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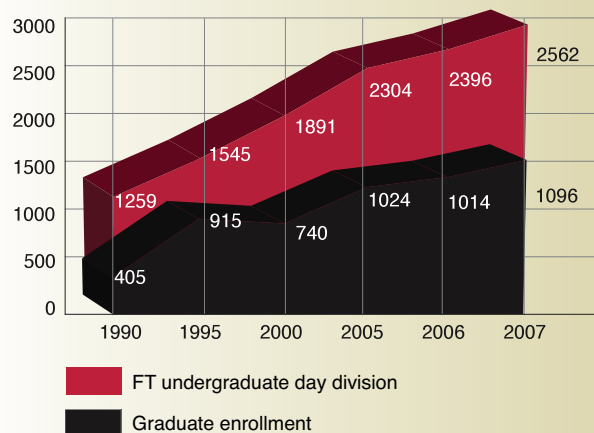
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Enrollment has more than doubled since 1990.



No doubt, as you diligently pored over the charts and graphs in the last issue of *Portico*, tracking the University's many areas of growth and progress over the past couple of decades, you noticed that the colors in the key for the "Enrollment trends" graph at right had been inverted. Here at last is the corrected version, so you can start sleeping again at night.

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# Who knew?

## *UIndy campaign is turning heads*



Did you know that UIndy produces more physical therapists and occupational therapists than any other college or university in Indiana? Or that we produce more doctoral graduates than all but four of the largest universities in the state?

If those facts amazed us—and they did—we figured that they might make others stop and take notice of this comprehensive university that has been growing and changing in their midst. That's why this year we embarked on a "Who knew?" campaign to tout a few of the more interesting facts about UIndy. And, judging from the feedback I've received, Central Indiana has noticed.

We started the campaign with radio spots and a series of banner advertisements in the *Indianapolis Star*, which ran across the bottom of page one during the week of President Barack Obama's inauguration—a period of heavy newspaper readership and a commemorative edition we knew would become a keepsake. Since then we've expanded to magazines and billboards, plus a second week on the cover of the *Star*.

In addition to the two points mentioned in my opening, here are a few other facts you may not have known:

- Law enforcement officers from around the world receive training in crime scene video analysis at UIndy.
- UIndy archeology and anthropology students routinely assist with high-profile criminal cases and scientific excavations.
- UIndy is active in school improvement efforts that are under way in 72 of Indiana's 92 counties.

*Now you know—and I hope you will help us spread the word!*

*Beverley Pitts*

*Beverley Pitts, President*

Visit <http://www.uindy.edu/aboutuindy/> for more facts about the University that may surprise you.





## For *Portico*, green is the new crimson

When it comes to rooting for Indy's 21 sports teams, *Portico* will always bleed crimson and grey. But otherwise, green is the color of choice for UIndy's magazine.

Several issues ago, we began printing the magazine on a paper that had earned the Forest Stewardship Council's seal of approval for having been produced "from well-managed forests and other controlled sources." Now we're proud to be able to go even greener by offering a choice to readers: Paper or pdf?

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Readers of *Portico* have long been able to view copies of the magazine online in pdf (portable document format). Next up? The "smart pdf," which looks like the print edition but also offers easy-to-use bells and whistles.

The smart pdf retains the layout and design features of the conventional magazine while adding interactive features, such as **live links** within the publication. For example, if you notice an item of particular interest on the magazine's table of contents, you could click on that item and be taken directly to the appropriate page. Or you might click on a link that takes you to another Web site mentioned in a particular story.

You also can use the **search function**. Simply type in the word you wish to search for (for example, "psychology," or "alumni"). The smart pdf shows you all the places those words appear in the publication. **View the magazine in two-page "spreads,"** just as you read print editions, **or in larger, single-page views**—and toggle back and forth between the views with just one mouse click. A **Zoom** feature lets you view a selected area in a much larger format.

In the two-page view, there's an **animated dog-eared corner** to click on when you're ready to turn the page (plus a slick "whoosh" audio effect to comfort those who miss the sound of an actual page turning). In the single-page view, you'll find large arrows to click on to go forward or backward. At any point, you can click on the little blue arrows in the menu bar to go page by page or directly to the first or last page of the publication.

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# Student center sparkles



A new entrance, lobby, and 48,000-square-foot addition now greet visitors to UIndy's Schwitzer Student Center.

The recent renovation and expansion of the center was celebrated with a dedication ceremony Wednesday, February 11. The event was celebrated in a large new hotel-style conference and banquet space dubbed UIndy Hall.

The first organized use of the new space came earlier, however, with a gathering of faculty, staff, and students to watch the inauguration of U.S. President Barack Obama.

Students are enjoying a remodeled and reconfigured dining hall with service stations designed to reduce waiting. (See story, opposite.) Such features are increasingly important in recruiting and retaining students, whose tastes and expectations have become ever more sophisticated in the competitive education environment.

The new wing includes UIndy Hall and new presidential and trustee dining rooms, along with space for future needs. The project was designed by architects Odle McGuire Shook, with construction overseen by general contractor F. A. Wilhelm Construction Co. Wilhelm Construction also donated fitness equipment for the building's second floor, including treadmills, elliptical machines, and recumbent bikes.

In September, UIndy broke ground for **East Hall**, a residence hall to be located east of New Hall. Completion is scheduled for August 1. The design and features of the hall are based on input from students. *For more on campus growth and change, go to <http://www.uindy.edu/growth/>.*

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*Watch highlights from the Schwitzer Student Center dedication ceremony at <http://www.uindy.edu/news/?p=1372>.*

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## And still to come . . .

A 103,000-square-foot **Student Athletics & Recreation Center**, which will provide much-needed space for sports teams and related academic programs as well as fitness facilities for the entire campus community, is on the drawing board (*Portico*, Winter 2009).

The University has launched a capital campaign to fund the facility. The cost of the project is estimated at \$7 million to \$8 million, most of which will be covered through bonding, but the University hopes to generate \$2 million or more in broad-based private support.

Current plans for the proposed two-story center include office space and a training room for the athletics program; a Hall of Champions to honor standout athletes and teams; an indoor track and intramural basketball courts; and offices and locker rooms for football, men's and women's soccer, and men's and women's track and field. The likely construction site is north of Key Stadium along State Avenue.

The new center would help alleviate crowding and scheduling issues in the University's existing Ruth Lilly Fitness Center, where the ball courts, weight rooms, and other facilities are shared by athletes and non-athletes alike. Moving athletic offices out of the Ruth Lilly Center also will create classroom space for UIndy's popular academic programs in kinesiology and sports medicine.

University trustees **Michael Watkins '68**, president of Mike Watkins Real Estate Group, and **Thomas Martin '72 HD '98**, president of Bloomington Ford, are serving as chairs of the capital campaign.

For information on the Student Athletics & Recreation Center and the campaign, contact Director of Development **Andy Kocher '98** at (317) 788-3493 or [akocher@uindy.edu](mailto:akocher@uindy.edu).

# Update adds some sizzle to campus dining options, too

# yum



*The 2008 renovation of the student center greatly expanded UIndy dining options, including tons of healthy choices, all served up by the friendly staff of Polk Food Service. Did we eat this well in college?*

## The spice of life

UIndy now has a plethora of dining options. According to head chef **Dan Phillips**, “The variety has doubled compared to last year before the renovation, so you won’t get tired of eating here because there’s so many options to choose from.”

Some of those include home-style recipes that have been handed down over more than 30 years. “We try to have as much variety as we can, so there’s something everyone likes,” says honorary alumnus **Ted Polk**, longtime director of PFS.

The renovation not only allowed for more food options but also reduced the wait in the dining hall. “It’s incredible. There are no lines anymore,” Ted marvels.

“Since the renovation I’ve really enjoyed the different options,” sophomore **Annie Wilson** says. “If I’m in the mood for Mexican, the Fiesta Grill is usually where I go. If I’m in the mood for some home-style cooking, I take the time to sit in the dining hall. And I often take advantage of the grab-and-go station.”

“I think the food has changed for the better, and while nothing can compare to mom’s cooking, Ted sure gives her a run for her money.”

## ‘Fresh is best’

A full salad bar and fresh fruits and vegetables are available at each meal, plus such low-fat and low-calorie items as baked fish and grilled chicken as well as vegetarian and vegan options. Plus, all foods are cooked with trans fat-free ingredients.

“My motto is ‘Fresh is best,’” says “Chef Dan” Phillips. PFS often buys local produce, meat, and dairy products, getting the freshest food possible, which keeps UIndy’s carbon footprint smaller and supports area vendors.

“We focus on recycling and sustainability when possible. We want to help keep local farms in business,” Chef Dan explains.

## Personal chef

UIndy is PFS’s only client, so personal service is a top priority.

“We’re a small company, so we’re quick to respond to concerns and ideas from students,” explains Ted. “Everyone *says* they have personal service, but I really believe in it. I tell our staff ‘The answer is yes. What’s the question?’”

The PFS staff go out of their way to make the dining experience special. Students are encouraged to make requests or even submit recipes. And parents are invited to send in their student’s favorite recipe—and even a baby photo for PFS to post next to the entree to surprise the student.

PFS also hosts special events: traditional sit-down Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, a Fat Tuesday celebration, and an Easter brunch.

Chef Dan also works with students who have food allergies, meeting with them one-on-one to develop a menu plan and prepare special meals.

“We try to make the experience as positive as can be,” says Chef Dan.

**Looking for a place to grab a bite** to eat or find a freshly brewed cup of coffee while you’re visiting campus? The Perk is open from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday. UIndy Grill is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., with the Sub Hub and Streets Grill serving up tasty bites from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

## On the side

### The Marketplace

The Marketplace (the traditional dining hall) offers a variety of options: traditional home-style meals, full salad bar, pizza bar, and dessert bar, plus specialty options such as international food, a cook-to-order stir fry bar, and a deli bar.

