

## Living on Campus Takes Full-Circle Approach



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While Residential Revival construction rumbles on, it is becoming evident that the project is more than bricks and mortar. The end results afford study lounges, conference rooms, multipurpose rooms, and resource rooms that facilitate out-of-classroom learning experiences. Each suite-style building

becomes a focal point for broad-based learning themes, hosting residents and nonresidents as they participate in activities that involve faculty-to-student and student-to-student interaction.

While grouping students with similar academic interests in residence halls is not new at IUP, the new residential suite-style offerings are providing a refocus on such opportunities in the form of living-learning communities.

“Several decades of research provide strong supporting evidence that student academic success is tied to how involved or engaged students are with their learning environment. We know that learning does not stop when students leave the classroom and that residence halls provide an ideal, yet often under-utilized, setting for learning,” said Jack Makara, assistant director for Assessment and Academic Initiatives, who cochairs the Living-Learning Planning Team with faculty member Jackie Beck of the College of Health and Human Services. “Most on-campus students spend more collective hours in their living environment than any other location on campus, including the classroom.”

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## IUP Cares Focuses on Childhood Obesity

The second IUP Cares event is set for next month in Hadley Union Building.

Childhood Obesity: Understanding the Crisis, Weighing the Solutions will take place April 18. Developed by the Department of Food and Nutrition, the conference is financially sponsored by Indiana Regional Medical Center.

There is no registration fee, but participants are asked to acknowledge their plan to attend by sending e-mail to [iup-cares@iup.edu](mailto:iup-cares@iup.edu) and to bring a nonperishable food or personal care item donation for the Food and Nutrition Department's Annual Food Drive to benefit the Indiana County Community Action Program. Act 48 credit is available for a nominal fee.

After opening remarks that begin at 9:00 a.m., Frederick Trowbridge, a medical epidemiologist and former director of the Centers for Disease Control Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity, will present the morning's first topic in the keynote address by defining the problem of childhood obesity.

At 10:30, Niñon Richartz, program manager for Shaping America's Youth, will present an overview of solutions in a discussion of national and grassroots efforts and organizational structure aimed at preventing pediatric obesity.

IUP Food and Nutrition faculty members Diane Wagoner and Leigh Ann Harvey will present Health

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## Suite Susan Delaney



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In recognition of the many things Susan Delaney has done for IUP, the IUP Council of Trustees announced at its March meeting that it would name what is now known as Suites on Grant—Lower as Susan Snell Delaney Hall.

Delaney, a member of the IUP Class of 1964, has served on the IUP Council of Trustees for more than a decade. As chairperson of the council, she presided over a period of university growth and innovation that included restoration of John Sutton Hall, a successful capital campaign, and development of the Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex and IUP's Student Residential Revival, among many other initiatives. She also has served as a member of many university committees and advisory groups, including the Research Institute Board of Directors, the Middle States Steering Committee, and three presidential search committees.

Congratulating Delaney after the resolution was read at the council meeting are, from left, President Tony Atwater; David Osikowicz, chair of the IUP Council of Trustees; and Jim Miller, chair of the council's University Relations Committee. Delaney is holding the resolution.





## Common Reader Author



Elizabeth Kolbert, author of *Field Notes from a Catastrophe: Man, Nature, and Climate Change*, this year's Common Freshman Reader, lectured on campus this month. Her presentation is the highlight of a year's worth of events. To stay abreast of activities associated with the reader program, see [www.iup.edu/commonreader](http://www.iup.edu/commonreader).

## Student Stars

### Two Receive PBCOHE Honors

Two IUP students were honored at the annual Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education event in Pittsburgh this month.

Stacey Hanson was selected to receive the **K. Leroy Irvis Undergraduate Scholarship**, while graduate student William (Corey) Burnett was selected for the **John S. Shropshire Graduate Scholarship**.

Hanson, a Spanish major, is a member of the Voices of Joy gospel choir and the Fashion Association and works in the Major and Career Exploration Center. She is pursuing a minor in Latin American Studies and plans to study abroad in the near future.

