

INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA POINTS OF PRIDE



IUP

COMMITTED TO A HIGH STANDARD OF ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Enriching Academic Study with Experiences outside the Classroom

- Fine Arts graduate student Eric Brennan was commissioned by the Council for the Arts of Chambersburg to create artwork for four sequential billboards as part of **Project Elevate**. Through this project, artists use billboards as canvases for art that creates a positive narrative within the community.
- Three undergraduates and one graduate student from the English Department were selected to present original fiction and nonfiction writing at **Sigma Tau Delta English honor society's national convention** in March.
- Out of 1,400 students competing in an eight-state region, two IUP Theater majors won fellowships to attend the **national Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival** in April. Josh Gallagher won the top award for set design, and Morgan Chase won the Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers' fellowship.
- Teri Gilmore, a Child Development and Family Relations major, was invited to present her work at the ninth **International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic, and Social Sustainability in Hiroshima, Japan**, in January. Her project originated as a class assignment and grew into a community program for children that teaches swimming and promotes healthy eating and physical activity.

Setting the Stage for Student Success

- The Computer Science Department secured \$231,000 from the National Science Foundation for the **Cyber Catch Scholarship** program, which will award scholarships to students with an interest in information assurance.

- More than 170 academically promising high school students came to IUP in February for the second round of interviews for the new **Sutton Scholarship**. The Foundation for IUP provided \$1.4 million to start the scholarship, aimed at attracting and rewarding high-achieving students. To date, the university has invited more than 1,000 students to interview for the scholarship and has about 200 scholarships to award.
- A special **summer program for Sutton Scholars** will be launched in summer 2013, providing scholarships for two courses each summer during all four years of the students' academic careers.
- Twenty academically talented students who have a financial need will be eligible for a **special scholarship** of \$2,500, approved by the Council of Trustees in December. To qualify, students must meet income guidelines, be Pennsylvania residents, and have a minimum high school grade point average of 3.0.

Athletic Success

- After winning the **Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference championship**, the men's basketball team went on to reach the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Division II tournament. This is only the second time a school has won both the football and men's basketball PSAC titles in the same academic year. The women's team reached the semifinals of the NCAA Division II Atlantic Region tournament.
- The football team won the **2012 Lambert Meadowlands Division II poll**, an honor bestowed on the best team in the Northeast in Division II.
- In February, IUP celebrated **40 years of Title IX success** by honoring Ruth Podbielski, who as longtime associate director of athletics forged the way for thousands of female student-athletes to achieve their goals through competition. A special fund-raiser is under way to continue the gains made through Title IX.

SECURING EXTERNAL GRANTS

- Biology faculty members Joseph Duchamp and Jeff Larkin received \$204,822 from the Pennsylvania Game Commission to fund a **genetic study of the Pennsylvania woodrat**. They have been studying the woodrat for several years, aiming to keep it off the endangered species list.
- Criminology professor Dennis Giever received \$1.2 million from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency for **IUP's constable training program**. The Criminal Justice Training Center at IUP provides all mandatory free training for elected or appointed constables for both the northwest and southwest regions of Pennsylvania.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY: STUDENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- Members of the field hockey team took part in UpTown Fitness's first **"Cold Hands, Warm Heart" Health and Nutrition Fair** in February. The two-day event, which benefited the Center for Cardiac and Vascular Care at Indiana Regional Medical Center, included a four-mile race, and field hockey players directed runners and walkers and assisted at water stations.
- Five students from the IUP chapters of the American Chemical Society and Alpha Chi Sigma chemistry honors fraternity put on a **science show for students at Apollo-Ridge Elementary School** to demonstrate how science can be fun.
- David Wachob, Health and Physical Education, completed the first semester of a new **physical education program for local homeschooled students**. More than 100 students participated, and IUP preservice Health and Physical Education majors provided the instruction.
- The IUP Ceramics Club raised more than \$5,000 for the Indiana County Food Bank through an **Empty Bowls** event in March at the Artists Hand Gallery in Indiana. Ceramic bowls made by student artists were filled with homemade soup and sold.

RECOGNIZING OPPORTUNITY

- In February, more than 50 faculty and staff members came together for the **President's Energy Roundtable**. Initiated by President Michael Driscoll, the roundtable discussed shale gas projects already in place, energy exploration and development, environmental impact, social factors, and economic impact and opportunities.
- After soliciting proposals earlier in the fall for moving IUP forward, President Driscoll announced in December the awarding of \$877,000 in **Strategic Initiative funding** for 11 proposals. Two were selected for permanent funding: the creation of an energy research cluster and a veterans reintegration cluster. An additional \$205,000 was earmarked for additional support for veterans and student success programming.
- Through an ongoing partnership with the FBI, IUP cosponsored a **national conference on financial crimes** in March with Frank Abagnale, a leading authority on forgery, embezzlement, and secured documents. More than 200 professionals and students attended the daylong event.
- IUP has a **new leader for the Academic Affairs Division**. Provost Timothy Moerland brings to IUP a wealth of experience that includes growing and sustaining strong academic and research programs at two doctoral research universities.