### UIndy Grill: 3 in 1

Great for grabbing a meal on the run, the UIndy Grill offers three dining options.

**Sub Hub** features sub sandwiches and salads. The **Fiesta Grill** features Mexican dishes. **Streets Grill** features such traditional grill favorites as cheeseburgers, chicken strips, and fries.

### The Perk

UIndy’s coffee shop offers fresh Hubbard and Cravens coffee, frozen drinks, fountain Coke, and lunch specials, such as soups, sandwiches, and snacks to go.



# UIndy 500



*'The greatest spectacle in racing' wouldn't be the same without these Greyhounds*

*It's more than 33 cars. It's pageantry and entertainment, the largest single-day sporting event in the world. It's hard work, a lifetime of preparation and determination. It's thousands of people working year-round behind the scenes so that one event on Memorial Day Weekend can touch the lives of countless others. The Indianapolis 500 is a cherished tradition, and the Speedway begins its 100th anniversary celebration this year. Meet some UIndy graduates who are integral to the 500 and help to make it all possible.*



## Brian Barnhart

As president of Operations and Competition for the IndyCar Series, **Brian Barnhart '83** would prefer to stay out of the spotlight during the Indianapolis 500.

"I tell our drivers during the drivers meeting that the races are not about the officials. Nobody watches the Super Bowl for the referees, and people don't watch the Indianapolis 500 for the officials," he said.

While he may shy away from the spotlight, his presence certainly is felt throughout the 500 and at every race on the IndyCar Series circuit. Brian is responsible for all day-to-day operations of the series, including officiating and conducting races, transporting all equipment, interacting

with teams and drivers, overseeing the safety and specifications of the equipment, and serving as chief official on the track during events.

An Indianapolis native, Brian never intended to get into the racing world, much less lead an entire racing series. While studying political science at UIndy, Brian began driving a delivery truck for a company that sponsored a small race team in the back of its shop.

A race fan since his first trip to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway at age 8—he hasn't missed an Indianapolis 500 since 1971—he became very interested in working on race cars. During his senior year, he began working part-time for that race team, and on graduating was offered a full-time position as a mechanic.

"I basically just learned on the fly," he says.

He continued serving as a mechanic through 1994 and was fortunate to work for successful teams and drivers, including A. J. Foyt (Brian still vividly remembers watching Foyt from the grandstands as he became the first driver to win the 500 four times), Emerson Fittipaldi, and Al Unser Jr., who won the 500 twice (1992 and 1994) while Brian was on the team.

"You can not beat winning the Indianapolis 500, and to do that twice with Al is a highlight for me," he said.



After the 1994 race season, he took on a new role as superintendent of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. A few years later, he transferred to the Indy Racing League, and in March of 1997 he took on his current role.

“Much of what I do now actually relates back to my political science degree,” Brian said, noting that it wasn’t so much of a straight path to get there, but more of a dotted line.

“So much of what I do now is dealing with people. There are politics involved in this sport, just the same as in any other sport. People are always looking for a competitive advantage, and my job is to level the playing field for all competitors.”

But despite a decades-long career in racing, Brian said he still gets goose bumps on Race Day.

“It’s the best feeling when 33 cars are going at 220 miles per hour,” Brian said. “I always feel satisfaction and relief when we host a safe and entertaining race. That’s the most important thing.”



## Dennis Reinbold

Racing has always been a part of life for **Dennis Reinbold** ’83 (above right, with sponsors in ’08).

“I grew up on West Washington Street in Indianapolis, and I could hear the motors of cars throughout the month of May,” Dennis said. “I fell in love. There’s just something special about the Indianapolis 500.”

These days, Dennis gets to experience the thrill of the 500 from a little closer to the action. As owner of Dreyer & Reinbold Racing, he has entered a car into the field every year for almost a decade. Drivers for Dreyer & Reinbold have included such fan favorites as Robbie Buhl, Buddy Lazier, Al Unser Jr., Ryan Briscoe, Buddy Rice, Milka Duno, and Sarah Fisher.

But Dennis’s passion for the sport is not surprising, given his lineage. His grandfather,

Pop Dreyer, was a mechanic for the 500 from the 1920s through the 1950s, later becoming a successful builder of midgets, sprint cars, and early Indy-style race cars. Dennis’s uncles also worked on pit crews during the 500, and one is still involved with car restoration at the Speedway.

But Dennis didn’t set out to run a race team. In the late ’90s, as principal of Indianapolis-based car dealership Dreyer & Reinbold, Inc., he began working with Infiniti to try to get the company involved with the 500. With a motor and a marketing budget, he approached several teams about a potential partnership. After several fruitless attempts, Dennis realized his business background and passion for racing could come together.

“I thought to myself that I could run a team better,” Dennis said.

So he decided to try.

In 1999, Dennis partnered with Eric De Bord and did a cold call to Purex laundry detergent to see if they were interested in sponsoring a racing team. Surprisingly, the company agreed. With the sponsorship revenue, the pair was able to buy a chassis and hire a turnkey group of people out of work from other race teams to start Dreyer & Reinbold racing out of a small garage in Carmel.

Driver and partner Robbie Buhl signed on to drive for the team. Three weeks later, the team won the opening race of the 2000 season at the Walt Disney World Speedway.

“That’s our greatest accomplishment as a team. It’s surreal, because one month prior to that race, we had nothing,” Dennis said. “To find myself standing in Victory Lane and the next day in a parade at Magic Kingdom was shocking.”

These days, Dreyer & Reinbold operates out of the same garage in Carmel, which has grown into a 25,000-square-foot workshop with 15 full-time employees. Since that first race, the team has brought in nine more top-five finishes, completed nearly 26,000 laps (some 40,000 miles) and earned more than \$9 million in prize money. He also has learned that running a successful race team takes more than a little luck.

“This is a full-time, flat-out business,” he said, noting that this year’s off-season was spent analyzing the team’s strengths and weaknesses, troubleshooting, and figuring out what the competition did better.

“If you’re not gaining ground on your competition and focusing on improving your product, that will show up on the race track.”



*Driver (& Ralph Reiff client) Tony Kanaan*

## Ralph Reiff

While most IndyCar fans root for their favorite driver to win the Indianapolis 500, **Ralph Reiff '80** finds it hard to lose.

As director of St. Vincent Sports Performance Center, Ralph plays a critical role to more than half of the 33 teams and drivers on the starting grid every year: He oversees their physical training.

Ralph and his staff focus on a comprehensive sports performance system, which he defines as “everything that supports the physically active person,” ranging from physical therapy and nutrition to speed and strength development and psychology. His clients include members of Andretti Green, Panther, Vision, and Luczo Dragon Racing teams, as well as Indy Racing League drivers Tony Kanaan, Dan Wheldon, A.J. Foyt IV, Vitor Meira, Marco Andretti, Hideki Mutoh, Sarah Fisher, and others.

“There are so many things a driver or team member can’t control when they are on the race track, but their physical ability is one of the things they can control,” Ralph said. “If they are in control, they are more confident, make better decisions, and have a better opportunity to perform well.”

A lifelong race fan, Ralph’s venture into the racing business began in 2003 when he began videotaping and analyzing pit stops and developing programs to help train crew members perform more efficiently.

“I started it because, not unlike a lot of people who are fans of the Indy 500, I wanted to find a way to get on the other side of the wall,” he said.

Ralph’s training focuses on helping pit crew members improve their pit stop times, which requires taking into consideration a lot of different factors. For example, most pit crew members within the Indy Racing League are hired not for their pit stop speed but because they are technical experts who manage some part of the car’s overall system.

“Someone hired for a very technical job is not looked to be an elite athlete for 10 seconds every pit stop,” Ralph said. “On the track, one second equals 100 yards. Every tenth of a second makes you faster, and it really does impact track positioning.”

For drivers, Ralph focuses on endurance, strength, and cardiovascular training to help them prepare for the physical demands of managing hard-to-handle cars for a race’s three to four hours.

His training program has proved successful: in 2005, Dan Wheldon, one of his clients, won the 500 and the IndyCar championship. Ralph has a signed photo from the driver in his office thanking him, but the idea of helping a team win the Indianapolis 500 is still surreal to him.

“I grew up in northern Indiana, and my dad would drive down here for the time trials,” Ralph said. “I remember how excited Dad was to sit in the grandstand and see A.J. Foyt walk down pit lane. And now I train A.J. Foyt’s grandson.”

## Jim Campbell

**Jim Campbell '73** has come a long way since his days as the University’s first student security officer. Today, he oversees security at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, ensuring that everyone who attends the world’s largest single-day sporting event can enjoy the race safely.

“I thought about going into education, I thought about going to law school, but after working at the University I applied to the Indianapolis Police Department and worked there for 27 years before retiring,” Jim said. “And then I ended up here in 2000. This isn’t really a retirement job,” he added, laughing.

As director of public safety and security at the Speedway, Jim stays busy overseeing all aspects of track security, including more than 1,800 “yellow shirts,” the event security members who help direct traffic and ensure track safety. He also works with police departments and Homeland Security to provide traffic and crowd control for the more than 300,000 people estimated to attend each of the Speedway’s major races.

Jim also helped create a program to provide customer service and security at the base of the Bombardier Pagoda, a track landmark providing a premiere view of the start/finish line. The Pagoda Ambassadors program started in 2000 and allows only University of Indianapolis students to experience the Speedway firsthand by checking credentials, operating elevators, and providing

service to guests of the Pagoda. Jim modeled his program after the Presidential Assistants program he remembered from his days at the University.

"This program gives students the opportunity to interact with people from all walks of life from across the world," Jim said.

