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Indiana University Kokomo prepares for 2012 commencement

KOKOMO, Ind. — Indiana University Kokomo will award degrees to 493 students at its Commencement ceremonies planned at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 8.

IU President Michael McRobbie will preside over the ceremonies with Chancellor Michael Harris, in the new pavilion east of Virgil and Elizabeth Hunt Hall.

The School of Nursing has the most graduates, with 141 receiving bachelor's degrees.

The class includes 48 receiving master's degrees. Another 406 will receive bachelor's degrees and 39 have earned associate degrees. The graduating class represents 28 Indiana counties, four states, and eight countries. More than 40 percent of the graduates are first-generation college students.

Geny Studebaker of Rossville will represent the graduates as the student speaker. She served as student body vice president of programming.

During the ceremony, Amber (Gailey) Cargile will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award from the IU Kokomo Alumni Association. Cargile, spokeswoman for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Arizona District, is being honored for humanitarian service during her 20-year Air Force career.

In case of rain, two ceremonies will take place in Havens Auditorium. A 10:30 a.m. ceremony will include graduates from the School of Nursing, Division of Allied Health, School of Education, and the School of Social Work. The 1:30 p.m. ceremony will include School of Arts and Sciences, School of Business, Division of Continuing Studies, and the School of Public and Environmental Affairs.

Outdoor ceremonies are open to the public, with seating in the Hunt Hall parking lot. Those attending ceremonies in Havens Auditorium must have a ticket. Graduates received tickets with their caps and gowns. Parking is free.

If the ceremony should be moved indoors, radio and television stations in the area will be notified as early as possible on May 8. Tune to local stations for information or visit www.iuk.edu.

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Indiana University Kokomo serves north central Indiana.

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