

# INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA POINTS OF PRIDE



IUP



## CHARTING OUR FUTURE

- More than 400 members of the IUP community participated in the university's daylong **Strategic Visioning Summit** in October, an important step in finalizing the vision. The information gathered through the process will serve as a basis for the university's strategic planning efforts.
- IUP alumna Joyce Ritenour Fairman, of DuBois, has been appointed by Governor Tom Corbett as a member of the **Council of Trustees**. Her term will extend through October 2019. She is president of the Fairman Family Foundation and part owner of the Fairman Corporation.
- IUP broke ground in November for a new, **\$30-million College of Humanities and Social Sciences building**. The building's design will enhance open-ended scholarship and hands-on learning experiences.

## RECOGNIZING FACULTY EXCELLENCE

- The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi selected English faculty member Tracy Lassiter, a 2013 graduate of the doctoral program, for a **Love of Learning award**. One of 147 recipients nationwide, she will use funding from the award to travel to the International Comparative Literature Association Congress at the Sorbonne in Paris.
- Geoscience chair Steve Hovan received a three-year appointment to the **Science Evaluation Panel for the International Ocean Discovery Program**. Hovan will be part of a team of international scientists who will evaluate, cultivate, and recommend scientific ocean drilling proposals for funding.

- At a recent **TEDx event near Philadelphia**, Luis Almeida, Communications Media, discussed his research on how people become robotic from intense computer use. TEDx is the global series of locally hosted events affiliated with TED (Technology, Entertainment, and Design), the nonprofit forum of conferences that promote "ideas worth spreading." Videos of the live presentations are released free to the public.
- English professor Claude Mark Hurlbert was ranked eighth in the **national listing of top professors** on RateMyProfessors.com. The website includes ratings, entirely by students, of professors from more than 7,500 schools.

## HELPING THE GREATER COMMUNITY

- IUP recently collaborated with the **Chamber of Commerce of Indiana County** on two projects. The Center for Family Business partnered with the chamber to present a seminar on the Affordable Care Act and upcoming changes in health care. And, students in the Employment and Labor Relations master's program are conducting a survey that explores perceptions of the relationships between local business owners, residents, and IUP students. The graduate students will use the data for a class project, publication in scholarly journals, and conference presentations; the chamber will use the results to help improve the county's business climate.
- For the past 17 years, Beverly Chiarulli, Anthropology, has assisted the Ellis School in Pittsburgh with an annual **simulated archaeological excavation** and program. This year, Chiarulli was assisted by graduate students Marion Smeltzer and Mark Durante. The program, part

of a ninth-grade World History class, offers a hands-on approach to the study of ancient cultures.

- Nearly 120 students are enrolled in a Health and Physical Education Department program designed to promote physical activity and positive social interaction for **local homeschooled children**. The program also gives the department's students experience in leading physical education classes, swimming lessons, fitness training for parents, and other activities.

## ADVANCING ATHLETICS

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- In a show of school spirit, the university has installed a 700-pound **bronze hawk** in the lobby of the Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex. Unveiled during the first home football game, the hawk was created by 1972 IUP graduate John McCombie and funded through private donations.
- Longtime IUP football coach Frank Cignetti was recognized during the Homecoming game in October with the **naming of the field** within George P. Miller Stadium in his honor. The Council of Trustees approved the naming the previous week.

## OBTAINING FUNDS FOR RESEARCH

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- Joann Migyanka, Special Education and Clinical Services, received \$30,000 from the Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic of UPMC for a project to train first responders and hospital personnel in **how best to treat patients with autism**.
- Phillip Neusius and Beverly Chiarulli, Anthropology, received more than \$88,000 to continue to assist the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation with **archaeological surveys on PennDOT projects** throughout the commonwealth. The funding will be used toward assistantships allowing students in the MA in Applied Archaeology program to work with PennDOT cultural resource professionals on these projects. PennDOT also provides internships for students each summer.
- Calvin Masilela, Geography and Regional Planning, recently received **funding from the US Department of Education** in the amounts of \$215,834 to continue the McNair Scholars program and \$235,704 to continue Upward Bound Math and Science.
- Jeff Larkin and Joseph Duchamp, Biology, received \$3,000 from the **Pennsylvania Game Commission** for

their project, "Monitoring the Response of Allegheny Woodrat Populations to Habitat Management Strategies in Pennsylvania." The award will be used in part to fund a student researcher.

- IUP's Pennsylvania Occupational Safety and Health Administration (**PA OSHA**) **Consultation Program** received nearly \$600,000 from the US Department of Labor to continue its operations in 2013-14.
- Ann Sesti, Center for Health and Well-Being, received almost \$40,000 from the **Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board** for her project, "Underage and Dangerous Drinking, 2013 to 2015."
- Veronica Watson, Department of English, received \$113,879 in support of the **Frederick Douglass Institute Collaborative**. The two-year award was from the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, with additional support from IUP. This marks the program's fourth year of continued funding from the State System and its first two-year commitment of support.

## SERVING VETERANS

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- Two national publications recently recognized IUP for its **support of veterans**. *Military Advanced Education* named IUP a top military-friendly school, and *U.S. News and World Report* ranked IUP among the top 50 national universities on its "Best Colleges for Veterans" list.
- At the President's Veterans Day Dinner, President Michael Driscoll announced the creation of an **IUP Military Resource Center** (MRC) to provide additional support to those who have served or are currently serving the country. The MRC should be open by the spring semester 2014.

## IMPROVING SAFETY IN ENERGY FIELD

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- Following her presentation at the **Shale Insight 2013 conference** in Philadelphia, Laura Helmrich-Rhodes, Safety Sciences, was interviewed by the *Pittsburgh Business Times* about how Marcellus shale operations have raised the bar for health and safety.
- In November, IUP was a host site for the **National Stand Down** event. About 250 IUP students and faculty members participated in the national webcast, which promoted safety in the energy field. The Safety Sciences Department also hosted a demonstration for students and faculty members about removing silica dust.