

Greetings from IUPUI

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Did you know . . . the IUPUI campus ranks among the top fifteen in the country in the number of first professional degrees it confers and among the top seven in the number of health-related degrees?

IUPUI alumni account for 85 percent of Indiana's dentists, half of the physicians, nearly half of the state's lawyers, more than a third of the nurses, and a large percentage of the health and rehabilitation sciences and social work professionals.

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Life Sciences Week Launches Web Site on IU Research

Indiana University researchers have long been on the front lines of the "genetics revolution," such as the Huntington's Disease research mentioned in my letter last month. Life Sciences Week, January 22-29, celebrates IU's exciting discoveries in the life sciences and highlights the many ways IU prepares tomorrow's professionals for careers in health care, biomedical engineering, bioinformatics, and other life sciences.

To kick off the event, IU will launch a new web site, featuring stories about life sciences research and how it affects all of us. A comprehensive list of events on campuses across Indiana is at www.lifesciences.iu.edu.

One of the most visible ways IU will convey its message to Hoosiers is through an interactive exhibit it designed for the Indiana State Museum. "Genes and Your Health" opened in late December and will be on display there through May. After that it will be displayed at science museums throughout the state.

A particular focus of the exhibit is the Indiana Alcohol Research Center, which was created in 1987. Funded continuously by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, a unit of the National Institutes of Health, the center has produced significant research on the causes and effects of alcohol use. Ting-Kai Li, M.D., Distinguished Professor of Medicine Emeritus and former director of the Indiana Alcohol Research Center, currently heads the NIAAA.

Other activities include a forensic foray, which will give participants an upfront look at how crime scene investigators probe homicides. John Pless, M.D., professor emeritus of pathology and laboratory medicine and former director of the IU Division of Forensic Pathology, was a major collaborator on the project.

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Forensic science is more than a hot new topic on TV. It is a growth industry that supports police investigations and litigation while offering business opportunities for a wide range of companies. Indiana's Institute for Forensic Imaging was founded at IUPUI and is now a not-for-profit corporation with a national profile that trains forensic investigators, consults with investigators and their organizations, provides expert testimony on imaging technology, and conducts applied research. IUPUI received approval last year to offer Indiana's first bachelor's degree in forensic and investigative sciences.

The Forensic Science Symposium being held on campus at the University Place Conference Center, January 24, will showcase Indiana's strengths and opportunities in this area. The morning keynote speaker is David Petersen, president of the American Society of Crime Lab Directors. John Morgan, science advisor to the Attorney General and assistant director, Office of Science and Technology, National Institute of Justice, will address an afternoon session.

Registration for the symposium, which is sponsored by Indiana Forensic Science Initiative, is available on site and open to all with an interest. Law enforcement personnel and lawyers can earn continuing education credit. Visit www.theregistrationsystem.com/app/forensicsymposium/ for more information.

Conference on Music Education for Young Children

Also on campus this month is an IUPUI conference to emphasize music education for young children. Research shows that making music with young children—whether singing, clapping to a beat, playing an instrument, or whistling a tune—is one of the most important things that parents, educators, and caregivers can do.

The IU School of Music at IUPUI is sponsoring a conference for Hoosier educators, education majors, parents, and others entitled "Start the Music." The conference will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 29, at the Informatics and Communications Technology Complex, 535 W. Michigan St.

Music professionals from across the U.S. will offer information on how music benefits young children and suggest creative ways to incorporate music into daily activities. Attendees may also take home free samples of instruments, music, and books. To register for the conference, call Michele Thompson at 317-274-4000.

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Did you know . . . the [IU Center for Urban Policy and the Environment](#), founded at IUPUI in 1992 by the IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs, has provided a rich body of literature on matters directly related to community quality of life and important to our leaders and decision makers? It deals daily with society's pressing issues: neighborhood empowerment, community safety, the economic impact of the arts and sports, land use, drinking water infrastructures—just to name a few.