**Matt Root**, a junior from South Bend double-majoring in marketing and sports marketing, has been involved with the Pagoda Ambassadors program since 2007. This year, he will serve as the program's supervisor, overseeing a group of 15 to 20 other students to make sure security needs are met for the Indianapolis 500, the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard, and the Red Bull Indianapolis GP motorcycle races.

Though the job is physically demanding—10-hour days every day during May are the norm, and students must stand all day in the hot sun with few breaks—Matt says the job's rewards are more than enough to make up for it.

"Just being in the center of the world's most famous race track, seeing all the famous people, seeing people who have traveled halfway across the world to be there, it's amazing to realize all the

people that come to this event," Matt said.

"You get to see the real side of the track, whether it's seeing Mari Hulman and Tony George or riding in the elevator with the Borg-Warner trophy."

For **Chase Eaton '06**, serving as Pagoda Ambassadors supervisor while in college was only the beginning of his career with the Indy 500.

As coordinator of consumer marketing for the Indy Racing League, Chase is in charge of Indy DownForce, the Indy Racing League fan club, and runs the Indy Fan Zone, interactive trailers that provide information on the league and contain custom-made Indy Cars that fans can sit in and experience what it is like to be a driver.

"For me, working at the Pagoda gave me a chance to meet the right people. I knew racing was enjoyable, and I liked being at races, so this was the right fit for me," he said.

"It was one of the coolest things I got to do while in college, because I got to see the celebrities and the drivers and the race up close, and I knew if I tied it in with my coursework, this could be a great opportunity." —*Shelly Grimes '07*

## Finessing the festival

Not all Indianapolis 500 events revolve around auto racing. **Lindsey Hendren '03** is mostly concerned with another type of racing. As Mini-Marathon Event Manager for the Indianapolis 500 Festival, Lindsey focuses on coordinating the nation's largest mini-marathon, which takes place every year prior to any cars revving their engines at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

More than 35,000 people participate in the event annually, with another 4,000 people running a 5K immediately following that race. Add to that the 70,000 people who usually attend the post-race party in Military Park, three training series runs, other events such as a pasta dinner for the runners the night before, and all the logistics behind the scenes, and it's easy to see that Lindsey isn't joking when she says it takes a team effort to make sure it all runs smoothly.

**Jeff Kuhn '05** and **Josh Reichart '08** (next page) are two of the team members who help with the Mini and the more than 50 events put on by the Festival through its 7,000 volunteers.

As an event coordinator for the 500 Festival, Jeff oversees the Mini Expo, where all 35,000 Mini-Marathon runners must check in and enjoy



exhibitor and sponsor booths in the days prior to the race; the 3,000 children at the Rookie Run on Kids Day; and the Memorial Service on the Friday before the race.

As the 500 Festival sponsorship services coordinator, Josh plays a key role in overseeing contracts, tickets, ads, logos, signage, and sponsorship deals for all the 500 Festival events.

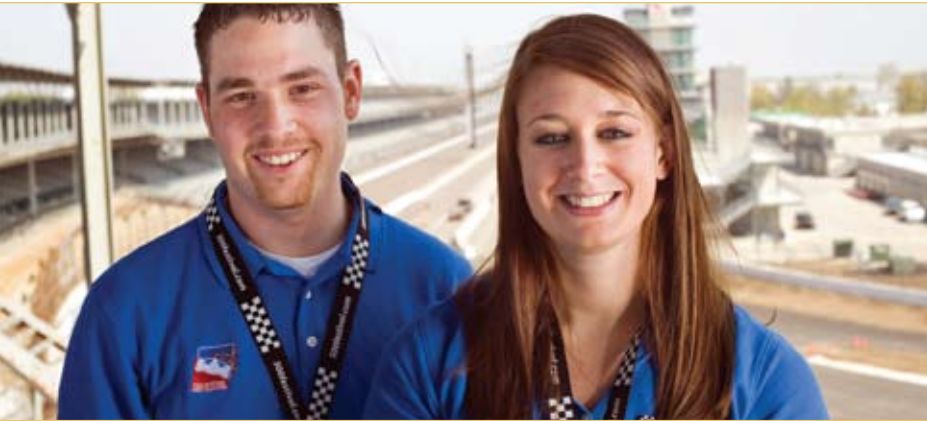
"For a nonprofit, to be able to produce so many events is amazing," Josh said, adding that the extra workload in May is something everyone looks forward to.

"After May is over, you realize just how many people this touches."





# Fast-paced experience



## Career driven

Senior **Brienne “Brie” Rentz** and recent grad **Josh Reichart ’08** were no strangers to 60-hour school and work weeks. Both worked full throttle as interns with the Indianapolis 500 Festival, the nonprofit organization that plans and executes the more than 50 events held each May to celebrate the greatest race in the world.

Working as an intern meant taking a full course load while maintaining a Dean’s List GPA and putting in more than 20 hours, but now Brie’s schedule is even busier. This spring, she was offered a full-time job with Dreyer & Reinbold Racing as their sponsorship services coordinator, but she still has to graduate from UIndy.

Now the race is on for Brie to complete her studies, graduate in May, and balance the pressures of a full-time job all at the same time.

## Best day of the year

“I really do love racing,” says Brie, proudly. “The Indianapolis 500 is the best day of the year for me—something I look forward to from the moment it ends one year to the moment it begins the next.”

Brie’s internship with the 500 Festival was her third, and both she and Josh spent time writing letters and copy for radio and television spots, maintaining and updating the Web site, writing press releases, articles, and sponsorship proposals, and assisting with the month’s many events.

That made for some early mornings—sometimes as early as 4 a.m.—and some late nights. But it all paid off.

Now that Brie is working for Dreyer & Reinbold (see page 9), she is finding that her

internships prepared her well. “I’m the liaison for all of Dreyer & Reinbold’s sponsors and can help them with whatever they need,” she explains. Her internship with the 500 Festival took her to races all over the country, much like her new job.

“I’m traveling to races in Florida, then to California, then to Kansas City, then back here for the month of May. I don’t have much of a social life!” she says with a laugh. Between her travels, Brie takes 16 hours of classes and often tries to do her homework weeks in advance to stay caught up.

“My passion for the sport brought me to UIndy and put me on this career path. I couldn’t be more excited for the things that I’m sure are ahead of me.”

## No two days are the same

“A typical day or week with school and an internship or job are never the same,” says Josh—who, like Brie, majored in sports marketing and had three internships before securing a full-time job with the 500 Festival as sponsorship services coordinator last year.

“As an intern, every day was a new learning experience. I got more and more insight and knowledge from my classes that I was able to apply to my job.”

UIndy is one of the few universities to offer sports marketing as a major, and practical experience is stressed in this field. So, in addition to specific coursework, the sports marketing program includes field experiences. For the past two years, for example, sports marketing classes have done group sales projects with the NBA’s Indiana Pacers.

“Students with specialized expertise and practical experience have an advantage in a highly competitive sports business job market,” says **Larry DeGaris**, associate professor of business. “Most jobs in sports business, not just sports marketing, are in ticket sales and sponsorship sales, so that’s the main focus of the major.”

When Brie first came to UIndy she hoped the sports marketing program would give her a leg up in the job field, and she hasn’t been disappointed. “I wouldn’t have this any other way,” she says.

“It’s what I’ve wanted to do forever, and now that I get to, it’s unbelievable. I just love racing and am pretty excited about everything that is to come.”

## 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 <http://uindy.edu/news/>*

### Anthropology

#### *Students shine at Midwest meeting*

Undergraduates **Amera Schaefer** and **Amanda Marketon** each presented a paper at the Midwest Bioarchaeology and Forensic Anthropology meeting at Grand Valley State University. Graduate students **Annamaria Crescimanno**, **Trisha Dewitt**, **Rachel Lockhart '07**, and **Chris Newman '08** also presented at the conference. Their respective paper topics were dental topography, ancient dental health, comparative bone histology, ancient diet, prehistoric ritual dismemberment, and femoral biomechanics. These papers included collaborators from Notre Dame, the University of Utah, and Peru.

### Art & Design

#### *Feats of clay: Schaad in action*

In January **Dee Schaad** (chair) held a Whimsical Ceramic Workshop at Brickyard Ceramics & Crafts in Indianapolis. He also had a ceramics exhibition titled "Legends of History, Myth, and Current Events" January 23–March 6 at the AMACO/Brent Contemporary Clay Gallery.

### Biology

#### *First UIndy respiratory therapy students to graduate in May*

The Biology Department will graduate its first two Respiratory Therapy students this May: **Jana Meredith** and **Paula Neumann Ream**. The new program is conducted in connection with Clarian Health Education.

In December Dr. **Sandy Davis** and **Laurah Turner Jones '04** had an article published in *Plant Species Biology*. The article, "Potential for mixed mating in the protandrous perennial *Saponaria officinalis* (*Caryophyllaceae*)," described research Jones conducted at UIndy as a student.

### Center for Aging & Community

#### *'All Things Aging' blog debuts*

The Center for Aging & Community has launched a blog, "All Things Aging" (<http://allthingsaging.blogspot.com>). The blog is written by CAC faculty and staff members. As the name suggests, "All Things Aging" addresses issues relating to caregiving and meeting the challenges of an aging population.

For example, many people find themselves needing to consider alternative living arrangements for aging parents or other loved ones. While many older adults can live a full

life in the comfort of their own homes, there are others who have physical or cognitive issues that require more supported living conditions, such as assisted living or long-term care facilities. Project director **Helen Dillon** discusses her own recent experience in the "All Things Aging" blog, sharing tips she and her family learned about preparing someone for entry into long-term care and managing the transition from one level of care to another.

Readers may subscribe to receive updates to the blog automatically.

