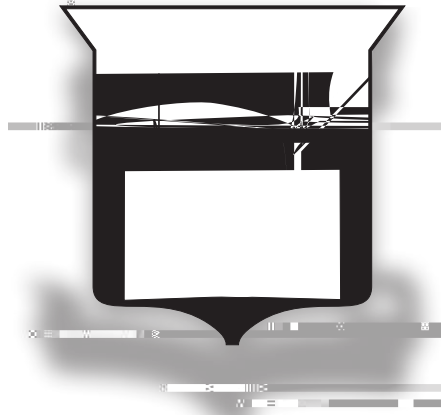


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Evansville Brass Quintet
Pomp and Circumstance, Edward Elgar, Composer

Grand Marshal

Vella L. Goebel, *Associate Professor of Education*

National Anthem

Antonio L. King '15

Welcome and Introductions

Linda L. M. Bennett, *President*

Reflection

Renee T. Sirois '13 M'15

The Commencement Address

D. Keith Jewell '86 M'91, *President, St. Mary's Health*

Presentation of the David L. Rice Alumni Achievement Award

Linda L. M. Bennett, *President*

Presentation of Candidates for Honorary Degrees

Linda L. M. Bennett, *President*

Assisted by Ronald S. Rochon, *Provost*

Patricia A. Koch, *Doctor of Laws*

Presented by Kenneth L. Sendelweck '76, *Trustee*

Joey V. Barnett '81, *Doctor of Science*

Presented by Jeffrey L. Knight, *Trustee*

Conferral of Degrees

Linda L. M. Bennett, *President*

Assisted by Ronald S. Rochon, *Provost*

Presentation of Graduates

Matthew J. Hanka, *Assistant Professor of Political Science; Director of Master of Public Administration Program*

Doctoral Degrees

Linda L. M. Bennett, *President*

Master Degrees

Ronald S. Rochon, *Provost*

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Evansville Brass Quintet

The speaker for the Graduate Ceremony is D. Keith Jewell '86 M'91, president of St. Mary's Health in Evansville, Indiana. He is a graduate of the University of Southern Indiana with a bachelor's degree in accounting and a master's degree in business administration.

After completing his degrees, Jewell immediately began his career in healthcare as an accountant and consultant, preparing financial forecasts and strategic financial plans for hospitals, physicians and long-term care facilities. He went on to become the director of financial planning/business development for Franciscan St. Francis Health in Indianapolis, Indiana, and chief financial officer for St. Francis Medical Group. There, Jewell focused on long-range planning and business development for many new facilities and programs throughout the healthcare system.

This work would later become beneficial an. 68ss 1(T)-27.9(h)1ncis Meditheat5C617.9(l)-
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Bryan R. Harper '96 is the 2015 Commencement speaker for the College of Liberal Arts. He earned his bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Southern Indiana.

Currently preparing for his 12th season with the National Football League's (NFL) Minnesota Vikings, Harper's entire career has been in the genre of sports. His start came at USI, working on the stats crew and in student promotions for men's basketball.

After graduation, Harper spent his first five years in sales roles with the Columbus Crew (Major League Soccer) followed by the Pittsburgh Pirates (Major League Baseball). In 2001, he moved on to the Jacksonville Jaguars (National Football League) followed by the Daytona International Speedway.

Harper returned to the NFL in 2004, taking a marketing role with the Minnesota Vikings, where he initiated a philosophical shift in the organization by bringing many production responsibilities in-house and shaping a cohesive content strategy.

In his role as executive producer, Harper led the creation of Vikings Entertainment Network (VEN) and the launch of one of the first multimedia production studios in the NFL. He assembled a talented team of 14 staffers which are collectively responsible for content strategy, production and presentation across all platforms including in-stadium entertainment, TV/radio programming and digital media. Under Harper's leadership, VEN has been recognized for exemplary efforts in production with multiple Upper Midwest Emmy Awards in categories including graphics animation, commercials, narration and topical documentaries.

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Ernest H. Hall, *Professor of Management; Master of Business Administration Director*

National Anthem

Briana E. Maddox '16

Welcome and Introductions

Linda L. M. Bennett, *President*

Reflection

Brooke R. Neuhoff '15

The Commencement Address

Eric R. Williams '89, *Senior Vice President, Director of Security, Old National Bank*

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The 2015 Commencement speaker for the Romain College of Business and Outreach and Engagement is Eric R. Williams '89. He is the senior vice president, director of security, at Old National Bank.

