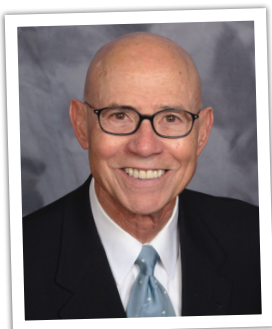


# INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA POINTS OF PRIDE



**BREAKING GROUND**—IUP and IUP Hospitality, LLC, broke ground April 29 for construction of a Hilton Garden Inn adjacent to IUP's Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex. This six-story, upscale lodging facility, with 128 guest rooms and suites, is projected to open in summer 2016. Fiore Brothers Management, LLC, of Altoona, and Hospitality Asset Management Company (HAMCO), of State College, are developers of the project. The hotel will be privately funded, privately owned, operated by HAMCO, and sited on the IUP campus by means of a ground lease. University officials project that bookings for events, conferences, and meetings at the Kovalchick Complex have the potential to increase by 15 to 20 percent with the addition of the hotel. During fiscal year 2013-14, the Kovalchick Complex hosted a record-breaking 407 events attended by 167,000 patrons.

**MOVING ON**—A total of 1,889 students received associate, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees at the May 9 commencement ceremonies. The ceremony honored Donald Mash, a 1964 graduate of what was then Indiana State College, with an honorary doctor of humane letters degree. Mash worked for five decades in higher education administration. May commencement also marked the graduation of IUP's 2,000th ROTC cadet.



**ACCOLADES IN PSYCHOLOGY**—IUP's Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology program achieved a 100 percent national match for clinical internships. This compares to an average national match rate of 70 percent for PsyD programs. Each year, clinical psychology doctoral students enter a national matching system to compete

for limited clinical internship slots in hospitals and clinics throughout the United States, and each year, approximately 25 percent of applicants do not have a match. The match rate is considered an important measure of program quality, which reflects highly on students in IUP's program.

**HONORING OUR OWN**—Psychology professor Maureen McHugh, a leading scholar in women's and gender-related issues, was selected as the 2015 Distinguished University Professor. In addition, four faculty members were honored with University Senate Distinguished Faculty Awards: DeAnna Laverick, Professional Studies in Education, the award for teaching; Michele Papakie, Journalism and Public Relations, the award for service; Zach Collins, Music, the award for creative arts; and Benjamin Ford, Anthropology, the award for research.



**FACULTY FOR A LIFETIME**—Fifteen retired faculty members have been honored with the title of faculty emeritus/emera, reflecting respect for a distinguished career. Individuals must be nominated and approved by their department, the provost, the University Senate, and finally, the Council of Trustees. The faculty members are Lynne Alvine, English, 23 years; Gay Chow, English, 23 years; Anne Creany, Professional Studies in Education, 25 years; Susan Dahlheimer, Food and Nutrition, 38 years;



Lawrence Feldman, Mathematics, 30 years; John Kuehn, Music, 31 years; Lynda LaRoche, Art, 16 years; Marjorie Mambo, Art, 24 years; Sarah Mantel, Music, 27 years; Sandra Newell, Biology, 29 years; Tina Perdue, English, 22 years; John Scandrett, Music, 33 years; Peter Sullivan, Foreign Languages, 32 years; Monte Tidwell, Professional Studies in Education, 19 years; and Susan Welsh, English, 21 years.

**ALUMNI ROLE MODELS**—In April, the IUP Alumni Association honored seven people with the Distinguished Alumni Award. The recipients were Ed Bouchette '73, an award-winning sports journalist for the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*; Doug Kupas '86, a leader in emergency medicine; Barry Gasdek '64, a retired Army lieutenant colonel and decorated Vietnam veteran; Denise Hopkins-Chadwick '87, an Army colonel and dean of the Academy of Health Sciences at Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Sue McMurdy '78, a leader in information technology governance; Cecile Kelley Perich '74, senior vice president and chief human relations officer for McCormick & Company; and David Tyler '72, a faculty member at Rutgers University known worldwide for his research in mathematical statistics. In addition to the awards ceremony, alumni participated in panel discussions and classroom visits.

**LIFETIME OF SERVICE**—IUP was well represented at the 2015 Leader's Circle awards. President Michael Driscoll presented the President's Medal of Distinction to Nell G. Jack in recognition of dedication and support. A longtime friend of the university, Jack has funded scholarships, the Nell and Sam Jack Distinguished American Lecture Series, and restoration of the Sutton Hall Blue Room. Ellen Ruddock '66, a past recipient of the President's Medal of Distinction and director of IUP's Center for Family Business, was keynote speaker for the event. In addition, Hal Wingard, retired dean of what is now the College of Health and Human Services, and Sherry Renosky '89 received Civic Leader honors. Many other IUP graduates and three IUP employees were nominated for the Civic Leader and ATHENA awards.

**HELPING HAND**—Twenty-five upperclassmen, all with perfect 4.0 grade point averages, were selected as recipients of the Addison Gibson Foundation Scholarship. The scholarship funds are a result of the Foundation for IUP's successful application for an Education Block Grant from the Addison Gibson Foundation. Scholarship recipients are chosen on the basis of academic achievement and financial need, and most are from western Pennsylvania.

**CULTIVATING SUCCESS**—In response to the program's early success, the Foundation for IUP has provided funding for a third and fourth cohort of the Sutton Scholars program for students entering IUP in fall 2015 and fall 2016.



To date, 244 students have accepted the scholarship and have committed to attending IUP in fall 2015. In total, the foundation has allocated more than \$3 million for the Sutton Scholars program. Retention rates of Sutton Scholars have been outstanding—90 percent from fall 2013 to fall 2014, compared to an IUP average of about 75 percent.

**PIONEER AGREEMENT**—IUP and Westmoreland County Community College signed a reverse transfer agreement to help students earn an associate degree from WCCC while studying at IUP. This is the first such agreement; several others are in the planning stages.

**BUILDING AWARENESS**—Close to 1,800 people, including more than 400 high school students and teachers, attended "Selma@IUP: A Teach-In/Panel Discussion, Connecting the Past to the Future," marking the 50th anniversary of the Selma march in Alabama. Presented by the African American Cultural Center at IUP and the Indiana County NAACP, the event included a screening of the movie *Selma* and a panel discussion with IUP and community members.

**CHARTING OUR COURSE**—Following the development of *The Vision for IUP's Future* in November 2013, the university community worked together to develop a strategic plan. Endorsed by the University Senate, the plan was ratified by the IUP Council of Trustees in May.

**ON TRACK TO ACCREDITATION**—IUP's Middle States Steering Committee and seven subcommittees have completed chapters for IUP's decennial Self-Study as part of the Middle States accreditation. Katherine Conway-Turner, chair of IUP's accreditation visiting team, will come to IUP in November to assess the university's readiness for the full-team visit in spring 2016.