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## Respiratory Therapy Program Recipient of Gift

With the assistance of Susan Wynn of Schneck Medical Center in Seymour, Indiana, **Instrumentation Laboratories** has donated a state-of-the-art arterial blood gas machine to the Respiratory Therapy program. The machine is an Instrumentation Laboratories GEM® Premier™ 3000 with Intelligent Quality Management (iCM™), a fully automated Quality Assurance system. In addition to the standard quality control features, the company has equipped the machine with an



educational tutorial that will enhance our student's laboratory experience. Low Staum, Illinois area sales representative, provided an introductory in-service for program faculty. He has offered to provide continued technical and instructional support.

**Tony Schmitt**, Respiratory Therapy faculty, reports that this machine performs several functions. It can be used as an actual blood gas machine and also as a teaching tool. The device plays a video that explains each step of the process from introducing blood into the machine, testing, and maintenance. Students also can interact with the machine by entering patient data, analyzing, and printing results.

## Dental Assisting Students Provide Care and Smiles to Children

Give Kids a Smile Day" in the USI Dental Clinic on February 3 was a unqualified success. **Dr. Ralph Matacale** program director for dental assisting and dental assisting students provided dental care for seven children in the commu-



nity. Participants were from low income families. This event is sponsored by the Indiana Dental Association to "help make a difference in the lives of children, while raising awareness of the growing number of families who don't have access to dental care."



*Bespectacled young man preparing to have his teeth cleaned*

**A little Madness in the Spring  
Is wholesome even for the King.**

**- Emily Dickinson, No. 1333**

## Dental Assisting Participates in Scout Merit Badge Activities

**Dr. Ralph Matacale and Jennifer Bartek**, dental assisting faculty, along with **Dominique Cherry**, sophomore dental assisting student and student worker from northern Indiana, provided a 6 hour learning experience and the right to a merit badge for nine Boy Scouts on Saturday, February 11. The participating boys



from Indiana and Illinois were in 5th through 10th grades. The scouts made impressions of their fingers from dental stone, practiced sutures and extractions, witnessed an oral examination on a large screen via a camera, and made clay tooth models. 500 Scouts from the area earned badges through participation in several academic programs on the USI campus.



*Dominique Cherry with her merit badge*

## Nursing Student Selected Princess for Indy 500



**Jeanette Schafer**, second year nursing student, learned recently that she had been selected for the royal court of the Indianapolis 500 Festival. She is one of over two hundred young women to file applications for one of thirty three princess level positions in the court. During the next few

months, Jeanette will be participating in a number of pre-race events as a volunteer locally and also in the state capitol. She will receive a coveted “Bronze Pass” which gives her access to all race areas, including the racing pits, a seat in the third level of the pagoda at the Raceway, and an invitation to the ball that follows the race. Jeanette’s volunteer work, a speech, and her aca-

demic and extracurricular efforts here at USI gives her the opportunity to be selected queen of the Indy 500 Festival at the coronation breakfast on May 20. Jeanette says that she’s met a lot of interesting people and that participation provides networking opportunities that will last a lifetime for her and the other participants. .

## Respiratory Therapy Student Wins Dream Wedding

**Candice Durall**, second year respiratory care student, was the winner of **Dream Wedding**, a contest sponsored by a local television station. Candice is engaged to Casey Elkins, a student

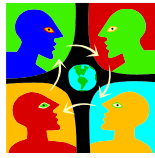
at Indiana University. Help Candice choose her gown at <http://www.wfie.com/global/category.asp?c=72219>.



HAPPY  
SPRING  
BREAK!

## Student News

- On February 7, students from radiologic technology, sonography, respiratory therapy, and the occupational therapy programs had pizza and cookies with **Dr. Nadine Coudret** and **Mary Lindsey**, coordinator of student activities. Students provided input on opportunities for program and college enhancement.
- Food and Nutrition** students are participating in “A Healthier Evansville,” a local awareness event scheduled for the first week of May. The *Community Nutrition* class



is designing a pledge card for the opening event; they will also be serving as volunteers on nutrition education and physical activity.

*Nutrition for Fitness and Sport* class members



have created slogans on physical activity, nutrition, prevention, and healthy choices that will be displayed on posters placed in Garvin Park.

- Jaime Langhans**, occupational therapy assistant student, and **Jessica Worth**, dental hygiene student, were



members of the USI Homecoming court. They were presented at the basketball game against Rockhurst University. The Screaming Eagles were victorious—74-59.

- Junior dental hygiene students are preparing for the National Dental Hygiene Board Exam in late March. Members of SADHA (student organization of the Dental Hygiene Association) will be traveling to St. Louis in late April for the celebratory end of the year trip to the Dental Theatre there.



## Faculty News

- Dr. Kevin Valadares** and **Dr. Martin Reed**, program directors in Nursing and Health Professions, attended the 23rd Annual Chairpersons Conference in Orlando, Florida in early February.
- Robert Hooper**, program director for respiratory therapy, serves as vice-president of Board of Trustees for the



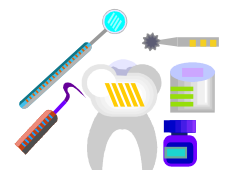
Cumberland Presbyterian Children’s Home in Denton, Texas; he attended their annual board meeting February 17-19.

- Lesa Cagle**, food and nutrition, is a key organizer in the week-long local event, *Healthier Evansville*. She is chairing the opening health fair and the closing walk during the



week of April 30-May 7. Log on to the website, [www.healthierevansville.org](http://www.healthierevansville.org) for more information.

- Dr. Ralph Matacale**, program director for dental assisting, is currently serving as president of the First District Dental Society, a ten county affiliate of the Indiana Dental Association.



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

March 6-11 Spring Break

March 22 CNHP Honors Day, Mitchell Auditorium, 4:00

March 30 Early Registration Begins for Fall 2006

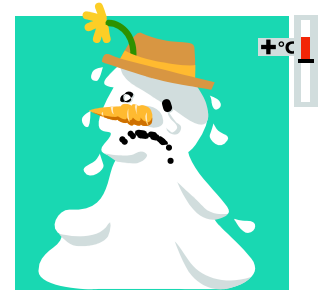
April 5 Nursing Leadership Conference, Carter Hall

April 12 Research Conference

April 16 Easter

April 29 Final Exams Begin

May 6 Commencement



## ALUMNI STORIES

- **Shelby Collins**, MHA 05, has accepted directorship of the Child Health Center at St. Mary's Medical Center.
- **Barbara Zellerino**, MHA 05, is a Senior Consultant with 3M Health Information System Division, Atlanta, GA.
- **Laura Peterson**, BS, Health Services 06, has been accepted into the Doctoral Physical Therapy program at the University of Indianapolis.



## College of Nursing and Health Professions "Input for Excellence"

"INPUT FOR EXCELLENCE" offers students and staff an opportunity to make suggestions, offer praise, etc. "INPUT FOR EXCELLENCE" boxes are located in the School Community Lounge HP 110, the Charles Day Learning Resource Center, and the Reception Desk in HP 2068. Use this handy tear-off to share your thoughts with us or email your comments to [dgutley@usi.edu](mailto:dgutley@usi.edu).

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