

INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA POINTS OF PRIDE



IUP

HELPING THE GREATER COMMUNITY

- IUP is sharing in \$1.65 million in **Mine Map Grants** awarded by the Department of Environmental Protection. The more than \$480,000 the university received will fund the work of the Institute for Mine Mapping, Archival Procedures, and Safety to scan almost 11,000 maps for the DEP and enter the information into a database.
- The House Armed Services Committee passed the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014, which includes language supporting the nation's defense through the **National Guard Civil Support Team's (CST) information management system, created by IUP**. Deployed to all 50 states and 9 territories by the National Guard, the system provides a common operating picture, promotes information sharing and real-time collaboration in emergencies, and supports the CST mission of assisting and advising first responders and facilitating communications with other federal resources across the nation.
- Three members of the College of Education and Educational Technology have released a second **training video for hospital emergency personnel who interact with autistic patients**. Joann Migyanka was principal investigator, Susan Glor-Scheib acted as a consultant, and Jeff Fratangeli contributed technical expertise as producer/director. They partnered with West Penn Allegheny Health System physician Arvind Venkat and secured a \$40,000 grant to produce the video, *ACT for Autism: Assess, Communicate, and Treat*.
- IUP was selected, for a fourth year, by *G.I. Jobs* magazine for its list of "**Military Friendly Schools.**" Editors recognized the institutions for "doing the most to embrace America's veterans as students," with a priority of recruiting students with military experience.

- IUP's Counseling Center hosted a workshop to help mental health and support professionals working on college or university campuses to address the needs of **service members and veterans attending college**. More than 80 professionals attended.

FACULTY: TAKING THE NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

- Distinguished University Professor Mary Jalongo, of Professional Studies in Education, was invited to serve as a consultant for a new Sesame Street Workshop grant-funded program. This initiative will produce a **series of programs for Sesame Street** that are designed to support the vocabulary development of young children, particularly English language learners, and supply free materials for teachers and families. Jalongo has also worked as a consultant for the PBS Boston children's television program *Martha Speaks!*
- Biology faculty member Shundong Bi is the corresponding author of an article **accepted by the scientific journal Nature** that suggests mammals originated at least 215 million years ago, much earlier than previous evidence has indicated. *Nature* accepts less than 5 percent of submissions.
- Geoscience professor John Taylor received a \$41,469 **grant from the National Science Foundation** to fund his ongoing research that confirms the northernmost part of Alaska is not Siberian, but Laurentian. That means the land was part of the core of what would ultimately become North America, rather than being part of the accreted terrains that rafted in from Siberia to make up most of the Brooks Range.
- Tim Hibsman, of the English faculty, was selected to be part of the **Navy Distinguished Visitors Program** aboard the *USS Ronald Reagan*. Hibsman, who spent 15

years in aerospace before beginning his academic career, is known for using real-life anecdotes in his technical writing classes.

- Over the summer, Geoscience faculty member Jon Lewis was an instructor for the national **School of Rock**, sailing the Juan de Fuca oceanic rift off the coast of Victoria, British Columbia, while teaching educators about sub-seafloor science, with an emphasis on faulting and great earthquakes.
- For the fifth consecutive year, Counseling professor John McCarthy has been named an **international scholar in the International Academic Fellowship Program**. The program aids in the advancement of higher education within the humanities and social sciences in Southeastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

ADVANCING THE CAMPUS

- In August, IUP broke ground for the first phase of its \$37-million **Dining Innovations program**: construction of the Crimson Café. This \$6.5-million, 400-seat retail dining facility will be completed for fall 2014. The second and third phases of the project, renovation of Folger Dining Hall and construction of the North Dining Commons, will begin in 2014 and 2015, respectively.

WELCOMING NEW LEADERS

- The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Board of Governors has selected Frank T. Brogan, chancellor of the State University System of Florida, to serve as **PASSHE's next chancellor** beginning October 1.
- Glenn Cannon, a 1971 IUP graduate and director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, and Aaron Douthit, a junior at IUP majoring in nursing, have been appointed to the **IUP Council of Trustees**. Governor Thomas Corbett also confirmed the reappointment of James Miller, Sam Smith, and Gealy Wallwork.
- Pablo Bueno Mendoza joined the university in August as the **assistant to the president for Social Equity**. He was formerly director of the multicultural center at the University of Missouri, Columbia, where he also received his PhD in educational leadership policy.

SUPPORTING STUDENTS THROUGH PRIVATE GIFTS

- Local philanthropist Nell Jack provided a gift of \$100,000 to honor two alumni and longtime Indiana residents, Walt

and Sue Lewis. Funds will be used to establish a resource library to support new **energy-related academic programming** being developed by the Eberly College of Business and Information Technology and the **Walter and Suzanne Lewis Basketball Scholarship**.

- Airline Hydraulics Corporation, of Bensalem, provided the **Safety Sciences Department** with a simulator that will help students to understand industrial safeguarding hazards.
- Representatives of XTO Energy, a subsidiary of ExxonMobil, presented **IUP with a matching gift of more than \$25,000**, based on gifts to IUP from three alumni who are ExxonMobil employees.
- The nursing program has received funding from the Indiana County Endowment and the Bork Family Fund, administered through the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies, to purchase manikins for the **obstetrics simulation lab** in Putt Hall.

UPDATING ATHLETICS

- The swimming team earned **Academic All-American status** for spring 2013 from the College Swimming Coaches Association of America.
- The university recently welcomed **two new head coaches**: Tom McConnell, who heads the women's basketball program after spending the last two seasons as an assistant at Old Dominion, and Aline dos Santos, who is coaching women's volleyball after five seasons as the top assistant at the University of Akron.

LEADING ENERGY EDUCATION

- IUP will present "**Engaging Shale Gas Community Partners: A Workshop to Understand the Marcellus Shale Industry**" in October. The two-day workshop features an interdisciplinary team of IUP faculty and industry specialists. The IUP Presidential Initiatives Fund is providing financial support to registrants who are municipal or county employees.
- For the third consecutive year, IUP students and faculty members from Geography and Regional Planning and Chemistry will **monitor the quality of drinking water** from the Beaver Run Reservoir. The Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County signed a \$100,000 agreement with IUP to inspect water quality at the 5,000-acre reservoir, which has dozens of Marcellus shale natural gas wells nearby.