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FIFTY-EIGHTH
COMMENCEMENT



TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024

FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

INDIANA UNIVERSITY SOUTH BEND

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Joyce Center

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

O! say, can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;
O! say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave?

HAIL TO OLD I.U.

Come and join in song together,
Shout with might and main;
Our beloved Alma Mater,
Sound her praise again.

Chorus

Gloriana, Frangipana,
E'er to her be true;
She's the pride of Indiana,
Hail to old I.U.!

—*Joe T. Giles, Class of 1894*

PAMELA WHITTEN, President of Indiana University, Presiding

PRELUDE AND PRECESSIONAL

Indiana University Brass Quintet
Maryna Pohlman, *trumpet*
Wayner Ramon, *trumpet*
Lizzie Cooksey, *horn*
Peter Bye, *trombone*
Daniel Cox, *tuba*

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Led by Danni-Jo Rausch
Class of 2024

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

President Whitten

Susan Elrod
Chancellor, Indiana University South Bend

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Guadalupe Cisneros Ortega
Honors Program
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PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS

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INTRODUCTION OF GRADUATES

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Assistant Dean, Ernestine M. Raclin School of the Arts

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

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CHARGE TO THE CLASS AND CLOSING REMARKS

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Led by Danni-Jo Rausch

RECESSIONAL AND POSTLUDE

Indiana University Brass Quintet

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Faculty wearing red and white sashes are previous recipients of the Lundquist Faculty Fellowship. The fellowship is IU South Bend's highest faculty award and honor. It recognizes a meritorious faculty member who has exhibited excellence in teaching, scholarly or artistic achievement, and diversified relevant service, including community service throughout the Michiana region.

COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

Today we celebrate the fifty-eighth Commencement exercises of Indiana University South Bend, representing the culmination and proud recognition of our graduates' academic achievements.

The ceremony is rich in academic tradition and protocol, and includes a Commencement address by the president, remarks by other speakers, the conferral of degrees, and the induction of graduates into the IU Alumni Association.

ACADEMIC ATTIRE

All candidates for degrees and those who hold these degrees, including university officials, faculty, and visiting dignitaries, are attired in traditional caps and gowns.

Caps

Candidates for the degrees wear square caps (called mortarboards) adorned with tassels that reflect the schools from which they are graduating. These tassel colors, which are largely standard across the United States, are:

- Arts—Copper
- Business and Economics—Drab
- Dentistry—Lilac
- Education—Light Blue
- Liberal Arts and Sciences—White
- Health Sciences—Kelly Green
- Nursing and Health Professions—Apricot
- Radiography—Kelly Green
- Social Work—Citron

Gowns

The gowns for bachelor's and associate degree recipients have a closed front and open sleeves. The master's degree gown has extremely long, closed sleeves, from which the arms extend through a slit at the wrist; the end of the sleeve is square, with an arc cut away just above the bottom. The doctoral gown has velvet panels down the front and voluminous bell-shaped sleeves, on which there are three velvet bars.

Hoods

Master's degree candidates wear hoods, which are not actually head coverings but stoles, edged in velvet and lined in satin, which flow down the wearer's back. The color of the velvet edging reflects the academic discipline; the satin lining reflects the institution granting the degree. Thus, Indiana University hoods are lined in cream and crimson. Doctoral hoods, worn by many faculty members, use the same system of color symbolism but are longer and wider than master's hoods.

Honor Cords

Indiana University is proud of all of its graduates, and is especially proud of those who have excelled academically. Candidates who are graduating with distinction, high distinction, and highest distinction are entitled to wear honor cords (sometimes called fourragères) pinned to the left shoulder of their gowns. In addition, on some campuses, qualified students are entitled to wear gold medallions indicating that they are graduating with honors. The requirements for graduating with honors are different for each school.

Honor Cords for Honor Societies
Graduates who are members of nationally recognized honor societies may wear their societies' honor cords or medallions during Commencement.

Honor Cords for Veterans and Service Members

Graduating students who have served or are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces wear red, white, and blue cords.

