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Processional

Evansville Brass Quintet
Pomp and Circumstance, Edward Elgar, Composer

Grand Marshal

Thomas M. Rivers, *Professor of English and Director of Master of Arts
in Liberal Studies Program*

Marshals

Michael K. Aakhus, *Associate Dean of Liberal Arts*
Jennifer A. Briggs, *Associate Registrar*
James W. Browning, *Director of Counseling*
Linda L. Cleek, *Director of Continuing Education*
Sandy K. Farmer, *Registrar*
Pamela F. Hopson,

Conferral of Degrees

H. Ray Hoops
Assisted by Linda L. M. Bennett

Degrees to be Conferred

Master of Arts In Liberal Studies	Bachelor of Arts
Master of Business Administration	Bachelor of General Studies
Master of Health Administration	Bachelor of Science
Master of Public Administration	Bachelor of Science In Engineering
Master of Science In Education	Bachelor of Science In Nursing
Master of Science In Industrial Management	Bachelor of Social Work
Master of Science In Nursing	Associate of Arts
Master of Science In Occupational Therapy	Associate of Science
Master of Social Work	Associate of Science In Nursing
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate	

Presentation of Graduates

John L. Deem, *Associate Vice President for Student Affairs*

Master Degrees

Graduate Studies

H. Ray Hoops

Baccalaureate Degrees

College of Business

Mohammed F. Khayum, *Dean, Professor of Economics*

Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services

Jane A. Davis-Brezette, *Acting Dean, Associate Professor of Physical Education*

Extended Services

M. Edward Jones, *Dean, Extended Services*

College of Liberal Arts

David M. Glassman, *Dean, Professor of Anthropology*

College of Nursing and Health Professions

Nadine A. Coudret, *Dean, Professor of Nursing*

Pott College of Science and Engineering

Scott A. Gordon, *Dean, Professor of Biology*

Associate Degrees

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Linda L. M. Bennett

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Evansville Brass Quintet

SHERRIANNE M. STANDLEY TO DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Sherrienne M. Standley, vice president emerita for Advancement, will bring the Commencement address today.

Mrs. Standley is an Evansville resident who retired in 2007 after a 31-year career in which she significantly influenced the growth and development of the University of Southern Indiana. The first woman to be named a public University vice president in Indiana, she advanced the mission and image of the University of Southern Indiana among multiple constituents.

Known as an effective communicator and motivator, she was a friend and mentor to USI students, faculty, administrators, friends, and alumni. Her ability to engage others allowed her to successfully gain support for USI from donors and community leaders.

Mrs. Standley joined the USI staff in 1976 as director of Publications. During her career, she served as assistant to the president, vice president for University Relations, vice president for Advancement, and senior vice president for Advancement.

She is active on numerous civic boards and serves as president of the YWCA of Evansville. She is chair of the Evansville New Markets Tax Credit Governing Board and a member of the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Merit and Pension Boards. She is a lifetime director of Keep Evansville Beautiful, where she served as director, vice chair, and chair.



Sherrienne M. Standley

A life director of the USI Foundation Board of Directors, she also is active in the USI Varsity Club, the USI Foundation President's Associates, and other fund-raising efforts. Mrs. Standley is a former trustee of Trinity United Methodist Church in Evansville. Following retirement, she established her own consulting firm and she became an adjunct instructor in communications at the University.

Throughout her career, Vice President Standley welcomed collaboration and exchanged ideas with higher education administrators throughout the country. She is a member of the national Council for Advancement and Support of Education. She served the Indiana Council for Advancement and Support of Education as president, vice president, and board member. She was a member of the steering

committee for the National Conference on Institutionally Related Foundations and is a life member of the Indiana University Alumni Association.

Prior to her career at USI, Mrs. Standley was director of public relations and development for Northern Kentucky University and worked for the Indiana Democratic State Central Committee. In 1968, while on loan from the state central committee office, she worked as press secretary for the Democratic National Committee/Humphrey for President campaign in the Southern California campaign office.

She holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Indiana State University and earned her undergraduate degree in education from Indiana University.

In 2007, she was named an honorary alumna by the USI Alumni Association and a Distinguished Hoosier by the Office of the Governor of Indiana. She also received the Spirit Award from the Tri State Multiple Sclerosis Association.

She is married to local attorney Barry L. Standley and they have one daughter, Sloane Standley Beasley.