In December 2008, *Indianapolis Woman* published a special section on Healthy Aging. Several CAC staffers were featured contributors, including executive director Dr. **Ellen Miller**, who wrote "The Myths of Aging"; academic program director **Tamara Wolske**, who contributed "Images of Aging"; and associate professor Dr. **Constance McCloy** who penned the healthy eating article "At Any Age." CAC alumna **Sandee Westfall '05** also contributed an article on aging and physical fitness. Wolske presented "Opening the Window to the World: Teaching Aging from a Global Perspective" at the Association of Gerontology in Higher Education Conference in February and "Enhancing Cultural Awareness for Improved Interactions within a Multicultural Setting" at the Indiana Association of Homes and Services for the Aging conference and trade show.

In late 2008, the Indiana Family and Social Service Administration Division of Aging granted CAC six-month bridge funding to help the five Communities for Life "neighborhood naturally occurring retirement communities," or NNORCs, which are moving from planning to the implementation of programs and services designed to address one issue of importance to seniors in each community. Interest in Communities for Life from entities outside Indiana continues to grow. CFL project director **LaNita Garmany** and CAC senior projects director **Jennifer Bachman** were invited to present a workshop, "One State's Approach to NNORC Program Policy," at the Annual Conference of the American Society on Aging and the National Council on Aging, which took place in March.

The Center continues its work on the Indiana Pressure Ulcer Quality Improvement Initiative, which is funded by the Indiana State Department of Health. Approximately 200 long-term care facilities, hospitals, hospices, and home health agencies have participated in the first of three day-long learning sessions designed to provide best-practice strategies for reducing the incidence of pressure ulcers among their patient populations. Work is underway to develop online training modules to allow participating facilities and health care organizations not selected for the initiative to access critical education about this significant health issue.

## Scholarly pursuits

Indiana's Senator (and distinguished UIndy trustee) **Richard G. Lugar HD '70** is the honorary chair of the second Indiana Collaborative Conference on Aging, "Celebrating the Past, Charting the Future," which will be held November 9 and 10 at the Marriott East in Indianapolis. CAC and 14 other partner organizations are developing conference tracks on health and wellness, care and support, Alzheimer's disease and dementia, and issues related to aging veterans. For more information, including registration and sponsorship opportunities, visit [www.inagingconference.com](http://www.inagingconference.com).

CAC tossed its hat in the digital television conversion ring by teaming up with technology consultant Noobie, Inc. to develop a DTV conversion tool kit intended to help congregations and other community organizations help their senior members with the transition. The toolkit is available for free download on the CAC site, <http://cac.uindy.edu>.

In another community outreach venture, CAC is working with WFYI public television in Indianapolis to spearhead efforts to ignite a community conversation on aging, which will launch in fall 2009 with an original documentary on what it means to age successfully.

### Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning

#### *Research studies evaluate Indiana efforts at school transformation*

CELL has published two recent research studies regarding school transformation in Indiana. "Research and Evaluation for First-Year Implementation of the New Tech High Schools in Indiana" provides baseline data for Indiana's first three New Technology High Schools, which opened in 2007. "A Comparison of Student Academic Growth between Indiana

Charter Schools and Traditional Public Schools," a study commissioned by Indiana Black Expo, the Indianapolis Urban League, and the DeHaan Family Foundation, details findings related to the academic performance of charter school students compared to students attending traditional public schools.

As part of its High School-to-College Transition Project, CELL is collaborating with an advisory committee of policy-makers to advocate for policy revisions that will support transition programs including Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and dual-credit coursework. CELL is collaborating to craft policy recommendations into House Bill 1658, which was introduced to the Indiana House of Representatives during the 2009 legislative session.

### College of Health Sciences

#### *Dean exports expertise to Pretoria*

In October 2008 Dr. **Mary Blake Huer** (dean) was invited to the University of Pretoria in South Africa to present a lecture on Chapter Status in the International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication. As ISAAC president, Dr. Huer met with teachers in a public school near Pretoria to discuss educational needs for children with physical challenges and communication disorders.

### Community Programs Center

#### *Students rack up service hours*

Between the beginning of the school year and mid-January, UIndy students already had logged some 3,723 hours of volunteer work in the community and participated in 9,240 hours of service learning projects.

## NOTED WAR HISTORIAN RETURNS FOR ISRAEL LECTURE

Nationally known historian **David L. Anderson** returned to the University of Indianapolis April 8, discussing the lessons of past U.S. wars and their relevance to today's conflicts.

Best known for his scholarship on the Vietnam War, Anderson is a professor of history at California State University-Monterey Bay. He also had taught for more than 20 years at UIndy.

His address, "The Past and Public Policy: The Use and Abuse of History in American Foreign Policy," was UIndy's third annual Jerry and Carol Israel Lecture in Public Policy.

Anderson, who served in Vietnam as a sergeant in the U.S. Army Signal Corps, is often cited by national news outlets for his expertise on the conflict and its aftermath. His many books include *The Vietnam War* (2005), *Facing My Lai: Moving Beyond the Massacre* (1998), and *Shadow on the White House: Presidents and the Vietnam War* (1993). He is a past president of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations.

"I am often asked to make comparisons and contrasts between Vietnam and Iraq," Anderson said in accepting the invitation to speak. "Starting with that question, there is much that can be discussed about how accurate historical knowledge and perspective can improve policy making and how disregard of evidence-based history can produce flawed policies."

The annual Jerry and Carol Israel Lecture in Public Policy was established to recognize the many contributions to education made by the former University president and his wife. **Jerry Israel** served as a history professor and administrator at several colleges before leading the University of Indianapolis (1998–2005). **Carol Israel** is a longtime public school teacher, administrator, and education consultant. The series' inaugural speaker in 2007 was retired *Washington Post* columnist **William Raspberry '58**.



## STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AND SERVICE INCLUDES MEDICAL MISSION TRIP TO SOUTH AMERICA



(Photo by Sharon Dunten)

### 'Inches' students collect 20 tons of textbooks for Africa

A project organized by two University of Indianapolis students has collected nearly 900 boxes—about 20 tons—of textbooks for use by impoverished students in West Africa.

It is the latest venture by senior **Lydia Fischer** (right) and junior **Lyndsay McBride** (left), whose interest in African education began with a 2007 UIndy service trip to build a schoolhouse in rural Liberia.

Inspired, they launched their own aid group, Inches International, to support education in Africa (*Portico*, Spring 2008). The two designed and marketed colorful aluminum bracelets at \$5 each,

selling more than 3,000 so far to generate scholarship funds for students in war-torn Liberia and Sierra Leone.

The books are being delivered through Operation Classroom, a nonprofit that supports United Methodist-affiliated schools and health care efforts in Africa.

Fischer, McBride, and other volunteers had been collecting, sorting, and boxing used textbooks for about a year, storing them in a vacant building near campus. In November, the volunteers loaded the books into a semitrailer for delivery to an Operation Classroom warehouse. Now the Inches volunteers are trying to raise the thousands of dollars necessary to ship a 40-foot container of books to West Africa.

*More information on Inches International is available at [www.inchesinternational.org](http://www.inchesinternational.org).*

### Speech team takes a bow

The UIndy speech team claimed 20 individual trophies and placed second overall in a seven-team field in February at the Indiana State Individual Events Tournament, then followed that success by placing 12th out of 60 individual events teams at the Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament in March.

Ball State University claimed first place overall in the state tournament. Other participants were Marian College, Indiana University, Butler University, Wabash College, and Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis.

The UIndy team will travel to Missouri in April for the National Forensic Association Tournament. The team is coached by communication instructor **Audrey Cunningham**.

*More information is available at <http://communication.uindy.edu/>.*

### Music education group named chapter of the year

The University of Indianapolis 28-member chapter of the National Association for Music Education has been named the state's Outstanding Collegiate MENC Chapter of the Year.

The award is based on quality and extent of chapter activities, member enrollment, chapter growth, and participation in meetings and state, divisional, and national conferences.

UIndy junior **Michael Richardson**, Columbus, Ind., earned one of four Outstanding Future Music Educator awards.

The director of music education programs is Dr. **Brenda Clark**. *More information is available at [music.uindy.edu](http://music.uindy.edu).*

### Nursing students spend 'break' in Dominican Republic



While other college students spent spring break on a beach or in front of a TV, nursing students and faculty from the University of Indianapolis set up a makeshift clinic in the sugar cane fields of the Dominican Republic, providing health examinations, medication, and other services to hundreds of impoverished villagers.

Their mission to the Caribbean island nation is the fourth for students from UIndy's School of Nursing and the fifth for one of its organizers, Assistant Professor **Susan Oliver**.

"Many people there never get medical attention," Oliver says. "This trip really takes the nursing student to a higher level of education; we literally work in the middle of the field and have to make the best of some pretty unusual circumstances."

The group of 10 students and four faculty members took along \$42,000 in donated medication. In 2008, UIndy representatives served 450 people over three days. The total has been even higher in previous years.

"It certainly makes the entire team appreciate the normal, everyday blessings that we take for granted," Oliver says.

*More information is available at <http://nursing.uindy.edu/>.*

## Scholarly pursuits

This semester's Community Campus Forum, held every fall and spring at the Wheeler Arts Center, resulted in the creation of multiple partnerships between UIndy faculty, staff, students, and Southeast Community Partners.

The Community Programs Center is proud to announce that in February, the UIndy chapter of College Mentors for Kids received the 2009 Chapter of the Year Award (see page 23 for more details).

### Ecumenical & Interfaith Programs

#### *Bringing men into the fold*

In February Sr. **Jennifer Horner** (cochaplain and director of the Lantz Center for Christian Vocations and Formation) and **Ryan Brock** (Youth Ministry and Pre-Theology major and member of the Honors College) attended the annual conference "Best Practices for Involving Men" at St. John's University. Brock gave a presentation on his work with the Vocation Expedition, a program through the Lantz Center and part of Brock's Honors College project, designed to involve men in Christian programming on campus.