Last month, the Lilly Endowment announced a \$2 million grant to help continue the work of the center. Since 1992, the center, which is one of the largest university-based urban policy programs in the country in terms of staff size, has received grants and contracts worth more than \$27 million, including more than \$15 million from the Lilly Endowment. These funds have enabled center scholars to create a valuable base of research about Indiana and the central Indiana region, helping policy makers make wiser and more sophisticated analyses and decisions that affect us all.

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Research and services provided by the IU [Center on Philanthropy](#) have become increasingly prominent in the news. Recently, it was chosen to lead the Faith and Service Technical Education Network, a national capacity-building effort for grassroots faith-based services. FASTEN provides outreach and education for faith-based organizations working to improve communities. Services include practical how-to guides, research on best practices, and access to networks of experts and peers.

The Pew Charitable Trusts extended its support for FASTEN with a \$2.65 million renewal grant. The core mission of the multi-partner, multi-faith initiative is strengthening faith-based delivery of social services, especially in low-income, urban communities. FASTEN brings together faith-based practitioners, government officials and administrators, foundations and individual donors, all of whom play an important role in enhancing faith-based delivery of social services.

The FASTEN initiative will be codirected by the [Center on Philanthropy](#) and the [Sagamore Institute for Policy Research](#), also based in Indianapolis. Other partners include the National Crime Prevention Council; the United States Conference of Mayors; Nueva Esperanza/Esperanza USA; and Baylor, George Washington, and Harvard universities. For more information, see www.FastenNetwork.org.

According to the latest "Indiana Gives" study by the Center on Philanthropy, religious organizations received the largest share of Hoosiers' philanthropic contributions in 2003—more than 39 percent (\$1.9 billion) of the \$4.86 billion total. Indiana households gave more than \$3.7 billion; independent

and community foundations gave more than \$695 million, and corporations gave \$438 million. More than 75 percent of the total stayed in Indiana, benefiting Hoosier nonprofits.

2005 IUPUI Solutions Conference, March 15

The 2005 [Solutions Conference](#) (formerly ConnectTech) will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 15, at the Informatics and Communications Technology Complex, West and Michigan streets.

Hosted by IUPUI and the [IUPUI Solution Center](#), the conference engages business and technology leaders, nonprofit leaders, public administrators, and elected officials with IUPUI's top scientists, faculty, and researchers for a day of connections and information sharing. The event, which is expected to attract some 250-300 participants, will also provide registrants with information on creating a talent pipeline through internship opportunities and nontraditional training and resources.

The [Solutions Conference](#) is open to the public. The registration fee (\$75 for the general public and \$50 for partners) includes admittance to the conference, parking, and annual membership. For more information on the conference, or to be added to the IUPUI Solution Center newsletter list, send an e-mail to solution@iupui.edu or call (317) 278-9170.

Inaugural Seminar in the Humanities, April 7-9

Last year, Butler University and IUPUI cosponsored a community forum on education, centering our conversations on [Greater Expectations](#), an important national statement on improving undergraduate education. We heard from many leaders in the community who said they would appreciate the chance to connect (or re-connect) with the humanities to discuss:

- What is central to learning?
- What in our heritage deserves our continuing attention?

Programs like the Aspen Institute have attracted much attention for providing contexts for conversations on issues like these. We are fortunate to be able to offer such a high caliber program locally: the inaugural Seminar in the Humanities. It will be held at the Kendall Inn near Fort Benjamin Harrison State Park on April 7-9, beginning with dinner on Thursday and concluding with lunch on Saturday. Registration, including housing and meals, is \$250.

Seminar leaders will be Barbara Hill and Tamar March, Senior Fellows with the [Association of American Colleges and Universities](#). For more information, contact Scott Evenbeck at evenbeck@iupui.edu or (317) 274-5032.

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It's not been a quiet time this summer.

Spring commencement at IUPUI conferred 5,320 undergraduate and graduate IU and Purdue degrees, as well as and honorary doctorates to Leonard Betley and Russell Mawby. Len Betley is well known in Indianapolis as an attorney, community steward, and supporter of innovation in his many roles—including leadership of the Regenstrief Institute, Walther Cancer Institute, and Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation. Russ Mawby led the W. K. Kellogg Foundation for more than 30 years as president, CEO, and chairman. Both individuals demonstrated powerful leadership with reasoned voices.

