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Neil deGrasse Tyson, American astrophysicist and director of the Hayden Planetarium in New York City, will visit campus October 22 as part of the University Series. The series theme for 2014–15 is “Seeking ‘Eureka!’” Tyson is recognized for his expertise on star formation, dwarf galaxies, black holes, and the Milky Way. Known for his playful knack for making space and science accessible to everyone, Tyson has written 10 books, received 18 honorary degrees, and served on presidential space commissions. In March, Tyson launched the 13-episode television series “Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey,” modeled after the 1980 hit series on PBS hosted by Carl Sagan.

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Five years and \$50 million *toward strategic plan*



*Dr. Robert L. Manuel
University President*

I have good news to share about the progress of UIndy's Vision 2030 strategic planning process. Many of you were able to lend your time to participate last year, and if you've been following that progress in *Portico* and on our website (www.uindy.edu), you'll recall that the ideas that were generated led to our identifying 32 initiatives that will move the University forward by building on our institutional strengths and our culture.

We took a significant step in February, when our Board of Trustees adopted a five-year financial management plan for investing \$50 million toward initiatives that will create immediate impact on our campus and spur redevelopment in our community, while paving the way for the implementation of additional innovations ahead.

These are investments in our future, and they go straight to the heart of our identity. Investments in our faculty ensure our academic quality, keep the student-to-professor ratio low, and encourage the personal attention that has a lifelong impact on our students. Investments in such innovations as the Professional Edge Center and our ambitious effort to improve student advising enrich the entire student experience, from registration to graduation and beyond. Investments in creative interdisciplinary ventures and opportunities to apply learning strengthen the student-faculty connection, reflect the workplace realities students will encounter, and greatly enhance the educational process.

An example of the latter is in the offing for our allied health programs (Nursing, Psychology, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Kinesiology, and Athletic Training—accounting for more than half of our enrollment). A new building will enable us to bring those disciplines under one roof for collaboration in teaching, learning, and research, and will include a medical clinic providing direct patient care, clinical experiences for students, and excellent opportunities for research.

There will be much more to share soon. We're planning to renovate Krannert Memorial Library, replace the Campus Apartments, and expand our biology, chemistry, and physics labs. The initial investment approved by the Board of Trustees will lay the groundwork for additional investments in scholarships, research, endowed positions, and other innovations that will ensure a secure future for this institution, elevate its reputation, and further increase the value of your degree.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert L. Manuel". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Robert L. Manuel



\$1-million city grant to support UIndy neighborhood investment

When Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard delivered his annual State of the City Address at UIndy, he used the occasion to make a special announcement.

The City of Indianapolis is awarding \$1 million to the University this year to help develop the planned health sciences center and install key features at a neighborhood park, both projects being part of UIndy's broader effort to enhance University programs and reinvigorate the surrounding neighborhoods. The funding, which comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant program, reflects a shared interest in bringing new services, businesses and jobs to the Southside.

"We are making significant investments on campus and in our surrounding neighborhood," UIndy President **Robert Manuel** said. "With nearly 1,000 employees and more than \$23 million in annual spending in Marion County, UIndy serves as a major anchor for an area of the city that is in need of investment. As we expand programs and enhance facilities, we want to do so in ways that bring benefits to our neighborhood."

UIndy recently announced a five-year, \$50-million development plan that includes the construction of a four-story, 134,000-square-foot health sciences center as the new home for its programs in nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, psychology, kinesiology, and athletic training. The classrooms, laboratories, and offices will enable the University to develop new academic programs, including a master of public health degree that debuts this fall.

A partnership with a medical clinic, to be located within the center, will make health and wellness services available for residents and businesses in a section of the city with few such amenities, while also providing clinical experiences for students. The center is expected to bring new economic activity and more than 200 jobs to the Southside, and its unique nature will foster collaboration and research on healthcare disparities and other public health issues.

When the grant is finalized this spring, the University will receive \$900,000 to equip the health center with computer workstations and equipment such as specialized treadmills, gait and movement tracking systems, and an escalator for mobility training.

An additional \$100,000 will support the development of University Heights Park, which UIndy established last fall in the neighboring University Heights subdivision.

The University-owned one-acre site in the 4100 block of Mathews Avenue will serve as an outdoor lab for students in biology and related fields, as well as a recreational and gathering space for nearby residents and community groups. UIndy will construct a shelter and provide heavy maintenance at the site. Students will collaborate with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful and residents from the University Heights Neighborhood Association to transform the vacant lot with walking paths, new trees, and native plants and grasses, creating a natural wildlife habitat.



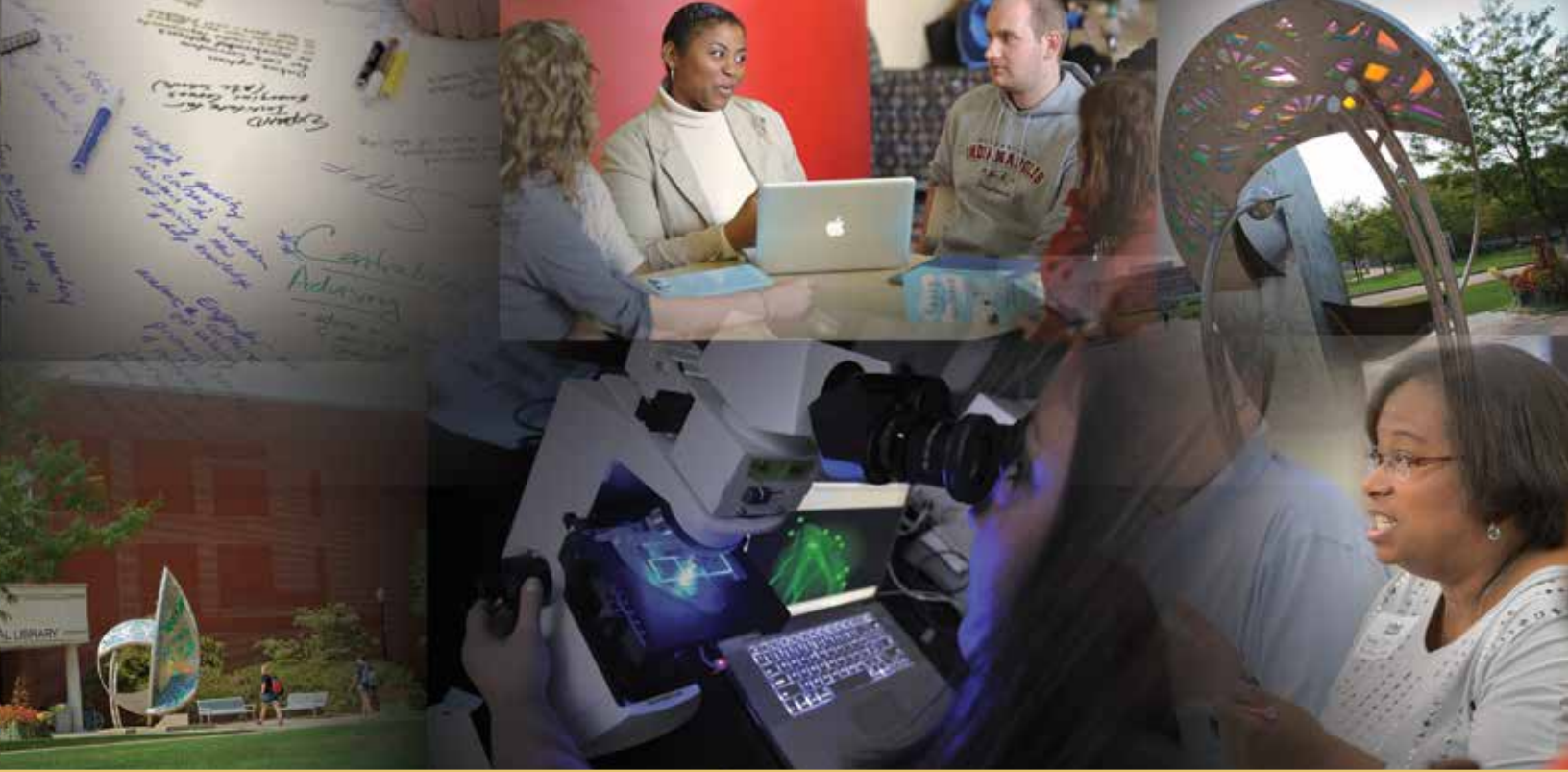
UIndy launches 5-year, \$50-million development plan

UIndy is moving forward with a series of capital projects and educational enhancements after announcing a five-year development plan that represents a \$50-million investment in the University and the neighboring community.

“This plan arises from a strategic planning process that involved students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community partners over the past 18 months,” President **Robert Manuel** says. “We took that input and identified priorities that position the University to be strong and relevant, and that benefit the community through economic development. The plan will enable us to focus on the kind of education that we believe is vital to our students and the world they live in—an education in which they are engaged in their learning experiences, interact directly with faculty and learn to think critically, communicate well, and contribute to their communities.”

Approved by the Board of Trustees in February, the five-year investment plan will build a foundation for the University to seek support for programs, scholarships, research, and endowed positions that will further enhance UIndy’s market strength and reputation.

One key project is a four-story, 134,000-square-foot health sciences center, a unique space for students from UIndy’s highly ranked health sciences programs and for clinical facilities that will serve both the campus community and the local neighborhood. The



center will provide clinical experiences for students in relevant fields and afford opportunities for collaboration on a variety of public health issues, which will inform discussion on a national and international level.

The building will house UIndy’s programs in nursing, psychology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, kinesiology and athletic training, with classroom and laboratory space that will allow the University to expand its undergraduate and graduate programs in health-related disciplines, including a new master of public health degree program. The facility will create jobs and generate economic activity to spur further development in the area.

Over the next two years, the University will:

- Renovate Krannert Memorial Library to create technology-rich group collaboration areas and social spaces, making it more inviting and useful to the campus community and the general public.
- Replace the 160-student-capacity Campus Apartments on Shelby Street to create new housing options for students and enhance visual appeal along that key corridor west of campus.
- Expand and upgrade biology, chemistry, and physics labs.
- Make significant personnel investments that will include faculty positions for new and growing academic programs.

- Become the first institution in the state to field NCAA Division II men’s and women’s lacrosse teams, adding to the current roster of 21 men’s and women’s sports.

Accompanying those improvements are new initiatives in curriculum, programming and co-curricular opportunities intended to sharpen the University’s competitive edge in attracting, retaining, and graduating successful students.

Already this year, UIndy has restructured its student advising offices into a centralized program, the Center for Advising and Student Achievement. Also new is the Professional Edge Center, a fresh approach to career services that links students directly to alumni and other working professionals in their fields of interest for internship, networking, and job opportunities.

Robert Wingerter ’76, chair of UIndy’s Board of Trustees, expressed enthusiasm about the direction the University is heading under Manuel’s leadership.

“The trustees hired Rob because we knew he would not be satisfied with just maintaining the good reputation of UIndy, but would be very proactive in keeping us as at the forefront among our peer institutions,” says Wingerter, now retired as a partner at Ernst & Young. “His vision for what UIndy could become is inspirational to the entire campus community, and the Board of Trustees was unanimous in support of this transformational development program.”



NPR's Steve Inskeep (left) moderates a conversation with Senators Lugar and Nunn.

Lugar and Nunn war

Unrest in Ukraine and the threat of biological terror were on the minds of former U.S. Senators Richard Lugar and Sam Nunn in February, when they reunited at the University of Indianapolis to discuss their disarmament legacy and the continuing dangers facing today's world.

The authors of the landmark Cooperative Threat Reduction Program, credited with eliminating thousands of nuclear weapons and weapons facilities in the former Soviet Union and elsewhere, visited campus February 25 for "Diplomacy in a Dangerous World," a public conversation presented by UIndy in partnership with WFYI Public Media.

After taking the stage at Ransburg Auditorium to a standing ovation, the two statesmen made national news and displayed their casual mastery of international affairs in an hour-long conversation with moderator Steve Inskeep (left), co-host of NPR's popular *Morning Edition* news show. The discussion was webcast live from the UIndy and WFYI websites, and it made its

broadcast debut later that week on WFYI 1 Public Television and WFYI-FM 90.1.

The deepening crisis in Ukraine was in the news that week, and both guests expressed relief that the former Soviet nation no longer possessed the world's third-largest nuclear arsenal, as it had before their historic Nunn-Lugar legislation became law in 1992. On the other hand, the looming collapse of Ukraine's political and economic systems still posed a serious concern for the international community.

"Somehow in this we've got to create a win-win situation; Russia sees this is a win-lose situation," Nunn said. "We're going to see in the next few months whether we're going to have this as a source of tension for decades to come."

Asked by Inskeep to review the history, Nunn and Lugar recalled the waning days of the Soviet Union in the late 1980s, when Soviet officials visited them in Washington and expressed concern about deteriorating conditions at weapons sites in Russia and its neighboring republics.

