

Notes from the Chancellor

Indiana University South Bend | Summer 2008



Greetings,

The 2007-08 academic year ended with a joyous commencement celebration and summer session classes are underway. There is no time to rest, however, as the campus is preparing to welcome its first class of residential students this fall. There is also news about new degree programs, a new dean, and outstanding faculty and students.

Upcoming Events

June 9

IU South Bend Alumni
Association Golf Outing
South Bend Country Club
Call 520-4271 for information

June 19

Dedication of Student Housing
11 a.m., River Crossing
Campus Apartments

June 19, 20

IU Board of Trustees Meeting
IU South Bend

June 30

Summer Session II classes begin

July 24

IU South Bend Night at the Cove
7 p.m., Coveleski Stadium
Call 520-4381 for free tickets

August 7

IU Day at the State Fair
Indiana State Fairgrounds
Indianapolis

August 25

Fall semester classes begin

Commencement Honors Graduates

More than 1,000 degrees were conferred to the graduating class of 2008 at commencement ceremonies on May 6. Indiana University President Michael McRobbie led his first commencement at IU South Bend but it was a seeing-eye dog that stole the show. Anne Drake received her diploma with her dog Tabitha at her side. Tabitha was introduced as Anne walked the platform and received the loudest ovation of the evening. Elkhart business leader Robert Deputy was presented with an honorary degree and Kirk Root, also of Elkhart, received the Distinguished Alumni Award. Congratulations to Bob, Kirk and all of the graduates.

Student Housing Dedication

Thursday, June 19, 2008, will be a historic day at IU South Bend. At 11 a.m. IU President Michael McRobbie, members of the IU Board of Trustees, community leaders and campus representatives will participate in a dedication ceremony for the River Crossing Campus Apartments. The event will mark the beginning of student housing on property across the St. Joseph River. The apartments are linked to the main campus by the pedestrian bridge and will accommodate 400 students. One-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments are already full but space is still available in the remaining four-bedroom units. For more information about student housing visit www.housing.iusb.edu/.

Curtis Named Dean of the Raclin School of the Arts

Marvin V. Curtis has been named dean of the Ernestine M. Raclin School of the Arts. Curtis comes to IU South Bend from Fayetteville State University in North Carolina where he served as the assistant dean of the graduate school. During his 12 years at Fayetteville he was also assistant dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, chair of the Department of Performing Arts and Fine Arts, and choral director. Curtis received his bachelor's degree from North Park College in Chicago and his doctorate in music education from the University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif. He has published 35 choral compositions. "City on the Hill" was performed at the 1993 inauguration of President Bill Clinton. Curtis begins his duties on campus on Aug. 1. Please join me in welcoming Dean Curtis to IU South Bend.

McIntosh Named Associate Vice Chancellor

John McIntosh has been named associate vice chancellor for academic affairs. McIntosh is professor of psychology and served as associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at IU South Bend. McIntosh received his master's degree and doctorate from the University of Notre Dame. His undergraduate degree is from Western Kentucky University. He is nationally recognized as an expert in suicide and has received numerous awards for his research. Congratulations, John.

Bachelor of Arts in New Media

A bachelor's degree in new media is being offered this fall at IU South Bend. The degree is for students who want to prepare for careers in game design, Web site design, digital filmmaking, and applications in digital audio, medical imaging, installation art, marketing and distance education. The degree offers a foundation in 2-D graphic design, video and motion media, basic multimedia design, and music/audio production. Professor Michael Lasater is the director of the new media program. For more information he can be contacted at mlaster@iusb.edu.

Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging Technology

A bachelor's of science degree in medical imaging technology has been approved for IU South Bend. The program will enable students to acquire advanced clinical skills in radiography and will consist of didactic and clinical instruction in computerized tomography (CT), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and ultrasound (Sonography). The first cohort for the bachelor's degree will begin in fall 2009. James Howard is the director of the new program. For more information call (574) 520-4504.

Dance for the Homeless a Success

Thanks to all of the organizers, volunteers, dancers and donors who made the Dance for the Homeless at IU South Bend a success. More than 900 people participated in the 24-hour marathon to raise money

for the Center for the Homeless. Aleah Wilburn, from the Student Government Association, and Anne McGraw, director of development, both deserve special praise for their help and commitment to this project. Even Regis Philbin came to campus twice to encourage the dancers and lend his support. Thank you to everyone who had a part in this wonderful event.

Awards and Recognition

Andrew Swearingen is the inaugural recipient of the Dr. Faye Magneson Endowed Scholarship at the IU School of Medicine - South Bend. A first year medical student and South Bend native, Swearingen earned his bachelor's degree in biology from IU South Bend.

The IU South Bend Elkhart Center recently received the Fairbank's Award. The award is given to recognize businesses that have made an outstanding contribution toward the beautification of the Elkhart community.

Jay VanderVeen (Sociology & Anthropology) received an IU New Frontiers grant for \$48,645 to support his research project called "Pre-Columbian Pottery and the Construction of Social Meaning."

Three IU South Bend faculty received all-university awards at the IU Founders Day ceremony. **Neovi Karakatsanis** (Political Science) received an IU President's Award for Excellence in Teaching. **Eileen Bender** (English) and **Rebecca Torstrick** (Sociology & Anthropology) received W. George Pinnell Awards for Outstanding Service.

Ilan Levine (Physics & Astronomy) received the 2008 IU South Bend Distinguished Research Award for his work on dark matter.

As you can see, exciting things are happening at IU South Bend. Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions as IU South Bend continues its mission as the only public, bachelor's and master's degree granting institution of higher learning in Michiana.

Sincerely,



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