Burnett, who is pursuing a doctoral degree in Curriculum and Instruction, has a bachelor's degree from Slippery Rock University and a master's degree from IUP. He is a social studies teacher at Gateway High School in Monroeville.

In both cases, awardees are required to have at least a 3.0 grade point average, extracurricular activity participation, leadership qualities, and interpersonal qualities. 🐾

## Faculty and Staff Stars

### Cool Tool, Digital Defense, and Energy Security

#### Anthropology

**Miriam Chaiken** published "Asking the Right Questions: Use of Qualitative Methods in Assessment of Food Security" in *Specialized Programming and New Knowledge Development Newsletter*.

"Ritual and Horses in Bronze Age and Present-Day Mongolia: Some Preliminary Observations from the Khanuy Valley" by **Francis Allard** was published in *Social Orders and Social Landscapes*.

#### Developmental Studies

**Carmy Carranza** was invited to present "Centralization vs. Decentralization in Developmental Education: Programs that Work" at the PADE Regional Conference in Lancaster, Pa.

**Danhua Wang** presented "Text Structure and the Author's Purpose" at the College Reading and Learning Association's National Conference in Portland, Ore.

**Arden Hamer** presented "The VARK: A Cool Tool to Boost Learning" at the College Reading and Learning Association's National Conference. She also coauthored the text *Building College Vocabulary Strategies 2nd edition* for Pearson/Prentice Hall.

**Paul Hrabovsky** was an invited facilitator for the session "Home-Grown Best Practices in Developmental Mathematics" at the second annual Developmental Educators' Summit held at Montgomery County Community College.

#### Economics

Participants in the National Association of Economic Educators Professional Development Conference in Baltimore included **Stephanie Brewer Jozefowicz** (NAEE executive committee secretary and a member of the NAEE Professional Development Committee) and **James Jozefowicz** (cochair of the NAEE Professional Development Committee), who helped organize the conference. Both also attended the Third Summit on Economic and Financial Literacy at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

## New [www.iup.edu](http://www.iup.edu) Gives Look Inside IUP

While the university's new website was launched January 31 and departments and offices continue to contribute to it, one page in particular is receiving special attention.

"The web team is monitoring the traffic of the new site, and they've found one page in particular to be a standout," said Robert Davies, vice president for University Relations. "They are finding in the traffic stats that people are truly using Inside IUP, which is great news—because that was our plan from the very beginning."

Inside IUP, a link to which appears on the top of every page of the new web, features IUP news, calendars, and links to the tools students and employees need to conduct their daily business on campus. An added feature is that it displays the news of departments who use the news sections built into

each of their individual websites.

"It's a very powerful tool—the ultimate in repurposing information," Davies said. "It allows our departments and offices to post to their own websites news about upcoming events, special programs, and internal awards and recognition. Because it's a blog product, the news is fed up to Inside IUP, so, in effect, those who use the news section are self-posting to the Campus Bulletins webpage and making their information available to people who wouldn't necessarily visit the department page. Inside IUP provides students with a better snapshot of what is happening across campus, and it proves to our prospective students and parents that our campus is a busy place with plenty to offer."

As the new web continues to grow, what

might not be obvious to the campus community are two new developments that will be completed by the end of the spring semester.

IUP's athletics presence will move to CSTV Online. CSTV—College Sports Television Network—hosts a wide variety of NCAA Division I and II websites, and moving the university's varsity sports presence there will accommodate additional needs unique to the athletics environment.

The alumni on-line community also will make a move from IAC, a service that has hosted the community for several years, to iModules, which recently purchased IAC. iModules and members of the University Relations Division are working together to provide an integrated look and feel to the community, so that alumni visitors will experience an increased comfort level. 🐾

#### French and German

**Heide Witthöft** presented "*Herausnehmen, wenn es noch geht, und behalten*": Malte's Temporary Loss of Identity" at the Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture Since 1900 at the University of Louisville. At the same conference, she chaired a panel on "A Fine Madness: Insanity and *États d'âme*."