Williams has been a community advocate since his days at the University of Southern Indiana, where he graduated in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in management. While a student, he served in various leadership roles, including president of the Student Government Association, as an



Lisa F. Hancock '97

Lisa F. Hancock '97 is the 2015 Commencement speaker for the College of Nursing and Health Professions. She is a registered nurse with over 20 years of healthcare experience, and is currently senior vice president of advisory services at Marwood Group in California.

Hancock began her education at Vincennes University where she received her associate's degree in nursing in 1994, before attending USI where she earned a bachelor's degree in nursing in 1997. She later went on to attend Indiana University and received a master's degree in health administration in 2004.

Since the beginning of her career, Hancock has served in administrative roles aimed at addressing risk assessments for healthcare organizations. She began working at Indiana University Health, previously Clarian Health Partners, in 1996. For the next eight years, Hancock oversaw various clinical areas and state and federal surveys and outcomes communication. Her work continued in the areas of compliance, quality, safety and privacy while employed with IU Health Physicians, Sutter Health, UCLA Health System, Zotec Partners and Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

At Marwood Group, Hancock leads clinical development and expert clinical and regulatory personnel that provide services designated to support the management of healthcare regulatory compliance. These evaluative services address future audits and develop compliance plans, quality plans, policies and procedures.

Over the course of her career, she has become versed in the areas of compliance, privacy, patient safety, quality, academic health centers, large physician practice management, accreditation, HIPAA, HITECH, risk management, health technology, project management and other process management areas in healthcare.

Through her leadership, Hancock has ensured hospitals, home health facilities, in-patient and out-patient facilities, research institutions, academic medical centers and physician groups meet and exceed patient safety, privacy and satisfaction expectations.

Hancock lives in the greater Los Angeles area with her husband, Seth, and their two dogs, Rocky and Hershey. She also volunteers with LA Doberman Rescue.



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Jeffery W. Seyler, *Professor of Chemistry; Chair of Chemistry Department*

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Dr. Joey V. Barnett '81 is receiving an Honorary Doctor of Science degree at the 2015 Graduate Commencement ceremony for the University of Southern Indiana.

Born in Evansville, Indiana, Barnett graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology from USI in 1981. He then completed his doctorate in the Pharmacological Sciences Training Program at Vanderbilt University in 1986. He later served as a research fellow and instructor in medicine at Harvard Medical School, and returned to Vanderbilt as an assistant professor of medicine in 1992. In 2000, he moved his primary focus to pharmacology to direct the Ph.D. Training Program. He currently serves as professor of pharmacology, medicine, pediatrics, and pathology, microbiology and immunology, and as acting chair of the Department of Pharmacology. In 2014, he was appointed director of the Office



Kathryn M. Waters

Kathryn M. Waters, professor of art, is the 2015 recipient of USI's Distinguished Professor Award. She is being recognized for her leadership, teaching and creativity. She will receive the award during the Commencement ceremony for the College of Liberal Arts.

For over 30 years, Waters has made an outstanding and significant impact on USI and the community. Her leadership includes serving as chair and acting chair of the Art Department, interim associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts, visiting professor of art at Harlaxton College in Grantham, England, and her current positions of professor of art and director of the Kenneth P. McCutchan Art Center/Palmina F. and Stephen S. Pace Galleries.

As director of the McCutchan Art Center/Pace Galleries, Waters plans and directs implementation of five to seven shows annually, including artists of international stature.

Teaching remains at the heart of what drives her and is evident in the energy with which she leads discussion and action in the department, and her efforts to help students be successful in their work.

Waters provided leadership on the Efroymsen Bridge Fellowship Committee, where she was instrumental in setting up the \$10,000 post-undergraduate award and served as the mentor to the first recipient. She directed the student in advanced studies, facilitated her final exhibit, and helped her prepare for and get accepted to one of the top graduate programs in the country.

A measure of professional success among artists is achieving a one-person show in a gallery esteemed by critics, art historians and peer artists. Chicago's Wood Street Gallery is one such venue and, in 2000, it hosted one of Waters' one-person shows. She participated in "Mind, Matter, Spirit," a traveling exhibit of 12 contemporary Indiana women artists, at the National Museum for Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C., the same year. In 2015, she will be featured in the Master Teacher Series at the Evansville Museum of Arts, History and Science in celebration of USI's 50th anniversary.

