

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Points of Pride



Promoting diversity and inclusion

More than 100 members of the IUP community volunteered to serve on subcommittees of the **President's Commission on Diversity and Inclusion.**

A **Preferred First Name policy**, developed by the Transgender Working Group, was signed into policy in March.



Amirah Macon, a senior criminology major from Philadelphia, has spent this school year doing an **internship with the Indiana Borough police force.** Macon is the president of the IUP chapter of the NAACP.

Celebrating **Black History Month** and **Women's History Month**, a window display on the first floor of the IUP Libraries includes photographs from many IUP publications, including catalogs, commencement programs, *IUP Magazine*, and IUP yearbooks. The earliest photograph is of Bianca Parker, who went to school here in the 1890s. The daughter of a former slave, she was the first woman in her family to go to college.



Health of the university

Political science graduate Nathan Spade, of Mechanicsburg, has been appointed by Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf and **confirmed as a member of IUP's Council of Trustees.** His term will extend through December 2022. Spade serves as Deputy Secretary of Legislative Affairs for Wolf.

Providing innovative academic programs of high quality and value

The Board of Governors of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education approved a **new Master of Science in Athletic Training degree.** The program was developed in response to the recent decision by several national organizations to change the first professional degree in the field to a master's degree. Enrollment for the program will open in summer 2018.

IUP has entered into an **articulation agreement** with Salus University's Osborne College of Audiology, creating a strategic alliance designed to enhance academic collaboration between the two universities. The "3+4" Doctor of Audiology degree program articulation agreement will allow select undergraduate students who successfully complete the 90-semester hour pre-audiology curriculum at IUP to apply for the four-year program at Salus.

The Bachelor of Science in **Regional Planning program has been reaccredited** by the Planning Accreditation Board. The program is the only accredited undergraduate program in Pennsylvania.



Preparing all of IUP's students for success in work and life, in addition to academic success

Physics major Ted Sobolewski presented "Students' Perception of Errors in Video Games" at the **American Association of Physics Teachers** winter meeting.

Pre-med natural science major Shannon Tepe and faculty members Drs. Anne and Tom Simmons presented a poster and displayed educational materials at the **Mid-Atlantic Tick Summit VI**.

Geography and Regional Planning students Brandon Andrews, Brooke Rountree, and Jordan Treaster are collaborating with municipal planners from Ligonier Township in the development of a **geographic information system** that will enable land use and economic development analysis.

Autumn Dietrich, Residence Hall Association president, was awarded **Residence Hall Association President of the Year** by the Central Atlantic Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls, an association of 57 schools.

Students Allie Berry, Cate Bressers, and Aaron Seidel presented at the **American Geophysical Union** fall meeting. This meeting is the largest international conference in the geological sciences, with more than 20,000 attendees. Students were accompanied by faculty members Drs. Jon Lewis and Greg Mount.

Anthropology faculty and students attended the **American Anthropological Association's annual meeting**. Posters by undergraduates Regan Gearhart and Nancy Lopez Sosa were among the 16 undergraduate posters selected nationally by the AAA to highlight the ethnographic research of students in undergraduate programs. The two projects are part of the department's efforts to provide students with research opportunities in the areas of public and global health.

At the American Anthropological Association's annual meeting, Dr. Victor Garcia (anthropology) **organized and chaired a symposium** on "The Migration of Faith and the Faith of Migration" while presenting a paper in the session titled "Religion, Spirituality, and Sobriety Among Mexican Immigrants and Migrants." Dr. Amanda Poole presented a paper focusing on her current research in Africa, "The Political Life of Stateless People-Eritrean Refugees in Ethiopia." Dr. Lori Labotka presented a paper titled "The Less Eligible Eaters: Caloric Counts, No-Frills, and Vending Machines in Prison" stemming from her research in women's prisons.

