

Indiana University of Pennsylvania Points of Pride

STRENGTHENING IUP'S VALUE



Dr. Lorraine Guth (counseling) was part of the **National Board of Certified Counselors International Malawi Counseling Institute** that was held in January in Malawi. As institute leader, she facilitated a group of six delegates from the United States who taught counseling courses at Africa University of Diplomacy, Counseling, and International Relations. She also collaboratively reviewed the counseling curriculum and submitted a report to the vice chancellor of the university. Additionally, she was part of the 2017 International Counseling Conference and delivered the presentation "Group Counseling and Research in Malawi."

Dr. Paul Nealen (biology) presented a program to third- and sixth-grade students at St. Bernard's School, in Indiana, about different ways to **maintain and examine heart health**. Students also had the opportunity to test their own heart function.

Dr. Rachael DeSoto Jackson (theater and dance) moderated a breakout session on diversity, equity, and inclusion within education at **Equitable Casting: Town Hall for Pittsburgh's Theatre Community**. The event featured artists, educators, directors, and producers from the Pittsburgh region and was facilitated by Diep Tran, journalist and associate editor at *American Theatre* magazine. The event hosted more than 200 people and was live-streamed for those unable to attend in person.



Michael Hood, dean of the College of Fine Arts, was elected president of the **National Theatre Conference** for a two-year term. The NTC is an organization founded in 1925 that is dedicated to connecting, supporting, and advocating for America's theaters.

Elizabeth Shotwell, of Mifflinville, a student in IUP's Curriculum and Instruction doctoral program, has been selected for the inaugural class of **William Penn Fellows**. The program was created by Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf and provides aspiring professionals with advanced degrees the opportunity to serve and learn with the state's top executive leaders.

Dr. Kristy Chunta (nursing) presented a national webinar for the **American Nurses Association**, "Expertly Managing the Unsafe Student in Clinical Practice." She also serves as the online community manager for the 130,000-member organization's faculty community.

Stacey Patrick (geography and regional planning) was recognized at the annual meeting of the **Pennsylvania Geographical Society** with the 2016 Distinguished Teaching Award.

IUP's Geoscience Department added a new seismometer to the **Pennsylvania network of seismic stations**. Seismometers measure motion of the ground caused by earthquakes and other seismic events. IUP's seismometer is part of Penn State University's PASEIS network, and one of about 42 stations installed across the state to help identify the magnitude, location, and timing of earthquakes in the area.

Justin Kuban, a student in the Center for Career and Technical Personnel Preparation, was named the 2016 **Carl J. Schaefer Memorial Award** recipient by the organization's board of trustees at its annual conference.

The IUP HoodleBug Brass faculty quintet performed and taught at Easton Area High School, offering a mini-recital, teaching master classes to brass instrumentalists, and rehearsing with the school's wind ensemble.

January's **Scientific American** magazine features Dr. Joseph Duchamp (biology) offering expert commentary about bat habitats. While not involved in the study discussed in the article, Duchamp is quoted as saying that green roofs are "a way of expanding habitats without taking up additional real estate." He also points out that bats "lured by rooftop buffets may help keep pest number down at ground level."

Dr. Malaika Turner, associate director of IUP's Office of Housing, Residential Living, and Dining, was selected to participate in the 20th annual **Regional Entry-Level Institute**.



Dr. Tom Simmons (biology) gave a presentation on "Ticks: Management and Personal Protection" for a sustainable landcare accreditation training offered by the **Phipps Conservancy and Botanical Gardens**.

"Punchline," a one-act play by Dr. Michael Schwartz (theater and dance) has been selected for the New Play Lab at the 36th annual **William Inge Theater Festival**.

Student writers from *The Penn* student newspaper won two first-place prizes in the 2017 **Keystone Press Awards**, sponsored by the Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association. The staff won top honors in the Ongoing News Coverage category, and Samantha Barnhart took first place in the Editorial Writing competition. Additionally, two members of *The HawkEye*, an online civic- and community-journalism project, won two Keystone Press Awards. Staff writers Logan Hullinger and Ethan Brogan won first place in the Public Service/Enterprise competition and honorable mention in Ongoing News Coverage. IUP students competed in the same division against journalists from universities such as Pitt, Penn State, Temple, and Penn.

The Student Association of Nutrition and Dietetics (SAND) raised \$400 for the Indiana Food Co-op during its first Chili Cook-Off event, held as part of **National Nutrition Month** events on campus.

IUP faculty members who serve as mentors for the Indiana Area High School Science Club helped the high school students win several awards during the **Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science fair**. Faculty mentors include Dr. N. Bharathan, Dr. Robert Major, Dr. Steve Hovan, Dr. Tian Schiera, Dr. Jana Villemain, Dr. David Janetski and Dr. Holly Travis. Travis created the partnership between IUP and high school teacher Emily Hixson.



Student-Athletes Shine On and Off the Court and Field

Economics major and basketball player Jacobo Diaz, the 2017 Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference West Division Athlete of the Year, took time to meet a local 8-year-old who considers Diaz "his hero." Oliver, whose

family emigrated from Burma, sent Jacobo a letter telling him how much he admired him, and Diaz responded by **meeting the young fan** and striking up a friendship that gained attention on social media.

Kendall Hunter, a sophomore Disability Services major with a minor in Audiology from Burke, Virginia, was recognized by the PSAC as the **Women's Basketball Champion Scholar** for 2016-2017.

The football team went 10-2, won a share of the **PSAC West Division title** and advanced to the NCAA Division II playoffs for the 17th time in program history.

The men's golf team ended its fall season by winning its 27th **PSAC championship**, with Max Kirsch claiming the individual title. In the spring, the team begins its quest for another berth in the NCAA Division II team tournament.

Both IUP basketball teams had successful seasons. The women went 24-7, won the PSAC championship and advanced to the second round of the **NCAA Division II tournament**. The men (28-4) won the PSAC West crown and also made it to the second round of the men's NCAA tournament.

Individually, two members of the cross country teams, Austin Cooper and Jenna Lezanic, represented IUP at the **NCAA championships**, and DJ Horton competed in the pole vault at the NCAA Division II indoor track and field meet. Also, the team of Jarka Petercakova and Luise von Agris won the PSAC doubles tennis championship.

Additionally, Natalie Cignetti, of the volleyball team, and Jenna Lezanic, from women's cross country, were named to the **PSAC Fall Top Ten list**, an award that honors student-athletes who are a success in competition and in the classroom.

Lezanic also won the **NCAA Elite 90 Award**, which is given to the cross country runner at the NCAA championships with the highest grade-point average. A Health Services major, Lezanic has a perfect 4.0 GPA.