Waters contributes to the community by serving on many boards and committees including the boards of New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art, the Hoosier Salon New Harmony, Alhambra Theatre and Downtown Evansville Incorporated, on the Indianapolis

Airport Art Selection Committee, Evansville Residency Committee and numerous committees at USI.

She has donated works of art to benefit the Evansville Museum, African-American Museum, Aids Resource Group, Evansville Philharmonic, Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana and the USI College of Liberal Arts.

Waters was the recipient of the USI Community Faculty Award and Phenomenal Women of USI Award in 2014 and 2015, the USI Faculty Research and Creative Work Award in 2009 and 2013, the USI College of Liberal Arts Dean's Award for Scholarship and Creative Activity in 2007, national Visual Artist Residency Fellowships including Yaddo, Ragdale and the Virginia Center for the Arts and, most notably, the 2004 Mayor's Arts Awards Artist of the Year Award from the Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana.

In 1971, she received her bachelor's degree in art education from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, graduating *magna cum laude*. She then continued her education at Ohio University, obtaining her master's degree in fine arts in 1979.

Waters and her husband, writer and USI professor of English Matthew Graham, live in Evansville.

As recipient of the Distinguished Professor Award, Waters will receive a monetary award and will select a student to receive a scholarship in her name in the coming year. She also will deliver the address at USI's Fall Commencement in December.



Shelby N. Tarantino '15

Shelby N. Tarantino graduates today with a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science, which she completed in three years, while maintaining a 4.0 GPA and competing on the USI Women's Soccer Team.

During the Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education and Outreach and Engagement Commencement ceremony, Tarantino will receive the President's Medal, the highest honor presented to a graduate in the Class of 2015.

Described as having "quiet awesomeness" by one of her professors, Tarantino "is a quiet young woman, doing great things for others while admiring their courage." Her goal to become an occupational therapist is representative of her desire to

show compassion and integrity to all people.

In her three years at USI, Tarantino was a member of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, The National Society of Collegiate Scholars and the National Honor Society. She was a member of the USI Women's Soccer team, a peer coach and biology tutor in Academic Skills and served as an intramural referee.

Tarantino completed her 300-hour practicum at Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center and a summer internship with Special Net Resources. The internship introduced Tarantino to a young woman named Holly, age 25, who has Asperger's Syndrome. Tarantino worked with Holly on job interview skills, dressing for success and transportation responsibilities, which led her to receive a part-time job. She also planned group activities that included Holly's circle of friends, all of whom have very diverse special needs.

Tarantino demonstrated she has the "compassion and integrity to have others be treated in a way she would want to be treated," which lent her the opportunity to serve as a travel companion for Holly and her 22-year-old blind friend on a Disney cruise to the Bahamas.

Serving as their travel companion, Tarantino did a lot behind the

scenes in order to arrive at locations within the airport and on the boat, updating the young women's parents daily, and keeping watch for unsafe situations. She also worked with the women in social situations, personal hygiene, taking medications appropriately and overall motivation to try new things.

She also volunteers time with It Takes a Village Canine Rescue, Hearts on Fire Running Series, Varsity Club Fall Festival Booth, USI Women's Soccer Youth Camps, USI Sodexo Food Services, Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center Swimming Lessons, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Canned Food Drives and SAAC Make A Wish bake sales.

Tarantino is the daughter of Michael and Kelli Tarantino of Loveland, Ohio. She has two siblings, Kylee and Clayton. After graduation, she plans to continue her education at the University of Southern Indiana in the Masters of Science in Occupational Therapy Program while playing her fourth year of USI Women's Soccer.

Other finalists for the President's Medal from the Class of 2015 include Alexandria Wells, Brenden Davidson and Brooke Neuhoff.

The Student Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate selects the President's Medal recipient.

G R A D U A T I O N C E R E M O N I E S
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6:30 p.m.

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Awarding of Hoods

Faculty mentors will award hoods to the degree candidates.