THE HISTORY OF ACADEMIC ATTIRE

The academic costume of today has a history of nearly eight centuries. Students in the medieval universities of Paris, Bologna, Oxford, and Cambridge organized themselves into guilds; their usual garb, a long gown, was probably necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings. Scholars, who were generally members of church orders, wore these robes along with hoods to protect their shaved heads. Later, they wore skullcaps to protect their heads, and the hood developed into a cape that they could pull over their heads for extra protection in unpleasant weather. As additional universities were founded, their faculties adapted distinctive forms of the gown and hood for bachelors (apprentices of arts), masters (teachers), and doctors (teachers who had completed postgraduate studies), which were marked mostly by differences among the hoods. These differences were regulated by strict rules; tailors who departed from the authorized design could be punished. Finally, when caps and hats came into fashion in the fifteenth century, the hoods became ornamental, draped over the shoulders and down the back.

The academic hat was adapted from the headgear worn by ordinary people and began as a symbol of the master's degree. It took various forms: some caps were stiff and some soft; some were square and some were round with a tuft in the center. The modern tassel is an elaboration of the tuft, and the mortarboard style comes to us from Oxford.

When academic costume came to America in 1754, styles were quite varied. In Europe, they still are, but in the United States, standardized rules for academic regalia were enacted in 1895 with the passage of the Intercollegiate Code (updated in 1932 and 1959). The code, created by an intercollegiate commission, prescribed the cut, style, and materials of the gowns and the colors that were to represent the different fields of learning.

GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE RECIPIENTS

This Commencement program should be regarded as a preliminary document, pending confirmation of all degrees. It includes lists of graduates whose degrees were conferred in fall 2023 and degree candidates for the 2024 spring and summer terms. Degrees will be conferred after the completion of all requirements is verified. Students who receive their degrees through the IU South Bend Honors Program are indicated with an asterisk (*) to the right of their names. The criteria for this distinction are 18 credit hours in honors course work with at least a 3.3 grade point average and a minimum overall grade point average of 3.3.

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Indiana University began offering classes in South Bend more than 100 years ago. Certain events mark turning points in the campus's history. One of the most significant occurred in the spring of 1967, when the first degrees were awarded at South Bend, marking the emergence of Indiana University South Bend as a comprehensive university campus serving the region.

In 1916 Indiana University scheduled its first classes in the South Bend area, primarily to help local teachers meet licensing requirements. During the Great Depression of the 1930s, Indiana University recognized the need to provide a broader range of higher education opportunities in home communities; as a result, the South Bend–Mishawaka Extension Center was established to offer a basic two-year program. Administrative offices were located in Central High School, and classes were offered during late afternoon and evening hours in the school and in the downtown YWCA.

After a decline in attendance during the war years, returning veterans contributed to a postwar enrollment rise, which launched the center into

a major period of growth. In the late 1950s, a site adjacent to the St. Joseph River in South Bend was acquired for a new campus with the help of South Bend officials, organizations, and individuals.

In 1961 the move was made into the first new facility, Northside Hall. A second building was acquired in 1966, and a third structure was completed in 1969. A major addition to Northside Hall opened in 1972. In 1975 Indiana University purchased land and property from Associates Corporation of North America, which doubled the size of the South Bend campus. Indiana University South Bend began using some of these properties in 1977. The Franklin D. Schurz Library was added to the campus in the spring of 1989. In April of 1998, Dorothy and Darwin Wiekamp Hall was completed. The Art Gallery opened in 2000, and the Student Activities Center in 2002. That year, the School of the Arts was renamed the Ernestine M. Raclin School of the Arts. In 2006, a new pedestrian bridge across the St. Joseph River linked the main campus to 25 acres where student housing was added

in 2008. A refurbished building for Education, Arts, and Health Sciences was dedicated in 2013.

