

Notes from the Chancellor

Indiana University South Bend | Summer 2009



Greetings,

The 2008-09 academic year ended with commencement ceremonies as graduates and their families filled the Joyce Center at Notre Dame to celebrate. Summer sessions have begun and preparations are underway for the coming year. I am pleased to give an update in this edition of Notes from the Chancellor.

Upcoming Events

July 6

Summer session II classes begin

July 13-16

Fun with Fundamentals

Basketball Camp

Boys and girls, grades K – 6

Student Activities Center

Call (574) 520-4587 for information

July 30

IU Night at the Cove

IU South Bend Alumni Association

7 p.m., Coveleski Stadium

August 31

Fall semester classes begin

Class of 2009 Commencement

The class of 2009 enjoyed a slightly different commencement ceremony at Notre Dame this year. Because of concern for the H1N1 influenza virus, handshaking was eliminated from the program. Instead, each graduate was handed their diploma cover and had a photo taken with me and IU President Michael McRobbie. The new procedure worked well and the procession was fast-paced and lively. The class consisted of 932 students. The IU South Bend Distinguished Alumni Award was given to Bruce Burkart, senior vice president of the small business division at 1st Source Bank. Burkart is a South Bend native who graduated from IU South Bend in 1972.

H1N1 Influenza Update

Indiana University and IU South Bend are closely monitoring the H1N1 influenza outbreak. IU officials confirmed that two students tested positive for the H1N1 virus, one at IUPUI and one at IU Bloomington. Both students have fully recovered. There are no plans to alter university operating schedules. At IU South Bend students and employees are encouraged to wash their hands frequently, contain coughing and sneezing, and stay home if they have flu-like symptoms. IU is continuing to prepare for the possibility of a renewed outbreak of the flu in the fall.

Anthropology Degree

IU South Bend and IU Northwest have received approval from the Indiana Commission for Higher Education to offer a joint bachelor of arts degree in anthropology beginning this fall. Students can take classes on either campus. IU South Bend's program specializes in global cultural anthropology, archaeology and medical anthropology. IU Northwest focuses on Native America, biological anthropology and forensics

Euclid Quartet Grant

The Euclid Quartet ensemble in residence at the Ernestine M. Raclin School of the Arts received a \$7,500 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. Their proposal was one of 33 awarded across the country and the only one awarded in Indiana.

Costa Rica Study Abroad Program

The spring semester study abroad program in Costa Rica had the largest number of participants in its history. A total of 25 students and faculty took part in the program which focused on building sustainable communities in Central America. The group studied models of development and spent 10 days traveling, studying and working in Costa Rica.

Tough Stuff Recycling Event a Success

More than 100,000 pounds of electronic equipment, valued at an estimated \$1 million, was dropped off on campus during the Tough Stuff Recycling event in April. In addition to the electronics, 900 gallons of packing peanuts, 900 gallons of Styrofoam, 900 gallons of plastic bags and 800 egg cartons were brought to campus for recycling. The electronics were sorted and 60 pallets were recycled while 25 pallets were filled with computers that could be reused. Free Geeks of Michiana will test each of the computers and those that are viable will be rebuilt and donated back into the community. My thanks go to faculty members Deb Marr and Michele Verges for organizing this wonderful event.

2009-10 Campus Theme

The Campus Theme for 2009-2010 is "The Urban and the Rural." Geographical and cultural conflicts have become common ways of dividing people, economies, and societies. Some of these conflicts are rooted in historical disputes. The campus theme invites students, faculty, staff and community residents to study and discuss these conflicts over the course of the upcoming academic year. As part of the campus theme, the "One Book, One Campus" program has chosen the book *There Are No Children Here: The Story of Two Boys Growing Up in the Other America* by Alex Kotlowitz. The book is about two young brothers and their mother who struggle with the challenges of urban life in Chicago. I hope you will join us in reading and discussing this book as part of the campus theme.

Campus Campaign

The annual campus giving campaign has reached 105 percent of its goal. Nearly \$40,000 was donated by employees to campus funds. The campaign is in its fourth year and has increased more than 10 percent each year. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Alumni Association News

The St. Joseph County Chapter of the IU South Bend Alumni Association has been named the "Chapter of the Year" for their division by the Indiana University Alumni Association (IUAA). Chris Craft has been appointed vice chairman of the IUAA Board of Managers. Chris is immediate past president of the IU South Bend Alumni Association. I am very proud of the work done by the IU South Bend Alumni Association.

Awards and Recognition

Three IU South Bend faculty members were honored for distinguished teaching and service at Indiana University at the Founders Day ceremony in Bloomington. Receiving awards were **Elizabeth Bennion**, associate professor of political science; **P.N. Saksena**, assistant dean and director of graduate studies with the School of Business and Economics; and **Linda Young**, associate faculty in the School of Education. Bennion received the W. George Pinnell Award for Outstanding Service. Saksena received the President's Award, which was established in 1974 to recognize outstanding teaching, research or service. Young received the Part-time Teaching Award.

Best wishes to **Margaret Scanlan**, professor emerita of English, **Marcia Sheridan**, professor emerita of secondary education and **Lynn Williams**, professor emeritus of mathematics and dean emeritus of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in their retirement. Thank you for your years of service to IU South Bend.

Joe Chaney, associate professor of English, has received a Fulbright Award to study and teach in Hong Kong.

Ilan Levine, associate professor of physics and astronomy, has been awarded a three-year, \$420,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to continue his research on the detection of dark matter.

IU South Bend senior guard **Tyler Leighton** was named to the second team of the NAIA 2008-09 Division I Men's Basketball All-America Teams.

Albert Peiffer is the first recipient of the IU South Bend Campus Sustainability Award. Peiffer has been a custodian for more than 30 years and was a founding member of the recycling committee.

The first phase of the remodeling of the Administration Building received an **Excellence in Construction Award for Interiors** by the Michiana Builders Association and American School and University.

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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