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Cynthia M. Bemis, Clayton
Advanced Practice
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Charles F. Hathaway

Cynthia J. Bowers, Lafayette
Organizational and Systems Leadership
Faculty Mentor: Dr. C. Elizabeth Bonham

Lea Ann Camp, Petersburg
Advanced Practice
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Judi L. Kuric

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Susan Elizabeth Sigler, Eldorado, Illinois
Family Nurse Practitioner

Laura Elizabeth Sims, Noblesville
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Renee Teresa Sirois, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Family Nurse Practitioner

Amy Jo Smith, Newburgh
Family Nurse Practitioner

Nathan Andrew Sorenson, Lehi, Utah
Family Nurse Practitioner

Sandra D. Spackman, Salt Lake City, Utah
Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner, Acute

Christine Ann Springer, Fort Wayne
Family Nurse Practitioner

Portia A. Steele, Charlestown
Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner, Acute

Pamela M. Stevens, Terre Haute
Nursing Education

Amy Sue Stott, Henderson, Kentucky
Family Nurse Practitioner

Rhonda Lynn Thomas, Hoopston, Illinois
Family Nurse Practitioner

Jessica L. Tiernan, Ankeny, Iowa
Family Nurse Practitioner

Deborah Ann Truesdell, Fort Thomas, Kentucky
Family Nurse Practitioner

Joseph Jelks Wallace, Punta Gorda, Florida
Family Nurse Practitioner

Brian Matthew Wasielewski, Ann Arbor,
Michigan
Family Nurse Practitioner

April Weber, Otisco
Family Nurse Practitioner

Trudy J. Wessell, Washington
Family Nurse Practitioner

Ashly Rae Williams, Evansville
Family Nurse Practitioner

Jeremy Lee Will, New Albany
Family Nurse Practitioner

Susan Marie Zabor, Seymour
Nursing Management and Leadership

Erica Leanne Harpe, Owensville

Joanna Kay Holsapple, Springville

Kelly Jane Hugunin, Bicknell

Erin Nicole Hunsaker, Henderson, Kentucky

Jordyn K. Kern, Owensville

Tiffany M. Lamey, Haubstadt

Taylor Layne Marshall, Aurora

Ashley Ann Moore, Owensboro, Kentucky

James K. Neville II, Evansville

Teri J. Newmaster, Elberfeld

Huong T. Nguyen, Henderson, Kentucky

Rachel Lynn Runyon, Noble, Illinois

Madison Christine Rynkiewich, Evansville

Spencer R. Sandage, Tell City

Tyler W. Sandefur, Henderson, Kentucky

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**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN
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Susan Michelle Brownfield, Evansville

Shelby D. Bryant, Evansville

Kelsey E. Burk, Evansville

Courtney L. Croft, Schererville

Bailey N. Demijan, Centralia, Illinois

Rachel Ann Griffin, Carbondale, Illinois

Brandi L. Guth, Jasper

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

ANDERSON, INDIANA, MAY 2, 2015

9 a.m.

CONFIDENTIAL

Tyler Dean Abbott, Winamac
International Studies and Political
Science, *magna cum laude*,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Jacob Andrew Adams, Evansville
Philosophy and French Studies,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Jesse Nathaniel Ringer, Tell City
Journalism

Hannah M. Rodimel, Washington
History, *summa cum laude*

Josey Lynn Roth, Evansville
English

Priscilla Nichole Runion, Newburgh
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Maria T. Nguyen, Evansville
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Abby Nicole O'Haver, Washington
Psychology

Ashley Nicole Oglesby, Henderson, Kentucky
Criminal Justice Studies, *cum laude*

Kaylah Danielle Oglesby, Evansville
Public Relations and Advertising

Kendall Patrick Otter, Evansville
Communication Studies

Evan Lee Ouellette, Valparaiso
Criminal Justice Studies

Spencer Bemont Paddock, Evansville
Art

Nikolas Peter Parkison, Evansville
Communication Studies

Matthew David Peak, Evansville
Radio and Television

Rachel Jolene Pearson, Mount Carmel, Illinois
Criminal Justice Studies, *cum laude*

Maureen K. Conner Pease, Evansville
Psychology, *cum laude*

Aaron D. Porter, Wadesville
Public Relations and Advertising

Adam Kendall Rakestraw, Evansville
Anthropology and Art

Ginger L. Ramsey, Haubstadt
Psychology

Arynn Anne Reece, Newburgh
Sociology, *cum laude*

Anna Elizabeth Riebel, Carmel
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Martin A. Riedford, Evansville
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Samuel Lee Risley, Evansville
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 Management and Health Services,
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Andrew Brent Cope, Evansville
 Business Administration

