

# INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA POINTS OF PRIDE



## NEW HOME FOR HUMANITIES

In January, IUP formally cut the ribbon on its \$30 million academic building housing seven departments in the **College of Humanities and Social Sciences**. In addition to 31 classrooms (supporting 1,835 seats) and 120 offices, the 126,505-square-foot building includes a 250-seat auditorium, a great hall, an atrium and sandwich shop, eight conference rooms, two collaborative classrooms, a public artifacts room, specialty classrooms and labs, and a rooftop plaza for academic and social space.

## MOVING FORWARD

The **IUP Diversity and Inclusion Summit** will be held April 26 at the Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex. The keynote speaker will be Peggy McIntosh, an anti-racism activist, who is also the associate director of the Wellesley Centers for Women, speaker, and founder and co-director of the National SEED (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity) Project on Inclusive Curriculum. Dr. McIntosh is also author of the 1989 essay "White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack."

## STUDENTS GAINING REAL-LIFE EXPERIENCE

Ten students attended the 15th annual **Appalachian Teaching Project Symposium** in Washington, D.C. in December. Hosted by the Appalachian Regional Commission, the event brings together student teams that have developed applied research projects to build a sustainable future for the region. Following the conference, the projects are formally presented to Appalachian Regional Commission leadership.

Five psychology doctoral students presented at the poster session at the 2015 **Association for Behavioral and**

**Cognitive Therapies** conference, in Chicago, accompanied by Laura Knight (faculty, psychology).

Cook Honors College senior Ian Bright (mathematics and psychology) was the only undergraduate student to present research at **Neurotechnix 2015: the third International Congress on Neurotechnology, Electronics and Informatics**, in Lisbon, Portugal, in November 2015. Reviewers of Bright's submission for a poster presentation invited him to give an oral presentation at the conference because of the high quality of his submission. His research was developed as part of the IUP Research Experiences for Summer Scholars program, and it was designed to provide evidence for a theory developed by his faculty mentor, Raymond Pavloski (psychology), who presented his own original work at the conference and was an invited session chair for presentations on neural rehabilitation and neurosensing and diagnosis. A potential application for Pavloski's research is in the future development of neural prosthetic devices. Such devices would help synthesize aspects of experience that have been lost as a result of brain injury.

Anthropology undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty presented 10 papers and posters at the 49th annual **Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology**, held in Washington, D.C., in January. The presentations represented the wide variety of work undertaken by students and faculty and highlighted independent student research.

Four undergraduates presented talks at the Youngstown State University **Pi Mu Epsilon Conference on Undergraduate Research** in February. The students traveled

to YSU under the supervision of faculty members Rachelle Bouchat and Tim Flowers (faculty, mathematics).

Three biology students joined Tom Simmons (faculty, biology) to present “A Tick in Time Saves Lyme: The Ecology of the Blacklegged Tick and Lyme Disease in Pennsylvania” for a **Department of Conservation and Natural Resources’** event. The biology students led demonstrations on personal protective measures, tick ecology, and the spread of Lyme disease in Pennsylvania.

Counseling graduate student Sara Hoover and Lorraine Guth (faculty, counseling) presented “Enhancing Group Work Practice in Malawi: The Warm Heart of Africa,” at the 2016 Association for Specialists in Group Work National Conference in February in Washington, D.C.

### RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

IUP’s Planning Student Organization, the Department of Geography and Regional Planning, and the Indiana community won the **American Planning Association National Award** and IUP’s student group is one of four winners of the **2016 Outstanding PSO Award**. During the past academic year, the student group organized outreach activities and actively participated in the Indiana Community University District planning effort, a bike rally to raise the awareness of the Hoodlebug Trail extension, the New Kensington Better Block event, the Walk Works Program outreach at the Northern Appalachian Folk Festival, teamed up with KABOOM to build a playground in the Indiana Borough, and built a parklet.

Bill Balint, IUP chief information officer, was a 2015 **Emeriti Award** recipient at the annual **Pennsylvania Banner User Group** (PaBUG) conference. Balint was a founding member of the user group in October 1999. The Emeriti Award recognizes individuals who have dedicated countless voluntary hours to the organization over the course of several years.

David Wachob (faculty, kinesiology, health, and sport science) has been selected for the **Mabel Lee Award** by the **Society of Health and Physical Educators**. This national award recognizes young members of SHAPE who have demonstrated outstanding potential in scholarship, teaching, and professional leadership.

Andrew Milliken, a 2015 graduate (music and journalism and public relations) received second-place honors from **Pennsylvania News Media Association** for his May 2015 HawkEye online story “Bipolar and a baccalaureate.” The HawkEye is a journalism and public relations outreach initiative.

IUP’s doctoral program in clinical psychology, the Psy.D. program, has been recognized as one of the **top five programs in the nation** by “Best Counseling Degrees.”



The website evaluated programs from 69 institutions and selected the top 50 programs for students. IUP’s program was ranked fifth out of 50 for 2016.

IUP’s Spanish education K-12 program was selected for **national recognition for the third consecutive review cycle** by its national accrediting body, the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation. This is a first for any language education program in the country. For the past decade, graduates of IUP’s Spanish education program have had a 100 percent placement rate, with districts eager for as many graduates as IUP can supply.

### SUCCESS IN GRANT FUNDING

Calvin Masilela (faculty, geography and regional planning) received a funding award of \$228,800 from the U.S. Department of Education for the university’s **Ronald E. McNair Scholarship Program**. The total amount received to date for this project is \$903,234. Dr. Masilela and Hillary Staples (Upward Bound Math and Science) also received a funding award of \$248,712 from the U.S. Department of Education for the **Upward Bound program**. The total amount of funding received to date for this project is \$979,656.