“They were giving us the word: things were breaking apart, things were getting worse,” recalled Lugar, now a distinguished professor at UIndy and namesake of its Richard G. Lugar Academy.

“This is a very rough translation of what they said, in essence: ‘You Americans must know that security is breaking down around the nuclear weapons that are aimed at you,’ ... In essence, Sam and I said, ‘What do you want?’ and they said, ‘We’re going to need a lot of your money, and second, we’re going to need your personnel experts who know how to bring about security.’”

Thus Nunn, a Democrat, and Lugar, a Republican, worked across the aisle to persuade congressional leaders that neutralizing this threat was well worth the effort and expense, despite initial resistance toward providing any aid to former Cold War adversaries.

“Dick Lugar was so respected, the two of us worked together, and that’s how Nunn-Lugar came about,” Nunn said, gesturing toward Lugar. “This man is a remarkable leader, so I give him huge credit.”

“We can’t solve the North Korea problem without working with China, we can’t solve the Iranian problem without Iran, and we can’t solve the Ukrainian problem without Russia,” Lugar said. “We are indeed in a race between cooperation and catastrophe.”

Each speaker, however, tempered his warnings with optimism.

“In this whole area, there’s so much to be concerned about,” Nunn said, “occasionally we have to look on the bright side of these things.”

He pointed out that an agreement with Russia, stemming from their Nunn-Lugar initiative, had allowed the United States to purchase stockpiles of uranium enriched for weapons use and instead use the material as fuel in U.S. nuclear power plants.

“So 10 percent of all the electricity in the United States for the last 20 years has come from weapons material that was aimed at us during the Cold War,” Nunn said. “I consider that a parable of hope, when you’ve got all the other problems that we sometimes wring our hands about.”

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One means of persuading their colleagues was to take them along on trips to former Soviet nations, where inside weapons facilities they saw posted photos of the U.S. cities targeted by nuclear missiles.

“We all got religion together,” Lugar said. “We could have been obliterated.”

Asked by Inskeep what scares them most in today’s world, neither Nunn nor Lugar pointed to a specific nation, but instead to the unconventional threats faced by all nations, such as biological agents that could be deployed by a terrorist group even without support from an established state.

“We have weapons of mass destruction that can be produced by people with a little bit of knowledge and not a lot of money,” Lugar noted, also pointing to computer-based information attacks that can be launched by “a 17-year-old kid sitting in a basement somewhere.”

As a result, he said, the nations of the world have more incentive than ever to work together in making the world a safer place.



Scholarly pursuits

A look at UIndy faculty scholarship, faculty/student research collaborations, international connections, and community impact. For the most up-to-date news about the University, visit news.uindy.edu.

Anthropology

DNA at the crime scene

Forensic anthropologist and assistant professor of biology **Krista Latham '03** traveled with UIndy students in February to the Scientific Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences in Seattle, Wash. Latham and her students gave several presentations: “Secondary DNA Transfer: Could Secondary DNA Transfer Erroneously Place You at a Scene of a Crime?” with Gay Bush (colleague at Strand Analytical Laboratories) and students **Cynthia Cale**, **Madison Earll**, **Jessica Bare '14**, and **Julia Harris**; “The Utility of Baking Bone to Increase Skeletal DNA Yield” with student **Megan E. Madonna** and colleague **Stephen P. Nawrocki**; “Touch DNA Obtained from Duct Tape in Reconstructed Binding Scenario” presented by Bush and students **Ryan M. Strand**, **Jennifer K. Suarez**, **Kristen Salyer '13**, and **Cale**; and “Obtaining Touch DNA from Fired 9mm Casings” presented by Bush and students **Erica Christense**, **Shannon Kaufman**, **Justin Maiers**, and **Cale**.

In November **Christopher Moore '04** presented “Investigating Animal Effects along the Green River” in an invited symposium on shell middens (a heap of clam, oyster, whelk, or mussel shells) at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference in Tampa, Fla.

Art & Design

The jury is in

Art works by **Donna Lee Adams** and **Marilyn Lake McElwain** were accepted last fall into the 20th annual Juried Art Exhibit at the Jasper Arts Center. Adams earned an honorable mention. Only artists from Indiana, its contiguous states, or former residents could apply.

Athletic Training

Aid to the athletes

At the Indiana Athletic Trainers Association fall symposium in October, **Scott Lawrance '03 '10** presented “Effects of the Female Triad Leading to Femoral Neck Fracture” with student **Kara Pratt '14**, “Patella Tendinopathy in a High School Track Athlete” with student **Whitney Thomas '14**, and “Lateral Ankle Sprain with an Os Trigonum in a College Tennis Athlete” with student **Jessica Lawson '14**. In November Lawrance became president-elect of the Great Lakes Athletic Training Association and started his two-year term in March.

Biology

Contributions to color

Sandra Davis and **Mary Ritke** were awarded a Senior Research Grant from the Indiana Academy of Sciences for their project “Gender-Related and Environmental Contributions to Floral Color Change in *Saponaria officinalis*: and Integrated Study of Phenotypic Variation and Gene Regulation.”

Center for Aging & Community

Aging gracefully

In honor of Careers in Aging Week, the first week of April, the Center for Aging & Community hosted a “Trends in Older Adult Fitness” workshop for aging services providers. The workshop included demonstrations of three unique approaches to fitness for older populations: Bingocize, Rock Steady Boxing, and dance movement therapy. The workshop also included a screening of *Age of Champions* and a Q&A with the film’s director, Christopher Rufo.

On May 21, CAC will offer an “Elder Abuse and Neglect Prevention” training for professionals who work in long-term care. The training will be conducted by UIndy School of Nursing professor **Karen Iseminger** on behalf of the Center.

Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning

Recognizing teachers and leaders

As part of the Indiana Collaborative for Project-Based Learning, CELL has helped to develop and expand the reach of the Project-Based Learning Certification program. The PBL Certification program was launched in 2013 to recognize teachers and school leaders for the quality of their practice in PBL. Certification is a voluntary process developed by experienced teachers, school leaders, and other education stakeholders to validate educators who have met challenging professional expectations in PBL instruction as evidenced through the certification assessment. Thirty-five teachers are undergoing the certification process.

The CORE Tutoring Program is a collaboration between CELL, Indianapolis OASIS, and Raymond F. Brandes IPS School 65 aimed at improving literacy rates among the school’s elementary students. Trained student and staff volunteers go to the school, located less than a mile from the UIndy campus, to work with students for at least 30 minutes each week. The program serves to ensure students are on track for academic success and to further connect UIndy to the local community.

'Undeniably intriguing art' is accurate description for artist's work



Former UIndy art student **Quincy Owens '06 '09**, who studied ceramics under **Dee Schaad**, was part of the 2013 ArtPrize competition in Grand Rapids, Mich. For 19 days last fall, three square miles of downtown Grand Rapids became a display of art from around the world, which the festival describes as “unorthodox, highly disruptive, and undeniably intriguing to the art world and the public alike.” Quincy and friend Luke Crawley created a large-scale, 31-piece sculpture that included an audio component. Since the competition, the pair has received stipends to display various formations of the body of work at University High School in Carmel, Ind., and at the Harrison Center for the Arts in Indianapolis. They received a grant from the Fair Housing Authority for purchase of four of the pieces along with an interactive web-based audio component. Their art will also be part of the Art on the Trailways project in Greenwood, Ind.

CELL's work with the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching and the implementation of the TAP System for Teacher and Student Advancement in Indiana have helped to increase student achievement and opportunities for teachers throughout the state. Two new schools joined the Indiana TAP network in 2013, boosting the number to 48 TAP schools in Indiana. The 21st Century Charter in Gary and Clarksville Elementary School began its implementation in the fall of 2013. TAP now serves 1,665 teachers in Indiana.

Communication

Making headlines

The *Reflector* and the *Reflector Online* earned a state-level journalism award in the Hoosier State Press Association Better Newspaper contest. At a luncheon in December **Abby Gross**, the student newspaper's editor-in-chief during fall semester, received the first-place award for editorial/opinion.

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Painted to perfection

Jeannine Allen '10, art director, earned first-place honors for her painting *Ramparts* at the 2013 Indianapolis Downtown Artists and Dealers Association juried show.

Ecumenical & Interfaith Programs

Strengthening chaplaincy

In January **Michael G. Cartwright** gave a plenary response on the topic of “Selective Retrieval of Theological Traditions” at the meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, held in Seattle, Wash. Cartwright has also been serving part-time as director of a pair of conferences on “Strengthening Campus Chaplaincy” for the Council of Independent Colleges. The first conference will be held in St. Charles, Ill., in March and will be attended by **Lang Brownlee**, **Jeremiah Gibbs**, and **Jennifer Gibbs**, as well as UIndy President **Robert L. Manuel**. The second conference will be held in September.

University Chaplain **Jeremiah Gibbs** successfully defended his PhD dissertation, “Postconservative Apologetic Method: A Constructive Proposal,” at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary.

English

Showing his appreciation

Michael Milam wrote the foreword and was editor for the second edition of *A Guide to Appreciating English Literature* by Wei Jian, published by Zhejiang University Press, 2014. (Zhejiang Yuexiu University of Foreign Languages is a UIndy partner school in the city of Shaoxing, China.) Milam was the translation editor for *Growing with Yiwu: My Yiwu Dream*, to

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be published in 2014 via the Zhejiang Provincial Government. This is a 224-page series of interviews of international businessmen conducted by the faculty and students of Ningbo Institute of Technology, a UIndy sister campus. His article "Sports in America" will appear in *Discovering America: Real People, Real Stories*, edited by Anna Yurievna and Evgenia Luganskaya and published by Irkutsk University Press in 2014. Milam presented a lecture, "Twentieth-Century Images of China in the United States," to the students and faculty of the School of Foreign Languages at Ningbo Institute of Technology on December 15.

Kinesiology

Scholarship on full display

In November **Lisa Hicks**, **Mindy Hartman-Mayol**, and students **Royce Carlton '14**, **Trent Vickrey '14**, **Caitlin Gomez '14**, **Braden Miller '14**, and **Terrence Johnson '14** presented "Resistance Bands: A Safe and Economical Way to Increase Strength in Your Program" at the Indiana Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance State Conference in Indianapolis. **Heidi Hancher-Rauch** and **Shannon McMorro**, with students **Lauren Hostetter '14**, **Johnson**, and **Michelle Kruse**, presented "Practical Strategies to Help You Advocate for Health Education Within the School and Community."

Four students presented posters at the Sport Management Scholarship Showcase during the conference; **Jennifer VanSickle** was faculty sponsor for all four. For the third straight year, a UIndy student earned an outstanding poster award; **Ashley Fowler '10 '15** received the top award for posters among graduate students, presenting "Clustering Among Student-Athletes at Division II Schools: Fact or Fiction."

Fowler and **Amanda Reed '15** presented "The Senior Women's Administrator: Roles and Inconsistencies within Division I Athletic Programs." Student **Aaron Ostapchuk '14** presented "Special Olympics Indiana Event Management Project," and **Joshua Sollman '14** presented "Developing Social Media Strategies for a Professional Sports Franchise."

VanSickle and Dave Breen (of Special Olympics Indiana) presented "Bringing the Service-Learning Experience to Campus: the Case of the University of Indianapolis and Special Olympics Indiana" at the 5th International Symposium on Service-Learning in Stellenbosch, South Africa, in November 2013.

Shannon McMorro presented "New Frontiers for Health Worker Training in Uganda: Incorporating Skills for Social Change Within a University-Level Health Promotion and Education Diploma Program at Uganda Martyrs University" at the Symposium of the International Consortium for Social Development" in July 2013.

Hartman-Mayol, **Briana Scott**, **Hicks**, and **Lee Everett**, assisted by students **Kai Shin Chu '13**, **Patricia Miller '14**, and **Melissa Oran '12 '14**, presented "Comparison of College

Athletes and Non-Athletes Enrolled in a Multi-Dimensional Wellness Course" at the Midwest American College of Sports Medicine meeting in Merrillville, Ind., in November 2013.

Students **Jacob Hartley '14** and **Chelsi Kitchen '14**, assisted by Hicks, Hartman-Mayol, and Everett, presented "The Effects of a Wellness Coaching Program on Holistic Wellness in College Students." Students **Krysta Bradford '14**, **Chaunell Abrams '13**, and Kitchen, assisted by faculty **Matt Beekley** and Everett, presented "The Effect of Different Focal Object Distances on Lower-Body Power and Vertical Jump Performance." Students **Hannah Hartsock '14**, **Chaunell Abrams '13**, and Kitchen, assisted by Beekley and Everett, presented "The Effects of External Focus of Attention on Lower-Body Power in NCAA Division II Athletes."