### English

#### *From encyclopedias to dime novels*

Dr. **Kyoko Amano** contributed four entries, "Philip Kan Gotanda," "Lonny Kaneko," "Edward Sakamoto," and "Lane Nishikawa," to *The Greenwood Encyclopedia of Asian American Literature*, published in December. The *Dime Novel Round-up* accepted an article, titled "Optic's Katy Redburn: A Potential Model for Alger's Helen Ford," that Dr. Amano wrote during her recent sabbatical.

### History

#### *Fuller chairs 'Teaching Lincoln'*

Dr. **A. James Fuller** chaired a session titled "Teaching Lincoln" at the annual meeting of the Indiana Association of Historians in Fort Wayne in February. The meeting's theme was "Lincoln's Legacy." Dr. Fuller also is leading the 2009 Initiative of the History Educators Network of Indiana, dedicated to environmental history and natural heritage.

### Kinesiology

#### *'Speaking of Women's Health'*

Dr. **Heidi Hancher-Rauch** presented "Being the Role Models Our Daughters Need" at the Speaking of Women's Health conference in Indianapolis. Dr. Rauch is the faculty advisor for College Democrats, the student organization that brought former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to campus

in September to give a speech titled "Five Umbrella Issues Facing the Next President of the United States."

Dr. Hancher-Rauch and Dr. **Lisa Hicks** had an article titled "Applying the Principles of Coordinated School Health to Community Program Planning: A Semester Project" published in the *American Journal of Health Education*. Dr. Hicks, **Barbi Kern**, and **DeAnn Ramey** presented "Attaining Student Moderate to Vigorous Physical Activity in your Classroom" to Indianapolis Public School teachers for a professional development day in October.

**Mindy Hartman-Mayol** has written a textbook titled *Wellness: The Total Package*, which debuted this semester as the text for a course taken by all UIndy undergraduates, Kinesiology 101: Wellness and Fitness for a Lifetime.

**Richard Robinson** and a colleague published "Support for a Reduction in the Number of Trials for the Star Excursion Balance Test" in the *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*. Robinson and a colleague also published "Kinematic Predictors of Performance on the Star Excursion Balance Test" in the *Journal of Sport Rehabilitation*. He and a colleague also presented "The Effect of Chronic Ankle Instability on Intralimb Coordination during the Pre-Landing Phase of a Jump-Landing Task" at the 2008 American College of Sports Medicine National Conference in Indianapolis.

In November Dr. Hicks, **Lisa Miniear**, and students **Luke Appleton**, **Justin Barnard**, **Anthony Bova '09**, **Kyle Prow**, **Ryan Rettenbacher**, and **J. T. Whitaker** presented "Wellness Policy Ideas from the Next Generation" at the Indiana Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance Convention in Indianapolis.

### Krannert School of Physical Therapy

#### *APTA bestows national service award on UIndy faculty member*

Dr. **Bill Staples** has been awarded the prestigious Joan Mills Award for Outstanding Service to the Geriatric Section of APTA, a national honor, at the Combined Sections Meeting of the American Physical Therapy Association in February 2009. He presented two poster sessions, one titled "Physical Therapists' Attitudes and Interventions when Working with Patients Diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease or Dementia Living in Skilled Nursing Homes" and the other titled "Long-term Outcomes in a Patient with Guillain-Barre Syndrome: A Case Report." He also presented two speaker sessions, "Update on Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus: Medical and Therapeutic Interventions" and a student forum titled "Working with Geriatric Patients in Various Settings." Dr. Staples had an article, "How Stress Affects Caregivers of People with Chronic Illness and Dementia," published in *Gerinotes* in January.

# Meeting 'net generation' students where they are

**Helpful?** According to Wikipedia (it seemed only appropriate here to turn to Wikipedia), “The term ‘Web 2.0’ refers to a perceived second generation of web development and design that aims to facilitate communication, and secure information sharing, interoperability, and collaboration on the World Wide Web. Web 2.0 concepts have led to the development and evolution of web-based communities, hosted services, and applications such as social-networking sites, video-sharing sites, wikis, blogs, and folksonomies.” **Or not so much?**



## **Netvibes. Wordle. Ning. Oh, my.**

The Internet generation of students is demanding more from its professors. These students are digitally literate, crave interactivity, want to participate in the creation of knowledge, and will challenge—using Internet resources—material presented to them in class.

These students also prefer to work in teams, and they crave valuable learning experiences. So UIndy faculty are exploring innovative ways to meet the needs of these learners.

In January, more than 30 University faculty (including 2009 retiree Dr. **George Weimer**, above), representing all of its colleges and schools, participated in a series of workshops dubbed “Winter Camp 2009” on integrating Web 2.0 technologies into their teaching. Under the direction of **Beth Kiggins**, assistant professor and director of UIndy’s Center for Instructional Technologies, the “campers” explored social bookmarking, social networking, collaborative learning spaces, aggregators, online learning resources, and microblogs. In addition, campers specifically investigated such Web 2.0 tools as PBWiki, WordPress, Google Apps, Twitter, NetVibes, Meebo, Ning, SlideShare, YouTube, TeacherTube, SnapKast, and Wordle.

Winter Camp 2009 was the second opportunity for faculty to learn how such technologies can be integrated into learning to promote student engagement. Winter Camp participants who had attended Summer Camp 2008 served as camp counselors, facilitators who assisted faculty colleagues with the integration of these tools into their teaching.

“I attended the camp to learn new techniques to enhance my teaching skills and add value for our students,” Dr. **Terry**

**Schindler** ’84, School of Business, commented. “I also wanted to identify techniques to facilitate collaboration between our U.S. and international students.”

At the conclusion of Winter Camp faculty participants presented a showcase of how they had incorporated aspects of the week into their courses during a Camp Revue. Faculty shared how they planned to integrate the various tools in the upcoming semester.

After Summer Camp, Dr. **Kathy Bohley** ’91 ’92 ’94 immediately integrated some of the Web 2.0 technologies into her classes and her students were surveyed to determine their receptivity. The reaction was overwhelmingly positive.

As one student reported, “I spend more time on the website than the text because there are great articles, insightful videos, and fun learning tools that draw me in, and before you know it one or two hours have gone by. When I read the book I am often looking to see how many pages are left until the chapter ends or for an excuse to read the book later.”

Students reported spending more than double the amount of time preparing for class when using Web 2.0 technology as compared to using only the textbook.

During the spring semester, many UIndy students had to be on their toes—some professors implemented Web 2.0 tools that even the students had never seen before.



## Scholarly pursuits

In November Dr. **Kathy Martin '90 '03** presented on current trends in pediatric orthotics at the APTA Section on Pediatrics' Advanced Clinical Practice course in Hartford, Conn. Dr. Martin has been reelected to a second three-year term on the Section on Pediatrics Board of Directors.

Several faculty members presented at the APTA's Combined Sections Meeting in Las Vegas in February. Dr. Martin presented a platform presentation about the development and reliability of an observational gait analysis tool for children with Down syndrome.

Dr. **Stephanie P. Kelly '91 '92** presented a platform presentation, "Clinical Instruction in Physical Therapy: Novice and Expert Approaches to Instructional Reasoning."

**Jim Bellew** delivered an educational session at the meeting titled "Microcurrent: What Is It, What Does It Do, and What Is the Evidence?" along with a poster titled "The Effect of Acute Fatigue of the Hip Abductors on Control of Balance in Healthy Young Women."

Dr. **Anne Downs** and **Stacie Fruth '94 '05** gave a presentation titled "The Effects of a Six-Week Interactive Video Dance Exercise Program in an Adult Population."

**Margaret Finley**, Dr. **Peter Rundquist** (chair), and Dr. **Stephanie Combs '99** gave two presentations, "Relationship Between Lower Extremity Motor Impairment and Spatiotemporal Gait Variables in Persons with Chronic Stroke: A Pilot Study" and "Relationship Between Upper

Extremity Impairment and 3-Dimensional Scapulohumeral Kinematics in Persons with Chronic Stroke: A Pilot Study."

In October Dr. Rundquist traveled to the University of Pretoria in South Africa to attend the International Physiotherapy Congress. Twelve countries were represented, and Dr. Rundquist, along with a professor from the University of Southern Alabama, represented the United States. He presented a poster titled "A Preliminary Exploration of the Effects of a Six-week Interactive Video Dance Exercise Program in an Adult Population" and a poster titled "A Preliminary Exploration of Physical Therapy Practice in the Emergency Department: A Descriptive and Experimental Study," which won the award for outstanding poster presentation at the conference.

Dr. Rundquist also delivered a pair of platform presentations, "The Influence of a Topic-Specific, Research-Based Presentation on Physical Therapists' Beliefs and Practices Regarding Evidence-Based Practice," and "A Comparison of 3-D Shoulder Kinematics to Perform ADLs between Older and Younger Adults."

Dr. **Sam Kegerreis** presented a poster titled "The Creation of a Compendium to Facilitate the Development of Manual Therapy Skills."

**Kelli Beem '06**, **Katie Olson**, and **Punam Shah**, all third-year doctor of physical therapy students, and Dr. **Mary Ann Shurig '05** traveled to China to learn more about traditional Chinese medicine and physical therapy practices in Eastern medicine. They also had the opportunity to speak with Chinese physical therapists and give an interactive presentation to students at the Heilongjiang University in Harbin, China, about physical therapy in the United States, specifically anterior cruciate ligament rehabilitation.

## *Scores of UIndy volunteers run central Indiana science fair*

More than 700 young scientists in grades 1–12, from public, private, and home schools in Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Marion, and Shelby counties, competed in March at the 2009 Central Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

The annual fair included interactive science exhibits by the Indianapolis Children's Museum and other organizations and is organized and conducted as a community outreach project by UIndy science faculty and staff, along with more than 80 student volunteers. The fair director is **Sandra Davis**, associate professor of biology; the director of judging is **Tim Duman**, associate professor and chair of UIndy's Department of Physics & Earth-Space Sciences.

