

Indiana University of Pennsylvania Points of Pride



FACULTY AND STUDENT STARS

STUDENTS LEADING THE WAY

A full house attended a program about the **dangers of hazing** by Jim and Evelyn Piazza, parents of the late Timothy Piazza, in the Performing Arts Center's Fisher Auditorium. It was sponsored by IUP's Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Association.



Two undergraduate tutors from the Kathleen Jones White Writing Center—Nick Gati and Emily O'Donnell—led a featured workshop at the **Secondary Schools Writing Center Association conference**.

Daniel Wethli (senior, philosophy and Asian studies) presented a research poster at the Eastern Division meeting of **the American Philosophical Association** in New York City.

Seth Woolcock (senior, journalism and public relations), a research assistant with the Mid-Atlantic Research and Training Institute for Community and Behavioral Health, published his first article in the winter 2018 edition of **Pennsylvania Sheriff**.

IUP had two first-place winners (Tony Anthony and Elary Mede) and two second-place winners (Kyle Chastulik and

Brynne Nagy) in the Tri-States Chapter of the **National Association of Teachers of Singing Auditions**. Mede (sophomore, music) won the Butler County Symphony Orchestra's Collegiate Concerto Competition and will perform three selections with the BCSO on April 14.

Ben Strong (junior, music) won the **Demareus Cooper Encouragement Award** from the Pittsburgh District of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions.

Over summer 2018, students and faculty from the IUP **Archaeological Services Center** conducted a geophysical survey to identify potential features related to the Battle of Cooch's Bridge and subsequent burial of colonial soldiers for the State of Delaware.



English doctoral students Jialei Jiang, Sukanto Roy, and Nouf Alshreif (Composition and Applied Linguistics) have recently been selected to receive the Conference on College Composition and Communication Scholars for the **Dream Award**.

Eve Urban and Lindsay Herring (theater and dance) were recognized at the **Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival** with a Certificate of Merit for their dramaturgy work on the devised production *Fabric of the Nation*.



Students in Susan Venatta's **Commercial Design Studio class** are working with Punxsy Connect on a coworking space being developed by this subset of the PRIDE group (Punxsutawney Revitalization: Investing, Development, and Enhancing). The students will develop proposals for the design of the space.

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Mike Vuckovich and Timothy Runge

More than 600 educators and community members attended the **School Safety and Security Symposium** at the Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex held March 15. The event was a collaboration among the Indiana Area School District, IUP, Pennsylvania State Representative Jim Struzzi, and the Indiana County Tourist Bureau. Four IUP faculty members were presenters: Timothy Runge, Mark McGowan and Courtney McLaughlin (Department of Educational and School Psychology) and Dan Lee (Criminology and Criminal Justice).



Dan Lee



Mark McGowan



Courtney McLaughlin

The program was designed as "outside the box thinking" on the important topic of safety in our schools. Welcome speakers included President Michael Driscoll and Dr. Gerald Zahorchak M'88, former Pennsylvania Secretary of Education. Runge worked with Indiana Area School District Superintendent Mike Vuckovich to develop the program.



Jonathan Warnock (geoscience) will represent the United States on an upcoming research expedition with the **International Ocean Discovery Project**. He will spend 60 days at sea collecting marine sediment cores in order to analyze the earth's past ecology and climate.



Michele Petrucci (international education) was selected to present to international education audiences in Tanzania (Arusha, Karatu, and Dar es Salaam) by the **USA Study Abroad** branch of the US Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.



William Chadwick (archaeological services) was elected to the **Board of the Pennsylvania Archaeological Council** for 2019.



Colleen Ferguson (music) presented a violin recital at the **Stanford Society Annual Festival Symposium** in London.



Rachel DeSoto-Jackson (theater and dance) won the Association for Theatre in Higher Education and Kennedy Center American College Theater Region 2 **Prize for Innovative Teaching**.



Jodie Seybold (food and nutrition) is the recipient of the 2019 Pennsylvania Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics **Outstanding Dietetics Educator Award** in the dietetic intern category.