Students **Audra West '17**, **Kai Shin Chu**, **Miller**, and **Oran**, assisted by faculty **Scott**, **Hicks**, **Everett**, and **Hartman-Mayol** presented "Pre/Post Comparison of College Athletes Taking a Multi-Dimensional Wellness Course." Students **Kitchen**, **Kai Shin Chu**, **Miller**, and **Oran**, assisted by **Scott**, **Hicks**, **Everett**, and **Hartman-Mayol**, presented "The Relationship Between Self-Esteem and Multi-Dimensional Wellness in College Athletes."

Tyler O'Daniel '14, assisted by **Everett** and **Beekley**, presented "Comparison of Different Measurement Devices to Calculate Power Output in Division II Athletes." **Cody Stout '14**, assisted by **Everett** and **Beekley**, presented "Reliability of an Accelerometer Device to Measure Vertical Jump Height."

Krannert School of Physical Therapy

Publications and honors

Kathy Martin '90 '03 published "Dialog for Pediatric Physical Therapists: Hypotonia, Developmental Coordination Disorder, and Pediatric Obesity as Examples" in the fall issue of *Pediatric Physical Therapy*. Her "Efficacy of Orthoses for Children with Hypotonia: A Systematic Review," with co-author **Anna Weber '13**, and "Essential Competencies in Entry-Level Pediatric Physical Therapy Education" ran in the spring issue. In February **Martin** and **Renee Van Veld '98**, with **Stephen Black '01** and **James Borcharding '13**, presented "Student Remediation, A Professional Behavior Wake-Up Call" at the APTA Combined Sections Meeting in Las Vegas.

In addition to **Martin** and **Van Veld**, several other KSPT faculty presented at the CSM: **Stephanie Combs '99** and **Dyer Diehl** presented "Comparison of Outcomes and Exercise Behaviors in Persons with Parkinson Disease who Participate in Different Modes of Exercise: A Mixed-Method Study." **Combs** presented "Community-Based Mobility Training for Persons with Chronic Stroke: A Pilot Study." **Stacie Fruth '95 '05** presented "Comparison of Standard Care and Physical Therapy Interventions for Patients Presenting to the Emergency Department With Cervical Pain." **Emily Slaven** presented "What Factors Affect Return

UIndy cohosts global conference in South Africa

Scholars and professionals from eight countries met in Stellenbosch, South Africa, in November to discuss serving-learning across the globe. The fifth International Symposium on Service-Learning was organized and hosted by UIndy and Stellenbosch University. The conference has become a vehicle through which service-learning research can be shared among institutions of higher education.

Phylis Lan Lin (right), associate vice president for international partnerships, served as symposium co-chair. An interdisciplinary cadre of faculty and staff presented at the symposium: **Marianna Foulkrod** (Social Sciences), **Julie Gahimer** (College of Health Science), **Candace Beitman** (College of Health Science), **Sue Blackwell** (School of Education), **Jodie Ferise** (School of Business), **Lang Brownlee** (Ecumenical and Interfaith Programs), **Jennifer VanSickle** (College of Health Science), and **Marilyn McElwain** (College of Arts and Science). Students **Elizabeth Jarrett** and **Erin Gahimer** also served as presenters. The UIndy delegates contributed research and poster presentations and participated in story-telling sessions. A follow-up service-learning book is scheduled to be published by the University of Indianapolis Press in early 2015.



of Knee Flexion Range of Motion Following Partial Knee Arthroplasty?” and “Quantification of Changes in Gait and Function as a Result of Partial Knee Arthroplasty: A Case Report.”

Martin presented “Best Practices in Pediatric Clinical Education,” and **Margaret Finley** and Van Veld presented “Pilot Testing of a Novel Axial Rotation Unit in Individuals With Transfemoral Amputations.” Students **Richard C. Kaminski** ’11 ’14 and **Ryan J. Powell** ’14, along with colleagues **Sam Kegerreis** and **William Staples** ’05 ’10 and former faculty member Peter Rundquist, presented “The Effect of Guided Imagery on Neck Flexor Endurance, Disability, and Perceived Exertion in a Population with Chronic Neck Pain.”

Kegerreis and Slaven each received special honors during the meeting. Kegerreis is the 2014 recipient of the James A. Gould Excellence in Teaching Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Award. The award recognizes excellence in instructing orthopaedic principles and techniques and is offered by the Orthopaedic Section of APTA. Slaven and a team of co-authors were recognized by the *Journal of Manual and Manipulative Therapy* for their article “The Relative Effectiveness of Segment-Specific-Level and Non-Specific-Level Spinal Joint Mobilization on Pain and Range of Motion: Results of a Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis,” which is the winner of the John Medeiros Distinguished Author Award for 2013 from the *Journal of Manual and Manipulative Therapy*. Slaven is the lead author of the article.

Combs and research partner Eric Dugan were awarded a pilot National Institutes of Health grant out of Boise State, the “Clinical and Translational Research—Infrastructure Network” grant. The pair will continue to work on their research, “Temporal Structure of Variability in Gait Post-Stroke.” Combs also published six articles on a variety of topics primarily related to stroke and Parkinson’s disease.

Slaven’s paper “The Role of Astym Treatment in the Management of Lateral Epicondylitis: A Single-Case Research Design” was published in *Orthopedic Physical Therapy Practice* in January.

James Bellew’s paper “Muscle Force Production with Medium and Low-Frequency Burst Modulated Biphasic Pulsed Currents” was published in *Physiotherapy Theory and Practice*, and he also presented it at the CSM in February. The paper and the presentation involved students **Kyle Sanders**, **Matt Barton**, and **Kristen Schuman** ’12. In October Bellew was a featured speaker at the Scientific Conference of Ibramed in Amparo, Brazil, where he presented “Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation: New Concepts for an Old Intervention.”

In November Staples, **Julie Gahimer** ’85, and **Candace Beitman** (School of Occupational Therapy), presented “Service Learning in Belize: Perceptions following Occupational and Physical Therapy Interventions” at the International Symposium on Service-Learning at Stellenbosch University in Stellenbosch, South Africa.

University to offer support to families of first-responders

New scholarship will help children of fallen public safety professionals

A new scholarship program at the University of Indianapolis will provide tuition-free undergraduate education to the dependents of Indianapolis and Marion County public safety employees who lose their lives in the line of duty.

The Indianapolis Public Safety Scholarship Award is intended for the 4,200 employees that collectively staff the Indianapolis Department of Public Safety and the Marion County Sheriff's Office. Their children, spouses, and domestic partners at the time of death are eligible to receive full tuition toward an initial undergraduate degree.

"Our intent is to express our support and provide a sense of comfort and security to the people who regularly risk their lives to maintain our safety," said UIndy President Robert Manuel, who serves on the board of the Indy Public Safety Foundation.

"We also want to remind our students and employees how much we rely on the work of these public servants, whom we consider part of our extended University community."

The new program is the only one of its kind offered directly by a university to the local public safety community. Eligibility for the scholarship is open to those affected by line-of-duty deaths retroactive to January 1993.

"The men and women of the Department of Public Safety are truly humbled by this gesture," said Public Safety Director Troy Riggs. "Our people do not do what they do for recognition; they do it because they love Indianapolis. But we are all grateful for this show of support and appreciation by UIndy."

The Department of Public Safety comprises eight divisions: the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, Indianapolis Fire Department, Division of Homeland Security, Indianapolis Emergency Medical Services, Division of Public Safety Communications, Animal Care & Control Division, Citizen's Police Complaint Office, and the Mayor's Office of Re-Entry.

"Losing a member of public safety in the line of duty is a tremendous loss to our entire community, but no one feels that loss more than the members of their family," said Marion County Sheriff John Layton. "This scholarship from the University of Indianapolis provides an opportunity, through education, for healing for the family members of the fallen and will help provide our community with the next generation of community leaders."

The scholarship is effective beginning with this year's summer sessions at UIndy. To continue receiving the tuition assistance, students must meet the scholarship criteria, be admissible under the University's standard guidelines, and maintain academic eligibility and good standing. Eligible applicants may contact **Mark Weigand '78 '84**, UIndy's executive vice president for campus affairs and enrollment services, at (317) 788-6165 or weigand@uindy.edu.



Indianapolis Public Safety Director Troy Riggs (left) looks on as UIndy President Robert Manuel speaks during a news conference February 19 at the City-County Building.

Mathematics & Computer Science

Mathematics around the world

Jeff Oaks and his coauthor, Mahdi Abdeljaouad, published a critical edition of the 14th-century Arabic text *Al-Lubāb fī sharḥTalkhīs a'māl al-hisāb* (*The Essential Commentary on [Ibn al-Bannā's] Condensed Book on the Operations of Arithmetic*), by 'Abd al-'Azīz ibn 'Alī ibn Dāwud al-Hawārī al-Misrātī. Oaks spent the month of March as a visiting professor at École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences) in Paris. He gave seven presentations during his time abroad, including one in Italian at a meeting in Modena, Italy. He will also give two presentations in Tel Aviv, Israel, in June.

In August Travis K. Miller '99 published "Preservice Teachers' Perceptions of a Modified Peer Instruction Implementation of Clickers in a Mathematics Course" in *Issues in the Undergraduate Mathematics Preparation of School Teachers: The Journal, Volume 3: Technology*. He began a second term as chair of the national membership committee of the Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators in February and continues to serve as a board member for the Hoosier Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators.

Livia Hummel presented "A Look at Non-Noetherian Grade" on October 6 during the special session on recent advances on commutative algebra and its applications at the fall southeastern sectional meeting of the American Mathematical Society held at the University of Louisville.

Modern Languages

No need to pardon their French

Peter Vakunta has helped to create the new UIndy Francophone Club, which offers students opportunities to interact with Francophones and Francophiles on campus and in the local community. The club creates a forum where students can improve their French language proficiency and gain deeper insight into the cultures of France and Francophone countries.

Music

Standing in for Sandi

In July, with less than 24 hours' notice, **Kathleen Hacker** stepped in for renowned singer Sandi Patty to perform in the showcase concert finals of the Michael Feinstein American Songbook Competition. In October she delivered the pre-concert Classics in Context lecture for the Palladium recital of Deborah Voigt at the Center for the Performing Arts. In November Hacker joined the Ronen Chamber Ensemble in a concert of music inspired by the journal of the 19th-century painter Eugène Delacroix. The concert was presented at Indiana State University in Terre Haute and was part of the UIndy Faculty Artist Concert Series. In January Hacker and pianist Sylvia Patterson Scott presented a full-length voice and piano recital, "A Toast to Italy," in which they offered repertoire from European composers as the composers regarded Italy.

In January **Brenda Clark** attended the Indiana Music Education Conference in Ft. Wayne, Ind., with 30 UIndy music education majors. At the conference she presented "Maximizing the Student-Teaching Experience." Panel members included **Andrew Moran '14**, **Abby Means '13**, and **Jane Brewer**, music education adjunct. In addition, **Zachary Cardwell '14**, senior Music Education and Performance major and former president of UIndy's National Association for Music Education chapter, was one of four students from Indiana selected to receive the prestigious Outstanding Future Music Educator award.

As a member of Ensemble Meme, **Austin Hartman** recently released "Compadrazgo" on the Albany Records label. The CD features four works by composer Gabriela Lena Frank. The recording was released in concert in December at the Dillon Gallery in New York City.

In December **Harry Miedema** received the Outstanding Jazz Educator award from the Indianapolis Jazz Foundation at its annual Showcase at the Jazz Kitchen. Junior jazz concentration student **Michael Carnagua** received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Foundation.

Philosophy & Religion

Tackling the big issues

In January **Gregory Clapper** presented at the University Forum about HJR-3, the gay marriage amendment to the Indiana Constitution. He summarized the views of several religions and denominations on the nature of marriage and distributed his research to the audience. He has recently preached at Christ United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, was the invited keynote speaker on Veteran's Day at Greenwood (Ind.) Village South, and gave a presentation about his Wesleyan spirituality book at Grace United Methodist Church in Franklin, Ind., on Wednesday evenings in January.

Peter Murphy published "The Defect in Effective Skeptical Scenarios" in *International Journal for the Study of Skepticism* and "Help the Patient, But Be Complicit with Homophobic Social Norms? Four Issues" in the *American Journal of Bioethics—Neuroscience*. He also presented two papers at the meetings of the American Philosophical Association in April: "Reliabilism and Suspended Judgment" and "Higher-Order Belief Views of Justified Suspended Judgment."

Professional Edge Center

From Greece to South Africa

In November **Marianna Foulkrod '01 '04** presented "A Journey Continues: Sustaining International Multidisciplinary Service-Learning Partnerships—The Case of Service in Cyprus" at the International Symposium on Service-Learning at Stellenbosch University, Stellenbosch, South Africa.

