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At commencement ceremonies held today (Tuesday) in South Bend Century Center, Chancellor Lester M. Wolfson paid tribute to faculty members of Indiana University at South Bend who helped bring Century Center into existence.

Noting a "special appropriateness in holding IUSB's exercises" in the new downtown civic and cultural center, Wolfson declared that "the very form and design of this place has profited from the interest and experience of many members of the IUSB faculty."

Degrees were conferred on 853 members of the IUSB Class of 1978, the 12th graduating class at the local I.U. campus. The charge to the class was delivered by John W. Ryan, Indiana University President. Also participating in the ceremonies were Donald C. Danielson of New Castle, president of the I.U. Board of Trustees.

Like IUSB itself, said Chancellor Wolfson, "Century Center respects the diversity and heterogeneity of people, knowing that we are not all cast from the same mold, but that we have common human aspirations for understanding, for expression, and for communion."

Praising the graduates for the dedication which led them to earn their degrees, he said: "Just as no evil can come from a person whose head is as sound as his heart, nothing but good can come from the sound education which flows from the commitment Indiana University has made to the citizens who give it their confidence and their support."

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All people, the IUSB chief executive officer said, "need to develop their latent talents to the highest possible pitch." The survival of civilization "increasingly depends on questions of what the quality of civilization shall be," he added; "the home, the church, the state and the school must unite in an unrelenting concern for our common weal."

The IUSB Class of 1978 includes January, May and August graduates. Preceding commencement exercises the graduating class held a dinner in Century Center's Great Hall.

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