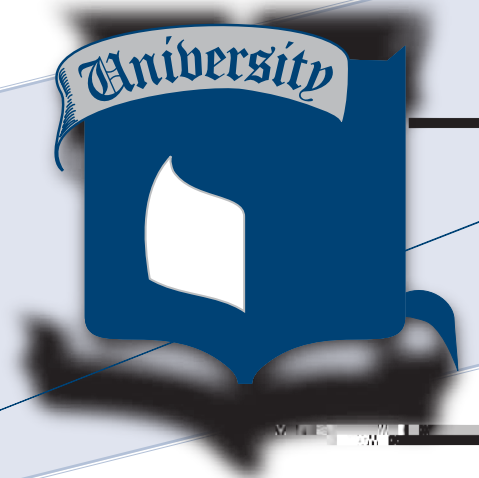


FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL

# COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES



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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA  
EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

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Processional  
Evansville Brass Quintet

A reception will be held in University Center East immediately following the ceremony.

# ORDER OF THE 2012 FALL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

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## College of Liberal Arts, College of Nursing and Health Professions, and Division of Outreach and Engagement Ceremony Saturday, December 8, 2012 1 p.m.

### Processional

Evansville Brass Quintet  
Pomp and Circumstance, Edward Elgar, Composer

### Grand Marshal

Deborah L. Wolf, Assistant Dean of Nursing; Assistant Professor/Program Director of Dental Hygiene

### National Anthem

C. Hope Boeringa '13

### Welcome and Introductions

Linda L. M. Bennett, President

### Reflection

Kasey E. Burns '12

### The Commencement Address

Paul A. Kuban, Associate Professor of Engineering

### Conferral of Degrees

Linda L. M. Bennett, President  
Assisted by Ronald S. Rochon, Provost

### Presentation of Graduates

J. Wayne Rinks, Associate Professor of Communications; Chair of Communications Department

### Master Degrees

Ronald S. Rochon, Provost

### Baccalaureate Degrees

Michael K. Aakhus, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts; Professor of Art  
Ann H. White, Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions; Professor of Nursing  
Mark C. Bernhard, Associate Provost for Outreach and Engagement

### Associate Degrees

Ronald S. Rochon, Provost

### Recessional

Evansville Brass Quintet

**D**r. Paul A. Kuban, associate professor of engineering in the Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education, will address the 2012 fall graduates during the two ceremonies today.

He was selected as the speaker because he received the Distinguished Professor Award at the 2012 Spring Commencement. According to USI tradition, the Distinguished Professor delivers the fall Commencement address.

Faculty colleagues selected Dr. Kuban as Distinguished Professor for his achievements in scholarship, teaching, and University and community service. He specializes in digital logic design, embedded systems development, and Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA) system integration. His industry experience includes digital signal processing (DSP) software design and distributed control system (DCS) deployment.

In addition to teaching, he advises students and supervises student design projects. He is the faculty sponsor for the student chapter of

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND POTT COLLEGE OF SCIENCE,  
ENGINEERING , AND EDUCATION CEREMONY  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2012  
10 A.M.

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MASTER DEGREES

Awarding of Hoods

Wesley T. Durham,

Francis J. Ortiz, Brownstown  
Finance

Jordan Reese, Huntingburg  
Accounting and Professional Services,  
cum laude

Jennifer L. Tempel, Santa Claus  
Accounting and Professional Services,  
cum laude

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Makenzie Laine Adler, Evansvil

Danny R. Pratte, Florissant, Missouri  
Management, cum laude

Vivian Rose Purnell, Terre Haute  
Accounting and Professional Services

Kelli Denise Rainey, Mount Vernon  
Business Administration

Adam Joseph Rasche, Jasper  
Management

Emily B. Rastl, Vincennes  
Computer Sciencesumma cum laude  
UNIVERSITY HONORS



Samantha J. Ellington, Evansville

Emilie Pauline Villain, Linton  
Elementary Education and Special Education

Todd E. Waddell, Newburgh  
Elementary Education

Allen D. Waller, Mount Vernon  
Elementary Education

Melody Renee Weiler, Evansville  
Elementary Education, magna cum laude

Trevor K. West, Evansville  
Physical Education

Eric M. Westlund, Princeton  
Advanced Manufacturing

Jenna M. Whorl, Evansville  
Elementary Education

Mallorie Kate Wilhite, Evansville  
Elementary Education, magna cum laude

Caryn Lynn Yochum, Evansville  
Physical Education

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE  
IN ENGINEERING**

David C. Arnold, Evansville

Colten J. Burress, Evansville

Christopher C. Burton, Henderson, Kentucky

Michael Aaron Creek, Poseyville

Matthew Eigen Harms, Bone Gap, Illinois

Chase L. Holzmeyer, Haubstadt

Samantha Colleen Smith, Newburgh

Logan J. Storrer, Boonville  
magna cum laude

Andrew R. Waldroup, Evansville

Kyle B. Wilhite, Elberfeld

**ASSOCIATE DEGREES**

**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

**ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE**  
Connie J. Brasel-Dougan, Evansville  
Business

Cassie M. Forbes, Boonville  
Business

Jason L. Hall, Evansville  
Business

Roy Alan Veatch, Mount Vernon  
Business

Eric M. Wade, Evansville  
Business

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

**ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE**  
Madolyn Marie Murphy, Indianapolis  
Early Childhood Education

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

**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS,  
 COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS,  
 AND DIVISION OF OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT CEREMONY  
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2012  
 1 P.M.**

**MASTER DEGREES**

**Awarding of Hoods**

Wesley T. Durham, Interim Director of Graduate Studies; Associate Professor of Communication Studies