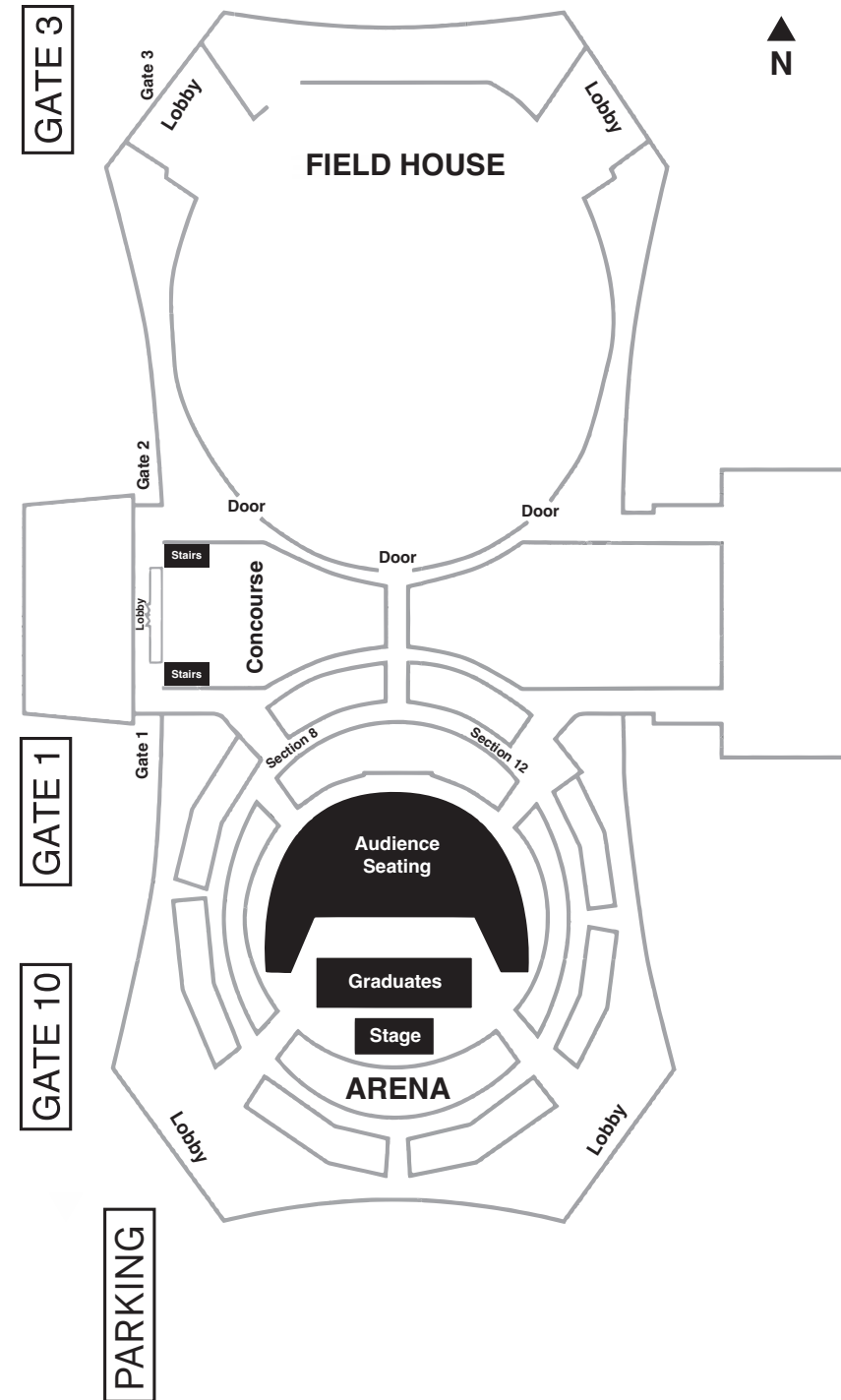
Just as the campus physical plant expanded during the 1960s, the center experienced a major period of academic development, emerging as a comprehensive degree-granting institution. In 1963 it became a regional campus, and soon afterward the first four-year degree programs were authorized. In 1967 the first seniors to graduate from the South Bend campus received their degrees. The following year, the campus became Indiana University at South Bend, a title indicating another new level in its academic development and status within Indiana University.

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