

INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA POINTS OF PRIDE



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Students completing degrees in December and January are invited to participate in the university's December **commencement ceremonies**. Of the 752 degrees to be awarded, 533 are bachelor's degrees, 173 are master's degrees and 46 doctoral degrees. Distinguished University Professor Dr. David Downing will present remarks at both the undergraduate and graduate ceremonies.

Six alumni from the past 15 years returned to IUP to accept the **Young Alumni Achievement Award**. In addition to a reception with students, each awardee visited classrooms to share with students insights on their careers. The awardees represent each of IUP's six academic colleges: Broadway producer **Phillip Chavira, '06** (Fine Arts); geologist **Robert Kervin '02**, executive vice president and cofounder of Rusk Energy Corporation (Natural Science and Mathematics); management graduate **Kimberley Miller '02**, a tax manager at Sisterson & Company (Eberly College of Business and Information Technology); **Karen Marr Sudders '05 M'07**, clinical culinary and nutrition manager at the Cancer Treatment Centers of America (Health and Human Services); Cook Honors College and political science/economics graduate **Jennifer Swartz '07**, senior associate with Wilshire and Associates, formerly of the White House Office of Management and Budget (Humanities and Social Sciences); and **Jonneé Tonsel '09**, communications media graduate, project manager, Comedy Central (Education and Educational Technology).



Close to 600 alumni and friends of the **IUP Marching Band** returned to campus in November to celebrate 95 years of the IUP Marching Band. Alumni band members joined current students for the halftime and post-game performances.



A COMMITMENT TO STEWARDSHIP

IUP's Humanities and Social Sciences Building has earned **Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification**. LEED recognition provides independent verification of a building or neighborhood's green features, allowing for the design, construction, operations, and maintenance of resource-efficient, high-performing, healthy, cost-effective buildings. This latest certification brings to nine the number of buildings on the IUP campus that are LEED certified. All eight of the newest student residential facilities: Andrew W. Stephenson Hall, Susan S. Delaney Hall, Donna D. Putt Hall, Gealy W. Wallwork Hall, MG Rodney D. Ruddock Hall, the Suites on Maple East, the Suites on Pratt, and the Northern Suites were LEED certified in 2012.

A comprehensive **switch replacement project** was completed in November, securing the campus electrical infrastructure for the future.

A **Hilton Garden Inn**, adjacent to the university's Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex, is open for business. Bookings for events, conferences, and meetings at the Kovalchick Complex are projected to increase by 15 to 20 percent with the addition of the hotel.

PROVIDING INNOVATIVE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The Board of Governors for Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education approved **two new academic programs** for IUP in October: a bachelor of science degree in public health, and a Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision. The public health degree is interdisciplinary and offers three different tracks: Epidemiology and Biostatistics; Environmental and Occupational Health; and Behavioral and Mental Health. With these two new programs, IUP now offers 13 doctoral programs, 35 master's programs and more than 130 bachelor's degrees.



A COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

The President's Commission on Diversity and Inclusion had its first meeting in December. Co-chaired by Dr. Yaw Asamoah (Humanities and Social Sciences) and Kate Linder (Student Affairs), the group includes 17 members of IUP and Indiana community. One of its goals is to produce a Diversity Action Plan.

More than 35 members of the IUP community were presenters for the IUP-hosted 2016 State System's **"Rising to the Challenge: Making Inclusion Matter"** summit. IUP was one of eight State System schools to have student poster session participants; one of the sessions focused on the discussion of IUP's Theater-by-the-Grove presentation of "We Are Proud To Present..."

HONORING AND SERVING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED US

Dr. Cory Shay, director of the **Military and Veterans Resource Center**, was appointed to the position of representative of Region 2 for NAPSA Veterans Knowledge Community, a national leader in supporting the generation and dissemination of knowledge in support of the college success of student veterans.

The Military and Veterans Resource Center partnered with the Indiana County Veterans Service Providers Group for the first **IUP Veterans Resource Fair**. In addition to vendors and networking opportunities, IUP faculty presented programming related to veterans' affairs.



For the sixth consecutive year, Victory Media, publisher of G.I. Jobs, STEM Jobs, and Military Spouse magazines, has selected IUP for the **Military Friendly School** list, which honors institutions the magazine's editors describe as delivering "the best experience for military students."



Close to 200 alumni and friends connected to **IUP's ROTC program** returned to campus for a special reunion to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the National Defense Act, establishment of the national ROTC program and 66 years of IUP ROTC. BG Robin Swan, a 1978 graduate of IUP, offered the keynote address for the celebration dinner. IUP has 12 generals among its graduates.

Fall enrollment includes 891 **military-affiliated students**, an increase of 13 percent from fall 2015 enrollment and an increase of 38 percent from fall 2013.

GIVING BACK

IUP dietetic interns sponsored the community and kids' tents at the Indiana Farmers' Market's Health and Wellness Day in downtown Indiana.

IUP's Communications Disorders, Special Education and Disability Services Department raised \$1,540 during its sixth annual "Confections for a Cause" bake sale to benefit ovarian cancer education and research. More than \$7,500 has been raised over the past six years.

Students from the **Food and Nutrition Department** sponsored a free nutrition and literacy fair for children at the Indiana Free Library.

IUP's Strategies for Ecology Education, Diversity and Sustainability (SEEDS) Club of IUP, a student-organized group, hosted its third annual Community Seed Swap in November. This free event is part of a larger project to add to the Northern Appalachian Seed Bank.

Through collection efforts in the community, **Greek organizations** at IUP collected \$4,095.37 for the Indiana County Salvation Army Treasures for Children program. This fundraising effort, in its 11th year, has resulted in more than \$28,000 collected for this local program that benefits needy families in Indiana County.

Close to 200 students participated in the fall **"Into the Streets"** day of service for Indiana County nonprofit agencies. More than 500 members of the Greek community gathered to do cleanup in the community during Homecoming weekend.