

## ***New Staff Heading the Office of Community Service and Civic Engagement***

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*Jennifer Halford*

The **Center for Service and Learning** and the **Office of Student Involvement** announced the selection of **Jennifer Halford** as the new Coordinator of Community Service and Civic Engagement at IUPUI starting July 1, 2012.

She helps coordinate over 40 campus-wide days of service each year and oversees several scholarship programs.

### **Who is Jennifer Halford?**

I grew up in Northern California, in a small rural town named Oroville. I received my Bachelors of Arts degrees in both psychology and political science from California State University, Chico in 2000 and a Juris Doctorate from Santa Clara University School of Law in 2003. After law school, I practiced business law and estate planning, while teaching entrepreneurial law at my alma mater.

I recently relocated to Indianapolis in July. And I have been blessed to be able to find a job at IUPUI that allows me to follow my passion and work with amazing students, staff, faculty, and community partners.

### **Why did you become the IUPUI Coordinator of Community Service and Civic Engagement?**

When I decided to relocate to Indianapolis, I began searching for a position in higher education that would allow me to help students to be the best that they can be by connecting with their community and serving others. It was these aspects that I loved most about my last job. When I saw the IUPUI Coordinator of Community Service and Civic Engagement position, I instantly knew that it is my dream job! I love that every day I have the opportunity to engage students, faculty, staff, and community partners in making our community a better place.

### **What are you most excited about in your new position?**

Everything! I feel so fortunate that I get to come to work every day and have the opportunity to positively impact our students and our community.

### **How would you like to collaborate with our readers?**

My door is always open to anyone who would like to talk about how they can be a part of our Office of Community Service and Civic Engagement. We have many opportunities for students, staff, and faculty to volunteer in our community. And we are always looking for ways to better serve our community partners.

**What is one thing about you that we would be surprised to find out?**

I love basketball! I played it during junior high and high school, until I tore my ACL. Now I enjoy watching it – especially college basketball. Needless to say, this is one reason I am very excited about living in Indianapolis!