantha Lynn Victor, Indianapolis  
Health Services, *cum laude*

Anne C. Vonderahe, Evansville  
Health Services, *cum laude*

Lexie Anne Webb, Evansville  
Health Services, *cum laude*

Katelyn Elizabeth Williams, Bedford  
Health Services, *magna cum laude*

Kambron Bryce Wilson, Mount Vernon  
Health Services

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH INFORMATICS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT**

Jean Harris, Evansville, *cum laude*  
Franchesca Laurencio, Harrisburg, Illinois

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

Taylor Blaine Allen, Vincennes, *cum laude*  
Kiley Paige Ambrose, Selvin  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR  
Ashley Marie Bemis, Chattanooga, Tennessee  
Brooke Elyzabeth Berry, Owensville  
*magna cum laude*  
Joshua Kevin Breeden, Evansville  
Jordan Lynn Bundren, Creal Springs, Illinois  
*magna cum laude*  
Holly Castle, Rome City  
Sarah Elizabeth Chilton, Noblesville  
Emily Collins, Evansville  
Rachel Corbitt, Madisonville, Kentucky  
Lindsey Dalton, New Albany  
Megan Elaine DeBolt, Columbus  
Mickayla Rose Dugan, Springville  
Stephanie Nicole Ellis, Frankfort  
Cooper Hayden Fleck, Newburgh  
*cum laude*  
Emily Nicole Frakes, Ferdinand  
*magna cum laude*  
Bailey Faith Gilmore, Marengo  
*cum laude*

Mackenzie Goebel, Evansville  
*cum laude*

Helen Elizabeth Hargis, Evansville  
Kaitlyn Marie Hembree, Lagro  
Emily Jane Herrmann, Evansville  
*summa cum laude*

Jadah L. Hoepker, Salem, Illinois  
Misty Hunter, Coatesville  
Katelynne Leanne Jenkins, Carmel  
Cherri Alisa Johnson, Indianapolis  
Jamia M. Jones, Princeton  
Hayley Nicole Kaelin, Evansville  
Elizabeth Nadine Kiesel, Haubstadt  
*magna cum laude*  
Cassandra Knepp, Loogootee  
*summa cum laude*, UNIVERSITY HONORS  
SCHOLAR  
Aaron Joseph Krizmanich, Bristol  
Malia Breanne Lousignont, Evansville  
Mary Kaitlyn Marley, Saint Francisville, Illinois  
Melissa Kay McGavic, Monroe City  
Darian Marie Montgomery, Ladoga  
Chasity Hope Perry, North Vernon  
Anna Pierce, Owensboro, Kentucky  
Amanda Nicole Prince, Bedford  
Emma Marie Pritchett, Evansville  
Robert Lawrence Radden, Swansea, Illinois  
*magna cum laude*  
Alexandra N. Rehl, Evansville  
Abigail Grace Riley, Bedford  
Allison Elizabeth Rogers, Lafayette  
*cum laude*  
Emily Rose Rogers, Lafayette  
*cum laude*  
Mariah Jo Seifert, Jasper  
*cum laude*  
Suzanne Renee' Seiler, Newburgh  
Sheri A. Sherman, Linton  
Madeline Jae Springer, Jasper  
*magna cum laude*  
Kristina Marie Steele, Evansville  
Angela Michelle Stephens, Newburgh  
Abigail Jean Straight, Rockingham, North  
Carolina  
Aja Rheanna Torres, San Antonio, Texas  
Morgan K. Vaal, Saint Meinrad  
Kourtne Lee Vilbrandt, Lebanon  
Madison Vincent, Central City, Kentucky  
Leah Webb, Shelbyville, Kentucky

## **POTT COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND EDUCATION**

### **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Lauren Jessica Estel, Evansville  
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*,  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Hannah Lee Granderson, Marion, Illinois  
Elementary Education, *cum laude*  
Amy E. Haussecker, Indianapolis  
Exercise Science

