

Indiana University of Pennsylvania Points of Pride



FACULTY AND STUDENT STARS



Dillon Hagy, a U.S. Army veteran and Entrepreneurship major, was selected to serve on a panel for Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education **Infinite Opportunities television show** on PCN. The topic of the broadcast was "broadening my horizons."

Brittany Hull, English instructor and PhD candidate in Composition and TESOL, was selected as a recipient of the 2018 **Scholars for the Dream Award** by the Conference on College Composition and Communication.

Senior Anthropology major Hannah Morris was selected as one of four students nationally to work on the **American Anthropological Association's internship**, the "Anthropology and Climate Change" project, for 2018. She will be part of a team to create and staff a museum-quality display at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of Parties-24, in Warsaw, Poland, in November.

Students from Abigail Adams' Anthropology of Food class attended the 17th annual **Appalachian Teaching Project symposium** in Washington, DC, where they presented their original research, "Northern Appalachian Foodways Project." The ethnographic food research will be published in a cookbook, with sales proceeds supporting the new local food co-op.

Five IUP students in the Asian Studies program presented their research on Asia at the sixth annual **Pittsburgh Asia Consortium Undergraduate Research Conference**.

Junior Music Education and Tuba Performance major Logan Carnes won the **Music Teachers National Association Eastern Division Performance Competition** in brass and advanced to the national competition in Orlando, Florida.

Mathematics major Lewis Dominguez **co-authored a paper** with professor Rachelle Bouchat that has been accepted for publication in the University of Dayton's Electronic Proceedings of Undergraduate Mathematics Day.

Seven current and former IUP anthropologists presented research at the annual **Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology**, held in New Orleans.

Seven IUP students represented the Republic of Turkey at the **33rd International Model NATO competition** in Washington, DC. Team member Michelle Lengel (political science) won a Superior Delegation Award for her work on the Nuclear Planning Group.

Five students gave presentations at the **Pi Mu Epsilon Undergraduate Research in Mathematics Conference** at Youngstown (Ohio) State University.

Dana Elmquist, a graduate student in Education and School Psychology, won a Trainers of School Psychologists scholarship at the 2018 **National Association of School Psychologists convention**.

Faculty Stars

Kevin Patrick's students in Geography and Regional Planning took a three-day expedition to **explore how physical, historical, and cultural geography influenced the landscapes** enveloping US Route 6. The class used Patrick's book, *Route 6 in Pennsylvania*, as a guide for the project.

Ryan Beeken (Music, Director of Choral Studies) conducted the **American Choral Directors Association** Central and North-Central Division 7-9 grade male changing voice ensemble in Chicago. Conductors are selected from an international pool.

Victor Garcia and Alex Heckert, director and associate director, respectively, of **Mid-Atlantic Addiction Research Training Institute for Community and Behavioral Health**, received a \$300,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health for their research project, "Juramentos and Recovery: The Use of a Religious-Based Alcohol Intervention among Mexican Immigrant Farmworkers."

Shari Robertson (Communication Disorders, Special Education, and Disability Services) is one of 15 professionals nationwide to be named a 2017 **Fellow of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association**, one of the highest honors the Association bestows.

Pao Ying Hsiao (Food and Nutrition), Lori Lombard (Speech-Language Pathology), Rachel DeSoto-Jackson (Theater), Johanna Boothby (Nursing), and Nikki Clark (Food and Nutrition), have been awarded an **IUP Infrastructure Enhancement and Growth Grant** of \$24,922. The grant will be used to further ongoing research that is being conducted to advance the use of interprofessional healthcare simulation for students at IUP.

Pearl Berman (Psychology) and Dana Hysock Witham (Sociology) were selected as pilot participants for **Project FORECAST** (Foundations for Outreach through Experiential Child Advocacy Studies Training). Project FORECAST is a five-year grant funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration through its National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative.

Chauna Craig's (English) creative nonfiction essay, "Hidden in Plain Sight," was recognized as Notable Nonrequired Reading in the **Best American Nonrequired Reading 2017**.

