

INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
POINTS OF PRIDE



COMMITTED TO A HIGH STANDARD OF ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Students Recognized at State, National, and International Levels

- Geoscience and Computer Science double major Dan O'Hara became the sixth IUP student in the last decade to be selected for the **Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship**. His research on the tectonics of Taiwan with IUP Geoscience faculty member Jon Lewis has led to presentations at national and international conferences and to selection for the competitive Taiwan International Graduate Program.
- Krutarth Patel, a Business Technology Support major, took first place at the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education **Student Business Plan Competition**, which gives students a real-world opportunity to pitch original business plans. He received \$1,000 to assist in the start-up of his proposed Dorm Discount.com, designed to help small businesses market their promotions to students.
- At the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival in Washington, D.C., Theater major Josh Gallagher was awarded the **O'Neill Design Fellowship** and will attend the O'Neill Playwrights Conference in July as an assistant to the design staff.
- Communications Media faculty member Luis Almeida, doctoral student Ahmed Yousof, and a team of undergraduates won a top prize at the **2013 Education without Borders conference in Dubai** for their proposed video game, "HERO 1," which would teach English language and American culture to Arab students.
- Journalism majors Aleda Johnson, Abbey Zelko, and Charlene Adams took second place at the **Pennsylvania Newspaper Association's Keystone Press Awards** for their investigative story in the *Hawkeye* online newspaper

about the regulation of transient vendors in Indiana. The report was part of a watchdog-journalism initiative started by faculty member David Loomis.

Faculty Honored for Research and Leadership

- Biology faculty member Josiah Townsend and graduate student Melissa Medina discovered a **new species of rare centipede snake** in northern Honduras and cowrote a paper about it for the *Journal of Herpetology*. Townsend also was appointed to an international board that helps to maintain the endangered-species list.
- Julia Greenawalt, Nursing and Allied Health Professions, will take part in the National League for Nursing's yearlong **Leadership Development Program for Simulation Educators**.
- Victor Garcia, professor of anthropology and director of the Mid-Atlantic Addiction Research and Training Institute, was selected as the **Distinguished University Professor**, formerly called the University Professor, for 2013-14. He is known internationally as an expert on the study of Latino immigrants and migrants and has led efforts to recruit and retain qualified Latino students.
- The University Senate recently presented three **Distinguished Faculty Awards**: the award for teaching to Fredalene Bowers, Human Development and Environmental Studies; the award for service to Edel Reilly, Mathematics; and the award for research to Mike Sell, English.

Athletes Excel in National Competition

- The men's basketball team reached the **Sweet 16 of the NCAA Division II tournament** and the NCAA Atlantic Region Championship game, and senior guard Scooter Renkin received the **PSAC Winter Top 10 Award** for excellence in the classroom and in competition.
- The women's basketball team reached the semifinals of the **NCAA Atlantic Region tournament**, and senior Sarah Pastorek became the 20th player in program history to reach 1,000 career points.

CELEBRATING IUP TRADITIONS AND EXCELLENCE

- In a ceremony focused on the theme “building on a tradition of excellence and opportunity to inspire success,” **Michael A. Driscoll was inaugurated as the 26th president of IUP** in April. The theme was celebrated through a musical timeline and gifts from various campus and community constituencies.
- The **Military Science Department established a Hall of Fame** in April to recognize its outstanding ROTC graduates. The graduates who have attained the rank of general were inducted into the Leadership Division of the Hall of Fame, and Lieutenant Colonel Barry Gasdek '64, a Vietnam veteran and recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross, was the first to be inducted into the Excellence Division.
- The Eberly College of Business and Information Technology was recently selected as a “**Best for Vets**” business school by *Military Times*, building on the “Best for Vets” honor the university received last November.
- More than 150 students presented their research at the Undergraduate Scholars Forum, now in its eighth year, and nearly 100 graduate students participated in the third annual Graduate Scholars Forum. The events were part of IUP’s **Research Appreciation Week** in April.
- To celebrate IUP’s outstanding student scholars and leaders, the university chartered a chapter of **The Golden Key International Honour Society** during the spring semester and welcomed its first initiates in April. In its first semester at IUP, the organization raised funds for children’s literacy.

MAINTAINING A RECORD OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

- IUP’s commitment to community service was recognized for the fifth consecutive year with inclusion in the **President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll**. The university community recorded more than 152,680 hours of volunteer service during 2011-12.
- Fraternities, sororities, and several other student clubs and organizations raised more than \$20,200 for the **American Cancer Society** through an on-campus Relay for Life in April.
- The History Department welcomed more than 200 high school students for the **National History Day regional competition** in March. More than 50 IUP students acted as judges and coaches for the event.

- Students Khareif Williams, Shawn Rooney, Hanna Beightley, Gabriella Lehigh, Taylor Billman, and Briana Newstrom participated in the **Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Advocacy Days** in April. They joined more than 70 other State System students to garner support for public higher education among state legislators.

RECOGNIZING OPPORTUNITY

- Earlier this year, President Driscoll appointed Journalism faculty member Michele Papakie to lead **strategic visioning efforts for the university**. Papakie and her students have interviewed more than 175 alumni and members of the campus and greater Indiana communities about what makes IUP distinctive and what they would like to see IUP celebrate in 2025. Their work will continue through fall 2013.
- The Supplier Diversity Council will welcome author and marketing expert Kelly McDonald as guest speaker for the **2013 Business Opportunities Fair** in June. The event is designed to explore mutually beneficial opportunities for public agencies such as IUP and small or minority-owned businesses.
- Provost Timothy Moerland has announced that **two new deans** will join the IUP leadership team: Mark Correia in the College of Health and Human Services on June 1 and Lara Luetkehans in the College of Education and Educational Technology on July 1. Both bring extensive teaching and administrative experience to IUP.