School for Adult Learning

Being prepared for anything

Beginning this fall, the School for Adult Learning will offer Emergency and Disaster Management as a bachelor of science degree program, associate degree program, or certificate program. Emergency and Disaster Management is a field of study focusing on the planning and directing of disaster/emergency response or crisis management activities; providing disaster and emergency preparedness training; and preparing emergency plans and procedures for natural, wartime, or technological disasters or hostage situations. The programs will prepare students for careers in emergency management and public safety and introduce students to the all-hazards approach, emergency management, disaster management phases, risk assessment, prevention and management, counter-terrorism, consequence management, mitigation, and recovery. For more information, visit sal.uindy.edu.

Scholarly pursuits

School of Business

Welcome to the real world

Mark Akers published *Real-World Economics: Complex and Messy* through the University of Indianapolis Press.

In October **Kathy Bohley '91 '93 '94** presented "TBT: Techy Bloom's Taxonomy" at the Indiana Academy of Social Science in Muncie, Ind.

Chris Harris published his fifth book on the subject of lean manufacturing. *Capitalizing on Lean Production Systems to Win New Business: Creating a Lean and Profitable New Product Portfolio* was co-authored with his father, Rick, who is the owner of a consulting firm.

School of Education

Technology ups and downs

In February **Greta Pennell** and colleagues from Northwestern University and Loyola University, Chicago, presented "Wonderful When it Works, #%&*\$! When it Doesn't: A Case Study of Electronically Mediated Guest Lectures" at the Midwest Regional Meeting of the Association for Humanist Sociology in Indianapolis. Pennell, **Tim Maher** (Sociology), and **Sandra Maher '02** were part of a mixed-media exhibit titled "Visual Arts Trio, 2014," which opened February 7 at the Wheeler Arts Community in the Fountain Square neighborhood.

School of Nursing

Making women's health a priority

For a week in October, a team of 22 community members, UIndy students, adjunct faculty, and faculty traveled to the Dominican Republic to provide women's health services through the Good Samaritan Hospital program to the residents of the city of La Romana. Faculty included **Barb Winningham**, **Jody Perez**, **Paula Stephens-Bibeau**, and **Cheryl Newbold-Thompson**, along with five graduate nursing students and eight Accelerated Master's Program students. Teams visited the hospital each day and traveled to nearby villages to provide medical care and educate the women regarding health care and human trafficking. The team will return in the fall of 2014 and present at an annual women's conference in the Dominican Republic.

Denise K. Ferrell '93 '06 was nominated to be vice president for the Black Nurses Association of Indianapolis.

Connie Wilson was appointed to the Higher Learning Commission's Systems Portfolio Design Team in September 2013. She and seven regional colleagues are redesigning the categories used for university accreditation for Academic Quality Improvement Program pathway institutions.

Winningham has been asked to serve on the American Midwifery Certification Board Discipline Committee.

School of Occupational Therapy

Ready to go back to school?

The School of Occupational Therapy and the School of Education are partnering to host a workshop in August 2014 for healthcare clinicians (OTs, PTs, RNs) who are interested in transitioning into an academic setting. If you would like more information as the workshop develops, please contact Kate DeCleene Huber at decleenek@uindy.edu.

In 2013 **Lucinda Dale** and **Sara-Ruth Strain-Riggs '09 '10** published the article "Comparing Responsiveness of the Quick Disabilities of the Arm, Shoulder, and Hand (QuickDASH) and the Upper Limb Functional Index (ULFI)" in volume 46 of *Work: A Journal of Prevention, Assessment, and Rehabilitation*.

Huber and **Paul Arthur '11** coauthored "Behavioral Health Competence: An Exploration of Army Reserve Occupational Therapists" for the March 2014 issue of *Occupational Therapy in Mental Health*.

Jennifer Radloff '04 and **Patricia Donaghey '13**, **Lindsay Emery '13**, **Alivia Luck '13**, **Tyra Schantz '13**, **Kristy Ulm '13**, and **Shandra Walker '13** presented "Survey of Assessment Tools Used in Practice by U.S. Occupational Therapy Practitioners" at the 2014 AOTA Conference in Baltimore, Md., in April. Several SOT faculty, students, and alumni made presentations at the conference.

Huber, **Alison Nichols '08 '09**, **Kaila Bowman '14**, **Jessica Marquis '14**, **Taylor Murphy '14**, **Chanlar Pierce '14**, **Chelsea Sanders '14**, and **Jessica Ward '14** presented "Enhancing Evidence-Based Practice Through the Assessment of Confidence and Knowledge." Huber, along with students **Shelby Gruner '14**, **Patricia Holmes '14**, **Kari Holsapple '14**, **Elise Leung '14**, **Valerie Ray '14**, and **Abby Wilmes '13** presented "Social Media Use in Allied Health Education: Enhancement or Distraction?"

Beth Ann Walker '01 presented "Utilization of Virtual Game-Based Rehabilitation in Occupational Therapy: A Pilot Study" with **Sara Larson '12**, **Natalie Taylor '12**, **Shay Persohn '11 '12**, **Melissa Walner '12**, **Mark Bower '09 '12**, and **Sara Walker '12**. **Lori Breeden '97 '99** presented "Understanding the Experience of Stroke and the Client-Identified Factors of a Successful Recovery." **Becky Barton '07** presented "Enhancing Your Advocacy Skills: Disability Awareness and Occupational Therapy." She also presented "Discover and Develop Your Role as an OT consultant: Promote Health and Wellness in your Community" with **Julie Bednarski '96** and colleagues from Chatham University.

At the same conference, **Lucinda Dale** received the Roster of Fellows award, which is given to members who have made a significant contribution to the continuing education and professional development of other AOTA members.

School of Psychological Sciences

International flavor

In November **David L. Downing** helped to organize an international conference on Psychoanalytical Education and Training at the Austen Riggs Center in Stockbridge, Mass., and delivered the plenary address. In January Downing began his term as president of the American Board and Academy of Psychoanalysis.

Michael Poulakis '94 '98 '02 and **Kristen Cole '11**, **Jeff Vergo '10**, **Shruti Kankaria '12**, **Emily Dubosh '12**, **Kat Rivero '12**, and **Lori Nabors '11 '14** presented “The Effect of Formal Clinical Training on Stigma Towards Transgender Individuals,” “The Impact of Culture on Mexican Americans’ Experience of Divorce,” and “South Asian Parenting in Canada: Process of Understanding a Child’s Autism Diagnosis” during the American Psychological Association conference in Hawaii last August. Poulakis also chaired the symposium “The South Asian LGBT Community: Overview, Needs, and Community Interventions” at the conference, with **Ekta Kumar '10 '13** serving as the main presenter of the session.

In April **Jacqueline Wall**, **Jackie Hess**, and graduate students **Kendra Corning '13**, **Trevor Langston**, **Lauren Myers '13**, and **Amanda Wakefield '10** will present “Utilizing Individual Strengths to Face the Challenges of Caregiving” and “Building Resilience: Keeping Your Loved One Safe While Living Comfortably” at the Indiana Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association spring education meeting.

Social Sciences

Transforming sociology

The Social Sciences Department and senior sociology students hosted the Association for Humanist Sociology 2014 Midwest Regional Meeting on Saturday, February 8, at Wheeler Arts Community. More than 60 sociologists and students from seven states participated in the event, which was organized by **Jim Pennell**, **Tim Maher**, and **Greta Pennell** (Teacher Education). The theme of the meeting was “Whom Will Sociology Serve? Transforming the Discipline through Community-Focused Teaching, Service, and Scholarship.” The plenary panel, “Connecting Communities and Campuses,” moderated by Maher, featured UIndy alumni working in the community: **Isaias Guerrero Cabrera**, **Lindsay Leonhard '11**, and **Johannon Tate '11**, as well as **Marianna Foulkrod '01 '04**. **Katrina Reinhardt** (Teacher Education) and **Amanda Miller** presented “From Practicum to Proposal: Integrating Service Learning and Social Capital in a Refugee Resettlement Agency,” and **Jim Wolfe** presented “Voter Registration Project.”

Phylis Lan Lin co-chaired the International Symposium on Service-Learning, which was held in South Africa in November 2013. (See page 13.) Lin presided over the plenary session and also presented “University of Indianapolis Press & Service-Learning: Innovative and Cutting-Edge Practice” with a colleague from Bellarmine University. The paper was published in *Service-Learning across the Globe: from Local to Transnational*, published by Stellenbosch University.

Theatre

Treading the boards



Director of Theatre **Brad Wright** directed the Dinner Theatre production of *The Fox on the Fairway* by Ken Ludwig in February. In January the department hosted the State Festival of the Indiana Thespians, attended by more than 600 high school theatre students and their sponsors and parents. **Fritz Bennett**, production manager/technical director, and numerous theatre students organized and hosted the event.

The Department of Theatre’s October 2013 production of *Private Lives* by Noël Coward received several honors from the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival. The production, directed by Wright, earned certificates of merit for the entire production team, as well as for the costume designs by **Penny A. Sornberger**, assistant professor of Theatre. In addition to the certificate of merit, two of the costumes were presented in the costume parade on the opening night of the 2014 Region III Regional Festival held in Saginaw, Mich.

In January Sornberger presented “Fun & Fabulous Eco Creations” at the Kennedy Center’s American College Theatre Festival 2014 Region III Festival in Saginaw, Mich., and “Upcycle Costumes & Décor” at the Indiana Thespian State Festival.

In October at Anderson University **James Leagre** directed *Little Women*, *The Musical*. He will be directing *Love Song* at UIndy this spring with a unique staging concept where the audience will be onstage with the actors.

Scholarly pursuits

Bennett was associate lighting designer for a number of productions with the Indianapolis Opera, including *The Flying Dutchman* in May 2013, *Threepenny Opera* in October, and *Amahl and the Night Visitors* in December, all at the Basile Opera Center. Student **Anna Wieseman '15** worked as assistant stage manager for *Amahl and the Night Visitors*. In June 2013 Bennett was the lighting designer for the Wagon Wheel Theatre (Warsaw, Ind.) production of *Hello, Dolly*. In July he attended Electronic Theatre Controls biennial program ETC CUE (Create, Understand, Experience), an educational and networking event intended to provide learning opportunities about the lighting industry and new technologies.

Laura Glover, adjunct professor of Theatre, recently designed lights for Dance Kaleidoscope, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, Time for Three, the Phoenix Theatre, Indy Fringe, North Central High School, Wabash College, the Indianapolis Men's Chorus, and Heartland Actors Repertory Theatre. Laura is in her 23rd season with Dance Kaleidoscope as resident lighting designer and production manager. She recently lighted her 43rd production for the Phoenix Theatre. Laura helped produce Spotlight, a fundraiser for the Indiana AIDS Fund. She also designed lights for Workshop Theatre Group in Norfolk, Va., for a production of *Romeo and Juliet*. She also worked with violinist Nicolas Kendall and the Illinois Symphony Orchestra on a world premier by Steve Hackman, whom she also worked with to light *Brahms v. Radiohead*, an orchestral mash-up.

Tom Horan, adjunct professor of Theatre, will have a reading of his play *Typhoid Mary* at Stage West Theatre in

Texas and will continue to work at the Lark Play Development Center in New York in May. He will also be sound designing for *Tribes, I and You*, and *Bless Me, Ultima* at the Phoenix Theatre and *The Mountaintop* at the Indiana Repertory Theatre. This season he is serving as playwright-in-residence at the Phoenix Theatre, where he is co-creating a musical about the eccentric scientist John C. Lilly.

Robert Neal, adjunct professor of Theatre, is rehearsing *Who Am I This Time?* at the Indiana Repertory Theatre. Within the last six months, he has performed in *The Crucible*, *A Christmas Carol* (both at IRT), and *Welcome to the MonkeyHouse* at the Indianapolis Fringe Festival with ShadowApe Theatre, where he is a company member.

Ryan O'Shea '08, adjunct professor of Theatre, has recently performed in two productions at the Phoenix Theatre, including *A Very Phoenix Xmas 8* in December 2013 and *Tribes* in January and February 2014.

Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellowship Program

What was the question?

In February **Deb Sachs '78** presented "Encouraging Student Thinking and Engagement through Effective Questioning," at the Hoosier Association of Science Teachers, Inc. conference. She also co-presented "Attention, Meaning, and Primacy-Recency: Making the Connection" with Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellows **Kelly Crider**, **Corbin Feldhaus**, **Nikki Holladay**, and **Ashley Owen**.

UIndy names longtime utility executive as CFO



An executive with more than 30 years of business and consulting experience has joined UIndy as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.

Michael P. Holstein was VP and CFO for the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator from 2001 to 2011, as the Carmel-based electric utility consortium grew from 100 to more than 750 employees. He previously served as a vice president for IPALCO Enterprises and as a senior manager for Deloitte Consulting Group, among other positions. More recently, he has helped to launch small businesses as founder and president of North American Franchise Consultants.

