

Indiana University of Pennsylvania Points of Pride



STRENGTHENING IUP'S VALUE



IUP welcomed freshmen and new students to campus with a unique "Welcome to IUP" event during **Welcome Weekend**. Students met other members of the IUP family via video; IUP President Michael Driscoll had an interactive presentation with the students; and Norm and the IUP cheerleaders rallied the crowd, which continued the celebration with a cookout in the Oak Grove, hosted by the deans of each college.

Members of the IUP and Indiana community filled Fisher Auditorium for the annual **Opening of the Academic Year** event, which featured comments from President Driscoll, Provost Timothy Moerland, IUP APSCUF President Nadene L'Amoreaux, IUP AFSCME President Cynthia Spielman, IUP student trustee Caleb King, and President of the University Senate David Piper. The day's events continued with a **ribbon cutting and open house at North Dining**—the third and final phase in IUP's \$37 million Dining Innovations program—and a cookout in the Oak Grove.

The Racial Justice Coalition continued its **"Stand Against Racism and Hate"** during the first week of classes. The group's purpose is to gather and stand—visibly and unapologetically—to represent our commitment to the values of diversity, inclusion, respect, and tolerance for all, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, immigration status, national origin, gender identity, sexual orientation, social class, or ability.

Patricia McCarthy has been named **Vice President of Enrollment Management**, effective Sept. 2. She was tapped to serve in the interim vice president role in October. McCarthy began work at IUP in 1995 as assistant director of the Office of Financial Aid. She served as the associate director of the office from December 2001 to July 2005, when she was selected as director of the Office of Financial Aid. Before joining the IUP community in 1995, she was the assistant director of financial aid and student employment coordinator for La Roche College. McCarthy has a bachelor of science degree in applied psychology from IUP, a master of science degree in human

resource management from La Roche College, and a DED degree in Administration and Leadership Studies from IUP.

Khatmeh Osseiran-Hanna will begin work as the **interim vice president for University Advancement** on Sept. 11. She comes to IUP from the College of Staten Island, CUNY (City University of New York). An experienced advancement professional, she has raised \$96 million during her career and has experience in a broad range of advancement initiatives, including capital campaigns and board recruitment, development, and engagement. Osseiran-Hanna replaces Bill Spiedel, who retired at the end of August.

An aggressive **summer construction plan** was completed on schedule, with thousands of feet in new steam lines in place in three locations across campus. The George P. Miller Stadium improvements, including new handicapped accessible restrooms and a new running track, are completed, as are several paving projects. The Elkin Hall transformation into the Center for Multicultural Student Leadership and Engagement continues and is on schedule for completion for the spring 2018 semester. Razing of Leonard Hall will be completed by November. The Grant Street Park project will continue during the 2017-2018 academic year.

Megan McCue, formerly a member of the Undergraduate Admissions staff, has been selected to serve as the student advocate and **assistant director of ASC@IUP**. This newly formed position is in support of student success and retention. McCue began her work with ASC@IUP in June, facilitating the parent orientation program, a component of the new student orientation, for more than 1,300 parents and family members of our incoming students. During the academic year, she will assist students as they navigate the university systems, offer support and outreach services to at-risk students, and provide information and referrals to other university offices for both students and parents.

The Doctor of Education in Administration and Leadership Studies program in the Department of Professional Studies in Education has received **national recognition for meeting the highest standards** from the Educational Leadership Constituent Council, its professional association.



IUP now has a **full weather station with a lightning warning system** on the South Campus, along with a separate stand-alone lightning detection and warning unit at Miller Stadium. This system will allow IUP to provide advance notice of inbound severe weather events. This network has connectivity to the National Weather Service and radar units around the world. Each time a new module comes online, it adds to the accuracy of the network as a result. The weather station portion of the system provides real-time data on up to 70 variations of issues, including snow probability forecasting and alerts/warnings. The data from the IUP's system will be shared with the Indiana County Emergency Management Agency and the data collected will be used to count towards the county's overall storm-ready status when it comes up for renewal.

Eight students were selected to attend the **National Association of College and University Residence Halls annual conference**, which was designed to enhance and develop leadership skills. IUP was one of more than 500 schools in attendance. Maeve Kirby was inducted into NACURH's Advancement Society that recognizes individuals for their leadership in NACURH and on their campuses.



Department of Foreign Languages faculty member Laura Delbrugge has been selected for the **American Association of State Colleges and University's Emerging Leaders Program**. She was nominated by IUP President Michael Driscoll. The program is limited to 27 persons who have "shown leadership potential and desire

advancement to mid-level administrative positions."

John McCarthy, Counseling Department, wrote an article on suicide prevention that was recently published in Counseling Today Online. He also served as the keynote presenter at the **2017 Student Symposium of the Department of Apparel, Textiles, and Interior Design** at Kansas State University, speaking on creative thinking and creative problem-solving.



Chad Buckwalter, international student and scholar advisor from the Office of International Education, was one of eight panelists selected to present at the **NAFSA Research Symposium 2017** held in Washington, D.C. His study, "Path to U.S. Higher Education: A Study of Chinese Students at Indiana University of Pennsylvania," collected data on the varied ethnic

backgrounds of the Chinese student population at IUP and sought to determine if ethnicity was a factor in the students' educational opportunities and decisions.



Diane Shinberg, a faculty member in the Department of Sociology, has been selected as the **director of IUP's new Public Health program**. The bachelor of science degree in Public Health was approved by Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education Board of Governors in October 2016.

Raymond Pavloski, Psychology Department, presented results of recent research conducted with Charles Lamb, Mathematics Department, in a paper titled "Simulations Support the Simple Hypothesis that Persistent Coupling of Electrochemical Activity in Recurrent Network Neurons is an Objective Signature of Visual Object Unity" at the **2017 International Joint Conference on Neural Networks**. Results of this research have implications for understanding the nature of visual experience, including improving prosthetic vision.

The Federal Highway Administration selected the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and its partners, IUP Archaeological Services and the Department of Anthropology, to receive an **Environmental Excellence Award** for their achievements in Education and Training Programs surrounding the PennDOT Highway Archaeological Survey Team.

Eight students represented IUP at the **Undergraduate Research at the Capitol**—Pennsylvania event. The students presented their award-winning projects from the IUP Undergraduate Scholars Forum.

Hannah Mercer, a May 2017 economics graduate, won the 2017 Research Award at the **Pennsylvania Sports Business Conference**. Her project, "An Analysis of Gender Inequality in Professional Tennis," was co-authored with Patrick Edwards, a 2017 graduate, and was completed as part of the honors track in economics under the direction of James Jozefowicz, Economics Department.

IUP Safety Sciences hosted its first **Ladies of Safety Conference** in April. Seventy-two women, a combination of professionals and students, participated in the event. Safety Sciences faculty member Laura Rhodes set up the event, which featured keynote speaker Valerie Sutton, director of career services at Harvard University. Safety professionals hosted lunch tables and the event concluded with a question-and-answer panel session, with employees from Cincinnati Insurance, Universal Well Services, EQT, PepsiCo, and PPG Industries.

