

STUDENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT



IUP



ACCOLADES ACROSS THE STATE AND NATION

- The Pennsylvania Council for the Social Studies selected Teddi Valeski and Beth Kromka, 2013 graduates of the College of Education and Educational Technology, as co-recipients of the **Student Teacher of the Year Award**. Valeski, a Teach for America candidate, currently teaches at Holly Springs High School in northern Mississippi. Kromka is a teacher at Williamsport High School in Maryland.
- Physics major Benjamin Lenze won second prize for his oral presentation, “Analyzing Optical Properties of Semiconductor Materials,” at the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education **Undergraduate Research Conference** in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics in November. Ten students from IUP joined more than 120 students representing all of the 14 State System universities. Lenze is mentored by Devki Talwar, professor of physics.
- Recognized for excellence by the **American Choral Directors Association**, the University Chorale was invited to perform at the association’s state conference in October.
- Three graduate students, Adam Colton, Matthew Corran, and Wesley Dunning, have been named 2014 **Humanities, Arts, Science, and Technology Alliance and Collaboratory Scholars** and will participate in the program under the sponsorship of the IUP Center for Digital Humanities and Culture. As HASTAC scholars, they will develop graduate research projects in concert with fellow scholars from around the world.
- Eberly College of Business and Information Technology students Anthony Flowers and Garry Turner were selected to attend the **Leadership and Creativity Undergraduate Minority Student Symposium**, sponsored by KeyBank and the Fisher College of Business at Ohio State University. The 2013 symposium class consists of the top minority undergraduate talent from more than 30 universities across the nation.



LEADERSHIP IN THEIR FIELDS

- A doctoral student in the Administration and Leadership Studies program, Brenda Alton has announced her bid for the office of **lieutenant governor of Pennsylvania**. She has served in state and local government for nearly 20 years, most recently as director of parks, recreation, and enrichment for the City of Harrisburg.
- A business case study by four students who have since graduated from the Eberly College of Business and Information Technology has been selected as a national finalist for the **Small Business Institute Project of the Year** competition. Justin Stroh, Devon Caramenico, Michael Regan, and Justin Maney, all 2013 graduates, were co-authors of the project; the Management Department’s Joette Wisnieski was the case supervisor.
- Christina Zuzack, a doctoral student in the Administration and Leadership Studies program, was recently elected president of the **National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs**, dedicated to high standards in the administration and operation of such programs.

- Dance arts and middle-level education major Lindsey Grove, a Dean's Merit Scholarship recipient, spoke at the annual **Arts and Education Symposium in Harrisburg** about the need to develop a teaching endorsement in dance for Pennsylvania.
- Three biology graduate students gave oral presentations of their proposed thesis research topics at the ninth annual **Regional Science Consortium Research Symposium** in November: Alex Hess, "Comparative Community Ecology of Dusky Salamander Assemblages in Northern Appalachia and the Allegheny Plateau"; D. J. McNeil, "Assessing Golden-Winged Warbler Response to NRCS Working Lands for Wildlife Effort in the Appalachian Mountains"; and Ellen Teygart, "Characterizing the Distribution and Reproductive Ecology of Mountain Chorus Frogs, a Pennsylvania State Species of Immediate Concern."
- Students from the departments of Communications Media and Journalism organized the second annual **PASSHE Collegiate Media Summit** at IUP in October. More than 200 students from all State System universities attended the two-day event, which featured leaders in the field of communications, many of them IUP graduates, who discussed how students can find success in their chosen careers.
- Through a 5K run on Homecoming weekend, military science honor fraternity Rho Tau Chi has raised more than \$2,300 over the past two years for **charities supporting veterans and military families**.
- The Salvation Army of Indiana County recognized IUP's fraternities and sororities for their continued support of the **Treasures for Children holiday donation program**. During the last eight years, they have raised more than \$20,700 for the program. This year, the students raised \$3,425 through community events and solicitations.
- IUP student-athletes raised \$6,591 during the 2012-13 academic year for the **Make-A-Wish Foundation**, which was the eighth most among all Division II programs and the third most in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference. Combined, PSAC programs raised \$42,100.50, the most among all 24 Division II conferences. Make-A-Wish provides special opportunities for seriously ill children.
- The YMCA of Indiana County recently recognized the men's and women's swimming teams for exceptional service. Team members consistently **help with YMCA activities**, including the third annual Love of Life 5K Run/Walk to benefit the M. Dorcas Clark Women's Imaging Center at Indiana Regional Medical Center.



SERVICE TO THEIR COMMUNITIES

- Nineteen students in beginning painting classes painted 10 chairs that raised close to \$2,500 for the **Indiana Free Library** in an auction connected with the library's Evening in the Stacks event. Each chair's design was inspired by a book from each of the 10 decades since the library's founding.
- Members of the Greek community, along with peer educators from Health AWAREness, raised \$1,000 during November 2013, a charity event that targets **testicular cancer prevention and men's health**. Since the project began at IUP in 2009, more than \$5,000 has been raised for the national charity.