At UIndy, Holstein reports directly to the president and serves on his cabinet while providing leadership and oversight for all aspects of the University's financial administration, including accounting, auditing, budgets, insurance, capital projects financing, and relationships with credit ratings agencies, financial institutions, and investment houses. That's no small job—

UIndy is one of the largest nonprofit organizations in central Indiana, with more than 750 full-time-equivalent employees and annual revenue of more than \$120 million.

A Bloomington resident, Holstein holds a master's degree in business administration and a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of New Mexico. He has served on the boards of the Indiana Technology Partnership, the Indianapolis Economic Development Corp., and the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art.

Holstein filled the vacancy left by Michael Braughton, who retired as vice president and treasurer last fall.

Grant supports STEM teaching collaboration

*UIndy, charter school will use video analysis,
industry input to improve math instruction*

A grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York will help the University of Indianapolis and nearby Christel House Academy charter school collaborate with local professionals from Dow AgroSciences to improve the preparation of math teachers and the academic performance of elementary students.

UIndy is one of just five organizations nationwide that received grants from Carnegie late last year through a competition hosted for partners in 100Kin10, a national initiative to increase the ranks of highly skilled teachers by 100,000 in 10 years in the STEM disciplines of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The competition identified 100Kin10 partners such as UIndy that are working to prepare excellent STEM teachers, with a focus on national standards and a priority toward collaboration with school districts and other 100Kin10 partners.

The Indianapolis project involves creating “communities of practice” among UIndy education faculty, Christel House Academy teachers, and UIndy students majoring in elementary education. The relationship will allow undergraduate teacher candidates to practice and refine their skills in a real-life setting with a diverse population of high-need urban students. In preparation, UIndy’s Elementary Teacher Education program has augmented its curriculum with additional courses in math content and methods to address the national Standards for Mathematical Practice.

“We believe this project offers a new vision of collaboration and professional development,” said UIndy Professor **John Somers**, principal investigator on the \$50,000 grant. “It’s a vision that builds on the apprenticeship model, but puts the professionals and the teaching candidates in the dual roles of learner and teacher.”

Video analysis is a key tool in the project, which began in January and will continue through October, though participants hope the relationships will continue into the future. As

student teachers and working teachers collaborate in developing new math lesson plans, portable systems using tablet computers and robotic tracking will record the UIndy candidates presenting lessons in the classroom. The resulting videos will be uploaded to Edthena, a virtual communication platform where Christel House teachers will coach the teacher candidates on improving their instruction, and project participants can identify content for professional development seminars.

In June, several STEM professionals from Indianapolis-based Dow AgroSciences will join the participating educators in attending the annual Project-Based Learning Institute, sponsored by UIndy, its Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning, the Indiana University School of Education at IUPUI, and the Metropolitan School District of Wayne Township. There, the partners will develop project-based lessons that will be implemented and evaluated this fall at Christel House Academy. Project-based learning is a standards-based, inquiry-driven instructional approach in which students develop solutions to real-world problems through group investigation and collaboration.

As part of its comprehensive STEM education initiative, Dow AgroSciences provides ongoing support for UIndy and its Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellowship, as well as support for other teacher preparedness and professional development programming.

UIndy is one of only three Indiana organizations partnering in the 100Kin10 initiative, along with the Indiana Department of Education and the I-STEM Resource Network. Launched in 2011 by the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the Institute for Advanced Study, 100Kin10 is a national network of nearly 200 partners—including major corporations, universities, school districts, charitable foundations, government agencies, and other organizations—responding to the national call to prepare and retain 100,000 excellent STEM teachers by the year 2021.



UIndy tapped to launch education MBA

*New program,
a national pilot,
will prepare school
principals and
administrators for
today's changing
education landscape*

The University of Indianapolis is one of only two institutions nationwide selected by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation to pilot a new master's degree program that could change the way principals and administrators are prepared to manage the current and future challenges facing U.S. schools.

The Woodrow Wilson MBA Fellowship in Education Leadership is intended to close achievement gaps not only between America's lowest- and highest-performing schools, but between top-performing U.S. schools and their counterparts around the world. It is among the first of its kind and intended as a national model.

Aimed at aspiring principals and superintendents, the program blends education and business coursework with intensive clinical experience in schools, corporations, and nonprofit organizations, as well as visits to innovative schools abroad.

Charting new territory

UIndy's 13-month program was designed collaboratively by faculty from the School of Business and School of Education, drawing from best practices in both disciplines to craft a groundbreaking approach that helps educational leaders navigate the new landscape of school choice and competition. The team was led by Associate Professor of Finance **Rachel Smith** and Associate Professor of Teacher Education **John Somers**, in consultation with colleagues and local school administrators. The Foundation is providing \$3 million over three years for the launch.

"UIndy has been a leader in collaborating across disciplines to create new programs that are relevant to community needs, and this effort from our schools of business and education is a prime example," notes President Robert Manuel. "Our strong relationships with local schools and districts will allow us to provide the immersive field experiences that are so vital to this program. We are grateful to the Foundation for recognizing these abilities and partnering with us to build leadership capacity for Indiana schools."

Fellowship candidates will be education professionals nominated by their school districts or charter school leaders. In essence, those school systems will partner with participating universities to establish internal pipelines and cultivate new leaders. Each Fellow selected will receive a \$50,000 stipend, which in the UIndy program covers full tuition, technology, some living expenses, and international travel. In exchange, each Fellow agrees to serve in a leadership role in a school or district for at least three years, with Foundation-supported mentoring.

Providing solutions to problems

The Fellowship in Education Leadership program addresses twin problems in American education: On the one hand, well-resourced U.S. schools still rank below schools in countries such as Finland and Singapore on measures of student achievement. On the other hand, too many of the nation's high-need urban and rural schools still fall too far below domestic benchmarks for student achievement.

The national director of the program, LeAnn Buntrock, previously headed the acclaimed education leadership program at the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business, now based at the Foundation's Princeton, N.J., office. Buntrock oversees the Indianapolis and Milwaukee programs as well as several expansion efforts currently under consideration.

"What makes the this Fellowship distinctive is that it really focuses on transformational leadership—different techniques for spotting and diagnosing issues, solving problems, motivating others to go beyond the status quo," Buntrock said. "It's also very unusual for leadership programs around the country to partner with school districts and education organizations to identify relevant projects that will give candidates actual in-school experiences. The fact that UIndy already does this will help us demonstrate new ways to prepare school leaders."

Preparing to meet the challenges

The University of Indianapolis will partner with a variety of area school districts and charter schools to create clinical placements—that is, in-school learning arrangements—and mentoring opportunities for the Fellows. The first class of 15 Fellows will begin the program this summer. The candidates the program will produce, say local officials, are the kind of leaders their schools need.

"Now more than ever, educational leaders are being called upon to use a set of skills they may never have had the opportunity to learn or exercise," says Superintendent Margaret Hoernemann of Avon Community School Corp. "For Avon Schools to be given the opportunity to collaborate with UIndy, to 'grow our own' leaders who are prepared to confront the changing educational environment, is exciting."

The MBA in Education Leadership draws on the Foundation's experience with its state Teaching Fellowship, which recruits very able candidates to teach math and science in high-need schools, and also works to transform teacher education. UIndy was one of four Indiana universities selected to pilot the Teaching Fellowship, which since its 2009 debut has expanded to 23 universities in five states.

Applications to the MBA Fellowship in Education Leadership are available by nomination only, with nominations and applications for the first class now open. To learn more about the program, visit <http://woodrow.org/fellowships/ww-ed-mba>.

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thumbs up



Fellowship program helps students apply their skills to help feed the city

Through the Indy Food Fellows program, students are enhancing their résumés and getting some practical experience in the environmental science field. They also are playing an integral role in improving the health of the Indianapolis food system.

Made possible by a grant from the Eroymson Family Fund, Indy Food Fellows offers college students a yearlong fellowship. UIndy fellows this year are **Allie Kast** (right), an international relations major, and **Lauren Joyal**, an environmental science and sustainability major.

“The Indy Food Fellows is part of the new Indy Food Council,” Allie says. “It has four aspects—ecology, nutrition, hunger, and community development.”

Providing students with the resources necessary to address these four areas are sponsor organizations that also work to address environmental issues. Lauren’s working with Big Car, a local arts organization; Allie is working with the Global Peace Initiative.

UIndy professor **Kevin McKelvey** is the coordinator for a new environmental sustainability major at UIndy, and he has contributed to the development of the Indy Food Fellows program.

“I use my community contacts in Indianapolis to create course projects that will engage students in professional experiences outside the classroom and the University,” McKelvey says.

“Our Indy Food Fellows will be working with and learning from professionals in urban agriculture and sustainability.”

It’s all about the transformations

Three years ago, McKelvey worked with Lauren’s sponsor, Big Car, to replace an old parking lot in order to make an abandoned tire shop environmentally friendly. They transformed it into the Service Center for Contemporary Culture and Community. The Center is dedicated to improving the Lafayette Square neighborhood of Indianapolis and is a grassroots hub for art, culture, education, health, and inclusion.

Lauren will work at the Center for the duration of her fellowship, expanding their garden.

“I have to come up with ways to use the produce they have,” Lauren says, “as well as ways to involve Big Car in the community. Some of the produce goes to the local restaurants and some goes to people who visit or are in need.

“I’m hoping to expand the program and I want to grow more crops and involve more organizations, teaching them about organic gardening and how to support environmental health through interactive programs.”

Help the community, find a career path

Allie hopes to use her experience with the Global Peace Initiative to help her find a career.

“I heard about the program through my advisor, who thought it would be a great opportunity for me because of my interest in sustainability,” she says.

“I want to expand my knowledge and passion for sustainable living and be able to use what I learn.”

Allie wants to work in international environmental policy after graduation and eventually lead a global environmental nonprofit.

Like Allie, Lauren hopes that the program will help her to decide how to use her areas of study in her future career.

“I have a deep interest in anything that will help our environment,” Lauren says. “This program is all about making the public aware of the struggles we face with our food systems and how to combat them.

“Food Fellows is my way of discovering what exactly I want to do with my degrees. It is a way for me to get some real-world experience while also doing good for my community.

“But, with a little luck, maybe I can find the perfect fit for myself in the field and meet some great people along the way.” —*Ariana Gainer '14*





Hanging up the apron

It's the end of an era.

If you've been a student at UIndy in the last 40 years, or enjoyed the dining hall fare during that time, then you have an inkling of what it means that Ted Polk is retiring.

The owner of Polk Food Services, Ted will retire in May. Recognizing a potential culinary crisis, administrators moved to maintain the standards UIndy has become accustomed to—but never seemed to take for granted. The University will assume control of the food service operation instead of turning to an outside contractor, ensuring that the favorite traditions and dedication to high-quality meals will continue.

When Ted started in 1973, the cafeteria was a much different venue. Students ate a lot of comfort foods. Meat loaf and mashed potatoes. Burgers and fries. Choices were few, and the cafeteria was limited and spare. The entire student population was around 1,200. Fast-forward to 2014: the enrollment is more than 5,000, the dining hall tends to be packed, and you probably wouldn't even recognize the place.

The pizza and burgers are still there, but now the choices include healthy options, gluten-free options, and international dishes. The shotgun style of the old cafeteria is gone, replaced with one that categorizes the food to create stations. The old side dining room (once separated from the main dining hall by accordion doors) is now an open space with salad bar, drinks, and desserts, something that Ted had wanted for a long time.

"When I took over the operations in 1984 and started Polk Food Services Inc.," he says, "there wasn't even a salad bar or many food options. Students are much more sophisticated now, and they are looking for more variety."

The cafeteria has undergone many renovations, but the biggest one occurred in 2009

when much of the Schwitzer Student Center was remodeled and greatly expanded. A new banquet room, UIndy Hall, allowed many special events to be moved out of the cafeteria. It also created a space for a Grab-N-Go option outside of the cafeteria (a newer version of Streets Corner, named in memory of long-time staffer Mary Streets) for kids who just needed a quick bite, as well as a coffee shop, the Perk.

“I always dreaded the faculty and staff lunch in August because we had to kick the students out of the cafeteria,” says Ted. “They got a boxed lunch in the hallway while we ate a wonderful meal. Now that we have UIndy Hall, we don’t have to worry about that anymore.”

Ted’s care and concern for students is a trademark of his personality. He hires many international students to work for him, knowing that they need to have an on-campus job.

Even the city’s Board of Health inspector noticed that all of the employees seemed happy.

“I look at smiles and attitudes when I hire someone,” he says. “I can teach you to make pizza and teach you to serve, but I can’t teach you to smile. I try to make the cafeteria a happy place.”

Chef **Dan Phillips**, who has worked with Ted for the past nine years, says that it’s clear that Ted wants what is best for the students. “He takes pride in serving the students and staff of UIndy,” he says. “I haven’t met anyone who has the amount of compassion that Ted has.”

Now Ted is getting to serve the kids of students that he worked with years ago.