#### IT Services

**Mindy Wygonik** presented "Why Should Technology Be Used in the Classroom?" at the Pennsylvania Association for Adult Continuing Education and the Continuing Education Association of Pennsylvania Midwinter Conference on Adult Education in Hershey.

At the same conference, **Nancy Evans** presented "Digital Defense: Not Just for the Network!"

**Rebecca Sterley** presented "Weaving Creativity into Our Learning Engagements" at the same PAAACE-CEA/PA conference. Sterley was honored as the 2008 CEA/PA recipient of the Outstanding Continuing Educator Award for her leadership and valuable contributions to Continuing Education.

#### Mathematics

**Yong Colen** participated in the "Making Connections: Using Cases to Develop Knowledge for Teaching Mathematics" workshop at the Institute for Mathematics and Education at the University of Arizona.

#### Political Science

"Energy Security—What It Means," by **Gawdat Bahgat**, was published in the *Journal of Social, Political, and Economic Studies*.

#### Women's Studies

**Fauzia Ahmed** authored the book chapter "Microcredit, Segmentation, and Poverty Alleviation for Women: Who Are the Customers?" in *Business Solutions for Reaching the Poor*. She also wrote the article "Microcredit, Men, and Masculinity," to be published in the Summer issue of *National Women's Studies Association Journal*. 🐾



## Distinguished Dozen

Twelve alumni will be honored at next month's Distinguished Alumni Awards dinner.

**Charlene Mickens Dukes '80**, College of Humanities and Social Sciences  
President, Prince George's Community College

**Stephanie Lambidakis '81**, College of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Producer/Reporter, CBS News

**Daniel Larkin '82**, College of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Unit Chief, FBIHQ Cyber Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation

**Richard Macedonia '66**, College of Education and Educational Technology  
CEO Emeritus, Sodexo, Incorporated

**Edna McCutcheon '74**, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics  
CEO, Torrance State Hospital

**Stephen Pasierb '84, M'86**, College of Education and Educational Technology  
President and CEO, The Partnership for a Drug-Free America

**David Reddecliff '82**, College of Humanities and Social Sciences  
President, IUP Alumni Association  
Chief of Staff, Pennsylvania House of Representatives, Office of Republican Whip

**Alberto Rey '82**, College of Fine Arts  
Distinguished Professor, Visual Arts and New Media, State University of New York at Fredonia

**Thomas Rumbaugh '81**, Eberly College of Business and Information Technology  
Economic Advisor, International Monetary Fund

**Jerry Salandro M'76**, School of Graduate Studies and Research  
President and CEO, IRIS Technologies, Incorporated

**Ruth Shirey '65**, College of Education and Educational Technology  
Retired Professor, Geography and Regional Planning, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

**Jeffrey Shockey '80**, College of Health and Human Services  
Corporate Safety Director, Alcoa, Incorporated. 🐾

## Undergrad Forum Showcases Scholarship

The Undergraduate Scholars Conference takes place April 1 in the Hadley Union Building, Sprowls Hall, and Cogswell Hall.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. in the HUB, where

all conference activities take place until 3:00 p.m. Creative and performing arts portions of the conference take place in Sprowls and Cogswell halls beginning at 3:00 p.m. The conference concludes

## In Transition

**The following employees are new to the university:**

**Karen Alsop**, administrative assistant in the Office of the Associate Vice President for Finance, March 10

**John Veilleux**, associate vice president for Communications and Community Relations in University Relations, March 24

**The following employees have moved to new positions:**

**Samuel Phillips**, from interim hotel development coordinator to hotel development coordinator in Administration and Finance, March 1

**Lorrie Vehovic**, from Custodial Services to clerk typist in the Office of Human Resources—Benefits Office, March 10 🐾

## Living on Campus...

Next academic year, twenty-two communities will occupy the Suites on Grant, Suites on Maple, and Northern Suites. Students are now choosing from a wide range of options that include Women in Math, Science, and Technology; Spanish; Wellness; Fine Arts; and Asian Studies.