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Alexa Elise Adkins, Memphis  
Exercise Science, *cum laude*



Sylvia Jane Adler, Haubstadt  
Kinesiology, *cum laude*

Jessie Ryon Bender, Terre Haute  
Mathematics Teaching

Leah Faith Bilskie, Mount Vernon  
Exercise Science, *cum laude*

Olivia Grace Bischof, Jeffersonville  
Sport Management, *cum laude*

Caden Reid Blankenship, Mulkeytown, Illinois  
Exercise Science

Dawson Brantley, Evansville  
Advanced Manufacturing

Jacob Bridges, Norris City, Illinois  
Mathematics Teaching

Madison Darby Brink, Newburgh  
Special Education, *cum laude*

Emma Elizabeth Brown, Evansville  
Science Teaching, *cum laude*

Tristen Alexander Brown, Evansville  
Sport Management

Shalyn Brynnae Bruner, Loogootee  
Environmental Science

Hollie Anne Buchanan, Owensville  
Environmental Science

Jonathan David Burgess, Mount Vernon  
Mathematics, *magna cum laude*

Caleb Michael Burkdoll, Evansville  
Biochemistry

Nolan Andrew Cook, Evansville  
Exercise Science, *magna cum laude*

Caroline Christine Cox, Mount Vernon  
Special Education and Elementary  
Education, *magna cum laude*

Breann Marie Dorsam, Jasper  
Elementary Education

Luke Euler, Evansville  
Industrial Supervision

Katie Marie Fisher, Bedford  
Sport Management

Matthew Edward Frisz, Vincennes  
Exercise Science

Evan William Fritcher, Neoga, Illinois  
Kinesiology

Megan Elizabeth Gardner, Vincennes  
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Kalin Jill Hastings, Mount Vernon  
Early Childhood Education

Pierce T. Henshaw, Morganfield, Kentucky  
Industrial Supervision

Kelsie Sue Herrin, Evansville  
Manufacturing Engineering Technology,  
*cum laude*

Allison Carol Howard, Owensboro, Kentucky  
Special Education, *summa cum laude*

Logan Ferrell Hunt, Dale, Illinois  
Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Mackenzie Taylor Hupp, New Albany  
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Colleen Inyart, Claremont, Illinois  
Exercise Science, *cum laude*

Meagan Ashli Jessee, Indianapolis  
Elementary Education

Luke Logan Lindsay, Plymouth, Minnesota  
Environmental Science, *cum laude*

Grace Alexandria Marshall, Lexington  
Exercise Science

Alexandra Layne Maurer, Evansville  
Biology

Gabrielle Essence McCoy, Detroit, Michigan  
Industrial Supervision

Chloe Adele McIsaac, Fairview Heights, Illinois  
Mathematics Teaching, *summa cum laude*

Tyler Garrett McKitrick, Wabash  
Exercise Science

Samantha Murphy, Carmi, Illinois  
Biology

Katie Ann Niehaus, Bruceville  
Elementary Education, *summa cum laude*

Hope Noelle Oeding, Newburgh  
Exercise Science, *magna cum laude*

Hahah Nicole Parker, Springfield  
Elementary Education

Uriel Ivan Perez Neri, Jasper  
Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Kate Debby Posavatdy, Baldwin Park,  
California  
Mathematics

Grace Elizabeth Rainey, Evansville  
Biology

Jacob Wayne Ramsey, Bedford  
Industrial Supervision

Alex Philip Rapp, Dahlgren, Illinois  
Sport Management

Aubrey Lynn Ruxer, St. Meinrad  
Elementary Education and Special  
Education, *magna cum laude*

Natalie Rose Schimp, Equality, Illinois  
Biochemistry, *cum laude*

Morgan Andrew Schitter, Newburgh  
Environmental Science

Emily Layne Seger, Evansville  
Biology, *cum laude*

Kaitlin Nicole Siedl, Bedford  
Elementary Education and Early Childhood  
Education, *cum laude*

