



Indiana University of Pennsylvania Points of Pride

FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENT STARS



Faculty Standouts

Resa Crane Bizzaro (English) has been elected to serve on the **Executive Committee of the Conference on College Composition and Communication**. This body governs and oversees the business of the international organization.

Timothy Runge, (educational and school psychology) participated in Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf's **School Safety Task Force program**. Runge spoke about the need to increase the number of mental health professionals working in schools.

Faculty and students have started the eighth year of water testing at the Beaver Run Reservoir as a result of a \$98,748 contract with the **Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County**. With this most recent contract, IUP has received more than \$667,000 since 2011 to test and monitor the surface water quality at the reservoir and surrounding watershed areas.

Mike Sell (English) was selected to attend the National Endowment for the Humanities' **Summer Institute on Digital Technologies in Theatre and Performance Studies**.

Victor Garcia (anthropology, Mid-Atlantic Research and Training Institute for Community and Behavioral Health) serves a mentor faculty member in the **Interdisciplinary Research Training Institute**, based at the University of Southern California. IRTI, together with the National Hispanic Science Network, provides a variety of training, mentoring, and networking services to promote the career development of pre-doctoral, post-doctoral, and early career scientists researching drug abuse among Hispanics.

Erick Lauber (journalism and public relations, Mid-Atlantic Research and Training Institute for Community and Behavioral Health) received **funding to begin a study** on drug overdoses in Indiana, Blair, Armstrong, and Cambria counties.

Raymond Pavloski (psychology) was an invited presenter for the third **International Psychological Applications Conference**, held in Porto, Portugal. His presentation was "A Theoretical Foundation for the Application of Basic Research in Perception to Prosthetic Vision." The accompanying paper was co-authored by Victoria Jakicic (mathematics and psychology May graduate and student commencement speaker).

Sharon Massey (art) is featured in the June/July 2018 issue of **American Craft magazine**. Four images of her artwork are included, as well as a brief biography and commentary by curator Brigitte Martin.

Jung Colen and Yong Colen (mathematics) participated in the **International Facilitation Fellow Academy**, which advances mathematics education for children of military families. Yong Colen facilitated a two-day workshop at Kadena Airbase at Okinawa, Japan, in June.

Kristen Koehler and Catherine Planisky (Lively Arts) have been selected by Americans for the Arts' **Arts Marketing and Audience Engagement in the 21st Century: Building the Capacity of Pennsylvania's Cultural Sector**, a new, **five-year initiative to strengthen and advance the arts marketing and audience engagement skills** of Pennsylvania-based arts and cultural professionals.

IUP Opera Theater had its first **"mini-opera tour"** in May, presenting to more than 450 high schools students in northwestern Pennsylvania.

"Dropping Out of School: A County-Level Panel Data Analysis of Pennsylvania Secondary Public School Dropout Rates," co-authored by economics alumna Jessica Black Gehman '15 and Stephanie Brewer Jozefowicz (economics) has been published in the **Pennsylvania Economic Review**.

The Evergreen Conservancy board selected Katie Farnsworth (geoscience) to receive the **2018 Evergreen Award**.

Invited by **Sofia University, Bulgaria**, in May 2018, Lilia Savova (English) gave two invited lectures to faculty and students on foreign language education and on video-assisted graduate education.

Eberly College of Business and Information Technology Dean's Associate Prashanth Bharadwaj (management) received the **Award for Excellence in Education** from the Global Organization of People of Indian Origin.

Several students and recent graduates from the Geoscience Department accompanied Jonathan Warnock (geoscience) to central Utah for a summer excavation at the **Cleveland-Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry**, a National Natural Landmark.

IUP's Department of Music hosted the fifth annual **International Fellowship of Conductors, Composers, and Collaborators**. Timothy Paul (music) is the founder and coordinator of the festival, which draws musicians and artists from all over the United States.

Francis Allard (anthropology) spent one month in China and Vietnam carrying out archaeological research, giving presentations, and overseeing the running of an international conference, **the Society for East Asian Archaeology**, an academic association of which he is president.

Ryan Beeken (music) conducted "**A Cappella Abroad**," at the request of Perform International, Inc. in Prague, Czech Republic. Beeken led singers from IUP and from Vienna, Austria, in a collaborative concert presented at St. Simon and Jude in Prague's Old Town in June 2018.

Student Stars

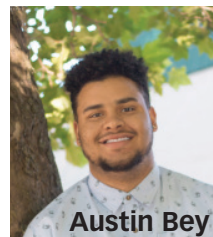


Thirty-one students participated in the annual **Research Experiences for Summer Scholars** program, which concluded with a poster session and keynote speech delivered by 1989 IUP graduate Murat Ozturan, Microsoft's Azure Data Group program manager.

Ben Strong (music major) placed second at the **National Association of Teachers of Singing National Competition**. NATS is the largest professional association of teachers of singing in the world with almost 7,000 members in the United States and Canada.

Anna Manges (biology major) authored an article on **water mite parasitism of the Asian tiger mosquito and Asian bush mosquito**. The paper was co-authored by Tom Simmons (biology) and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Vector Management scientist Mike Hutchinson. It was published in the July issue of *Journal of Medical Entomology*.

Students in the Communications Media's Digital Sports Production class won a **Telly Award silver prize** for a compilation of an IUP football game. Communications Media students produced a total of seven home games, including two playoff games during the 2017 football season, all streamed live from George P. Miller Stadium.



Dan Wethli (Asian studies and philosophy double major), was selected from a nationwide pool to represent the United States in the 2018 **China-US Student Leaders Academy** with the Zhi-Xing China Fellowship.

Austin Bey (communications media major) and Frank Manzano (accounting and finance double major) become IUP's 15th and 16th recipients of the prestigious **Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship**, which will pay for their education abroad as they spend the fall 2018 semester studying in Australia.

The Community College of Allegheny County, along with the Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges and Phi Theta Kappa, nominated Heather Wilson to the **2018 All-PA Academic Transfer Team**. Wilson, a CCAC/IUP Business Collaborative student (marketing, general management, and human resources triple major), received a Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education two-year, full-tuition scholarship to IUP.

Safety Sciences undergraduates Amber Vaughan and Christopher Shultz received the Poster Grand Prize Award at the **2018 American Society of Safety Professionals** for their research poster titled "Ergonomic Evaluation of Cleaning Spray Bottles in Housekeeping."

Ten students from the Eberly College of Business and Information Technology participated in a faculty-led study-abroad trip, "**Discover Norway**" during the summer. "Discover Norway" was fashioned after Eberly's annual "Discover India" trip, which has completed 10 years.

Megan Little (fine arts) was chosen from a nationwide pool of applicants to receive the **Erasmus+ Grant**, which will give her the opportunity to spend a semester studying graphic design in Croatia, at the University of Zagreb.