“I have parents come up to me and say, ‘You took such great care of me—please take good care of my daughter, too,’” he says. “Those are the things that mean so much to me. You want to have good food and good service, but you want students to be happy and to feel like they belong.”

Ted has launched many campus traditions and been integral to many others, such as the former fall outing known as Brown County Day (where he and his staff prepared and hauled tons of food to the park, then spent hours over hot grills), the Midnight Breakfast during finals week (recruiting faculty and administrators as servers, and requiring even later hours than usual), and the popular “Tuesdays with Ted.”

“I used to call them ‘Monotony Breakers,’” he says. “We do something special every week, such as a decorate-your-own-cupcake bar, and once a month we have a special meal or a themed night.”

The annual Thanksgiving dinner, where groups of students share an entire Thanksgiving

meal—complete with an uncarved turkey and a whole pumpkin pie—was started before Ted arrived, and he was happy to continue the tradition.

“Some of our students have never seen a full turkey before!” he says with a laugh. Ted and his staff cook more than 150 turkeys for the dinner, and he makes sure that some of the turkeys get sent to local food pantries and soup kitchens. He also packages leftover frozen food or unused food at the end of each week to send to a food pantry.

“My mom and dad taught me to take care of people,” he says. “It’s part of my nature to help others and I’ve been that way my whole life.”

Ted also shares his generosity on campus, donating monthly pizza parties to the students in each dorm and letting students scan their ID cards at football and basketball games in order to get drinks and snacks. Students have brought Ted recipes from home that he has used to whip up their favorite dish—adjusting the recipes a bit to accommodate diners numbering in the hundreds.

Ken Hottell ’62, long-time vice president for Business and Finance at UIndy who retired in 2002, knows about Ted’s philanthropy firsthand.

“Ted always said ‘yes’ to any request,” he says. “In fact I often accused him of being too nice. He always places the student first, and when it came to renewing the food service contract for the coming year, our conversation would always begin with him apologizing for having to raise the cost the student would have to pay. There will never be another Ted Polk; a generous, kind, and thoughtful, Christian gentleman.”

President **Robert Manuel** agrees. In an email to the campus community, Manuel said, “It’s difficult to imagine the University without Ted or all of the traditions he has maintained over the years. Ted has embodied the best collective characteristics of UIndy—he is highly skilled, committed to the well being of those he serves, a caring philanthropist, and a true servant leader.”

As Ted looks forward to traveling and spending more time with his wife, Anne, and their four grandchildren, he knows that the food service will be in good hands.

“The school wants the traditions to continue,” he says. “People care for each other on this campus and are friendly and kind to each other. I’ll miss the interaction with the students and their energy and enthusiasm, but I’m leaving with no regrets.”

“I wanted to bring us forward, and now we are growing and doing so well. Great things are happening and will continue to happen.”

—*Jen Huber ’07*

In 2011, the University of Indianapolis was ranked among the nation’s Top 25 colleges in a “Best Food” ranking published online by *Newsweek/The Daily Beast*. The ranking is based in part on a previous ranking by *CollegeProwler.com*, which listed Greyhound grub as the best in Indiana and among the best in the nation. “I shared this with my staff, and they were pumped,” Ted says.



A LITTLE HELP GOES A LONG WAY FOR PR MAJOR

UIndy senior **Alex Beauford** is an inspiring example of what can happen when a first-generation college student gets the right support at the right time—which is why Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers introduced him in January during her annual State of Higher Education address.

As a Broad Ripple High School student and the son of a supportive but young and single mother, Alex knew he wanted to study public relations at UIndy but needed guidance in funding his education. He found it with an organization Lubbers has touted, the Starfish Initiative, a college access and mentoring program for economically disadvantaged local high school students. Also aiding in that transition was UIndy's Bridge Scholars Program, which likewise provides support and services to students with high potential who face financial or other hurdles in entering and completing college.

Since becoming a Greyhound, Alex has taken every opportunity to gain hands-on experience in his chosen field, contributing to the *Reflector* student newspaper and serving on staff with the national award-winning Top Dog Communication student PR agency. His internships, most of them for pay, have included two summers working in the Indianapolis Public Schools communications office, a stint last fall with Shank Public Relations Counselors, and another this semester with the Marion County Prosecutor's Office, where he is writing for newsletters and web pages, assisting with media relations, and promoting programs to the public, among other duties.

"That's a phenomenal thing to do and have on my résumé," he says. "I really get the opportunity to write the way I want to write."

Alex also has performed volunteer and paid freelance communications work for various businesses and organizations around town. Meanwhile, he has continued to hone his skills as a classical violinist, playing for a time with UIndy's Chamber Orchestra, performing professionally at weddings and other occasions, and giving private lessons from his home. At age 21, he became the first black board member for Indianapolis Early Music, for which he also handles some communications and PR tasks.

Now, as he faces graduation and his 23rd birthday in May, Alex is keeping his options open. He'd be interested in permanent work with the prosecutor's office or another public agency, or in corporate PR if the opportunity arose. He expects to attend law school at some point. And he is grateful for the many job tips and networking opportunities sent his way by the UIndy faculty.

"It's a great liberal arts college that really provides a lot of opportunities," he says. "I wouldn't have the relationships I have with a lot of my professors if I had gone to a larger school."

As Teresa Lubbers noted in her address, Alex has been an inspiration not just to classmates and younger students, but also to his mother, Taisha, who is now pursuing a bachelor's degree herself.

"Alex may have the distinction of being the first member in his immediate family to complete college," Commissioner Lubbers said, "but his mom will be the second."

—*Scott Hall*

Hitting a homer—for basketball

Former minor league baseball player fuels hope of national title for the Greyhounds

Reece Cheatham was fresh out of Pike High School in Indianapolis when he was drafted to play baseball for the Chicago White Sox minor league affiliation.

For the next four years, Reece played for four clubs, but was released in 2010 at the age of 22. He realized that he needed to have a degree and decided to discontinue his focus on minor league baseball and focus on school instead.

Fast-forward to 2014, where Reece is a senior sports management major and a standout on the UIndy's men's basketball team. Reece doesn't mind being the oldest player on the team, and sees his teammates as brothers.

"We're all eye-to-eye and we have a good relationship," he told the *Indianapolis Star* in February. I don't have to babysit them as far as getting their job done and with off-the-court issues."

The Greyhounds had one of their best seasons in history this year, under the leadership of coach **Stan Gouard**. The team fell short of their goal to win the national championship, losing to Michigan Tech in the second round of the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional in March. However, Reece finished his UIndy career with 1,279 points, placing him in the top 20 scorers in UIndy history, and his 184 career 3-pointers ranked him fifth at the school. His performance during the tournament garnered him all-tournament honors, as voted on by the event's media members.

As Reece wraps up his final basketball season and his time at UIndy, he is thinking about playing basketball in Europe, or using his degree to coach baseball or basketball. In the long-term, he sees himself as an athletic director or working in the front office for a professional team. But as far as returning to the minor leagues, Reece has no such plans.

"I do miss it," he says, "and I enjoy following the people I played with as they make their way into the big leagues and fulfill their dreams. I know how tough the road is for them."

Reece has no regrets about making the decision to come to UIndy.

"There has been a lot of success here in the past four years and it's a great feeling to be a part of that."

Read more about their season and the tournament at uindy.edu/athletics. —JH

"I am so proud of how our team has improved. I have met such great people, teammates, and coaches, and had amazing support as I transitioned from baseball player to basketball player."





Scott Vannatter places a card in his glasses to block his double vision, allowing him to drive.
Photo by Kurt Hostetler, the Star Press (Muncie, Ind.)

Writing a new chapter

After trauma, teacher develops “hidden talent”

It's not every day that someone asks you to write a haiku about an encounter with a robotic Minotaur in a corn maze. But horror writer **Scott Vannatter '76 '81** was happy to oblige.

The request came from someone on fiverr.com, a website where people offer creative services online for \$5. In July 2012 Scott posted that he could write a horror-based haiku on any subject. The resulting haiku (at right) was picked up by Google and has more than 2,000 hits to date.

Scott wasn't always a writer of horror stories. But a severe hemorrhagic brain stroke on May 7, 2010, changed his life forever. Before the stroke, Scott worked for 23 years with computers and then became a special education teacher in 2001. After the stroke, Scott spent a year in rehabilitation and then returned to teaching. But after seven months, he realized that it was too difficult and made a decision to try a different career path.



Scott liked to dabble in writing when he was younger, but he never really put much effort into it. He realized that even though the stroke had affected his memory, balance, and vision, it didn't take away his ability to write. In fact, he lost many of the "filters," as he calls them, that made him feel shy and not direct with people.

"A stroke shuts your brain off and turns it back on," he says. "I actually have more confidence now in my writing and I speak my mind to people. I'm no longer afraid just to write something and see what happens."

Scott found that he couldn't focus his attention long enough to write a book, but he could concentrate and write a short story. He happened upon writer Kevin Bufton in England who also edits horror anthologies. Kevin was looking for horror tales about the open sea for his book *The Dead Seas*, so Scott sent him "Sirens of the Undead," about mermaids and zombies. The result? On March 7, 2013, Scott's dream to become a published author came true.

It didn't take long before Scott was able to see another of his stories in print. In May Kevin edited another collection of medical horror stories called *Under the Knife* and included Scott's story "A Word of Advice." When *Another 100 Horrors* was published in June, Scott was able to see his third story in print, "Dead Man's Chest."

Scott also makes time to keep up on his blog, where he writes 100-word stories.

"It's a great way to tone your writing and it's harder than you think," he says. Kevin is taking a break from editing the anthologies, so Scott is thinking ahead to one day publishing his own collection of short stories and poems.

"Being published and being paid for writing has always been a dream of mine," he says. "It's one of those bucket list goals that I can cross off.

I've actually had a lot of positives come from the stroke, and being a published author is one of them."

Follow Scott at <http://kindredspirit23.wordpress.com> —JH

Challenge issued:

"Seeing as Indiana has such marvelous corn mazes could you write a sci-fi poem about a hedge-maze encounter with a robotic Minotaur?"

Challenge met:

Haiku:

I creep corn mazing
Bull-man, Minotaur I spy,
Through the walls I run.



Junior Alex Cushman



Katy McIntosh



Justin Rossillo



2014 wrestling team



Senior Tyrae Robinson

Men's basketball

The UIndy men's basketball team enjoyed one of its best seasons this year. The Greyhounds captured the 2014 GLVC East Division title while notching their third straight 20-win season and securing a fourth consecutive NCAA Tournament berth—all program firsts.

The team's primary strengths came from its up-tempo play and willingness to share the basketball. In mid-March, UIndy ranked 10th in all of Division II in scoring offense and 13th in assist-to-turnover ratio. Six Hounds averaged nine points per game or better to provide a balanced scoring attack.

UIndy racked up four regular-season wins against ranked teams, including an 81–79 road win at No. 2 Bellarmine on January 16 and a convincing 92–67 win victory against 20th-ranked Southern Indiana on February 20.

In an 85–59 rout of visiting Rockhurst on January 9, senior **Reece Cheatham** became the 36th player to score 1,000 career points in a Greyhound uniform. The Indianapolis native, who amassed 17 points on 7-for-12 shooting on the night, drained back-to-back 3-pointers late in the first half to surpass quadruple digits for his career (see page 27).

Meanwhile, sixth-year head coach **Stan Gouard** hit a milestone of his own, becoming UIndy's fifth men's basketball coach to win 100 games at the University with the team's 75–73 last-second win versus Truman State.

The season came to an end on March 16 after the No. 2-seed Greyhounds fell 82–76 to sixth-seeded Michigan Tech. UIndy seniors Cheatham, **Leland Brown**, **Joe Daniels**, **Jared Grady**, and **Tyrae Robinson** combined to help the Hounds to an 83–32 record in their time at UIndy, setting a school record for the most wins in a four-year period. UIndy finished the season 24–5 to notch the second-highest win total in the program's history.

Women's basketball

The women's basketball squad began the 2013–14 season ranked 20th and also received votes in the *USA Today* Sports Division II Top 25 Poll. Coming off consecutive 19-win regular seasons, head coach **Constantin Popa** brought back three starters and 10 letterwinners.

After dropping their opener to then-No. 5 Emporia State, the Greyhounds reeled off 14 wins in 15 games, including an 85–68 decision at sixth-ranked Drury. UIndy also knocked off Ashland, then No. 15 in the country, to snap the Eagles' 44-game home winning streak. The Greyhounds compiled a 21–7 overall record (12–5 GLVC) throughout the regular season.

Senior **Katy McIntosh** led the Hounds with 17.3 points, 5.3 assists, and 1.9 steals per game. She ranked in the top 10 in the GLVC in all three categories, in addition to field goal percentage (.564) and assist-to-turnover ratio (1.7). The Austin, Ind., native was injured late in a triple-overtime loss to Lewis, ending her Greyhound career. Yet she finished her decorated collegiate tenure seventh on the school's all-time scoring list with 1,495 career points, while falling just 11 freebies shy of becoming the most prolific free throw shooter in program history (517).

