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

**Grand Marshal**

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

**National Anthem**

Sarah M. Smith '25

**Welcome and Introductions** (omp and Jelim, NP58o BDC 9 c(. 2)181 32C 90 M2)1816 9 231 Tf 9 0 0 9 233.2

Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, President

**Reflection**

Emily M. Jacobs '23

**Class of 2023 Recognition**

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

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



Dr. Jill M. Raisor '03

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

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

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

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

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

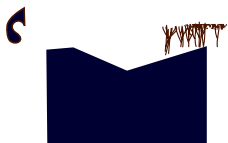
Raisor consistently integrates the classroom with the community, collaborating on curriculum development with local entities for distribution to regional schools. For example, she worked with USI students to create curriculum for BFit by Bob's Gym childcare areas, earning praise from program staff and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

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

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

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

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



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Dr. Mark D. Krahlung

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Marjorie O. Labhart

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

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

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

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

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









**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Shoraem Ali Alaklaby, Saudi Arabia  
Respiratory Therapy

Taylor Nicole Bonte, Brazil  
Health Services

Danielle Bridgette, LaFayette, New York  
Respiratory Therapy

Alexander Joseph Archuleta, Evansville  
Sport Management

Elyse Michelle Baker, Newburgh  
Elementary Education

Jordan Tyler Barron, Newburgh  
Exercise Science, magna cum laude

Kyleigh Jean Blum, Whiteland  
Exercise Science

Logan Brown, Mount Vernon  
Sport Management

Elijah Mason Ray Burden, Mount Vernon  
Elementary Education

Alexis Dakota Cobb, Evansville  
Elementary Education and  
Early Childhood Education

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

Audrey Helene Dausman, Evansville  
Elementary Education and  
Special Education

Dylan Lee Eagan, Evansville  
Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Ryan Eckels, Henderson, Kentucky  
Mathematics

Kara Embry, Tell City  
Elementary Education, cum laude

Gina Jasmin Flores Mora, Huntingburg  
Exercise Science

Donna Corin France, Boonville  
Mathematics Teaching

Grant Easton Gardner, Henderson, Kentucky  
Biology

Arieona Christian Monet Garrett, Evansville  
Sport Management

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

Mackenzie A. Groben, Evansville  
Exercise Science

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

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

Kaylee Jo Hardesty, Henryville  
Exercise Science, summa cum laude

Alix Laine Hardy, Salem  
Biology

Agustina Fermoselles Harvey, Newburgh  
Early Childhood Education

Lindsay Rose Hasenour-Woolery, Jasper  
Kinesiology

Destinee Lee Heneisen, Tennyson  
Exercise Science, magna cum laude

Caroline Grace Herman, Vincennes  
Exercise Science, summa cum laude

Haley Michelle Herring, Marion  
Exercise Science

Johnathan William Hill, Selvin  
Biology

Kamber Alyse Isle, Fairfield, Illinois  
Elementary Education

Elizabeth Marie Jelley, Noblesville  
Exercise Science, magna cum laude

Morgan Nicole Jones, Avon  
Early Childhood Education

Haneul Jung, South Korea  
Mathematics

Rhett Anthony Kaelin, Charlestown  
Biology, magna cum laude

Logan Frederick Keeker, Oakland City  
Biochemistry, magna cum laude

Allyson Mackenzie Kempf, Richland  
Elementary Education

Jared Lee Kern, Jasper  
Exercise Science

Dylan Andrew Kidd, Fort Branch  
Exercise Science, cum laude

Samantha Mae Kilzer, Troy, Illinois  
Biology, magna cum laude,  
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Zane Michael Kisner, Evansville  
Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Kelsey Jan Knowlton, Elkhart  
Special Education, cum laude

Karley Elizabeth Kor, Evansville  
Elementary Education

Luke David Lengacher, Montgomery  
Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Amy Mack, Marengo  
Elementary Education and  
Special Education

Hannah Joy Maddox, Trafalgar  
Elementary Education

Isaac Scott Maddox, Santa Claus  
Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Hailey Magdalene Marvel, Evansville  
Elementary Education, cum laude

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

Mia Ryleigh Nicol, Mitchell  
Sport Management

Austin Hunter Palmer, Jasper  
Chemistry, cum laude

Matea Radovi, Montenegro  
Biochemistry

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

Logan Michael Reid, Hobart  
Geology

Tyler Charles Robinson, Newburgh  
Biology

August Reed Saunders, Carmi, Illinois  
Biology

Madison Marie Slauter, Martinsville  
Elementary Education, cum laude

Hunter James Smith, Marion, Illinois  
Mathematics

Abigayle Snyder, Evansville  
Elementary Education, cum laude

Katherine Anne Spalding, Petersburg  
Exercise Science, cum laude

Sydney Stahl, Bloomfield  
Special Education and  
Elementary Education

Shelby Rae Vaughn, Stendal  
Exercise Science, magna cum laude

Jackson David Wendel, Bloomington  
Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Aaron J. Wheeler, Evansville  
Kinesiology, cum laude

Rachel Hope Williams, Haubstadt  
Sport Management

Allison Nicole Willis, Chandler  
Exercise Science, cum laude

Kinzee Ann Wilson, Greencastle  
Elementary Education, magna cum laude

Morgan Dianna York, Mount Carmel, Illinois  
Elementary Education

Bailee Elizabeth Zobel, Shelbyville  
Exercise Science, summa cum laude,  
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## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING

Ali Justine Lamb, Cartersville, Illinois

Andrew M. Routh, Evansville

Carlos Ivan Solis Rodriguez, Panama

Noah A. Wagner, Evansville

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Kaden Michael Boyd, Montgomery

Briston Lee Bundy, Mitchell

Timothy Michael Desser, Jasper

Christopher Hager, Loogootee

Steven Ray Molinet Jr., Elberfeld

Ethan Michael Watson, Floyds Knobs

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING

Jack Daniel Bulcher II, Elberfeld

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Brogan W. Barnes, Macon, Illinois

Joshua Antonio Botello Pitty, Panama

Russell William Denton, Evansville

Matthew Joele Dill, Princeton

Brooks Logan Hartz, Newburgh

Kassidon Aodyn Hatfield, Evansville

Logan Johnson, Owensboro, Kentucky

Marco Antonio Lara, Evansville

Genevieve Delaney Liebert, Elizabeth

Koby Gray Lindner, Evansville

Joey Juvens Pierre, Evansville

Alfredo Sandoval, Washington

Kyle Je rey Sledge, Wayne City, Illinois

Chandler Cort Weeks, Princeton

Zachary Joseph Wigand, Evansville

Jacob Keefer Wisniewski, Bloomington



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

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

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

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Saturday, December 16, 2023  
1 p.m.



**MASTER OF ARTS IN  
COMMUNICATION**

Rebecca Jackson Yates, Henderson, Kentucky

**MASTER OF ARTS IN  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Jonathan Rudell Clark, Evansville  
Erin Beth Hollinger, Mount Vernon  
Micala Noelle McHargue, Evansville

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

Asuka Nakagawa, Japan

**MASTER OF BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATION**

Jacob Palmer Adams, Vincennes  
Kevin Lee Aeschliman, Newburgh  
Mustafa Nuri Alhajji, Saudi Arabia  
Raciel Amador, Miami, Florida  
Justin M. Amos, Chandler  
Kristi Faye Applegate, Tell City  
Zachary Archer, Fort Wayne  
Venkata S. Arza, Fort Wayne  
Adam Ashmore, Bakersfield, California  
Joseph Elam Auer, Scottsburg  
Katie R. Aurs, Newburgh  
Turner Joseph Baehl, Evansville  
Graham William Parks Baily, Los Angeles, California  
Ryan Michael Barrett, Highlands Ranch, Colorado  
Jenna Bass, Nashville, Tennessee  
Misty Dawn Bearden, Philpot, Kentucky  
Jason Harrison Beisel, Fishers  
Trevor Bell, Perry, Georgia  
London Belli, Nutley, New Jersey  
Lisa Marie Benigno, Redwood City, California  
Jennifer Gail Beshears, Wadesville  
Serena Bhardwaj, Windsor, Ontario  
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Makayla McLane, Murphysboro, Illinois  
 Psychology and Criminal Justice

Eduardo Josue Mejia, Washington  
 Political Science and Spanish Studies

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

Bradley Wayne Neace, Washington  
 English

Sarah Eleanor Pease, Evansville  
 Political Science

Madison Victoria Peer, Evansville  
 English

Trin Schaefer, Vincennes  
 English

Sarah Elizabeth Siebers, Evansville  
 Psychology, magna cum laude  
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Isabelle Deborah Smith, Evansville  
 Psychology

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

Jacob Kiles Van Bibber, Haubstadt  
 History, cum laude

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

Audrey Renee Wallace, Newburgh  
 Psychology, magna cum laude

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

## BACHELOR OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

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Dakota Ryan Smith, Saint Cloud, Florida  
Theatre Arts, cum laude  
Katlin Michelle Smith, Evansville  
Psychology  
Rachel Anne Sorrells, Bedford  
Psychology  
Allison Rosalee Staples, Spencer  
Public Relations and Advertising,  
magna cum laude  
Steven William Steele, Evansville  
Art, cum laude  
Dominique Candace Thomas, Evansville  
Psychology, cum laude  
Jaeda Marie Thomason, Fairfield, Illinois  
Art

Johnna Makayla Madison Todd, Henderson,  
Kentucky  
Psychology  
Ryder Todd, Ferdinand  
History  
Mackenzie Faith Tron, Newburgh  
Psychology, cum laude  
Sydney Diane Tucker, French Lick  
Psychology  
Mary Olivia Vantlin, Vincennes  
English  
Jillian Grace Walker, Austin  
Anthropology and Psychology,  
summa cum laude

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



## ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Jacob Lawrence, Newburgh  
Social Science

Jera Star Pollock, Princeton  
Social Science

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

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

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

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

## USI Today

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

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

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

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

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

The University of Southern Indiana's vision states: USI will be a recognized leader in higher education boldly shaping the future and the community. W.

## 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 of the time. 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 Medalcraft 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 Dart Romain '74.

## Gonfalons

Ceremonial flags called gonfalons originated in the Middle Ages for civil and military processions, often appearing beneath the steel head of a knight's lance. In Italy, gonfalons designated individual Italian republics; the chief magistrate or other high official served as gonfalonier, carrying the banner.

At the University of Southern Indiana, gonfalons represent each major academic unit; faculty members, department heads and deans serve as gonfaloniers. First used in 2005 and presented to the University as a gift from the Campus Store, new gonfalons were needed and fabricated for the 2019 Inauguration Ceremony.

## University Seal

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

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

The open book emphasizes the University's commitment to learning and discovery.









## Constant, Faithful and True

The University of Southern Indiana Alma Mater

Lyrics: David G. O'Neil

Original Music: Daniel R. Craig

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

USI... USI...

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

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

USI... USI...

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