

INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA POINTS OF PRIDE



IUP

MOVING ON— A total of 2,504 students applied to receive their associate, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees at the May 7 commencement ceremonies. The ceremonies featured John Wetzel, secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, as the keynote speaker, and he received an honorary doctor of laws degree. On May 6, Maj. Gen. Leslie Miller Purser, a 1980 IUP graduate, returned to campus to commission 19 IUP ROTC graduates.



GOLDWATER SUCCESS— Kara McClain, a nursing major in the Cook Honors College and McNair Scholar from Grove City, has been named a recipient of the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, one of only 16 recipients in Pennsylvania and the only nursing major selected for this national award. McClain is IUP's seventh Goldwater Scholar.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION— It was standing-room only for the Diversity and Inclusion Symposium on April 27, featuring keynote speaker Dr. Peggy McIntosh. Some 300 students, faculty, and staff attended the event, which also included a panel discussion with alumni of color. More than 100 events on topics related to diversity were held during the spring semester. In November, IUP will host the State System Summit on Inclusive Excellence and International Education.

WE DID IT— The University Family Drive exceeded its goal for the third consecutive year. A team of 57 volunteers helped to generate gifts from a record-breaking 835 employees, bringing the IUP employee participation rate to 55 percent of those actively solicited — the highest it has ever been — with more than \$211,000 in contributions.



TOP CIO— Bill Balint, IUP's Chief Information Officer, was honored by the Pittsburgh Technology Council as the CIO of the Year (education division). Balint, a 1988 graduate of IUP, began work at the university in 1989. He has been IUP's CIO since 2006.

ON CAPITOL HILL— Five students from IUP joined students from the other 13 State System universities for State System Advocacy Days at the Capitol, in Harrisburg. The students were accompanied by IUP's Michael Driscoll, president; Robin Gorman, executive assistant to the president for Government and Community Relations; and Kevin Foster, Center for Student Life assistant director. The students were Brittany Evans, a junior psychology major with a minor in educational psychology and special education, from Indiana; Vincent Lopez, president, Student Government Association, a junior English and political science/pre-law major, from Arlington County, Va.; Jordan Patterson, a sophomore Safety, Health and Environmental Applied Sciences major, from Ford City; Madison Ophaug, a junior natural science, pre-dental major, from Indiana; and Davontae Scott, a senior criminology major with a minor in psychology, from Peoria, Ariz.

ACCOLADES IN GRADUATE PROGRAMMING— IUP's online master's program in nutrition has been ranked 15th in the nation by Affordable Colleges Online. Programs were ranked based on number of online master's degrees available at the institution, graduate tuition and fees, academic and career counseling services, job placement for graduates and an online peer-based value, comparing the cost of each program to the cost of similar programs with the same qualitative score.

FIRST DOCTORAL GRADUATE— The first Safety Sciences doctoral candidate, Nicholas "Cody" Shaal, successfully defended his dissertation on March 17, 2016.

PROMOTING RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP— More than 350 students participated in the annual undergraduate and graduate scholars forum in April, part of Research Appreciation Week. A new initiative, The Three-Minute Thesis, was introduced this year and won by Dr. Evelyn (Lynn) Mocek.

BREAKING GROUND— The final phase of Dining Innovations is underway, with the groundbreaking for North Dining held May 5. This facility will open in fall 2017, adjacent to Wallwork Hall. Dining revenues fund the renovation and construction of the three facilities that are part of the Dining Innovations Plan.



HONORING OUR OWN—

English professor Dr. David Downing, a leading scholar in topical issues including academic freedom, intellectual property, and the role of the humanities, was selected as the 2016 Distinguished University Professor. In addition, six individuals were honored with University Senate Awards: Dr. Mary Beth Leidman, professor, Department

of Communications Media, Distinguished Faculty Award for Creative Arts; Dr. Bitna Kim, associate professor, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Distinguished Faculty Award for Research; Dr. Joann Migyanka, professor, Department of Communications Disorders, Special Education and Disability Services, Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching; Dr. David Lorenzi, associate professor, Department of Kinesiology, Health and Sport Science, Distinguished Faculty Award for Service; Dr. Raj Murthy, Eberly College of Business and Information Technology and Dr. Michele Norwood, Office of the Provost, co-recipients, Staff Service Award.