Alaina Gene Stopher, Albion, Illinois  
Biology

Amanda Jane Sutton, Newburgh  
Elementary Education

Shane Michael Tremper, Boonville  
Exercise Science

Kimberely Starrere Urbin, Peru  
Early Childhood Education and Special  
Education, *magna cum laude*

Alexis Jenae Witzig, Troy, Illinois  
Special Education and Elementary  
Education, *cum laude*

Kaitlin Renee Wright, Cynthiana  
Biology, *summa cum laude*

Ian David Zweifel, Mooresville  
Biology, *summa cum laude*, UNIVERSITY  
HONORS SCHOLAR

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING**

Daniel Clifton Lusk, Ferdinand

Kaelyn Layneth Moreno Miranda, Chiriqui,  
Panama

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING**

Leyton Jonathan Allen, Mitchell

Austin M. Campbell, Evansville

Gregory Ryan Clevidence, Newburgh

Joseph Nirvan Faith, Bloomington

Samantha Shea Fitzgerald, Georgetown

Derick Lee Geier, Bedford

Blake Allen Miller, Galatia, Illinois

Iruoghene Ogheneochucko Oruahwo, Lagos,  
Nigeria

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING**

Micah Hoff, Newburgh

Jacob Stephen Simmons, Loogootee

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**

Xenia Masiel Adames Chanis, Aguadulce,  
Panama  
*magna cum laude*, UNIVERSITY HONORS  
SCHOLAR

Emma Suzanne Carter, Greenville

Kole Gibson, Henderson, Kentucky

Grant Russell Hamilton, Vincennes

Noah Thomas Laine, Newburgh

Tristan Jacob Morris, East New Market,  
Maryland

## ASSOCIATE DEGREES

### COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

#### ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Gracie Twila Adams, Vincennes  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Grace Kelly Allen, Martinsville  
Dental Assisting

Alexis Stasia Arnett, New Castle  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Anna Alexandria Betz, Kokomo  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Addilyn Brynn Buffington, French Lick  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Emily Brooke Carnahan, Winslow  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Montana Elizabeth Edwards, Washington  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Camille Rose Gerber, Jasper  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Jason Tyler Grant, Newburgh  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Sara Ann Gress, Jasper  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Anthony Ray Helfert, Evansville  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Bailey Nicole Jenkins, Henderson, Kentucky  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Holly Li Jones, Converse  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Caleb Andrew Keller, Santa Claus  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Alexandria Cheree Marks, Indianapolis  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Rebecca Clare McCarty, Washington  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Alexis C. Merchant, Troy, Illinois  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Bryce Christian Payne, Newburgh  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Sydney Renee Richards, Santa Claus  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Jaydyn Lynn Rickard, Sullivan  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Abbie Jonell Rock, Beaver Dam, Kentucky  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Gisela Romo Mata, Tell City  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Chloe Elizabeth Roy, Winslow  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Andrea Steward, Center Point  
Dental Assisting

Natasha Lynn Ward, Jasper  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Emma Rae Young, Owensboro, Kentucky  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

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

# ROMAIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES CEREMONY

Saturday, December 17, 2022  
1 p.m.

## POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE

Jennifer Ann Barnett, Mount Vernon, Illinois  
Addiction Science

## MASTER DEGREES

### MASTER OF ARTS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Ashley Mae Baum, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

### MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION

Stephanie J. El Tawil, Los Angeles, California  
Alec Martin Reed, Fort Branch

### MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

Abigail Rebekah Dill, Evansville  
Emily Rae Ozee, Herold, Illinois  
Rachel Eileen Sellers, Montgomery

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

Allison Nicole Adams, Evansville  
Helen Aya Bryant, Port Orchard, Washington  
Virginia Lynne Fields, Newburgh  
Jennifer Chia-Chen Huang, Taipei, Taiwan

### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Nermeen Abdelmalak, Estero, Florida  
Osarodion Tony Aghimien, Danville  
Meredith Nicole Alcorn, Evansville  
Aaron T. Anderson, Elizabethtown, Kentucky  
Jaylan Lamar Anderson, Indianapolis  
Emmanuel O. Audu, Lagos, Nigeria  
Rachel Renee Bakaitis, Chesterton  
Shilpi Balan, Aurora, Illinois  
Hanh Huynh Bannister, Honolulu, Hawaii  
Alex Michael Bickers, Westfield  
Kevin Michael Blankenberger, Indianapolis  
Alex Bohnhoff, Dieterich, Illinois

Asheli Elizabeth Bridwell, Bedford  
Cheryl Howard Briney, Scottsdale, Arizona  
Megan Naomi Brooks, Bloomington  
Danielle D. Broshears, Greenwood  
Matthew Edward Brown, Montpelier, Ohio  
Jason Brutto, Crown Point  
Charlotte J. Buchanan, Chicago, Illinois  
Isaac Riley Bush, Indianapolis  
Charity Lynn Caldwell, Anderson  
Meghan Elizabeth Chamberlin, Elkhart  
Daniel Chan Bastos da Silva, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
Dongwoo Chang, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Patrick Joseph Chida, Buda, Texas  
Ching Lam Leanne Chu, Hong Kong, Hong Kong  
Christopher Clayton, Henderson, Kentucky  
Russell Joseph Clinton III, Jacksonville, Florida  
Ryan Dell Coon, Lynchburg, Virginia  
Adam Cordonnier, Parrish, Florida  
Sierra Jean Cormier, Lynnville  
Tristan Michael Cox, Oakwood, Illinois  
Janet Crane, St. Louis, Missouri  
Mina Danial, Indianapolis  
Hayden Brooks Daugherty, Jackson, Tennessee  
Natalie Elaine David, Evansville  
Ava Renae Demps, Evansville  
Kameron Nicole Denning, Evansville  
Heather Catherine Driscoll, Mill Valley, California  
Courtney Edwards-Jones, Gary  
Shannon N. Eickhoff, Vincennes  
Jody A. Eilar, Bedford  
Morgan Nicole Eilers, Troy, Illinois  
Richard P. Ewbank, Crown Point

Oluwatosin Adebimpe Falola, Marietta, Georgia  
Alex Chapman Fath, Indianapolis  
Jason Gabriel Fee, Seymour  
Gregory Fernandez, Clayton  
Lauren Therese Fields, Breese, Illinois  
Alexander Fischer, Westport  
Brian Nicholas Forte, Phoenix, Arizona  
Emma Marie Frazee, Jasper  
Colleen Furlong, Fishers  
Rodrick Levinsky Gaither, Winnsboro, South Carolina  
Danae Marie Garcia, Charlotte, North Carolina  
Cory Wayne Gathmann, Bloomington  
Eric Thomas Gentry, Wadesville  
Jason Robert German, Three Oaks, Michigan  
Matthew David Gertz, West Lafayette  
Janelle Givans, Brazil  
Austin James Gosnell, Speedway  
Colleen Gregory, Pekin, Illinois  
Jarod Haman, Indianapolis  
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Samantha Ashley Harris, Louisville, Kentucky  
Nicole Harrison, Lafayette  
John Edward Hensel, Indianapolis  
Taryn Nicole Henson, Indianapolis  
Nicholas Ryan Herrmann, Carmel  
Taylor Rayne Hiers, Huntington  
Joshua Hughes, New Albany  
Ashley Lauren Hunter, Flossmor, Illinois  
Evelyn Hunter, Palmyra  
Abraham G. Husseini, Dearborn, Michigan  
Jason Jablonski, Mishawaka  
Atoria Renee Jackson, Indianapolis

