

INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA POINTS OF PRIDE



beyond expectations

COMMITTED TO A HIGH STANDARD OF ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Enriching Academic Study with Experiences outside the Classroom

- Safety Sciences students took part in IUP's national **Fatality Prevention Forum** in Coraopolis in October. Funded in part by a \$100,000 grant from the Alcoa Foundation, it featured safety professionals from across the nation and Captain Chesley Sullenberger, known for his successful landing of disabled US Airways Flight 1549 in the Hudson River in 2009.
- Katharine Uvick, a Computer Science major and member of the Robert E. Cook Honors College, completed an **internship with the U.S. Department of Energy**, during which she joined an international team of interns to design a mobile game application that simulates Department of Energy challenges surrounding research and policy.
- Five Journalism students were **embedded as reporters** with 140 IUP ROTC cadets during field training exercises in October at Camp Dawson, West Virginia. The experience was educational for both groups—the student journalists learned about covering a military exercise, and the ROTC cadets learned how to escort members of the media on the battlefield.

Setting the Stage for Student Success

- More than 200 academically promising high school students came to IUP in December to interview for the new **Sutton Scholarship**. The Foundation for IUP provided \$1.4 million to start the scholarship, aimed at attracting and rewarding highly qualified students.
- More than 100 high-achieving incoming freshmen received **Board of Governors Scholarships** through the Office of Admissions for fall 2012.
- The Department of Education awarded continued funding over the next five years for two **programs that assist disadvantaged students**. IUP is to receive

\$1.14 million for the McNair Scholars Program, which helps selected students to prepare for doctoral study, and \$1.24 million for the Upward Bound Math and Science Program, designed to strengthen the math and science skills of potential first-generation college students.

EARNING NATIONAL ACCOLADES

Recognizing Programs for Veterans

- The publication *Military Times* selected IUP as one of the nation's "Best for Vets" schools following a national survey of more than 650 institutions. Only 68 four-year colleges in the nation made the list.
- IUP was chosen for the third consecutive year as a Yellow Ribbon university. The Yellow Ribbon Program helps students to avoid out-of-pocket expenses for tuition and fees that may exceed the Post-9/11 GI Bill tuition benefit.

Competing at the Graduate Level, as Undergraduates

- Rebecca Beadling, a junior Chemistry and Biology double major, won the **2012 Chung Soo Yoo Award** for the best graduate-level presentation at the Pittsburgh Diffraction Conference in Menlo Park, California.
- Dan O'Hara, a Geoscience and Computer Science double major, was among the few undergraduates selected to present research at the American Geophysical Union in San Francisco. He recently earned a **National Science Foundation internship** at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science.



Honoring Teacher-Scholars

- Mary Lou Metz of the Department of Mathematics received the **Outstanding Contribution to Mathematics Education Award** from the Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of Mathematics in October.
- The Pennsylvania State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance presented Holly Boda-Sutton of the Department of Theater and Dance with the **Ethel Encke Award** in December for her contributions to the profession.

Achieving Success in Athletics

- IUP had a successful fall sports season, with **three teams advancing to nationals**: The football team reached the NCAA Division II Super Region One Championship, women's cross country finished 18th at the NCAA Division II Tournament, and field hockey reached the quarterfinals of the national tournament. In addition, men's golf won its sixth consecutive conference championship, and junior Zack Kempa won the seventh straight individual title for IUP.



SERVING THE COMMUNITY: STUDENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- In response to **Hurricane Sandy**, a group of students formed a relief committee and partnered with students in the new Red Cross Club to organize fund-raising efforts to benefit storm victims.
- A Zumbathon, sponsored by the Office of Club Sports and Recreation in December, continued university efforts to support the **Wounded Warrior Project**, which serves military service members with service-related injuries. In October, Rho Tau Chi, the IUP ROTC service fraternity, raised \$1,500 for the project with its first Warrior 5K.
- More than 300 students from IUP fraternities, sororities, and other service organizations raised more than \$4,000 for the **university's holiday tree project**, which benefits the Salvation Army's Treasures for Children program and an IUP scholarship for emerging leaders in the Greek community.

ALUMNI GIVE BACK TO BENEFIT CURRENT STUDENTS

- Susan Snyder, a 1985 IUP Journalism graduate who was part of a team at the *Philadelphia Inquirer* that won the 2012 **Pulitzer Prize for public service**, spoke about her career at an IUP alumni event in New York City in November. She also served as a speaker at the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Collegiate Media Summit in September and at the Journalism Department's commencement ceremony in May.
- In November, IUP recognized six graduates of the last 15 years with the **Young Alumni Achievement Award** for outstanding accomplishments in their professions. While returning to campus to receive the award, the alumni spoke to classes, performed with music ensembles, and answered questions for current students.
- IUP alumni acted as hosts for more than 70 students from the departments of Fashion Merchandising, Hospitality Management, Journalism, and Theater and Dance, as well as the IUP Ambassadors, for a **networking event in New York City** that allowed the students to explore living and working in the city.
- Fifty-five alumni currently volunteer their time to represent IUP at **undergraduate admissions recruitment events** in 10 different states.