UIndy was first in the GLVC and ninth nationally with 5.2 blocks per game. **Eliza Wortman** (56 blocks, 2.2 per) and **Kirsten Gliemann** (58, 2.1) led the Hounds and ranked first and second, respectively, in the conference. Wortman also led the conference in field goal percentage (.607).

Sharp-shooting **Shelby Wall** ranked second in Division II with a .462 clip from behind the arc, connecting on 55 of 119 attempts. She moved up to eighth in program history with 120 career triples. **Kelly Walter** also knocked down threes at a record-breaking rate, already in the top 10 in the program annals with 117 career three-pointers in her junior season.



Coming up

Greyhound Club Golf Outing

June 27, 2014
Otter Creek G.C.

Angus Nicoson Golf Outing

July 24, 2014
Dye's Walk C.C.

Invitational Golf Outing

August 15, 2014
Purgatory G.C.

Homecoming

October 25, 2014
Key Stadium

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About the Greyhound Club

The Greyhound Club supports the Athletic Department by assisting in renovation of existing facilities and purchasing needed equipment. The Club goal is to maintain that quality, expand and enhance opportunities for our student athletes, and advance the mission of the University of Indianapolis.

Erin Murphy, who transferred from IPFW, averaged 7.2 points and 2.9 assists in her first season in Indianapolis. Over the last seven games of the season, she increased that to 13.3 points and 4.3 assists, recording a career-high 24 points against Truman on February 13.

This is the first 20-win season for Coach Popa and 11th in the program's three-plus decades. The Hounds spent seven consecutive weeks in the *USA Today* Sports Division II Top 25 Coaches' Poll, peaking at No. 14 on the January 14 release.

The season ended for the Hounds when sixth-seeded Wayne State beat UIndy 63–58 at the first-round NCAA Midwest Regional tournament on March 14. The Greyhounds finished the 2013–14 campaign with 23 wins, tying for the fifth-most single-season wins in program history.

Swimming

The big story going into this season was the addition of swimming and diving by the Great Lakes Valley Conference. But the story near season's end was the Greyhounds' performances at the inaugural GLVC Championships.

After both teams went 4–0 in dual meets during the regular season, the UIndy men took runner-up honors at the conference championships, while the women finished third. The Hounds combined to win nine event titles, including four from GLVC Men's Swimmer of the Year **Justin Rossillo**. Junior **Tyler Offutt** captured both diving crowns and was dubbed the GLVC Men's Diver of the Year.

Other event champions included **Bruno Barbosa**, **Daniel Chan**, **Muzaffer Demirtas**, and **Brandon Norman**. Those four individuals, along with Offutt, Rossillo, **Julia Madeira**, and **Ioana Negru** qualified for the NCAA Division II championships in Geneva, Ohio.

The season ended on March 15 when the men finished tied for 21st in the final standings while the women shared 37th. Combined, the teams recorded 13 first team and honorable mention All-America honors.

Wrestling

The #14 UIndy wrestling team took its program-first NCAA Super Region title, with the previous highest finish by a Greyhound wrestling team being third. En route to taking the title, UIndy advanced seven wrestlers to the NCAA Division II national championships, which ties the most ever

by a UIndy program. The wrestlers earned three regional titles, one second place, two third places, and one fifth-place finish.

The four UIndy senior national qualifiers all earned All-American honors. **Alex Johns**, **Cameryn Brady**, **Jeff Weiss**, and **Evan Wooding** placed in the top eight of their weight classes at the NCAA Division II wrestling championships.

As a team, UIndy finished eighth with 46.0 total team points. The eight spot marks the highest NCAA Division II finish by the Hounds, who bested their 10th-place ranking from 2006.

Johns (30–5) closed out his career as a two-time All-American and a three-time national qualifier with 115 wins, good for a tie for fifth all-time in the UIndy record books.

Brady (36–4) took sixth with a 3–1 loss, making him a two-time All-American as a Hound after his seventh-place finish a year ago.

Weiss (33–7) finished his career with 104 total wins, putting him in a tie for the 10th-most in UIndy history.

Wooding (31–10) completed his career as a two-time national qualifier and an All-American as a senior. His 104 total wins tied him with Weiss for 10th-most in UIndy history.

The four All-Americans ties the most ever by a UIndy program.

In addition to the seven national qualifiers, head coach **Jason Warthan** was named 2013–14 NCAA Super Region #2 Coach of the Year.

Cross Country

Junior **Alex Cushman** was the first Greyhound since 2000 to represent UIndy at the NCAA Division II Cross Country national championships. Cushman, who advanced to nationals after taking a third-place finish at the NCAA Midwest Regional race on November 9, is the first UIndy individual qualifier since 1991 and just the second male individual to run at the NCAA championships. The 2000 edition of UIndy men's cross country advanced as a team.

An all-conference and all-region performer, Cushman, along with teammates **Craig Jordan**, **Jacklyn Howard**, and **Sutton Knapp** garnered D-II All-Academic distinction from the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

—Compiled by *Ryan Thorpe, Jackie Paquette, and Kyle Piercy*



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1930s

Marion H. Stuart '38
passed away January 23. He was honorably discharged from the United States Army. In 1936, he embarked on an entrepreneurial endeavor that would become Stuart's Household Moving & Storage

Company, which is still independently owned and operated under the leadership of Anthony W. Stuart, nephew, and great-niece, Jacqueline Stuart. Survivors include a sister, Jane; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. He lived in Indianapolis, Ind.

Ruth Donaldson Schlegel '39 died November 17, 2013. She is survived by her daughters, Nycha and Nancy; grandchildren, Jim and Allison; and great-grandsons, Christopher and Zachary. She was preceded in death by her husband, Don; parents, Elmer and Hanna; a brother; and a sister. She lived in Muncie, Ind.

Virginia Bryan Armes '46 died October 6, 2013. She was a retired welfare case worker in Daviess County. She is survived by son, Bryan; daughter, Melodie; grandchildren, Colleen and Branden; and great-grandchildren, Luke, Elijah, Conner, and Collins. She was preceded in death by her parents, Marshall and Carrie; husband, Melvin; and two infant sisters. She lived in Montgomery, Ind.

Pauline Utterback Hutchinson '49 passed away October 15, 2013. She is survived by many nieces and nephews. She lived in Fort Myers, Fla.

Verna M. Banks '50 died on January 13. She lived in Indianapolis.

William L. Clark '50 died on February 10. He was a teacher at Speedway High School for 34 years (1954–1987) where he also coached football and baseball. He is survived by his wife, **Freida M. Clark '67**; sons, Bill,

Larry, and Kevin; and grandchildren, Bill, Stephanie, Joe, and Max. He was preceded in death by his parents, Beryl and Dorothy; and brothers, Ken, Jack, and Beryl. Bill was a WWII Navy veteran, serving in the South Pacific. He lived in Speedway, Ind.

Virgil O. Hanson '50 died on January 16. Virgil served in the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Merchant Marines in World War II. He attended Indiana Central College, played varsity football, and graduated with a degree in physical education in 1950. Virgil coached varsity football and taught at Reavis High School, and also coached and taught at Glenbard East High School in Lombard, Ill., and Glenbard South High School. He was an insurance agent with Equitable Life Insurance. He is survived by his wife, **Ruth L. Hanson '49**; sons, Eric and Greg; daughter, Kim; his

beloved grandchildren, Katie and Jack; his sister, Carol; and brother-in-law Dr. **John R. Rider '47**. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Pamela; sister, **Louise H Rider '51**; and siblings, Paul and Robert. He lived in Barrington, Ill.

Wayne S. Shipley '52 passed away October 30, 2013. He was a clergy at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Carlinville, Ill. He is survived by his sisters, Ruby Kinkade and **Kathleen Shipley Larson '48**; and nieces, **Johanna Kinkade McCoy '67** and **C. Lynn Kinkade '69**. He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha. He lived in Carlinville, Ill.

Dr. **Dan D. Rhoades '56** passed away on December 19, 2013. He was an Emeritus Faculty member at Claremont School of Theology where he was an ethicist and served on the faculty from 1968 to 1999. Prior to CST he taught at Candler School of Theology, Colorado

State University, and Iliff School of Theology. He wrote many academic articles and was active with several professional organizations including the Society for Christian Social Ethics. Dan is survived by his wife, Peggy, and children, Gary, Stephanie, and Brady. He lived in southern California.

Geraldine C. "Gerrie" McBride '57 passed away on January 19. She had been employed by the MSD of Perry Township for 24 years as a teacher, guidance counselor, and dean of girls, and served on the Board of Trustees for UIndy. She is survived by her husband, **Elwood L. "Woody" McBride '52**; daughters, Kim, Kelly, and Karen; brother, **Vernon R. "Verne" Chandler '51**; sister, Jan; nephew, Ronald; niece, Judith; and grandchildren, Joel, Kyle, Cara, Andrew, Brian, Madeline, and Brandt. She was preceded in death

Funding good health

The University of Indianapolis College of Health Sciences has announced the first endowed scholarship for the School of Occupational Therapy. Created as part of the 25th anniversary of the OT program, the School of Occupational Therapy Alumni Scholarship was made possible thanks to more than thirty OT alumni and faculty members, along with proceeds from the annual employment fair.

"This is the first endowed scholarship for the UIndy School of Occupational Therapy," said Kate DeCleene Huber, director of the OT program. "Thanks to the generosity of alumni, faculty, and various employers, we are thrilled to be able to offer this additional financial assistance to graduate students. We look forward to seeing this scholarship grow in the future."

The first scholarship was given on March 5 to Molly Manley from New Palestine, Ind., who will enroll in the School of Occupational Therapy in this fall.

Continued support for the scholarship is always welcome and will increase the amount of the annual award. Gifts can be made online at uindy.edu/giving. Contact Carrie Sorensen at (317) 788-2070 or sorensenc@uindy.edu.

by her brother-in-law, Dr. **Robert E. McBride '76** and sister-in-law, **Luella K. McBride '48**. She lived in Greenwood, Ind.

Richard Copeland '58 passed away March 9, 2013. He was a special education teacher before owning and operating Cedarview Adult Foster Care. He is survived by his sons, Randal and Daniel; daughters, Sandra and Elizabeth; brothers, James and Carter; sister, Joan; ten grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Marilyn; and twin brother, Don. He lived in Wilson, Mich.

William Shannon '60 passed away November 4, 2013. He was a United States Marine and served in the Korean War. He is survived by his wife, **Lura Bennett Shannon '72**; son, Dennis; daughters,

Brenda Shannon '81 and **Kathleen Dixon '82 '84**; brother, Ralph; 11 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother, Eugene, and his sister, Nancy. He lived in Indianapolis.

C. Thomas McCormick '61 was inducted into the Jeffco Athletics Hall of Fame. He lives in Arvada, Colo.

Larry H. Miller Sr. '62 passed away on January 15. He is survived by his sons, Larry and David; grandsons, Patrick and Matt; brother, Bill; and his second wife, Darlene. Larry was preceded in death by his loving wife, Sharon, of 44 years; and his siblings, Bob, John, and Sandy. He lived in Beech Grove, Ind.

Eric Brandgard '71 died October 23, 2013. He was a retired teacher at Avilla Elementary-Middle

School in Avilla, Ind. Survivors include his wife, Patsy; son, Dane; grandchildren, Allison, Lief, Lars, and Hanneliese; brother, Robin; and sister, Kirstin. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Faye. He lived in Kendallville, Ind.

Kenneth Wertz '74 is a finalist for the 2013 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. He lives in Fremont, Ind.

Patricia Poehler '77 is the vice president of organizational relations at WFYI Public Broadcasting. She lives in Seymour, Ind.

John S. Bennett, II '78 passed away November 4, 2013. He is survived by his children John, Carl, Cherie, and Michael, and six grandchildren. He lived in Indianapolis.

Mary H. Miller '81 passed away February 6. Mary began her career as a teacher and became a teller at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Finance Center in 1958. In 1970 she became a banker, retiring from the Indiana National Bank in 1996. "Pastor Mary" to many, "Ms. Mary" to others, became a local licensed pastor in 1997, serving at Faith United Methodist Church for five years, then at Grace United Methodist Church for seven years before retiring in 2009. She served on various boards including the General Board of Pensions, Metro Ministries, Conference Council on Ministries, and Brightwood Community Center. Survivors include her brother, William; children Everett, Claryce, Sybil, LaTrelle; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and

Dancing for a good cause

The UIndy for Riley student organization raised \$13,301—more than twice last year's total—for Riley Hospital for Children during the group's annual dance marathon on February 8.