Matthew D. Coudret, Evansville
 Management

Shelby N. Craddock, Evansville
 Marketing

McKenzie E. Crose, Brownsburg
 Marketing

Dillon R. Davenport, Evansville
 Business Administration and
 Management, *magna cum laude*

Morgan S. Davis, Huntingburg
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Skyler R. Davis, Mount Vernon
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Tarah Lee Deitz, Carmi, Illinois
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Andrea Marie Dickinson, Evansville
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Jeffrey Michael Meyer, Millstadt, Illinois
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Tyler Anthony Mikrut, Edwardsville, Illinois
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Darren Evan Miles, Evansville
Computer Science

Autumn Marie Miller, Louisville, Kentucky
Finance

Kristen Lynn Miller, Princeton
Accounting and Professional Services

Krista Michele Moe, Chandler
Business Administration

Jacob Keith Murphy, Mill Shoals, Illinois
Accounting and Professional Services

Nathan T. Murphy, Evansville
Finance, *cum laude*

Tessie Marie Nelson, Carmi, Illinois
Management

Rachel Faye Whelan, Henderson, Kentucky
Marketing

Colton James Wilkerson, Fairfield, Illinois
Accounting and Professional Services

Brent Alan Williams, Jr., Newburgh
Finance

Katherine R. Williams, Boonville
Accounting and Professional Services

Jordan N. Willoughby, Henderson, Kentucky
Finance

Matthew G. Wilmes, Ferdinand
Finance

Allyson Nichole Woods, Mount Vernon
Economics

Gabriele R. Wright, Indianapolis
Business Administration

Justin A. Wright, Henderson, Kentucky
Finance, *cum laude*



COLLEGE OF RADIATION
 HEALTH SERVICES
 ACADEMY AWARD, 2015
 3 p.m.

Tori A. Abner, Hamilton, Ohio Dental Hygiene	Kristin Elizabeth Cameron, Evansville Health Services	Brenna Mackenzi Dorsam, Dubois Health Services, <i>cum laude</i>
Batool Hussain Al Manea, Evansville Health Services	Jonathan Gasparillo Carpenter, Flora, Illinois Health Services	Lindsey Mari Drewes, Noble, Illinois Dental Hygiene, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Farrah T. Allen, Elberfeld Health Services	Christina Carranza, Evansville Health Services	Sarah A. Dugan, Newburgh Radiologic and Imaging Sciences, <i>cum laude</i> , UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR
Bader A. Alqahtani, Abha, Saudi Arabia Dental Hygiene	Kayleigh Carter, Tell City Health Services	Amy Lynn Dulworth, Greenfield Radiologic and Imaging Sciences, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Mikaela K. Archuleta, Evansville Radiologic and Imaging Sciences, <i>magna cum laude</i> , UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR	Laura Marie Cessna, Ogden, Illinois Health Services, <i>cum laude</i>	Jessica Lauren Dyer, Greenwood Dental Hygiene
Megan Brianne Austin, Lynnville Health Services, <i>cum laude</i>	Harmon M. Chew, Cayuga Radiologic and Imaging Sciences, <i>cum laude</i> , UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR	Sarah J. Dyson, Evansville Health Services, <i>cum laude</i>
Morgan Danae Bartlett, Heltonville Health Services	Serena L. Cissna, Evansville Health Services	Heather Raine Early, Evansville Health Services, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Jessica Erin Barton, Bloomington Health Services, <i>cum laude</i>	Tessa Lashaye Coburn, Bicknell Health Services and Management, UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR	Victoria Mikal Embry, Evansville Health Services
Matthew R. Beach, Evansville Health Services	Melissa A. Coulup, Newburgh Health Services	Nancy Ann Etienne, Leopold Health Services, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Holly L. Beier, Saint Meinrad Food and Nutrition, UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR	Jason Dwane Cowling, Grayville, Illinois Food and Nutrition, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Jessica A. Evans, Evansville Health Services
Sarah Elizabeth Bernardin, Evansville Health Services	Ashley C. Crosby, Washington Health Services	Madison McKenzie Fariss, Owensboro, Kentucky Health Services
Lisa Disann Beyers, Evansville Health Services and Nursing	Mackenzie Brynn Crowe, Bloomington Dental Hygiene, <i>cum laude</i>	Kayla Dawn Fields, Jasper Radiologic and Imaging Sciences
Hannah Kelley Bilyeu, Anderson Health Services, <i>cum laude</i>	Karinne M. Culley, Evansville Health Services	Allison Nicole Fischer, Saint Anthony Food and Nutrition
Olivia J. Brashear, Washington Health Services	Rachel Lynne Curtis, Marion Health Services	Haley L. Fisher, Breese, Illinois Health Services, <i>magna cum laude</i> , UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR
Brooke Kathleen Braswell, Bloomfield Radiologic and Imaging Sciences, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Brittany D. Daunhauer, Ferdinand Health Services, <i>cum laude</i>	Shatara L. Forte, Indianapolis Health Services
Preston M. Braswell, Bloomfield Radiologic and Imaging Sciences, <i>cum laude</i> , UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR	Timothy B. Davis, Danville Radiologic and Imaging Sciences	Breanna Lynn Fox, Worthington Dental Hygiene
Kylie L. Briscoe, Connersville Health Services	Sadie Mead Dettmer, Elizabethtown Radiologic and Imaging Sciences, UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR	Amy B. Francis, Evansville Dental Hygiene, <i>cum laude</i>
Justin B. Brumley, Owensboro, Kentucky Radiologic and Imaging Sciences, UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR	Robyn R. Dilger, Owensboro, Kentucky Radiologic and Imaging Sciences	Grace M. Francis, Evansville Health Services
	Chastity Faye Dishon, Evansville Radiologic and Imaging Sciences, <i>cum laude</i> , UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR	Zaida G. Franco Puente, Logansport Dental Hygiene