June brought a watershed event for IUPUI. We dedicated Sidney and Lois Eskenazi Hall, the new home for our Herron School of Art and Design. This was a day decades in the making. The move of Herron from 16th Street means that, after 36 years of imagining and planning, all the IUPUI schools are together on one campus. As IU Alumni Association President Ken Beckley said that weekend, "It is finished!"

And what a glorious occasion it was! More than 400 attended the ceremony and hundreds more toured the building, marveling at the space and browsing the galleries.

The occasion reminded me of how my life was changed forever—thanks to an art history course I took as an undergraduate at the University of Minnesota. It's where I learned to appreciate and enjoy art—painting, sculpture, and architecture. The professor opened my eyes to a dimension of life I had not paid attention to before. There in Minneapolis was the work of Monet and Picasso, Rodin and Modigliani. Years later, having become familiar with Gunnar Birkerts' design of the Federal Reserve Bank in Minneapolis, I easily recognized his architectural touch in the law library at the University of Michigan. Now I recognize and appreciate the interplay of light and shadow, form and function, idea and execution—all that art brings to expression—wherever I go.

The opportunity for generations of students to have such an experience here in Indianapolis came from the generosity of John Herron—who apparently had never shown an interest in art during his lifetime. A shrewd real estate investor, Herron had also never been a philanthropist. It was a surprise to everyone when his lawyer, A. P. Stanton, announced the bequest creating the Herron School of Art by saying:

"John Herron observed that nearly every interest in the city was getting along pretty well except its art culture. He decided to leave all his money to this purpose . . . He wanted to put it to good use and he wanted it to benefit Indianapolis."

Sid and Lois Eskenazi had the same impulse when they made a leadership gift in the campaign to relocate Herron to campus. Eskenazi Hall cost \$26.5 million, one-third of which was provided by the state. Two-thirds was philanthropy. Indianapolis has been fortunate to have community leaders who make things happen, stepping forward to fill a need, simply because they love this city and want to make it the best it can be.

July has been busy as well. The intersection of Michigan Street and University Boulevard is

becoming a hub of construction as the campus and Clarian Health Partners work to make us more successful with students and patients.

The construction of the Campus Center on the southwest corner begins with the demolition of the Bowers Building, which was home to the Bowers Envelope Company pre-IUPUI. Two years from now, in its stead, will be a four-story Campus Center filled with retail services, meeting rooms, and other social spaces for students, faculty, and staff. On the northwest corner, utility work in preparation for the construction of the Cancer Hospital is under way in front of IU Hospital. At the northeast corner, a complete renovation of the University Place Hotel is taking place.

In complementary ways, these projects will transform the campus environment. The Cancer Hospital will facilitate innovation in treatment and research, bringing thousands to the campus who will need hotel rooms and the services of the Campus Center. The Campus Center will keep students on campus longer, between and after classes, allowing them to bond with the campus and other students through participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities, which research shows contributes to greater student success in their academic achievements. The hotel will provide meeting places, lodging, and restaurants for visitors and the campus community. It is going to be worth the dust!

The academic effort continues during the summer. More than 21,000 students attended summer sessions at IUPUI. I was privileged to announce the appointment of the new dean of the Kelley School of Business—Claire Barker Professor of Marketing Dan Smith. The Kelley School encompasses both IU Bloomington and IUPUI, and we are fortunate that IUPUI Executive Associate Dean Roger Schmenner will continue working with Dean Smith on behalf of the IUPUI-based programs. During that search, we learned just how much change is occurring in business education and how challenging the next 10 years will be for Deans Smith and Schmenner. We are glad to have their leadership.

August approaches as I write this. Sandra and I look forward to a few days out of town as we do some “urban hiking” and prepare to launch into our third academic year at IUPUI. Hope you are enjoying a productive and rejuvenating summer!

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