

INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

STUDENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT



IUP



HONORING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

- IUP's Loretta Bilder, of West Pittston, was one of five doctoral nursing students from across the country to be selected as a **National League of Nursing Jonas Scholar**. Through this grant-funded program, outstanding students receive funding as they work toward their doctoral nursing degrees and then work to advance nursing education after they graduate.
- Economics major Angela Rowland won the **Best Undergraduate Paper Award** at the 2013 Pennsylvania Economic Association Conference for her paper on factors affecting New Zealand wine prices. In addition to the monetary award, her paper will be published in an upcoming issue of the *Pennsylvania Economic Review*. This is the third consecutive year an IUP economics major won the Best Paper award.
- Anthropology major Michele Troutman, a 2013 graduate of the Robert E. Cook Honors College, was selected for a national scholarship from **Lambda Alpha, the national collegiate honor society for anthropology**. Troutman, now a graduate student at the University of Buffalo, is the second IUP anthropology student to receive this award. She also was selected as an alternate for the Fulbright Scholarship.
- Leah Barbera, a senior from Mechanicsburg majoring in psychology, was selected for an international **Benjamin A. Gilman study abroad scholarship** and a **Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grant**. She is the 11th student from IUP since 2006 to be chosen for a Gilman scholarship and the third to be selected for the grant from Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Barbera will use the scholarships for study in Sweden at Karstad University, an IUP partner institution, during the 2013-14 academic year.



- Emily Weber, a senior from Souderton with a double major in journalism and English, has been selected for the **William D. Greenlee scholarship from the PASSHE Foundation**. A student in the Cook Honors College, Weber is a contributing writer for the *Indiana Gazette*, an intern for the IUP Strategic Visioning Project, communications manager for IUP's Writing Center, and president of the Sigma Tau Delta English honor society.

GAINING REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

- Ethan Peterson, a senior from Centerville, Indiana, with a political science major and a pre-law minor, is working for the Pennsylvania Department of Education as part of a 15-week internship sponsored by the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. He is one of 14 students participating in the **Harrisburg Internship Semester (THIS) program**, which allows students to work in all areas of state government while earning a full semester's worth of credits.



- Samantha Conklin, a junior from Russell majoring in anthropology, was chosen to participate in the **Research Experiences for Undergraduates program, funded by the National Science Foundation**. She spent five weeks of the eight-week program doing fieldwork at the Angel Mounds State Historic Site in Evansville, Indiana.

LENDING THEIR TIME AND EXPERTISE

- Aaron Douthit, a junior from Stump Creek majoring in nursing, has been appointed by Governor Tom Corbett as the **student trustee on the IUP Council of Trustees**. He will serve in this role until his graduation in 2015.
- Some 30 students of journalism faculty member Michele Papakie met with hundreds of faculty and staff members, students, alumni, and community members during the spring semester to begin the university's **Strategic Visioning Project**. A team of 10 students continued the project throughout the summer. The group will present its findings during a daylong event for the IUP community in October.
- Erik Graybill, a management major from Pittsburgh, was one of four students from PASSHE universities chosen for the 2013 **Student Voice Project**, organized by the US Department of Education. He traveled to Washington, DC, in July to talk with legislators about federal student

aid. Graybill is president of IUP's chapter of the Golden Key International Honour Society and the Student Operations Management Association and is a director of the Merit Award Society for Human Resources Management.

- The Center for Media Production and Research in the College of Education and Educational Technology offers students at the undergraduate and graduate level experience in creating videos for internal and external clients and offers these clients **\$48,000 in pro bono work**. Clients include 22 nonprofit entities, ranging from the Jimmy Stewart Museum to Camp Cadet to organizers of the Teddy Bear Fund Drive, which benefits Indiana Regional Medical Center's pediatrics unit and the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Free Care Fund.
- Members of the IUP chapter of Phi Eta Sigma national honor society participated in the community's **Walk for a Wonderful Life 5K** in September. The walk, which kicks off National Suicide Prevention Week, is designed to raise awareness about mental health issues. In the spring, Kristen Erickson, chapter president, and Hannah Cornman, president-elect, were both selected for Phi Eta Sigma national scholarships in the amount of \$6,000.
- The IUP College Democrats student group continues to be active on campus in registering students to vote. Last year, the group was responsible for **registering 4,000 student voters**.
- Logan Randolph, a communications media major from Pittsburgh, co-founded a project to recognize the work of Pittsburgh puppeteer Margo Lovelace and **restore the Lovelace Marionette Theatre**.