Chelsea Marie Freyberger, Saint Anthony
Health Services, *cum laude*

Shawndea Nicole Funches, Evansville
Health Services

Kaitlyn B. Galloway, Veedersburg
Dental Hygiene, *magna cum laude*

Alison Lynne Gatton, Oakland City
Health Services

Kendra Lynn Genet, Newburgh
Food and Nutrition

Haley M. Gesselman, Newburgh
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences,
cum laude,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Rachel Joy Gillenwater, Evansville
Health Services, *summa cum laude*

Matthew A. Grissom, Lebanon
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences,
cum laude,
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Melody Ann Gruber, Fishers
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences,
cum laude

Courtney Christine Harness, Evansville
Dental Hygiene

Leah Marie Hastings, Newburgh
Health Services

Kali M. Hayes, Brownsburg
Food and Nutrition

Pamela A. Head, Evansville
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences,
cum laude

Kendra Michelle Heckel, Lamar
Health Services

Megan M. Hedinger, Bristow
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences,
magna cum laude

Kelsey Nicole Heise, Jasper
Food and Nutrition

Tia M. Helming, Evansville
Health Services

Kiersten D. Helsley, Evansville
Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

Andrea N. Hemmer, Santa Claus
Dental Hygiene, *magna cum laude*

Keith A. Hercamp, Scipio
Health Services, *magna cum laude*

Kayla Marie Hertel, Evansville
Dental Hygiene

Sara Anne Hickman, Martinsville
Health Services

Collin R. Hillen, Rushville
Health Services

Kelsea E. Hodges, Chandler
Health Services, *magna cum laude*

Lauren Rider Holloway, Columbia City
Health Services

Courtney D. Hoskins, Indianapolis
Health Services

Corinne R. Hubert, Albion
Dental Hygiene

Sarah E. Humphrey, Morganfield, Kentucky
Food and Nutrition

Hannah E. Hunter, Evansville
Health Services

Michael R. Huther, Newburgh
Health Services

Emily J. Iafrate, Petersburg
Health Services

Donika La'Shay Jackson, Indianapolis
Health Services

Emily N. James, Tell City
Dental Hygiene, *cum laude*

Casey L. Kempf, Evansville
Health Services

Vanessa Marie Kern, Dale
Health Services,
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Megan E. Kile, Bloomington
Health Services

Kelli A. Kingsland, East Peoria, Illinois
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Shannon Marie Root, Bloomington
Health Services