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 Christopher Kahila, Sturgis, Michigan  
 Kuljit Singh Kapur, Darien, Illinois  
 Gagandeep Kaur, Pittsboro  
 Sanjay Babasaheb Kawade, Newburgh  
 Alan Patrick Keller, Jasper  
 Samantha Rene' Kertis, Avon  
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 Madeline Jennifer Paganetto, Louisville, Kentucky  
 Anasuya Parray, Branchburg, New Jersey  
 Hetal Dinesh Patel, Waynesboro, Mississippi  
 Ashley Peak, Evansville  
 John C. Pearson, Cynthiana  
 Daria Pentsova, Kharkiv, Ukraine  
 Conner Persohn, Ferdinand  
 Theresa M. Pettitway-Afuwape, Detroit, Michigan  
 Beatrice Favor Phillips, Owensboro, Kentucky  
 James L. Phipps III, Newburgh  
 Michael Jonathan Plaza, Coral Gables, Florida  
 Garrett Mathew Popp, Lanesville  
 Paige Marie Psyllos, Evansville  
 Kory Adam Reagan, Bedford  
 Karl F. Repay, Highland  
 Austin Michael Rhodes, Macomb, Michigan  
 Brendon Michael Robbeloth, Jeffersonville  
 Michael William Rupp, Crown Point  
 Amanda Lynn Ruzicka, Naperville, Illinois  
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 Talia R. Sanders, Indianapolis  
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 Zachary Don Sawyer, Haubstadt  
 Christopher Schapker, Evansville  
 Wyatt Matthew Schmicker, Winamac  
 Margaret Elizabeth Seitz, Nashville  
 Jonie Marie Shidler, Markleville  
 Jane Cardoso Silva Townsend, Evansville  
 Achleigh Nicole Meister Simon, Osgood  
 Craig Bernard Skelton, Newburgh  
 Renwick Skelton, Houston, Texas  
 Nicholas Michael Sliger, Fishers  
 Megan Elizabeth Smith, Muncie  
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 Nhi Thi Yen Tran, Vietnam  
 Matthew Unger, Waynesville, Ohio  
 Dolapo Uthman, Lagos, Nigeria  
 Elliott Robert Van Hoy, Trafalgar  
 Nicholas A. Vogt, Colorado Springs, Colorado  
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 Robin Ivy Ward, Owensboro, Kentucky  
 Hannah Louise Wascher, Rantoul, Illinois  
 Michael Joseph Weitzel, Park Ridge, Illinois  
 Matthew Tyler Welsh, Greenwood  
 Sean White, Orefield, Pennsylvania  
 Emily Rachel Whitham, Carmel  
 Leigha Williams, Tempe, Arizona  
 Sekani Osei Michel Williams, Valparaiso  
 Adrienne Justine Winemiller, McLeansboro, Illinois  
 Nicole Winters, Evansville  
 Jared Jay Wolfe, Lowell  
 Michelle Elaine Wood, Indianapolis  
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 Non-Profit Administration

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### ROMAIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

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Neil Thomas Ackerman, Evansville  
 Marketing  
 Kathleen Jiatong Smith, Owensville  
 Marketing, *magna cum laude*  
 Malaika Soleil Stewart, Evansville  
 Accounting and Professional Services

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Gina Sherice Adams, Newburgh  
 Business Administration  
 Ana Jocelyn Aguiñada Arellano, Grand Junction, Colorado  
 Marketing, *summa cum laude*  
 Lukas Steven Albin, Evansville  
 Finance

Kaitlin Bell Albrecht, Jasper  
 Management, *cum laude*, UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR  
 Turner Joseph Baehl, Evansville  
 Accounting and Professional Services  
 Presleigh Shane Baggett, Evansville  
 Management  
 Bryce D. Baumgart, Evansville  
 Marketing, *magna cum laude*

Hadley Marie Bell, Evansville  
Management

Addisyn Bay Blackwell, Bloomington  
Accounting and Professional Services,  
*magna cum laude*

Skyler Alan Blaize, Jasper  
Computer Science

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Marketing, *magna cum laude*

Joshua Ryan Brawner, Evansville  
Computer Science, *magna cum laude*

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Economics

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Business Administration

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Elizabeth Brown, Newburgh  
Accounting and Professional Services