Gregory Kenning (Physics) has received a three-year extension (\$257,515) to his **Department of Energy grant** to continue investigations in "Phase Transitions at the Meso and Nanoscale."

Faculty members Lorraine Guth and Laura Marshak (Counseling) and doctoral student Emily Lasinsky presented "Group Counseling Wellness Strategies for People with Intellectual Disabilities," at the **Association for Specialists in Group Work national conference**.

Jim Swider, assistant director of the Jones White Writing Center and PhD candidate in the Composition and TESOL program, is one of three recipients of the **Gloria Anzaldúa Rhetorican Award**.

Mary Stewart (English) and her research partners are recipients of the 2018 Conference on College Composition and Communication **Emergent Researcher Award**. The grant will fund a cross-institutional, mixed-methods study of collaborative learning in online and blended writing courses during spring 2018 and fall 2018.

IUP on the International Stage

Michele Petrucci, Associate Vice President for International Education and Global Engagement, presented "International Partnerships: It's All About Relationships," at the third workshop of **Strategic Alliances for the Internationalization of Higher Education**, in Cienfuegos, Cuba, in October 2017. IUP has signed a bilateral exchange agreement with the Universidad Cienfuegos to foster student, faculty, and staff mobility and collaboration between the two institutions.

Petrucci has also been selected for the **Fulbright-Nehru International Education Administrators Program**.

In a world-first, an **international team of scientists** including IUP's Jonathan Warnock (Geoscience) has used data collected by satellites, ocean drilling, and an ocean model to explain and predict biodiversity on the Antarctic seafloor.

Henry Wong Doe (Piano) gave a **master class** at Mahidol University, Bangkok, which is one of Thailand's top music programs. Doe's latest solo album, *Pictures*, released on Rattle Records in August 2017, was named one of the top 10 classical albums of the year by the New Zealand Herald.

William J. Chadwick (Anthropology) has been appointed to the **Society of American Archaeology's** Committee on Climate Change Strategies and Archaeological Resources.

Dawn Smith-Sherwood (Foreign Languages/Spanish) has been selected to participate in the Elon University **Center for Engaged Learning** 2018-20 Research Seminar on Capstone Experiences with researchers and seminar leaders from all over the world. This seminar aims to foster multi-institutional collaborative research on capstone experiences as a high-impact practice in higher education.

Strengthening our Value to our Partners

Holly Travis (Biology), in partnership with an Indiana Area High School science teacher, helped form the IAHS Science Club. This year, 22 high school students competed in the **Region Nine Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science fair**, and 17 earned first-place awards and the right to attend the state-level competition. In the club, high school students work with IUP professors in the social sciences, biology, biochemistry, botany, and microbiology.

Erick Lauber (Journalism and Public Relations) presented an anti-drug message at the 2018 **Youth Leadership Conference**, hosted by the Armstrong-Indiana-Clarion Drug and Alcohol Commission at IUP.

Students in IUP Punxsutawney's General Psychology class **purchased holiday gifts** for seven children from the Punxsutawney area.

More than 100 children participated in the Office of Housing, Residential Living, and Dining's **STEM Olympic Challenge**, held at the Indiana Library in January.

The Eberly College of Business and Information Technology, in collaboration with the IUP Enrollment Management and Communications Division, hosted the **FLA Regional Leadership Conference**, which included more than 300 high school students from the region.

IUP and guest faculty members presented a series of free **Cybersecurity Skill Improvement Weekend Workshops** sponsored by IUP and the NSA.

John Benhart (Geography and Regional Planning) presented his "Spatial Analysis of the Flood Risk Hazard of Significant Historic Structures" to the City of **Philadelphia Flood Risk Management Task Force**. Benhart is part of a team of architects, planners, and hazard management experts for the state-wide project administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission designed to strategically plan for the protection of historically significant structures in pilot Pennsylvania counties.

More than 100 students from eight regional high schools attended the annual **Western Pennsylvania Junior Achievement Titan Business Challenge**, sponsored by the Eberly College of Business and Information Technology.