# IUP Department of Nursing And Allied Health Professions

## Nursing Students and Faculty Newsletter

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Just a reminder to get to the polls and vote tomorrow, November 4th, 2008!

# Celebrate the 95% NCLEX Pass Rate

**Congratulations to the nursing faculty and former IUP nursing students for their hard work and success in achieving a 95% pass rate on the latest six month report.** The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) program report from April 2008 to September 2008 reported that IUP had a 95% pass rate. The national pass rate for this same period was 87% and was 88% for programs similar to IUP.

Thank you to our former undergraduate students for representing the IUP Department of Nursing and Allied Health Professions in such a positive way. A very special thank you to all the faculty for your hard work and dedication to achieving excellence in our nursing department!

In honor of this great achievement we will be celebrating this **Wednesday, November 5th, 2008 from 11am to 1pm in Room 237, Johnson Hall**. Students and faculty, please stop by and enjoy a piece of cake and share in our celebration of success!

# SAB Updates and ATI Information

**Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior nursing students: Please check the bulletin board in the hallway of Johnson Hall for pictures of your SAB representatives. Student pictures of the SAB representations will be posted in the near future. These students can bring forward student questions and concerns related to the nursing program at IUP. Students meet on a regular basis with Dr. Susan Poorman and discuss any student issues. Know your SAB rep and provide them with your questions or concerns!**

Students graduating in August or December 2009 must take the ATI RN Predictor in December, 2008. This is a proctored online 180 question assessment that will be given on December 5th, 2008. Sign-ups are available on Dr. Labant's office door, room 221 Johnson Hall.

Students who fall below the 30th national percentile will be required to take NURS 450 in spring 2009 and will be notified by Dr. Palmer. Questions or concerns should be emailed to alabant@iup.edu.

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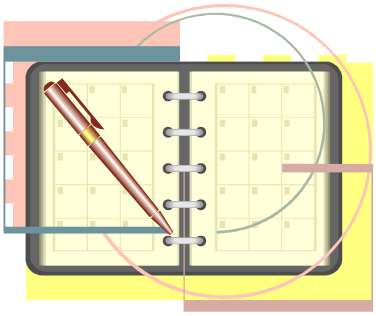
# Save the Date— Undergraduate Scholars Forum

On **Tuesday, April 7th, 2009** IUP will hold their fourth annual Undergraduate Scholars Forum. The forum will be held in the Hadley Union Building. The purpose of this event is to provide IUP undergraduate students across disciplines with an opportunity for professional development by presenting their original research, scholarly activities, teacher work samples or creative works.



The call for presentations is available at http://www.iup.edu/undergradscholars. Applications require a faculty sponsor and are due by **February 15, 2009**.

**Nursing Recruiter Visits**

Several nurse recruiters will be visiting the department in the upcoming months. All recruiters will be located outside of Room 247, Johnson Hall.

Excela Health
11/10/2008
10am to 2pm

Chambersburg Hospital
11/17/2008
10am to 2pm

**Information for the student and faculty newsletter can be forwarded to Dr. Kristy Chunta at kchunta@iup.edu**

# Undergraduate Student News

Congratulations to Margaret Stoneback, a senior Honor's College student. Margaret was accepted to The University of Pennsylvania and will begin studies in their Nurse Practitioner Program in Psychiatric Nursing. Margaret will start at Penn in May 2008.

Congratulations Margaret on your accomplishment and best wishes in your future nursing studies!

# Display your IUP Nursing Pride!

Stay warm and snuggly in an IUP Nursing hoodie, sweat pants, and long sleeve tee!

Color options for the hoodie are oxford grey with red writing, or crimson red with grey writing. The hoodies have IUP Nursing on the front.

The straight leg sweat pants come in oxford grey with IUP Nursing on the left thigh in red writing.

The tees are available in long sleeve or short sleeve, and come in crimson red with grey writing or oxford grey with red writing and say IUP on the front left and "Be nice to me I might be your nurse some day" on the back.

Prices are $20 each for the hoodie and pants, $15 for the long sleeve tee, and $10 for the short sleeve tee. Get $5 off if you buy a combo of two or three.
Order forms are available in Johnson Hall. Drop the order form and check (made out to Junior Nursing Class of 2010) or cash in an envelope in the Junior Nursing class mail slot in the Nursing Office in Johnson Hall.

Orders end Wednesday, November 19, 2008.

Any questions?
Email Megan Wallwork at dkmn@iup.edu

# CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer

On Saturday, December 6, 2008 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. The American Red Cross will be holding a CPR/AED class for the professional rescuer. The class will be held at the American Red Cross, 610 Kolter Drive, Indiana PA. The cost for the class is $60.00 and includes a book and pocket mask. This certification is good for two years.
To register call 724-465-5678 or email bburns@iccarc.org. Class size is limited so register early.

**Interested in Volunteering?**

**The Love Basket Project is looking for help. Volunteers are needed during the first two weeks of December. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Marianne Sadler at 724-422-5759.**

# Faculty News

Congratulations to Dr. Nashat Zuraikat who presented a poster and oral presentation at the Workplace Violence in the Health Sector conference held in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, October 22nd through the 24th, 2008. Dr. Zuraikat presented *Physical violence against healthcare providers at Jordanian hospitals*. Congratulations Dr. Zuraikat!

Also, congratulations to Mrs. JoAnn Thistlethwaite on the completion of her doctoral course work. Mrs. Thistlethwaite is currently enrolled in the Curriculum and Instruction doctoral program through the Department of Education and Educational Studies at IUP. She will be starting her dissertation work in the near future. Way to go Mrs. Thistlethwaite!

**The American Nursing Association is offering access to the Members Only Section of NursingWorld.org at no cost to students. Some benefits to this membership include access to *OJIN*, a peer reviewed electronic journal and access to the current electronic versions of *The American Nurse* and the ANA columns in *American Nurse Today*. Discount opportunities are also available To sign up visit www.nursingworld.org/students.**

**The Promo Code for this offer is "EDU".**

# CCNE Update

The final standard of the CCNE self-study report is Standard IV Program effectiveness: Aggregate student performance and faculty accomplishments. This standard examines the programs' aggregate or combined student and faculty outcomes. Program data that addresses student alumni, employer satisfaction, graduation rates, NCLEX pass rates, and employment rates are reviewed. Student and faculty outcomes are reviewed in comparison to the program's mission, goals, and expected outcomes. Information from formal complaints is also reviewed for ongoing program improvement.

This is the final standard of the CCNE self-study report. The accreditation visit will occur March 30th through April 1st, 2009. I will be asking interested students in the near future to consider participating in planning groups to prepare all students for our accreditation visit.