Principal sponsors include the University of Indianapolis, the R.B. Annis Educational Foundation, the D.J. Angus-Sciencetech Educational Foundation, the Sciencetech Club, the Indiana State Fair, Eli Lilly & Co., and PVS Nolwood Chemicals.

Overall winners from Grades 6–12 advanced to the Hoosier Science and Engineering Fair at Dow AgroSciences in Indianapolis. Overall winners from Grades 9–12 qualified for the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in May in Reno, Nev.

## Music

### *Flutist records Doppler work*

In January **Jodi Sowers '96** performed on a recording that incorporated a variety of music, including Franz Doppler's "Fantasy Pastorale Hongroise." She joined fellow flutists **Anne Reynolds** and **Tamara Thweatt** for the premiere of a new work for two modern flutes and baroque flute composed by theory faculty member Dr. **John Berners**. In February she joined pianist **Jacklyn Chan '99** and flutist **Andrea Brian '00** for an alumni recital, performing a trio by Kuhlau.

Anne Reynolds also attended the National Flute Association Convention in Kansas City in August and the III Convention Francaise de la Flute in Paris at the beginning of November. She performed a recital at DePauw University in September and one in February at the Christel DeHaan Fine Arts Center. She continues as the principal flute of the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra and was the cochair of the Indy Flute Fest given by IndyFlute: the Greater Indianapolis Flute Club on January 31.

Dr. **Rebecca Sorley** served as piano masterclass clinician at the National Collegiate Honors Conference in San Antonio in October. In addition, she performed with UIndy music honors students **Jennifer Page**, flute, and **Dan Rauscher**, saxophone, in a trio for the masterclass and final concert.

Dr. **Jo Ann Domb**, faculty emerita and former department chair, was presented the Award of Merit at the International Convention of professional music fraternity Mu Phi Epsilon last summer. It is the highest award presented to a member for contributions to the field of music.

### School for Adult Learning

#### *Terrorist behavior explained?*

**John Sullivan**, Social Sciences adjunct faculty, recently published *Terror Heart*, a book addressing questions related to behavior of terrorists who turn themselves into human bombs.

### School of Business

#### *Exploring social bookmarking*

Dr. **Kathy Bohley** '91 '92 '94 presented a Web seminar titled "Social Bookmarking: Is It For You?" for the Indiana College Network Spotlight Series. In January she presented for the Center for Instructional Technologies' Winter Technology Camp (see page 17). Dr. Bohley has been invited to serve as a contributing author to an introductory management textbook called *Management through Collaboration*, written by a global network of management educators and researchers from some 90 nations.

Dr. **Rachel A. Smith** had an article published in the fall 2008 edition of the Financial Management Association's online journal. The title of the article was "Finance Professors' Use of Case Discussion Leadership at Harvard and Darden MBA Programs: Qualities of a Successful Case Discussion Leader." Dr. Smith has been seen frequently in local television interviews regarding current economic conditions.

In December Dr. **Darrell Bowman** gave an interview to Channel 6 WRTV about online Christmas shopping security.

Dr. **Larry DeGaris** has had a paper, "The Benefits Grid: Translating Motorsports Sponsorship Features into Sponsor Benefits," accepted by the *International Journal of Sport Marketing and Management*.

Dr. **Jerry Flatto** has been busy on the conference circuit. This past fall, he presented "Integrating ERP Software into the Students' Experience" at the ICI Instructional Technology Summit; participated on a panel discussing "The Google Online Marketing Challenge: A Global Teaching and Learning Initiative" at the Society for Marketing Advances Conference; and participated on another panel regarding "Leveraging Enterprise System Technology for Curricular Innovation and Design" at the Decision Sciences Institute

## *Campus mourns loss of popular library director*



The University of Indianapolis community is mourning the loss of longtime faculty and staff member Dr. **Philip Young**, director of Krannert Memorial Library and assistant professor of anthropology, who died at home in January at age 55.

The amiable scholar, who had been ill, joined the University in 1985. A popular and active figure in campus life, he had been involved recently in planning a major library renovation.

Dr. Young also was familiar to Central Indiana TV viewers since the early 1990s as the judge of WTHR's weekly high school academic competition, "The Brain Game." Known on the show as "Dr. Phil," he previewed the questions for accuracy and ruled on any questionable responses.

He held a PhD in classical archeology from the University of Pennsylvania and a master's in library and information science from Indiana University. He also was a collector of rare books and had led archeological digs at ancient sites in Cyprus.

"Phil was so generous with his time and expertise, whether it be as a faculty member, an administrator or just a University citizen," said Dr. **Deborah Balogh**, UIndy's provost and vice president for academic affairs. "He was always ready to step up and contribute to whatever need arose, and he did so with enthusiasm and concern for the welfare of the University and its students."

Dr. Young is survived by his wife, Nancy, a faculty member at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis.

Conference, where he also presented a paper with Dr. **Leslie Gardner** entitled "The Bullwhip Effect: Does the Type of Modeling Affect the Results?"

Dr. **Stephen Maple** '66 revised and updated the fourth edition of his *Complete Idiot's Guide to Wills and Estates*. He also published *The Federal Estate and Gift Tax: A Primer for Agents in 2008* that was featured in the *Insurance Agents Journal*. Additionally, Dr. Maple has a legal affairs column that appears biweekly in the *Southside Times* in Indianapolis.

**Stan Osweiler** successfully facilitated an applied project in his Marketing Strategy course in which his students prepared detailed marketing analyses and strategic recommendations for the award-winning West Baden Springs Hotel and the French Lick resort in southern Indiana.

Last fall **Deidra Pettinga** worked closely with the Heartland Film Festival in Indianapolis to provide market research for the organization. She integrated their needs into her Marketing Research class, which provided students with an opportunity to conduct research, synthesize results, and

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present findings to the marketing department of the festival.

Dr. **Kay Poston** had her paper “The Motive for Indirect Cost Control in Higher Education” published by *La Revue des Sciences de Gestion*, a peer-reviewed international journal published in French.

**Matt Will**’s recent presentations include “U.S. Financial Markets and the Federal Bailout” to the Indiana Association for Corporate Renewal; “Financial Markets, the Federal Bailout, and Economic Outlook,” which was a public presentation sponsored by Bedel Financial Consulting, Inc.; “Succession Planning in Not-for-Profit Organizations: A Business Perspective” to the National Scholarship Providers Association Conference; “The Federal Bailout: A Progress Report” to the American Society of Appraisers; “The Federal Bailout: A Status Report” to the Greenwood Rotary Club; and “The Current Economic Crisis: History and Outlook,” which he presented to the Healthcare Financial Management Association and the Rotary Club of Indianapolis. He is a frequent guest on local television news programs and often appears in other media outlets as well.

### School for Adult Learning

#### *A ROSE by any other name . . .*

**Bob Burchfield** was chosen as a 2009 ROSE Award Honoree for his five years of volunteer work with the Indianapolis Theatre Fringe Festival, for which he volunteers as Web

manager. ROSE is an acronym for Recognition of Service Excellence and is presented to hospitality workers and volunteers who positively influence a visitor’s experience in Indianapolis, either through one-on-one contact or behind-the-scenes activity.

### School of Education

#### *New dean announced*

Associate Dean of Education Dr. **Kathy Moran** became dean of the School of Education in January. She is president-elect of the Indiana Association of Colleges of Teacher Education and serves on two Indiana committees: the Minority Teacher Pipeline Committee and the Teacher Education Committee of the Indiana Department of Education’s Office of Educator Licensing and Development. She also is a member of the leadership team for the Metropolitan School District of Decatur Township, a UIndy partner.

### School of Nursing

#### *Looking at teaching end-of-life care*

Dr. **Margie Porter**, with assistance from Dr. **Connie Wilson**, led a 2008–09 research study conducted at the UIndy School of Nursing regarding teaching end-of-life care using high-fidelity simulation. “They are called hi-fidelity because they use a

## *November ’09 gala to celebrate ‘50 Years of Education for Service—the Nursing Way’*

On July 1, 1959, **Virginia Sims ’39**, RN, became the first director of the University’s new nursing department. The original program offered students an associate degree in science and, according to an *Alumni News* story at the time, was the first of such programs to be offered by a four-year school in Indiana.

Nursing at UIndy has served since as an ideal complement to the University’s motto of “Education for Service.” The University’s nursing alumni have touched countless lives through their dedicated service to others in the city, state, and nation and around the globe.

In 2009, the University of Indianapolis will celebrate 50 years of Nursing. To mark the occasion, the School of Nursing will host a gala on Saturday, November 7, 2009.

Since its founding, the School of Nursing has grown significantly and developed bachelor of science degrees, master of science degrees, an RNBSN track, and now “AMP”—the Accelerated Master’s Program. AMP is designed for career changers who hold a bachelor’s degree in a field other than nursing and who wish to become nurses with specialization in nursing and health systems administration.

Several certificate programs also are offered for professional nurses to further their careers.

The School will celebrate its 50th anniversary in the new UIndy Hall banquet room in the recently expanded Schwitzer Student Center. Campus tours will be available, including the School of Nursing and the Nursing Skills Labs, which are home to “Sam Sim,” “Birthing Betty,” and other simulators familiar to Nursing graduates.

During this celebration, opportunities will be available to share stories and professional achievements and connect with other alumni. More information about the gala and other events will be coming soon, so watch for future mailings and visit <http://nursing.uindy.edu>. You may contact the School directly at (317) 788-3206.



great deal of technology to make them seem real,” Dr. Porter says. “For example, Sim Man has heart sounds, breath sounds, talks, his chest moves, you can take his blood pressure and perform procedures on him. We have another one that gives birth to a baby. We use these for student learning by creating scenarios that immerse the student to be in a position as much like a clinical situation as possible.”

