

Despite transition of in-person instruction to distance learning starting March 23, IUP faculty, students, and staff continued outstanding work and scholarship, including developing innovative programs and initiatives to address the critical needs caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

## Extraordinary Scholarship



Thompson

Van Wieren

Vincent Thompson (mathematics/physics) and Arie Van Wieren (biochemistry) are 2020 **Goldwater Scholars**. They are IUP's 10th and 11th Goldwater recipients.

Khala Vines (international studies/Asian studies) has been selected for a 2020 National Security Education Program **David L. Boren Scholarship** for study in South Korea during the 2020–21 academic year. She is the third IUP student selected for a Boren scholarship.

Joe Gallo (Asian studies) is IUP's first US Department of State **Critical Language Scholarship** recipient.

Jessica Mulvihill (Office of International Education) has been chosen for a **Fulbright International Education Administrator Award** in Japan. In light of safety and health concerns, she will travel in summer 2021.

*The Atlas of Mars: Mapping its Geography and Geology*, co-written by Kenneth Coles (geoscience) has won the national **PROSE Award** in the cosmology and astronomy category from the Association of American Publishers.

Work by Rachel DeSoto-Jackson (theater and dance) in applied theater was featured in **"The Zoom Where It Happens,"** published in *American Theatre*.

The Clinical Mental Health Counseling master's degree program and the School Counseling MEd degree program have been awarded accreditation through October 2024 from the **National Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs**.

**May graduates** include 34 undergraduates completing studies with a perfect 4.0 grade point average and the first graduates of the inaugural cohort of the Counselor Education and Supervision program. A total of 1,837 applications for degrees were submitted by students graduating in May and December; 663 of the undergraduates qualify for Latin Honors (3.25 or above cumulative grade point average).

Composition and applied linguistics doctoral students Havva Zorluel Özer and Wenqi Cui are two of only 20 applicants in the nation selected for a 2020 Conference on College Composition and Communication **Scholars for the Dream Travel Award**.

Yaya Sissoko (economics) was an invited panelist for the Bamako Forum **"Africa on the Horizon 2040: Between Memories and Future"** in Bamako, Mali. The international event brought business leaders, politicians, public decision-makers, academics, researchers, and experts together with students, representatives of civil society, and the media.

## Honoring Excellence and Service

Alida V. Merlo (criminology and criminal justice) has been selected as the 2020 Distinguished University Professor. The **University Senate Award** recipients are John Lipinski (management), for teaching; Francisco Alarcon (mathematics and computer science), for faculty service; Dana Driscoll (English/Jones White Writing Center), for research; Stephanie Caulder (music), for creative arts; and Julene Pinto-Dyczewski (student affairs), for staff service.

While health and safety guidelines prevented the annual **Service Awards Luncheon**, more than 170 employees were recognized online for milestone years of service. Carol Asamoah (Libraries), Yaw Asamoah (Humanities and Social Sciences), James Brink (Automotive Shop), Dennis Friedline (Printing and Postal Services), Barbara Moore (Institutional Research, Planning, and Assessment), and Cynthia Strittmatter (Eberly College of Business and Information Technology) have completed 35 years of service to IUP; Susan Snyder (Admissions) has completed 40 years; and Randy Jesick (journalism and public relations) has worked at IUP for 50 years.

## Fighting Against the Coronavirus Pandemic



**Bharathan**

IUP and Indiana Regional Medical Center are collaborating to provide same-day, local **COVID-19 testing** at IRMC. N. Bharathan (Biology) conducts the testing at IRMC with equipment from his IUP laboratory.

IUP's Research Institute purchased two 3-D printers, nozzles, and filament for the local "**COVID Avengers**" group of alumni and community members who are creating face masks for health care workers. Three IUP students also are working on the project, which includes loaning of one of IUP's 3-D printers in the College of Fine Arts.

IUP's **Emergency Response Fund**, providing financial support to students affected by the pandemic, has grown to more than \$190,000 through the generosity of the IUP family and friends.

IUP's annual **Day of Giving** was reorganized to a Day of Caring, featuring online tips from alumni on coping with the pandemic and information on the IUP Emergency Response Fund.

David Hanauer (English) received a \$20,597 grant from the **National Science Foundation** to study the effects of the pandemic on undergraduate research experience experiences. In the fall, Hanauer received a \$1 million grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute for the continuing development of measurement tools and educational models for course-based research experiences in the sciences.



**The Quarantine Companion**

Sharon Massey and Sean Derry (art and design) and their students have created a participatory art project called "**The Quarantine Companion,**" resulting in artwork to be shared in a virtual exhibition.

Brian Sateriale (literature and criticism), winner of the **Three-Minute Thesis** competition, and Donald Grimes (nursing), winner of a **Graduate Student Outstanding Research Award**, donated their cash prizes to the Emergency Response Fund.

Lynn Botelho (history) is coordinating her Cook Honors College history students to submit weekly **videos about their lives during the pandemic** to become part of the official historical record of IUP and the COVID-19 pandemic, to be housed in IUP's Special Collections.

Kym Laret (theater and dance) is making **hand-crafted face masks** for IUP employees.

IUP donated **gloves and protective aprons** to Indiana Regional Medical Center and Punxsutawney Area Hospital to help front-line health care workers.