Shawn Mason Buchanan, Paoli  
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Management, *magna cum laude*

Justin Carreiro, Salem, Massachusetts  
Computer Science

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Business Administration

Halee Brookelle Connor, Evansville  
Finance

Chance Edward Coyle, Bloomington  
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Nathan Jeffrey Crowe, Evansville  
Marketing

Raylee Nicole Davidson, Bloomfield  
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Business Administration

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Business Administration, *magna cum laude*

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Business Administration, *cum laude*

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Marketing

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Management

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Computer Information Systems, *cum laude*

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Business Administration

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Accounting and Professional Services,  
*magna cum laude*

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Business Administration

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Business Administration

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Business Administration, *cum laude*

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Accounting and Professional Services

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Management, *magna cum laude*

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Management

Wyatt A. Happe, Evansville  
Computer Science

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Accounting and Professional Services,  
*magna cum laude*

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Business Administration

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Finance

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Management

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Marketing

Kaleigh Nichole Johnson, Fort Branch  
Business Administration

Zachary Andrew Johnson, Evansville  
Management

Emilee Grace Jones, Wayne City, Illinois  
Marketing

Dailey Collins Kanipe, Morganfield, Kentucky  
Accounting and Professional Services and  
Criminal Justice

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Business Administration

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Business Administration, *cum laude*

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Computer Information Systems

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Business Administration, *cum laude*

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Computer Information Systems

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Business Administration, *cum laude*

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Marketing

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Marketing and Management

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Finance, *summa cum laude*, UNIVERSITY  
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Management

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Computer Science, *magna cum laude*

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Marketing

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Marketing, *cum laude*

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Finance, *magna cum laude*

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Business Administration

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Marketing, *cum laude*

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Marketing

Joseph Michael Paulin Jr., Evansville  
Economics

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Accounting and Professional Services

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Accounting and Professional Services, *cum laude*

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Management

Sadie R. Quertermous, Harrisburg, Illinois  
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Computer Science

Quaid M. Rodgers, Mount Carmel, Illinois  
Computer Science

Tyler Frederick Roedel, Mount Vernon  
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Georgianna-Sophia Alexandria Roeder,  
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Accounting and Professional Services and  
Computer Information Systems

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Economics, *cum laude*

Justin Saddoris, Decatur, Illinois  
Business Administration

Earl Joseph D. Scavella, Nassau, Bahamas  
Computer Science

Emily E. Schulz, Evansville  
Accounting and Professional Services and  
Finance, *magna cum laude*

Sonae Sue Shelton, Flora, Illinois  
Finance

Dylan Michael Shouse-Schmidt, New Salisbury  
Marketing

Tanner Edward Simoneaux, Newburgh  
Business Administration  
Joseph Maxwell Spradlin, Evansville  
Marketing  
Elaine Nicole Titzer, Haubstadt  
Marketing  
Hanalee Charissa Weiland, Geneva  
Business Administration

Michael Ian Weldon, Crown Point  
Computer Science  
Kaelyn E. Wessel, Evansville  
Management, *magna cum laude*  
Chance Bradley Wilbert, Pekin  
Finance  
Brooke Ashley Wilhite, Evansville  
Business Administration, *magna cum laude*

Madison Winemiller, Vincennes  
Finance  
Olivia R. Winger, Loogootee  
Management  
Lucas A. Zoglmann, Philpot, Kentucky  
Computer Science, *magna cum laude*

## COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

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Criminal Justice and World Languages and  
Cultures  
Katherine Elizabeth Barnett-Busche, New Harmony  
Anthropology, *magna cum laude*  
Grace C. Beaman, Martinsville  
World Languages and Cultures Teaching,  
*magna cum laude*  
Payton Lily Broshears, Evansville  
Art and World Languages and Cultures,  
*summa cum laude*, UNIVERSITY HONORS  
SCHOLAR  
Haviland Suzanne Cardinal, Vincennes  
Political Science and World Languages and  
Cultures, *summa cum laude*, UNIVERSITY  
HONORS SCHOLAR  
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English Teaching  
Jonathan Rudell Clark, Evansville  
Criminal Justice  
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Mexico  
History and World Languages and Cultures  
Emily Joan Dawkins, Bloomington  
Global Studies  
Grace Elizabeth Friona, Evansville  
English, *summa cum laude*  
Jacqueline Lissette Godinez, Mount Vernon  
Art  
Emerald Greene, Oakland City  
Art  
Grace Elizabeth Harford, Evansville  
Global Studies, *cum laude*  
Emily Rose Jarvis, Evansville  
Psychology  
Collin Michael Kinkade, Dallas, Texas  
Criminal Justice  
Franchesca Laurencio, Harrisburg, Illinois  
Spanish Studies  
Morgan Ann-Louise Lovins, Owensboro,  
Kentucky  
Psychology  
Andrew Jude Mayer, Evansville  
History  
Avanly A. Meuth, Evansville  
History  
Cheyenne Eveline Miller, Newburgh  
Art and World Languages and Cultures,  
*cum laude*

Hunter Alan Morgan, Orleans  
English Teaching, *magna cum laude*,  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR  
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History and World Languages and Cultures,  
*cum laude*  
Zinda Z. Pollard, Riverdale, Illinois  
World Languages and Cultures  
Diana Sandoval, Dale  
Psychology  
Walker Lloyd Taylor, Evansville  
History and German Studies  
Savannah Wolf, Evansville  
World Languages and Cultures

### BACHELOR OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Amber Nicole Bean, Kansas City, Missouri  
Individualized Studies  
Leila Elisabeth Block, Fishers  
Individualized Studies  
Connor Edward Brooks, Salem, Illinois  
Individualized Studies, *cum laude*  
Justin Carpenter, Mount Carmel, Illinois  
Individualized Studies  
Elli Crosby, Bedford  
Individualized Studies  
Faith Janae Griffin, Evansville  
Individualized Studies  
Brianna Alexis Hudson, Sellersburg  
Individualized Studies  
Emma Jennings, Wadesville  
Individualized Studies  
Robert B. Jennings, Portage  
Individualized Studies  
Tammy Michelle Jewell, Evansville  
Applied Studies  
Essence Chynna Kelly, New Albany  
Individualized Studies  
Paige McClusky, Mount Vernon  
Applied Studies  
Joshua Mark Osterman, Evansville  
Individualized Studies  
Michael Anthony Payne, South Bend  
Individualized Studies  
Abigail Wilson, Henderson, Kentucky  
Individualized Studies  
Rachelle Zellerino, Evansville  
Individualized Studies

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Kaleigh Appell, Evansville  
Art  
Cameron Talon Arvin, Evansville  
Criminal Justice  
Travis Lee Black, Carmi, Illinois  
History, *magna cum laude*  
Alyssa Danielle Bolen, Lamar  
Psychology  
Cole Hamilton Brinker, Evansville  
Theatre Arts  
Emily Burbank, Fairfield, Illinois  
Criminal Justice  
Katherine Cameron, Boonville  
Psychology  
Emerson Riley Carrell, Martinsville  
Art, *cum laude*  
Audrey Grace Carter, Floyds Knobs  
English, *magna cum laude*  
Alexander Rose Lee Chambers, Evansville  
Psychology  
Tobi Michele Clark, Mount Vernon  
Communication Studies, *magna cum laude*  
Nash Angel Conrad, Princeton  
Theatre Arts  
Hannah Geneive Coulter, Evansville  
Psychology  
Lena Michelle Criss, Cannelton  
History  
Tyler Jacoby Dancy, Belleville, Illinois  
Criminal Justice  
Lillian Alizabeth Daniel, Morganfield, Kentucky  
Criminal Justice  
Nicholas Francis Dombroski, Noblesville  
Criminal Justice, *magna cum laude*  
Hannah Catherine Dudley, Charlestown  
Psychology, *cum laude*  
Ashlyn Nicole Eagan, Bedford  
Psychology  
Amanda Marie Elkins, Crown Point  
Public Relations and Advertising  
Desirae Brooke Evans, Evansville  
Psychology  
David Francis Funke, Evansville  
Psychology  
Faith Ellen Fuquay, Newburgh  
Criminal Justice  
Jade Ann Gateway, Henderson, Kentucky  
English, *cum laude*