“By offering communities like these, we purposefully and intentionally design an environment in which students can participate in learning activities and experiences specifically themed to their academic college, major, or area of interest. The idea is to provide an academically supportive residential community that promotes informal interaction and collaboration with faculty and staff and offers a connection to others who share a similar academic program or interest,” Makara said.

In addition to the experience of living together, the students in the community have access to a faculty liaison who serves as a resource for the residents and residence life staff members. The liaison might provide ideas and suggestions for learning resources and activities for the community or volunteer to present information in the form of tutoring, mentoring, or making presentations.

Living-learning community residents also now have access to a fund for mini-grants. Rhonda Luckey, vice president for Student Affairs, has set aside \$19,000 in State System performance enhancement funds to provide grants to communities that, through a process Makara and Beck oversee, might ask for funding for special speakers, field trips, appropriate concert tickets, and other activities that complement the community's interest. The grants also may be applied toward faculty research and scholarly activity directly benefiting

the development and growth of living-learning at IUP or may be used as seed money to develop and establish a new and innovative living-learning initiative.

“We think of this as the 360-degree approach,” Makara said. “We know that students learn in a holistic fashion, often using multiple connections and frames of reference. The new suite-style housing provides the best possible environment for bringing the educational process full circle—from residential environment to classroom or lab, then back to the resident environment.” 🐾

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## PSAC Champs



Coach Cindy Martin made the final celebratory cut to the net after the women's basketball team won the conference championship 67-63 vs. California, allowing IUP to host the NCAA Regional Tournament.

## Honors Convocation Set for April 6

Sunday, April 6, marks the annual Honors Convocation. Students and others, including Distinguished Alumni Award winners, will be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, while four Distinguished Faculty Awards will be

presented to recognize excellence in creative arts, teaching, research, and service.

The convocation takes place in the Hadley Union Building Ohio Room at 1:30 p.m. 🐾





# The Inaugural IUP LEGACY GALA

*A Salute to Indiana University of Pennsylvania's Preeminent  
Regional Achievers—An Evening of Celebration for Friends and Alumni*

**Saturday, April 26, 2008, at 6:30 p.m.  
Carnegie Museum, Music Hall Foyer  
Pittsburgh**

An evening of dinner and dancing. A silent auction featuring memorabilia and luxury items. Inaugural presentations of the Presidential Legacy Awards: for Philanthropy to the Fairman Family of Jefferson County; for Alumni Distinction to Terry Dunlap, IUP '81, President, Allegheny Ludlum; and for Civic Service to Keenan Holmes, IUP '03, Attorney at Law, Eckert Seamans Cherin and Mellott, LLC.

All proceeds will go to the University Fund for Academic Excellence. Tickets are \$135 per person. For more information, please call 724-357-2145 or visit [www.iup.edu](http://www.iup.edu).

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## IUP Cares...

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Cooking for Kids at 11:30 a.m. They will be assisted by IUP dietetic interns and will conduct a cooking demonstration.

At 1:30 p.m., registered dietitian Barbara Mayfield, a continuing lecturer from Purdue University who is director of the Promoting Family Meals Project and president of Noteworthy Creations, will make a presentation.

At 2:45 p.m., Jim DeLine, CATCH Family Education and Community coordinator

at the Michael and Susan Dell Center for Advancement of Healthy Living at the University of Texas School of Public Health, will present a program on physical activity for obesity prevention in children.

Formal programming concludes with an overview of programs IUP sponsors.

While most programming takes place in the Ohio Room, information booths will be stationed in the HUB Atrium. 🐦

### ABOUT IUP REPORTER

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## IUP CALENDAR

- April 1** Undergraduate Scholars Forum
- April 5** Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner
- April 6** Honors Day
- April 13** Arts and Entertainment, The Spinners
- April 18** IUP Cares Topic: Childhood Obesity
- April 26** Legacy Gala in Pittsburgh
- May 10** Commencement

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