FACULTY FOR A LIFETIME— Eleven retired faculty members have been nominated for the title of faculty emeritus/emerita, reflecting respect for a distinguished career. Faculty members to be considered for this recognition in May include: Dr. Richard Ciganko, Art, 19 years (posthumous); Dr. Susan Glor-Scheib, Special Education and Clinical Services, 22 years; Marion Henry, Human Development and Environmental Studies, 11 years; Dr. Janice Holmes, Nursing and Allied Health Professions, 19 years; Dr. C.M. Hurlbert, English, 29 years; Dr. Mary Jalongo, Professional Studies in Education, 37 years; Dr. Cathy Kaufman, Professional Studies in Education, 28 years; Fuyuko Matsubara, Art, 15 years; Dr. Jennifer Rotigel, Professional Studies in Education, 16 years; Dr. John Sitton, Political Science, 28 years; and Dr. Jack Stamp, Music, 25 years.

ALUMNI ROLE MODELS— In April, the IUP Alumni Association honored six graduates with the Distinguished Alumni Awards. They are Chris Antemann, 1997, independent artist, porcelain sculptor; Almar Latour, 1994, Publisher and Executive Vice President, Dow Jones Media Group; Rep. David Reed, 2000, House Majority Leader, Pennsylvania

House of Representatives; Clifford Watson, 1974, Systems Safety and Reliability Engineer, NASA; Terry Yosie, 1974, president and CEO, World Environment Center; and David Antolik, 1988, Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Lending Officer, S&T Bank. Andrew Stephenson, 1972, a partner in the law firm of Holland & Knight, was selected for the award but will receive it at a later date. In addition to the awards ceremony, alumni participated in classroom visits.

DISTINCTIVE SERVICE — President Michael Driscoll presented the 2016 President's Medal of Distinction to Timothy G. Rupert in recognition of professional achievement at the annual Leader's Circle event. Rupert has contributed 11 years of service on the Foundation for IUP Board of Directors, five of them as president. In 2016, he was elected Director Emeritus by the foundation board, the first individual to be so recognized in the history of FIUP. As a member of the FIUP board, he has been chair or co-chair of the Finance, Audit, Nominating, and Residence Hall committees. During his terms as president, the Foundation strengthened itself organizationally and financially.

PARTNERING WITH COMMUNITY COLLEGES—

IUP is now part of a state-wide initiative, "Encouraging Students to Complete Their Credentials." This is a Reverse Transfer Agreement with all Pennsylvania community colleges and State System universities. IUP also just completed an articulation agreement with Westmoreland County Community College that provides a seamless transition from their degree programs in sociology, psychology, music, criminology, and business to IUP programs. IUP also has a cooperative agreement with CCAC for Middle-level Teacher Education in Math and Science, and with Butler County Community College for Early Childhood/Special Education.

ON TRACK TO ACCREDITATION— IUP hosted the Middle States Commission on Higher Education site team in April. The team is now writing its final report and recommendations for IUP. Once finalized, a copy will be sent to the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. The commission will make the final recommendation for IUP's reaffirmation of accreditation at its June meeting.



SERVICE LEARNING BENEFITS FLINT, MI—

More than 25 students from IUP traveled to Flint, Michigan, to donate water to the city's residents as part of a service-learning initiative through the African American Cultural Center. The trip was documented by an IUP communications media student team.

ACTING GLOBALLY

- Dr. Michele Petrucci, associate vice president for international education and global engagement, and Dr. Yaw Asamoah, dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, participated in the U.S. Department of State conference dedicated to Sub-Saharan Africa and U.S. higher education, held in Accra, Ghana.
- Nancy Pipkin-Hutchinson (theater) was an invited participant for the Sustainable Costume Design Round Table at the 2016 United States Institute of Theater Technology, discussing how to balance the needs of the production with caring for the planet.
- Dr. Amanda Poole (anthropology) received a grant from the Association of Middle East and Africa for her project, "An Ethnographic Investigation of Refugee Policy and the Care of Eritrean Youth in Ethiopia." This research will investigate the role played by Ethiopian refugee policy in the migration decision of Eritrean youth.
- Dr. John Lipinski's (Eberly College of Business and Information Technology) entrepreneurship class regularly teleconferences with students at the University of Pecs, in Pecs, Hungary, sharing nine or 10 lectures each year. Lipinski traveled to Pecs for a faculty exchange last year; this year, Pecs professor Kia Golesorkhi visited IUP.
- Dr. Dana Driscoll (English) was selected as the keynote speaker at the Middle East–North Africa Writing Centers Alliance 2016 Biennial Conference in Muscat, Oman. Her presentation was "Ideals vs. Reality in Students' Literate Development: Learning Transfer, Metacognition, and the Role of Writing Centers."