### School of Occupational Therapy

#### *Faculty member is national finalist*

Kate DeCleene has been selected to receive a Fellowship in Leadership Development from professional organizations AOTA and AOTF. She is one of 16 fellows who will be finalists in the national program, which fosters the emergence of strong occupational therapy leaders within the academic community while building the profession’s capacity to influence and lead.

When Dr. Jennifer Fogo ’85 ’87 offered tips for selecting holiday gifts for preschoolers, the suggestions were picked up by several media outlets and prompted an interview that will appear in the May issue of *Parents* magazine.

Student Deanna Sinclair had an article, “Breast Cancer Rehabilitation Intervention,” published in the December 22 issue of *Advance for OTs*.

### School of Psychological Sciences

#### *Publications include film reviews*

Drs. Jacqueline Wall and David G. Wall had two film reviews accepted for publication in *PsycCRITIQUES*. One review, titled “Mr. Kaufman’s Construction,” critiqued the film *Synecdoche, New York*. The other review was on the film *The Other Boleyn Girl*. Dr. J. Wall also participated in the preparation and publication of two technical reports. The first was an executive summary of factors related to youth placed in participating agencies as part of the IARCCA Outcome Measures Project. Dr. Wall served as lead author, with Dr. Steven M. Koch serving as coauthor. Drs. Wall and Koch also prepared a special report that examined information collected on the project over the last decade. Dr. J. Wall also was lead author on a publication accepted for a monograph. Along with Dr. Koch, Jeremy Davis ’06, and Dr. Monique Busch, the article was from a presentation made at the conference of the American Association of Children’s Residential Centers. The article described results from the IARCCA Outcome Measures Project, an effort that has been collecting information on youth placed in care since 1997. Dr. Wall has served as external evaluator for this project since 1998.

Dr. Wall and Dr. Michele Rusin gave a presentation at Rehabilitation Psychology 2009. Their presentation was titled “The Eventual Majority: Being Old, Female, and Disabled.”



#### *Slide Hampton caps second UIndy Jazz Week*

The University of Indianapolis Jazz Week returned for a second year in February, with concerts featuring prominent soloists, combos, and big bands of local and national renown.

The week closed with the annual UIndy Jazz Festival, in which Indiana high school jazz bands perform and receive critiques from local professionals, followed by a trombone summit concert featuring famed Indianapolis native Slide Hampton, along with Steve Turre, Curtis Fuller, and Bill Watrous. Jazz Week is organized by Associate Professor Harry Miedema, who directs UIndy’s Jazz Studies program.

Dr. J. Wall, Dr. Ellen Miller, director of the Center for Aging and Community, and two others were coauthors on a presentation, “Aging Well by Adding Value: An Examination of Organizational Perceptions of Older Workers,” made at the annual meeting in March of the Association of Gerontology in Higher Education.

### Sociology

#### *‘Industrial Site Re-Use’ featured*

In November Dr. Tim Maher, Applied Sociology graduate students David Allender and Kate Ayers, and recent graduate Jason Ward ’07 presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Humanist Sociology in Boston. The paper, “Community-Campus Collaboration in Industrial

### *Teacher education program earns International Reading Association honor*

The University of Indianapolis Elementary Education Program has received the International Reading Association's prestigious Certificate of Distinction, honoring outstanding preparation of future reading teachers. UIndy's is only the second such program to earn the honor.

The association praised the program for having "an exemplary commitment to personal and professional support for teacher candidates that continues well after graduation." Local teachers interviewed for the selection process said UIndy education students are well prepared to take over classroom instruction when they arrive for their stints as student teachers.

The International Reading Association is a nonprofit professional organization with 85,000 members and councils and affiliates in more than 100 countries. Its rigorous application process included a site visit by evaluators who assessed UIndy's offerings in terms of course content; faculty and teaching; field experiences and practica; cultural diversity; candidate and program assessment; and governance, resources, and vision. The program received a "distinguished" rating in 26 of 29 categories evaluated.

The certificate will be presented May 5 in Minneapolis at a convention of the IRA, which awarded the honor for the first time earlier this year to the University of Texas at San Antonio. UIndy's Elementary Education Program is coordinated by Dr. **Nancy Steffel**, associate professor in the Department of Teacher Education, which is chaired by associate professor **Beverly Reitsma**.

"Preparing great teacher candidates is a team effort," Steffel said. "Our faculty on the Elementary Education Team incorporate literacy education in each course, so our candidates see how literacy helps children grow as learners in every subject area. We also are supported by our partner schools, which guide our candidates as they apply new literacy strategies in K-6 classrooms."

Site Re-Use: Putting Policy in Service Learning," details the University's involvement in the Wheeler Arts Community (a former carburetor factory) and the reuse of the former Indianapolis Coke plant site. Jason Ward also has a continuing photo exhibition at the Wheeler Arts Center. "When the Ovens Go Cold" is a collection of images of the Indianapolis Coke plant (part of Citizens Gas) taken by Ward as part of his involvement in the Coke Plant Site Reuse Project Group.

## Teacher Education

### *Discussing toys and gender*

Dr. **Greta Pennell** has been invited to participate in a Toys and Culture panel at the Popular and American Culture Conference in New Orleans in early April. Her paper is titled "Toy Story Redux: Gender and Ideology in Toy Advertising."

## Theatre

### *Students earn regional honors*

Theatre faculty and students received several honors at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Region III Festival in January.

**Stephanie Kucsera**, sophomore theatre and English teaching major, entered her costume design for UIndy's production of *Into The Woods*. Her design won the Regional Barbizon Award for Design Excellence in Costume Design. She is one of eight costume designers competing in April at the National Festival at the Kennedy Center. She earned that invitation by winning the Region III Barbizon Award for Theatrical Design Excellence in Costume Design. The competition included undergraduate and graduate students from Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan.

Students **Chelsey Wood** and **Alex Oberheide** competed in the Irene Ryan acting scholarship auditions with more than 280 graduate and undergraduate students participating. Wood and acting partner Stephanie Kucsera advanced to the preliminary round. Oberheide and partner **Chelsea Anderson** advanced to the final round of 16.

Oberheide, a junior from Carmel, was one of just three students in the country to be offered a National Selection Team Fellowship, which pays all expenses for him to attend the festival in mid-April at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. to participate in master classes and short play showcases.

The department's recent production of *Spike Heels*, directed by **Brad Wright**, resulted in the University of Indianapolis being one of eight schools from Region III invited to give three performances at the festival.



# UIndy youth mentors named best in state

The University of Indianapolis chapter of College Mentors for Kids was named 2009 Chapter of the Year at the organization's recent annual conference.

With 20 chapters at Indiana colleges and one in Illinois, College Mentors for Kids is a nonprofit organization that pairs children with college student mentors for weekly activities that expose youth to the opportunities of higher education.

The UIndy chapter formed in 1998 and now serves 60 children from two Indianapolis Public Schools elementaries, Otis E. Brown No. 20 and Paul I. Miller No. 114. The chapter is one of UIndy's largest student organizations, with 60 student mentors and 17 more students in leadership positions. They host the children—known in the organization as

“little buddies”—on campus from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for various activities and healthy snacks and meals. (Above are **Courtney Coleman**, a Visual Arts Teaching major from South Bend, Ind., with little buddy Grace.)

Among the chapter's special activities in the past year were fund-raising ventures, including a sale of the children's artwork, to ensure the group's financial stability and support its meal program. The University of Indianapolis chapter and its partner elementary schools also were nominated in the four other award categories: Site Manager of the Year, Elementary Partner of the Year, Mentor of the Year, and Chapter Leader of the Year.

The chapter president is **Curtis Ward**, a junior political science and international relations major. The staff advisor is **Marianna Foulkrod '01 '04**, Community Programs Center coordinator of community partnerships and service.



# Lectures, symposia give boost to academic life

## Exploring faith-based roots in Indiana higher education

Representatives of seven Indiana universities discussed their common faith-based origins in a March symposium at UIndy.

"Called to Unite Knowledge & Vital Piety: Exploring Indiana's Places of Christian Higher Education in the Wesleyan & Holiness Traditions" was hosted by UIndy with Anderson University. The keynote address was by Dr. Paul Chilcote, a professor of theology at Ashland University.

The seven participating institutions were founded in the 19th or early 20th centuries by people or groups associated with the Wesleyan and Holiness traditions that swept the nation at the time and are closely associated with the development of American Methodism.

The symposium, designed for faculty and staff of the universities, was open to members of United Methodist churches and others interested in faith and higher education.

The symposium is funded by the J. Balmer Showers Lectureship Endowment at UIndy, with supplemental funding from Lilly Endowment.

*For information on events and programming of UIndy's Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Programs, visit <http://eip.uindy.edu/>.*

## 'Singing as a political act' at Showers Lectures

A respected authority on the music of United Methodist worship spoke on campus in February as part of the University's Showers Lectures in the Christian Religion.

The Rev. Don E. Saliers, emeritus professor of theology and worship at Emory University's Candler School of Theology, was the featured speaker.

His lectures were free and open to the public. "Singing Faith, Singing Justice" was an exploration of singing as a political act, drawing examples from the history of Christian hymns and song, especially from eras that cried out for justice. "Terror and Beauty: Humanity at Full Stretch Before God," asked what it means to live fully in a world of both beauty and terror, and explored what emotional resiliency is required of Christian existence and what resources faith offers.

Saliers, organist/choirmaster at Emory for more than 30 years, has contributed to the *United Methodist Hymnal*, *United Methodist Book of Worship*, and *Upper Room Worshipbook*. He is author or coauthor of 15 books, including *A Song to Sing*, *A Life to Live*, written with his daughter Emily, a member of the folk-pop duo Indigo Girls.