"Our original total was \$13,295, but after we revealed the total, a little boy at the marathon came up to one of my execs and gave her \$6," said senior **Aubrey Strati**, in her second year as co-president of UIndy for Riley. "So then we changed it to \$13,301 because it was such a precious moment."

Joining in the fun at the Ruth Lilly Fitness Center were several UIndy athletic teams and some Indiana Pacemates, who visited for more than an hour, demonstrating routines and helping to judge the talent show. Indianapolis Colts long snapper Matt Overton provided a video message.



many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter, two sisters, and three brothers. She lived in Indianapolis.

Betty Miles Sater '82 passed away October 17, 2013. She was a retired registered nurse from St. Francis Hospital. Survivors include her husband, Gary; sons, Gary and Danny; daughters, LeAnn, Christie, and Angie; brothers, Jack and Charles; sisters Linda, Evelyn, and Levenia; 10 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jack and Mayme; brother, Buddy; and sister, Shirley. She lived in Greenwood, Ind.

Charles Beaven '83 passed away November 26, 2013. He was a physical therapist at Southwest Hospital in Louisville, Ky. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Cecilia. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann; sister, Mary Franklin; brothers, Joseph and John; his mother-in-law, Elizabeth; and nieces and nephews. He lived in Louisville.

Carol Donohue Watt '83 died on October 18, 2013. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Arlene. She is survived by her husband, Andrew; children, Will and Alicia; and sister, Jeanne. She lived in McCordsville, Ind.

Mary Ann Schwartz Sheeks '84 passed away November 16, 2013. She was an accountant at Sheeks and Ittenbach in Indianapolis. She is survived by three sons, Rod, Mike, and Dan; and six grandchildren. She lived in Fishers, Ind.

Dr. **David W. Wantz '84**, was named to the Keep Indianapolis Beautiful board of directors. In January he received the Sagamore of the Wabash award for his extensive record of community service in Indianapolis.

Robert Schindler '85 has released the newest installment in his award-winning book series, *Montooth 3: Red Cross of Gold*. The book is now available nationwide.

Julie Seward '89 and Tom Lazaraton married on October 12, 2013, in Monticello, Ind. The couple lives in Indianapolis.

Glenn and **Julie (Van Deman) Rice '90** are proud to announce that they are celebrating 20 years of business as owners of All Occasion Tent Rental, Inc. in Greenwood, Ind. Glenn and Julie, their father Dr. **William Van Deman '88**, and their four children all work as owners/employees of the family-owned, Christian-based rental business.

Carol A. Gilkerson '93 died January 28. She graduated from UIndy, with an associate's degree

Adam Driver's acting star continues to rise

Former theatre major **Adam Driver** is finding out that it's good to be bad. While still a key player on HBO's "Girls," the 30-year-old native Hoosier is the front-runner to portray a Darth Vader-caliber villain in director J. J. Abrams' upcoming *Star Wars: Episode VII*. Cast members have not yet been revealed for the film, which will arrive in theaters in December 2015.

in nursing and worked as a critical care nurse. Survivors include her son, Justin; sister, Sheri; aunts, Carolyn, Martha, and Jean Crawford; and close friend, Linda. Carol was preceded in death by her parents and her grandmother, Georgia. She lived in Indianapolis.

Richard Graves '95 is on the board of directors for Westminster Village North in Indianapolis. He lives in Indianapolis.

Tina Sue Hageman '97 died on January 13. She was the owner of New Dimensions Consulting in Seymour, Ind. She lived in Seymour.

Brad E. Harvey '98 died on January 19. He is survived by his wife, Tori; sons, DezmonD Rhodes and Bryce; parents, William and Betty; and siblings, Sherri, Derrek, Kim, Skyler, Kelly, Brooke, William, Jaime, Jason, Joshua, and Michelle. He lived in Indianapolis.

Matt Holmes '02 has been named the assistant director of championships and alliances for the National Collegiate Athletic Association in the media coordination and statistics group. He lives in Greenwood, Ind.



Evan was born to Ryan and **Stephanie King Abbott '03** on March 31, 2013. Evan joined big sister, Kara, at the family's home in Avon, Ind.



Alice was born to **Emily '03** and **Evan Gottschalk '02** on October 24, 2013. Alice joined big sister, Jane, and

big brother, Luke, at the family's home in Rochester, Ind.

Randall J Hooper '03 has been promoted to director at Katz Sapper & Miller.

Cara Silletto '03 married Michael Bauchman on September 1, 2013. Cara is a business consultant for her own company, Crescendo Strategies. The couple lives in Louisville, Ky.

Matthew J. Botsford '04 was named the new volleyball and sand volleyball coach at Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers, Fla.

Amy Wisser Rohrer '05 is a senior specialist of distinguished events for the American Cancer Society, in Madison, Wis. She lives in Madison.



Krissy (Robbins) Sullivan '06 and **Justin Sullivan '08** were married on July 13, 2013,

in Indianapolis. Members of the bridal party included **Maggie (Miller) Bradley '06**, **Michelle (Sovern) Boyer '06**, **Cody Robbins '12**, **Michael Crane '09**, and **Brian Irk '07**.

Jennifer White Wilson '06 is now the production director for Entercom Indianapolis.

Keith D. Hatfield '08 is the new varsity baseball coach at Center Grove High School in Greenwood, Ind.

Tiffany J. Spudich '08 has been promoted to director of client relations at Capital Cities in Indianapolis.

Ryan Hallett '09 is a Real Estate Transactional Closing Specialist at the law firm Rutan & Tucker located in Costa Mesa, Calif. Ryan resides in Orange County, Calif.

Shane Minix '09 is the director of nursing at Rosegate Assisted Living in Indianapolis. He lives in New Palestine, Ind.

Beverly Alexander '09 passed away on November 11, 2013. She worked as a registered nurse for IU Health-Methodist

Hospital. She is survived by her mother, Catherine; and her siblings, Casby Alexander III, Belinda, Pamela, Jacqueline, and Frieda. She lived in Avon, Ind.

Rachel Holcomb '09 is an outpatient specialist at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. She lives in Batesville, Ind.

Michelle Dincecco '10 was a part of a groundbreaking procedure at the University of Utah Hospital Burn Center, where she served as an occupational therapist to Sam Matagi, a double-hand amputee. Michelle helped him learn to use his prosthetics and encouraged him to create a YouTube channel with his videos that uplift other amputees.



Emily (Leas) Thurman '10 and husband, Eric, welcomed their son, Tyler Keith Leas, on December 3, 2012.



Breyanna Shirley (Urquhart) '11 was crowned Mrs. Indiana United States 2014. She will be competing for the Mrs. United States title in July in Las Vegas, Nev.

Ryan Dyer '12 is a Marketing Executive at WTWO-NBC 2 in Farmersburg, Ind.

Robert N. Hedges '12 has been named to the annual list of "Forty Under Forty" by the *Indianapolis Business Journal*. He is the fleet and facility manager at Monarch Beverage.

Joseph Paul '13 is now a federal tax associate at CliftonLarsonAllen in Indianapolis.

Natalie (Thompson) Milakis '14 married Josh Millakis on January 18.

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Snaps to this entrepreneur

*Planning events & engaging communities
is niche for marketing graduate*



When **Crystal Grave '99** shifted degrees midstream, it was her professors and advisors who helped guide her toward studying her passion of business and marketing.

“My professors stood out as advocates and helped prepare me for the business world,” says Crystal.

While at UIndy, Crystal served on the Student Government Association executive committee and as class president. It was her involvement in these activities that helped her realize she not only had a passion for business and marketing but also for event planning and engaging communities.

During college and after graduation, she worked at a number of local businesses such as the Children’s Museum of Indianapolis, the *Indianapolis Star*, and Barnes & Thornburg LLP.

In 2009 Crystal was planning an event for a friend and realized how overwhelming this type of task could be for someone who wasn’t familiar with the industry and local venues. That’s when Snappingen.com was born.

In 2011 Crystal launched Snappingen, an online service that aims to relieve the burden of event planning. She conducted extensive market research to design a forum and tools for quick and cost-effective event planning. The web-based database Snappingen puts potential customers in contact with vendors and allows consumers to focus on what’s most important: making lasting memories with friends, family, colleagues, and partners.

Snappingen is available in six cities—Indianapolis, Bloomington, Lafayette, South Bend, Fort Wayne, and Louisville—with listings for any type of event, including weddings, social events, or corporate meetings.

Most recently, Crystal was invited to participate in an international crowd-funding campaign as part of Indiegogo’s International Women’s Day partnership program in conjunction with Elevate Ventures. The program offered select Indiana women who owned businesses an opportunity for exposure across the globe during the month of March.

Crystal’s campaign goal was aimed at the development of a mobile application for Snappingen—“SnApp.” Application development will help Snappingen reach its national growth strategy to add new cities and new vendor categories.

“I’m so excited to offer the power of Snappingen.com on the go now—with better bells and whistles and cool new features,” says Crystal. She says helping people to reach more event-planning data faster has always been at the core of Snappingen’s mission.

“Doing this well takes time, dedication, and cold hard cash!” she says. The campaign will wrap up in mid-April.

Through all of this, Crystal has still found time to return to UIndy’s campus and provide an opportunity for students to connect with her as a mentor. The new Professional Edge Center at UIndy, established in fall of 2013, recently hosted a Real Life 101 panel discussion in which successful alumni and other professionals spoke and answered questions on career-related issues.

The Professional Edge Center is working to create more engagement between students and alumni and more chances for students to connect with mentors and potential employers. If you’d like to participate as an alumni mentor and share your experiences and advice with students, contact Corey Wilson, associate vice president of the Professional Edge Center, at clwilson@uindy.edu.

—Jen Zentz


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SHOOTING FOR SUCCESS

UIndy alumnus runs NBC camera at Olympics



Shawn Dechant's UIndy education started him on the road to seven NBA finals, three Super Bowls, and, now, his fourth Olympic Games.

The 1997 graduate of UIndy's Communication program is an Emmy-winning independent videographer (seen at left capturing the NBA's LeBron James) who ran a camera for NBC at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia.

"I can't believe we're getting paid to do what we do," he told his hometown newspaper, the *Goshen News*.

Shawn spent his time in Sochi at the Extreme Park Venue covering such events as snowboarding halfpipe, freestyle aerial, and mogul. His camera was running when Canadian men's freestyle skier Alex Bilodeau captured the gold and immediately went over to hug his source of inspiration—his brother, Frederic, who has cerebral palsy.

"You don't get many opportunities in sports to cover a story like that," says Shawn to *Portico*, "so it was an honor to be a part of it and to bring that story into the homes of many."

Shawn was shooting when snowboarder Shaun White concluded his final run on the halfpipe, and he was there when White earned gold at the games in Vancouver.

"He remembered me from 2010," Shawn said to the newspaper. "To be around a guy like this, when it could probably be his last Olympics, is pretty cool."

But Shawn's favorite Olympic moment came in 2008 at the Beijing summer games. He covered the swimming events and was on the pool deck when swimmer Michael Phelps earned his historic eighth gold medal.

"Having the opportunity to be there that week was definitely a dream," says Shawn.

As an independent contractor, Shawn does work with ESPN and ABC covering college football, major league baseball, and the NBA. In addition to assisting with Olympic coverage, he also covers some Sunday Night Football.

"I have been blessed beyond what I could imagine, to be doing what I love to do and to have a front row seat for some of the biggest moments in sports each year," he says.

Shawn and his family live in Arizona, but he enjoyed his time spent in Indianapolis.

"UIndy gave me quite a few opportunities that have helped me to get to this point in my career," he says. "I'll never forget working at the WICR radio station broadcasting games and doing the afternoon news. It is another experience that has helped me to grow as a person. I am definitely a proud Greyhound." —JH

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Did you graduate in 1974, 1984, 1994, or 2004? If so, 2014 is your reunion year at Homecoming! If you'd like to be involved with the reunion planning committee for your year or just want to connect with your fellow classmates again, visit alumni.uindy.edu/reunions14 to sign up.

We are also looking for alumni who would like to help with commencement on May 3 and help freshmen to move in to their dorms in August. Other volunteer opportunities are available year-round, so contact Alison Hernandez '09, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, at (317) 788-2137 or email hernandezal@uindy.edu to get involved with your alma mater!

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Plan to come home to UIndy on October 25!

It's not too early to start making plans to return to campus for Homecoming 2014! A week of events will lead up to the big game on Saturday, with concerts, special events, reunion gatherings, pep rallies, and more. Homecoming Day will bring a party to Key Stadium as Tailgate Town comes to life. It'll be even bigger and better than last year, with bands, food (including a cupcake tent), community partners, face painting, spin-art T-shirts, academic departments to interact with, and tailgating filling the parking lot. Catch the Hanna Avenue parade before the game, featuring the traditional golf cart parade floats, the Circle City Sidewalk Stompers Clown Band, the UIndy pep band, plus much more. Wear your best UIndy gear—see you in October!