

Notes from the Chancellor

Indiana University South Bend | Winter 2009



Greetings,

The spring semester is underway which means the snow and cold will soon be gone. As we wait for winter to fade, there is good news to report at IU South Bend. I am pleased to give an update in this edition of Notes from the Chancellor.

Upcoming Events

March 5

Student Art Exhibit Opening Reception
4 p.m., Art Gallery
Exhibition runs through March 27

March 10

Campus theme public lecture
"Your Inner Fish"
Author Neil Shubin
7 p.m., Recital Hall

March 14-22

Spring Break

March 24

Alicia Purcell, Soprano Concert
8 p.m., Recital Hall

March 29

Eucild Quartet Presents Beethoven
4 p.m., Campus Auditorium

April 3

Toradze Piano Studio
8 p.m., Campus Auditorium

April 17-19, 23-25

IUSB Theatre Company
presents "Godspell"
8 p.m., Campus Auditorium
April 19 performance at 2 p.m.

May 12

Commencement
6 p.m., Joyce Center
University of Notre Dame

Spring Semester Enrollment Jumps

IU South Bend set a record for credit hours for spring 2009. Official figures show students are taking 67,427 credit hours which is an 8 percent increase. The previous record was 64,895 in spring 2005. In total, there are 7,142 students enrolled which is an increase of 7.3 percent over last spring and the second highest ever for a spring semester. The IU South Bend Elkhart Center showed a 23 percent increase in headcount with 623 students enrolled and a 35 percent increase in credit hours (3,204). IU South Bend had the second largest percentage increase in enrollment of all eight IU campuses.

Financial Challenges

Strong enrollment helps the campus budget but Indiana University and IU South Bend are already taking steps to adjust to the economic downturn. IU President Michael McRobbie directed all vice presidents, chancellors and deans to immediately reduce their operating budgets by 1 percent for the remainder of the fiscal year. He also announced a salary freeze for senior administrators.

At IU South Bend, the Chancellor's Cabinet is examining the current budget for possible reductions. Considerations include delays in administrative hiring, reductions in equipment, supplies, and travel, along with other operational reductions. The administration also is preparing for the possibility of more spending reductions in the next biennium budget.

As chancellor, I look at the challenges as opportunities to make the campus more efficient and effective. Currently, admission practices, retention efforts, growth in student housing, use of private donations for renovation projects and academic programs, and other ideas that improve campus operations are being examined.

Online Scholarship Application

IU South Bend students can now apply online for nearly 200 scholarships offered through the Indiana University Foundation. The scholarship application is available as a link on the student's One Start self-service page. The listing includes all of the scholarships which can be applied for using the application as well as other scholarships administered by the IU Foundation. IU South Bend is the first regional campus to offer the online scholarship application.

Funding for Diversity Initiative

IU South Bend has received a \$110,000 award through IU President Michael McRobbie's University Diversity Initiative. The money will be provided over a three year period to enhance the Leadership Academy program which is designed to recruit, retain, mentor and graduate underrepresented students. The academy is an intensive, pre-college

summer academic leadership experience. IU South Bend provides the tuition and covers all expenses.

Funding for Internships and Partnerships

IU South Bend has received a grant from the Lilly Endowment for \$289,615 to sustain and enhance the Internship, Job Development and Placement initiative and the Community-University Partnerships program from a prior grant. The campus will also receive \$68,590 for a new initiative designed to improve the management of internships and the assessment of career outcomes. Thanks to Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Services Karen White and Director of Career Services Jeff Jackson for writing this grant.

2009-10 Student Housing Applications Available

Applications and information for students to live in the River Crossing Campus Apartments for the 2009-10 academic year are now available at www.housing.iusb.edu.

College of Health Sciences

Beginning July 1, the Division of Nursing and Health Professions will be called the College of Health Sciences. The name change was approved by the IU Board of Trustees in December. The new name signifies the broad scope of the college and better describes its various programs.

Campus Sustainability Award

IU South Bend Campus Sustainability Award has been created to recognize a staff member for his/her outstanding contributions to sustainability on campus. The recipient will be a staff employee chosen by a committee appointed by Mike Keen, director of the Center for a Sustainable Future. Those eligible for the award include non-exempt and exempt full-time and part-time staff members who work a minimum of 20 hours per week and who have been employed by the campus for at least two years.

Women Titans Set Conference Record

The Titans women's basketball team set a conference record in their win against Olivet Nazarene University on Jan. 13 at the Student Activities Center. In the 119 - 115 victory, the NAIA record for most three-point field goals made by both teams in a game was set with 34 three-pointers made in 77 attempts. The game also was the second highest scoring ever by two teams with a total of 234 points. Both the men's and the women's games against Olivet Nazarene University were taped for broadcast on SBT-2. And congratulations to senior Tyler Leighton on the men's team who reached a career milestone this season scoring more than 1,000 points as a Titan.

Awards and Recognition

Gary Demski has been named executive director of Athletics and Activities. Previously, Demski served as athletic director at Clay High School in South Bend and director of student activities at Purdue North Central.

Dean of the Ernestine M. Raclin School of the Arts **Marvin Curtis** delivered a compelling keynote address to 600 people at the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Community Breakfast at Century Center.

Vice Chancellor for Administrative and Fiscal Affairs **Bill O'Donnell** has been appointed to the Audit Committee of the Central Association of College and Business Officers.

Assistant professor of psychology **Michelle Verges** published an article in the Journal for Civic Commitment. The article "Digital Media and Civic Engagement: Using Statistics to Conserve Plastic Bags" was based on the successful 2007 BagFest.

Tim Ryan has joined IU South Bend as director of Business Outreach for Extended Learning Services. Tim is responsible for strengthening existing business relationships and providing training and professional development programs needed in the community.

Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Services **Karen White** has been inducted in the South Bend Community Hall of Fame.

Professor **Tom Miller** of the Ernestine M. Raclin School of the Arts received the second annual Legacy Award from the IU South Bend Alumni Association. This award recognizes full time faculty, current or retired, who have made a significant impact on the lives of their students inside and outside of the classroom. A \$500 scholarship will be given in Professor Miller's name from the Alumni Association.

Assistant professor of music **Jorge Marin** has been awarded a New Frontiers in the Arts and Humanities grant by IU to fund "Requiem for the Innocent" a vocal and orchestral remembrance of victims of terrorism.

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,



Una Mae Reck
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