**MASTER OF ARTS IN  
COMMUNICATION**

Samantha Brown Fentress, Evansville

**MASTER OF ARTS IN  
LIBERAL STUDIES**

Kyle W. Kraft, Evansville

Wynn Ellen Mitchell, Evansville

Lauren A. Van Hook, Evansville

**MASTER OF PUBLIC  
ADMINISTRATION**

Angela P. Allen, Evansville

Rebecca Sue Deeg, Mount Vernon

Michael J. Duckworth, Sr., Evansville

**MASTER OF SCIENCE  
IN NURSING**

Tina Renee Adams, Morganfield, Kentucky  
Nursing Management and Leadership

Kirsten M. Emmons, Evansville  
Nursing Management and Leadership

Kelly Kramer Jenkins, Waverly, Kentucky  
Nursing Management and Leadership

**BACCALAUREATE DEGREES**

**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Mario Adan, Jasper  
Spanish Studies

Kidan Siyoum Asgedom, Indianapolis  
Radio and Television

Stephen Wayne Barker, Newburgh  
Social Science

Megan L. Belcher, Henderson, Kentucky

Radio and Television

Heath A. Bowen, Evansville Social Science

Dawn M. Paris, Cannelton  
English, summa cum laude

Andrea Michael Parker, Evansville  
International Studies

Melissa Ann Parker, Newburgh  
English, cum laude  
UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR

Lesley Nicole Payne, Evansville  
Psychology

Constance L. Pilcher, Evansville  
French Studies

Jennifer N. Pitt, Evansville  
International Studies and Spanish Studies

Lacy G. Rhea, Monrovia

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Jordan Elizabeth Kleinhelter, Celestine Criminal Justice Studies	Jonah Michael Otto, Alfordsville History and Political Science, magna cum laude
Sean A. Little, Evansville English	Melissa Frances Padavic, Evansville Communication Studies
Keith D. Loving, Evansville Radio and Television	Jodie Marlene Petty, Scottsburg History
Casie Leigh Mason, Princeton Radio and Television	Andrew L. Peyronnin, Evansville Communication Studies
William Black McCarel, III, Evansville History	Kristen E. Peyton, Princeton Psychology
Lance Lee McCarty, Mount Vernon Public Relations and Advertising	Jordan D. Phelps, Evansville Social Science
Lindsay E. Meadors, Evansville Public Relations and Advertising	Mark Robert Phillips, Boonville Political Science
Dylan J. Melling, Frankton Political Science	Jared James Poeling, Evansville History
Sonata Shadae Miles, Kenosha, Wisconsin Psychology	Miles Joseph Quiroz, Newburgh Public Relations and Advertising
Elizabeth A. Miley, Washington Psychology	Stephanie Michelle Reininga, Evansville Art
Zachary Joseph Miller, Evansville Sociology and Criminal Justice Studies	Ethan Wesley Roark, Vincennes Public Relations and Advertising
Erin Lynn Mooney, Newburgh Art	Kristan Lynn Robertson, Evansville Radio and Television
Shelby D. Morris, Evansville Criminal Justice Studies	Hannah Lee Satterthwaite, Palestine, Illinois English
Jayne Nicole Moschner, Newburgh Psychology	Austin Charles Schall, Evansville Public Relations and Advertising
Rachel Alyce Muhs, Olney, Illinois Philosophy and Political Science, summa cum laude	Eric B. Schnur, Boonville Social Science
Chad A. Mummert, Evansville Public Relations and Advertising	Joseph R. Schu, Mount Vernon Philosophy
Melanie Theresa Mundy, Schnellville Art	Leyna Marie Seaton, Avon Art
Andrew Thomas Nalin, Evansville Public Relations and Advertising	Ronald Lee Shelton, Evansville
Megan Nicole Nanney, Henderson, Kentucky Criminal Justice Studies	
Kyle L. Ness, Boonville Social Science	
Morgan Rae Neuhoff, Jasper Psychology, cum laude	
Tracey E. Orner, Lebanon History and Social Science	



## ASSOCIATE DEGREES

### COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

#### ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Courtney D. Ferguson, Henderson, Kentucky  
Social Science

Amanda Kristen Steiner, Princeton  
Social Science

Gerald H. Wheeler, Carmi, Illinois  
Social Science

### COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

#### ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Michelle Lynn Buchanan, Mount Vernon  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Amber M. Bumpus, Newburgh  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Andrea D. Cessna, Owensboro, Kentucky  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Ashley Lynne Cook, Evansville  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Jennifer Michelle Cox, Evansville  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Natalie Kristin Embry, Evansville  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Kaylin Marie Flamm, Cobden, Illinois  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Katlyn Elizabeth Frey, Evansville  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Heather N. Gardner, Corydon  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Brianna Lynae Goines, Evansville  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Jodi L. Harris, Evansville  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Erica Lynn Hatton, Mount Vernon  
Dental Assisting

Julie Ann Hillenbrand Sellner, Chandler  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Heather N. Husk, Henderson, Kentucky  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Kara A. Kieffner, Jasper  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Sally E. Kiesel, Evansville  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Nolan P. King, Evansville  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Heather M. Lee, Oakland City  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Michelle D. Lee, Terre Haute  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Jonathan D. Lynn, Jasper  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Mary K. McDonald, Boonville  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Jennifer A. Miller, Linton  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Hillary L. Parr, Brazil  
Occupational Therapy Assistant

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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 85 percent in 2011. These gains outpace both state and national averages and speak to the strong partnership USI established

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, named in honor of the University's first president.



## Presidential Medallion

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

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

## 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