In today's ceremony, Vice President Emerita Standley will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree as the University recognizes her commitment to public higher education and to the University of Southern Indiana.

The civic spirit of three southern Indiana citizens is celebrated in today's ceremony. Honorary doctorates will be conferred on Victor V. Schriefer Jr., Bruce H. Baker, and Carol A. Baker.

A resident of Evansville, Mr. Schriefer worked in the brewing industry for more than 22 years at G. Heileman Brewing Company (Sterling Brewery).

Dr. Sherry Bevins Darrell, professor of English and director of Humanities, has been selected by her colleagues to receive the Integra Bank Distinguished Professor Award, given in recognition of significant achievement in teaching, scholarship, and service.

Dr. Darrell joined the University in



magna cum laude

cum laude

summa cum laude

magna cum laude

magna cum laude

POTT COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

BACHELOR OF ARTS

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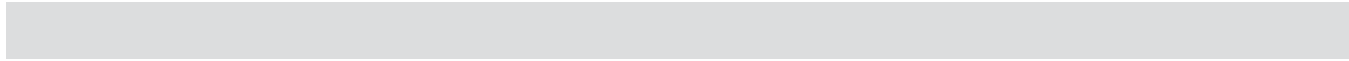
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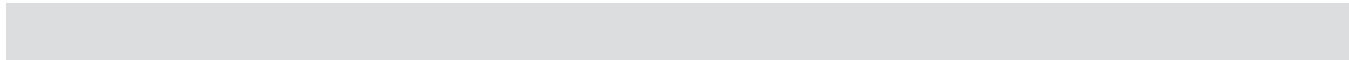
1. **English**

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

1. **Mathematics**

2. **Science**

3. **History**



Presidential Medallion

During the Middle Ages, medallions signified membership in religious orders and guilds and, 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 invested in the president.

Fabricated in bronze, the Presidential Medallion celebrates the 1995 inauguration of President H. Ray Hoops. At its center the bronze medallion bears a three-inch reproduction of the University seal, surrounded by a half-inch rim; on the back of the medallion are the names and dates of appointment of the University's presidents. During today's ceremony, a replica of the Presidential Medallion will be presented to Samuel C. Bowles. This is the highest honor given to a graduating senior.

University Seal

The University seal bears the University's colors—red, white, and blue—with gold. The shield signifies the importance of higher education in defending citizens against ignorance. Between the two banners carrying the University's name appear a band and an open book bound together by the torch of knowledge. In the band, rays of light emanate simultaneously from a rising sun, symbolizing the young University, and from the torch, symbolizing the light of knowledge and the passion for scholarship. Trees on either side of the flame suggest not only the University's pastoral southern Indiana setting but also life, growth, continuity.

Beneath this band, an 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 people, 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 the walking cane of

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Academic Dress

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.

Alumni Association Pins

Graduates in today's ceremony are receiving lapel pins with the University logo as a gift from the University of Southern Indiana Alumni Association.

Baccalaureate Scholarship Honors

The baccalaureate degree candidate graduating with the highest scholarship index is graduated *summa cum laude*. Baccalaureate students graduating with a scholarship index of 3.80 or higher are graduated *magna cum laude*. Those with a scholarship index between 3.60 and 3.80 are graduated *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 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

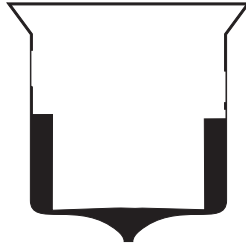
The designation of University Honors Scholar is awarded to students who successfully complete the Honors Program. They can be recognized in today's ceremony by the white honor cords worn with their regalia.

Photography During the Ceremony

A commercial photographer is taking photographs of each graduate as he/she shakes hands on stage. Each graduate will receive a proof from which duplicates can be ordered. Family members who wish to take still or video photographs during the ceremony are asked to use the restricted area on the floor. Security guards will ask those who block aisles in the stands or occupy the area behind the stage to move. Your cooperation ensures the dignity of the Commencement ceremony.

Commemorative Video

In response to requests from graduates and families, a high-quality commemorative videotape of today's ceremony is being produced by the USI Office of Instructional Technology Services in cooperation with the USI Alumni Association. The tape includes the entire ceremony, depicting each graduate receiving a diploma cover, as well as candid behind-the-scenes shots. To order a videotape (\$20 each) please call 800/813-4238 or 812/464-1924.



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