MaKayla Rottet, Jasper
Health Services, *summa cum laude*

Kelsey Rae Ruberg, Lawrenceburg
Health Services

Vanessa Y. Xiong, College Grove,
Tennessee
Shannon Leah York, Indianapolis

Sara E. Young, Vincennes
magna cum laude,
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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, ENGINEERING,
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ANNOUNCEMENT, MAY 2, 2015

6 p.m.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Mara Louise Burzynski, Newburgh
Elementary Education

Peyton Machelie Low, Brownsburg
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Jessica Faith Reuter, Evansville
Early Childhood Education

Nikki Ann Shafer, Robinson, Illinois

Mathematics, *magna cum laude*
Interdisciplinary Studies in Education, magna cum laude

Kramer Scott Epley, Evansville
Sport Management

Michelle N. Erdman, Rossville
Kinesiology, *magna cum laude*

Jesse W. Eubanks, Princeton
Mathematics, *magna cum laude*

Marquita I. Fears, Indianapolis
Exercise Science

Aaron Michael Feldhaus, Evansville
Geology and International Studies

Michael W. Feller, Newburgh
Exercise Science

Angela M. Fields, Indianapolis
Elementary Education

Josiah William French, Elkhart
Kinesiology

Cody Dale Frye, Loogootee
Exercise Science

Blake E. Gallagher, Pittsboro
Sport Management

Brittany M. Goedde, Evansville
Exercise Science

Holli N. Goins, Evansville
Early Childhood Education, *cum laude*

Haley Renee Goller, Boonville
Elementary Education, *cum laude*

Rebecca J. Gore, Newburgh
Biology

Marissa Dawn Gray, Brighton, Tennessee
Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*,
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Eric M. Merle, Evansville Mathematics Teaching	Brielle Amanda Reibel, Evansville Kinesiology
Ashli Taylor Moore, Tustin, California Elementary Education	Matthew Justin Rhoads, Mount Vernon Kinesiology
Jerald Robert Morgan, Whiting Sport Management	Michel Le' S. Richard, Fishers Biology
Stephan Lee Mullen, Evansville Special Education	Whitney Nicole Richardson, Solsberry Elementary Education, <i>cum laude</i>
Wendy L. Mullins, Vincennes Elementary Education	Cory A. Ritter, Bringham Mathematics, UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR
Jett Elena Murray, Evansville Biology	Brittany D'Lynn Robinson, Evansville Biophysics
Victoria A. Nagel, New Palestine Elementary Education, <i>cum laude</i>	Brandon Tyler Root, Princeton Geology
Andrew David Nelson, Carmi, Illinois Kinesiology	Douglas Alexander Rose, Redlands, California Biochemistry, <i>magna cum laude</i> , UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR
Christopher Scott Nelson, Evansville Elementary Education, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Devin Roy Rutherford, Evansville Sport Management
Megan Emily Newhouse-Bailey, Evansville Physical Education (Teaching)	
Mariah Couri Nimmo, Morton, Illinois Exercise Science	
Alanna Denise Noland, Leopold	
Andrea Lynn Nossett, Oakland City Exercise Science, <i>magna cum laude</i>	
Mary M. O'Keefe, Oxford, Mississippi	
Christina Orr, Evansville Biochemistry	
Taylor L. Orr, Evansville Sport Management	
Zachary James Oxford, Norris City, Illinois Exercise Science	
Ian Conroy Parker, Boonville UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR	
Samantha Michelle Parkhurst, Indianapolis Biology, <i>magna cum laude</i> , UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR	
Nathan Allen Peel, O'Fallon, Illinois Chemistry	
Kayley S. Pemberton, Lynnville Science (Teaching), <i>cum laude</i> , UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR	
Taylor Nicole Pennington, Carmi, Illinois Early Childhood (Non-Licensure)	
Calasha Michelle Posey, Evansville Early Childhood (Non-Licensure)	
Aaron L. Pugh, Fishers Sport Management	
Lance M. Rahman, Ferdinand Elementary Education	
Krista Lynn Recker, Saint Anthony Special Education, <i>cum laude</i>	

USI is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2015. The mission of the University continues to be one of access and quality education for the region and beyond.

President Linda L. M. Bennett became the third president of the University of Southern Indiana in 2009. In her inaugural address, she referenced the University's founding in 1965 and said, "Service to a greater good was a primary reason the University of Southern Indiana was created. It is our touchstone, and years after our founding and emergence as a separate state University, there is little doubt that USI is delivering on the promise of its founding."