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Alex Gerald Gordon, Santa Claus Political Science	Macy Lynn Lynch, Evansville Psychology, <i>cum laude</i>	Zoey Marie Scates, Mt. Vernon Political Science, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Kelcy Nickole Gray, Evansville Psychology	Heather B. Marsee, Henderson, Kentucky Art	Shannon Leigh Schwartz, Evansville Psychology
JaeCarr Lathaniel Greer, Seymour Criminal Justice	McKenzie Mascorro, Montgomery Psychology, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Madison Claire Shelton, Taswell Psychology
Kate Rachel Grudzinski, Newburgh Political Science	Shelby Masterson, Evansville Psychology	Emily Simmons, Terre Haute Psychology
Hope Happe, Evansville Psychology	Terrie Ann Adell Mayo, Chicago, Illinois Sociology	Alivia Kate Sloan, Brownsburg Psychology
A. Magdalena Howard, Newburgh Public Relations and Advertising, <i>cum laude</i>	Megan Elizabeth Melloy, Boonville Criminal Justice	Alyssa Smith, Evansville Art, <i>cum laude</i>
Jaime Elizabeth Jolley, Boonville History	Ashly Marie Morris, Evansville Art, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Steven Tyler Stead, Martinsville Political Science
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Dailey Collins Kanipe, Morganfield, Kentucky Criminal Justice and Accounting and Professional Services	Kayle Anne Nix, Cloverport, Kentucky Psychology, <i>cum laude</i>	Jonathon W. Thomas, Evansville Psychology
Carolyn Marie Kobe, Newburgh Psychology, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Graci Clare Owens-Leija, Evansville History	Emma N. Tribble, Evansville Psychology
Maleah Rose Kristoff, Spencer Criminal Justice	Aireanna M. Parrish, Augusta, Georgia Criminal Justice	Jacob Allen Trowbridge, Palmyra Criminal Justice
Caitlen Marie LaMarche, Jasper Radio and Television	Ciara Rose Perkes, Aviston, Illinois Art	Grant Michael Walker, Haubstadt Communication Studies
Jakob Joseph Leny, Greenfield Criminal Justice and Political Science	Bailee Nicole Pierce, Princeton Anthropology	Katie Marie Wells, Owensboro, Kentucky Psychology, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Aejah Elizabeth Levi, Indianapolis Psychology	Arizona E.R. Pribble-Wester, Chandler History, <i>cum laude</i>	Maggie Maree Woehler, Greenwood Public Relations and Advertising
	Edward Wesley Rainey Jr., Kailua, Hawaii Criminal Justice	Alex David York, Newburgh Art
	Ethan Scott Reed, Harrisburg, Illinois History	

## ASSOCIATE DEGREES

### COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

#### ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Chloe Suzanne Betz, Indianapolis  
Social Science

Mikeson Calixte, Port-au-Prince, Haiti  
Social Science

Erika Nance, Santa Claus  
Social Science

Lily Maureen O'Nan, Sebree, Kentucky  
Social Science

Kamri Shepherd, Evansville  
Social Science

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# 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 57 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 9,200 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 2021–2025 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 50,000 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

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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. 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. The former medallion will be on permanent display in the David L. Rice Library's Ruth M. Klymeyer Hall of Presidents.

## 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

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## 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 Association Pins

Graduates in each ceremony are receiving alumni lapel pins with the University logo as a gift from the University of Southern Indiana Alumni Association. The Alumni Association was organized with the first graduating class in 1971.

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## 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.

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