

INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA POINTS OF PRIDE



IUP

COMMITTED TO A HIGH STANDARD OF ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Enriching Academic Study with Experiences outside the Classroom

- Fine Arts graduate student Eric Brennan was commissioned by the Council for the Arts of Chambersburg to create artwork for four sequential billboards as part of **Project Elevate**. Through this project, artists use billboards as canvases for art that creates a positive narrative within the community.
- Three undergraduates and one graduate student from the English Department were selected to present original fiction and nonfiction writing at **Sigma Tau Delta English honor society's national convention** in March.
- Out of 1,400 students competing in an eight-state region, two IUP Theater majors won fellowships to attend the **national Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival** in April. Josh Gallagher won the top award for set design, and Morgan Chase won the Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers' fellowship.
- Teri Gilmore, a Child Development and Family Relations major, was invited to present her work at the ninth **International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic, and Social Sustainability in Hiroshima, Japan**, in January. Her project originated as a class assignment and grew into a community program for children that teaches swimming and promotes healthy eating and physical activity.

Setting the Stage for Student Success

- The Computer Science Department secured \$231,000 from the National Science Foundation for the **Cyber Catch Scholarship** program, which will award scholarships to students with an interest in information assurance.

- More than 170 academically promising high school students came to IUP in February for the second round of interviews for the new **Sutton Scholarship**. The Foundation for IUP provided \$1.4 million to start the scholarship, aimed at attracting and rewarding high-achieving students. To date, the university has invited more than 1,000 students to interview for the scholarship and has about 200 scholarships to award.
- A special **summer program for Sutton Scholars** will be launched in summer 2013, providing scholarships for two courses each summer during all four years of the students' academic careers.
- Twenty academically talented students who have a financial need will be eligible for a **special scholarship** of \$2,500, approved by the Council of Trustees in December. To qualify, students must meet income guidelines, be Pennsylvania residents, and have a minimum high school grade point average of 3.0.

Athletic Success

- The men's basketball team secured an automatic bid to the NCAA Division II tournament after winning the **Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference championship**. This is only the second time a school has won both the football and men's basketball PSAC titles in the same academic year. The women's team, which lost in the PSAC quarterfinals, also advanced to the NCAA tournament.
- The football team won the **2012 Lambert Meadowlands Division II poll**, an honor bestowed on the best team in the Northeast in Division II.
- In February, IUP celebrated **40 years of Title IX success** by honoring Ruth Podbielski, who as longtime associate director of athletics forged the way for thousands of female student-athletes to achieve their goals through competition. A special fund-raiser is under way to continue the gains made through Title IX.

SECURING EXTERNAL GRANTS

- Biology faculty members Joseph Duchamp and Jeff Larkin received \$204,822 from the Pennsylvania Game Commission to fund a **genetic study of the Pennsylvania woodrat**. They have been studying the woodrat for several years, aiming to keep it off the endangered species list.
- Criminology professor Dennis Giever received \$1.2 million from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency for **IUP's constable training program**. The Criminal Justice Training Center at IUP provides all mandatory free training for elected or appointed constables for both the northwest and southwest regions of Pennsylvania.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY: STUDENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- Members of the field hockey team took part in UpTown Fitness's first **"Cold Hands, Warm Heart" Health and Nutrition Fair** in February. The two-day event, which benefited the Center for Cardiac and Vascular Care at Indiana Regional Medical Center, included a four-mile race, and field hockey players directed runners and walkers and assisted at water stations.
- Five students from the IUP chapters of the American Chemical Society and Alpha Chi Sigma chemistry honors fraternity put on a **science show for students at Apollo-Ridge Elementary School** to demonstrate how science can be fun.
- David Wachob, Health and Physical Education, completed the first semester of a new **physical education program for local homeschooled students**. More than 100 students participated, and IUP preservice Health and Physical Education majors provided the instruction.
- The IUP Ceramics Club raised funds for the Indiana County Food Bank through an **Empty Bowls** event in March at the Artists Hand Gallery in Indiana. Ceramic bowls made by student artists were filled with homemade soup and sold.



RECOGNIZING OPPORTUNITY

- In February, more than 50 faculty and staff members came together for the **President's Energy Roundtable**. Initiated by President Michael Driscoll, the roundtable discussed shale gas projects already in place, energy exploration and development, environmental impact, social factors, and economic impact and opportunities.
- After soliciting proposals earlier in the fall for moving IUP forward, President Driscoll announced in December the awarding of \$877,000 in **Strategic Initiative funding** for 11 proposals. Two were selected for permanent funding: the creation of an energy research cluster and a veterans reintegration cluster. An additional \$205,000 was earmarked for additional support for veterans and student success programming.
- Through an ongoing partnership with the FBI, IUP cosponsored a **national conference on financial crimes** in March with Frank Abagnale, a leading authority on forgery, embezzlement, and secured documents. More than 200 professionals and students attended the daylong event.
- IUP has a **new leader for the Academic Affairs Division**. Provost Timothy Moerland brings to IUP a wealth of experience that includes growing and sustaining strong academic and research programs at two doctoral research universities.