USI began as a regional campus administered by Indiana State University. During the initial 20 years, the institution experienced enrollment growth and developed under an administration led by President David L. Rice with faculty dedicated to teaching and serving the community. Dr. Rice's vision of public higher education led to the modern, thriving institution we know today.

The institution started with 412 students and increased steadily to 2,420 students by 1985. In the next two decades, growth continued as the institution's name changed to the

University of Southern Indiana, and the student population grew to more than 10,000 students by 2004. More buildings opened including student apartments, residence halls, a fitness, wellness and recreation center, an Education Center and Torrington Science Center wing and Rice Library.

From 1994 to 2009, President H. Ray Hoops led institutional growth with new construction, continued academic program development and an ever-increasing, diverse student population coming from counties throughout Indiana, the Midwest and around the world. Throughout his presidency, Hoops positioned USI to be an agent for workforce and economic development. He encouraged USI faculty to be of service as consultants to industry, education, healthcare, business and other fields important to Indiana.

A Business and Engineering Center and an iconic 92'-tall Cone in the University Center complete the ring of structures around the quadrangle on campus. The Applied Engineering Center, with state-of-the-art equipment, opened in fall 2013, and the new Performance Center opened spring 2015. The Griffin Center, a meeting and event building, is scheduled to open in 2016.

Today, the impact of USI's focus can be seen most dramatically in the rise in regional college-going attendance, from 33 percent of public high school graduates in 1985, when USI was established as a separate state institution, to 82 percent in 2013. These gains outpace both state and national averages and speak to the strong partnership USI established with P-12 educational programs, other higher education institutions and business and industry.

Academic offerings also have increas(y)61.7(.4.7(e)-58)-4.3(c)-15 1(i)101(o)2.

Presidential Medallion

During the Middle Ages, medallions signified membership in religious orders and guilds; in the Renaissance, membership in elite orders of knighthood and prominence in government office. Today, colleges and universities strike medallions to commemorate important events and achievements.

Donated by the late Melvin Denner, professor emeritus of biology, and Anne Denner, former instructor in nutrition and biology, and their family, this medallion was fabricated by Honorcraft for the 1995 inauguration of USI President H. Ray Hoops. Dr. Denner served as grand marshal at the University's first inauguration.

The University of Southern Indiana Presidential Medallion signifies the authority invested in the president.

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

During the Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education Ceremony, a replica of the Presidential Medallion will be presented to Shelby N. Tarantino '15. This is the highest honor given to a graduating senior.



Academic Regalia

The academic costume 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 costume 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 doctor's 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. 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 and administrative staff can be recognized in today's ceremony by the red, white and blue cords worn with their regalia.

Hooding Ceremony

Academic hoods vary in length according to the degree attained and are lined with the colors of the institution by which the degree was granted. Hooding signifies the induction of the graduate into the fellowship of the academy, a welcoming gesture by those who represent the high standards of scholarship and creative achievement.

During the Graduate Ceremony, doctoral and master's degree candidates will receive hoods distinctive to their degrees.

Baccalaureate Scholarship Honors

The baccalaureate degree candidate graduating with the highest scholarship index graduates *summa cum laude*. Baccalaureate students graduating with a scholarship index of 3.80 or higher graduate *magna cum laude*. Those with a

scholarship index between 3.60 and 3.80 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. Organized with the first graduating class in 1971, the association commemorated 40 years in 2011.

Photography During Ceremony

A commercial photographer will take a photo of each graduate as he/she receives his/her diploma on stage. A second photograph will be taken as the graduate departs from the stage. Graduates will receive proofs of the photos from which duplicates can be ordered. 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 also will be available following the ceremonies in two locations. You can find USI Photography and Multimedia on Facebook, or view a gallery of images and order prints at www.usi.edu/gradphotos15.

Commemorative DVD

In response to requests from graduates and families, a commemorative DVD is being produced by the USI Office of Information Technology in cooperation with the USI Alumni Association. The DVD covers the platform ceremony, including each graduate receiving a diploma cover. To order a DVD (\$20 each), call 800-813-4238 or 812-464-1924, or order online at www.usi.edu/commencement/commencement-dvd.