He received his doctoral degree from Yale University and taught at Yale Divinity School before joining the Emory faculty. He lectures, preaches, and leads retreats widely and has taught regularly at Notre Dame, St. John's, Vancouver School of Theology, and Boston College. He has served as president of the North American Academy of Liturgy and the Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality.

Presented by UIndy's Department of Philosophy & Religion, the Showers Lectures in the Christian Religion are made possible through the generosity of the late Dr. J. Balmer Showers, a bishop of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and University trustee.

*For information on the Philosophy and Religion Department, visit <http://philrel.uindy.edu/>.*

## Sutphin Lectures look at value of liberal arts education

The secretary of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, the nation's oldest academic honorary organization, discussed the value of liberal arts education at the University of Indianapolis as part of UIndy's Sutphin Lectures in the Humanities last fall.

As secretary, John Churchill is Phi Beta Kappa's chief executive officer and the head of its national office. He delivered two addresses: "Understanding and Advocating Liberal Arts Education: The Challenges We Face," and "For Real Life: The Value of Liberal Arts Education."

He was educated at Rhodes College, where he was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa; at Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar; and at Yale, where he was awarded a PhD.

The Sutphin Lectures were endowed in memory of Samuel B. Sutphin by his sons Dudley V. and Samuel Reid Sutphin. The series brings scholars of distinction to campus for the benefit of students and the broader community.

### 'An alphabet for living': MLK Day brings noted speaker, author

Author, orator, and former Federal Communications Commission attorney Patricia Russell-McCloud was the featured speaker for the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration at the University of Indianapolis, presented by the University's Multicultural Affairs Committee.

"A is for Attitude: An Alphabet for Living" was the topic for Russell-McCloud, an Indianapolis native. She published a book by the same title in 2002.

She holds a bachelor's degree from Kentucky State University, studied at Harvard's School of Law, and received her law degree from Howard University School of Law. She worked at the FCC from 1973 to 1983.

Her husband is E. Earl McCloud Jr., presiding bishop of the 18th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, which includes Lesotho, Botswana, Mozambique, and Swaziland.

For more information on this event, visit <http://www.uindy.edu/news/?p=1072>.

### Author! Author! Heavy hitters visit for Kellogg Writers Series

The Kellogg Writers Series brought five significant authors to campus during the 2008–09 academic year. Endowed by Allen and Helen Kellogg, the series brings writers of distinction to UIndy, giving the community an opportunity to meet and talk with the writers and hear them read and discuss their work. Two of the writers visited this spring.

Brock Clarke visited in February. He is the author of two novels, *An Arsonist's Guide to Writers' Homes in New England* and *The Ordinary White Boy*, and two short story collections, *Carrying the Torch* and *What We Won't Do*. He is a two-time finalist for the National Magazine Award in Fiction. His fiction and essays have appeared in *Virginia Quarterly Review*, *The Believer*, *One Story*, *Southern Review*, *Georgia Review*, *New York Times*, and *New England Review*. His works have been included in the Pushcart Prize and *New Stories from the South* anthologies and on NPR's Selected Shorts. He is a 2008 NEA Fellow and teaches at the University of Cincinnati.

Leslie Heywood, professor of English and creative writing at SUNY-Binghamton, took part in the series in April. Heywood is the author of many books on women, sports, and culture, including the memoir *Pretty Good for a Girl* and the anthology *Third Wave Agenda*, co-edited with Jennifer Drake, UIndy associate professor of English. Her most recent works focus on environmental studies, including her poetry book, *Natural Selection: Poems for an Environmentalist Century*, and a nonfiction book entitled *The Wolf in the Albuquerque Hotel Room*.

Peabody Award winner and Pulitzer Prize-nominated author Richard Rodriguez spoke at UIndy in November. Known for observations on culture and religion in the U.S., Rodriguez is a frequent guest essayist on PBS's "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer," a role for which he earned a Peabody Award. His books include *Hunger for Memory: The Education of Richard Rodriguez*, *Days of Obligation: An Argument With My Mexican Father* (nominated for a Pulitzer Prize); and *Brown: The Last Discovery of America*.

Diane Glancy visited in October as part of the series. Glancy is a professor at Macalester College, where she teaches Native American Literature and Creative Writing. Her poetry collections include *The Dance Partner: Stories of the Late 19th Century Ghost Dance*; *In-between Places*; *Rooms: New and Selected Poems*, and *Asylum in the Grasslands*. Her novels include *Stone Heart: a Novel of Sacajawea*; *Designs of the Night Sky*; and *Pushing the Bear: a Novel of the Trail of Tears*, and *The Reason for Crows*.

Kevin Young also visited campus in October. Young is widely regarded as one of the leading poets of his generation, one who finds meaning and inspiration in African American music, particularly the blues, and in the bittersweet history of Black America. His newest book, *For the Confederate Dead*, was published in January 2007. Other collections include *Black Maria: Poems Produced and Directed by Kevin Young* (2005); *Jelly Roll: A Blues* (2003); and *To Repel Ghosts: Five Sides in B Minor* (2001).

Presenting a wide range of voices of both national and international significance, the Kellogg Writers Series receives support from Follett College Stores and the University of Indianapolis Lecture/Performance Series.

For more on the Kellogg Writers Series, visit <http://www.uindy.edu/news/index.php?s=kelllogg>. An interactive pdf of the University's annual arts calendar is available at <http://arts.uindy.edu/>.





*Senior communication major Katie Stam realized a childhood dream—and brought the world’s attention to her university and its service ethic—when she was crowned Miss America. Stam was the first Miss Indiana to claim the national title. The 22-year-old honor student had battled laryngitis earlier in the week but recovered in time to wow the crowd with her rendition of “Via Dolorosa” on the final night of competition. Fellow students cheered her on at a campus viewing party in Schwitzer Student Center.*

*The crowning of the new Miss America in January generated hundreds of news stories, carrying the University of Indianapolis name across the country and around the globe.*

*Her reign began with what must have been a thrill for the aspiring TV newscaster: a whirlwind New York City media tour that included appearances on “The Today Show,” “Live with Regis and Kelly,” “Fox & Friends,” and “Inside Edition.” Stam handled the interviews with aplomb, often joking that she was after the hosts’ jobs. She briefly lost her composure on MSNBC’s “Morning Joe,” however, when she got a surprise visit and some broadcasting tips from “NBC Nightly News” anchor Brian Williams.*

## UINDY SENIOR IS CROWNED

### *Communication Department colleagues were confident*

A standout student in the UIndy Department of Communication’s electronic media program, the new Miss America served as news director and later operations manager for startup campus station UIndy TV, where she helped lead the staff in winning the Indiana Association of School Broadcasters’ 2008 TV School of the Year award.

Communication instructor **Scott Uecker**, general manager of UIndy TV and WICR-FM/HD/HD2, said folks in the department never doubted Stam had a shot at the title.

“If you’re taking bets, don’t bet against her,” he told one local TV station. “We knew she was going to bring her A game.”

The win kicked off a busy year of appearances for Stam, who will travel some 20,000 miles each month, according to pageant organizers. She went to Tampa for the Super Bowl and in February attended the Washington Press Club Foundation’s 65th Annual Congressional Dinner, where she met such luminaries as House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

The responsibilities will delay Stam’s graduation, which would have taken place in May, but once the reign is over she will have a \$50,000 scholarship to continue with her plans for graduate school. And the appearances allow her to tout her pageant platform, “Passion for Service: Promoting Community Service and Involvement.”

On campus, Stam has embodied UIndy’s “Education for Service” motto. She chaired student government’s Service and Philanthropy Committee, organizing fund-raisers to aid the homeless and the Ronald McDonald House at Riley Hospital for Children.

In October, she directed the University’s annual Super Saturday of Service, with hundreds of students performing volunteer work around the city. As Miss America, she also serves as the official National Goodwill Ambassador for the Children’s Miracle Network, which raises money for children’s hospitals.

Surprisingly, the big pageant win also had a trickle-down effect for two other current and former UIndy students.

**Megan Meadors ’07 ’08**, who received a master’s degree in Occupational Therapy from UIndy in December, had been a runner-up in the 2008 Miss Indiana pageant.

In the wake of Stam’s national win, Meadors agreed to assume the Miss Indiana title and fulfill the related duties for the remainder of the one-year term. Her new employers at a Brownsburg retirement community don’t mind, she says, given that her pageant platform is Alzheimer’s awareness.

In turn, Meadors’ decision left a vacancy in the Miss Central Indiana seat, which was filled by current UIndy student **Bethany Clemens**, a junior marketing major. —*Scott Hall*

*“If you’re taking bets,  
don’t bet against her.*

*We knew she was going  
to bring her A game”*





## *Welcome home, Katie*

Katie Stam is known for her poise in the spotlight, but her eyes welled with tears on her first visit back to campus when she heard her praises sung by UIndy classmates and faculty.

"This is a very emotional experience for me, if you can't tell," the reigning Miss America told the home crowd at a reception hosted by Indianapolis Student Government.

The visit to campus was the first for the senior communication major since she won the national tiara in January. Earlier in the day, she had addressed state legislators and lunched with Governor Mitch Daniels.

In an afternoon reception attended by faculty, staff, and students, communication instructor Scott Uecker (bottom photo), Stam's academic adviser, recounted how she had emerged as a leader among UIndy's broadcasting students and was sometimes mistaken for a faculty member. He predicted that she would leave her mark on the Miss America pageant just as she has at the University's award-winning student TV station.

"I am confident that she will redefine the wearing of the crown," Uecker said. "I already feel sorry for the next Miss America."

University President **Beverly Pitts** expressed pride in having Stam on the world stage as a representative of UIndy and its "Education for Service" motto.

"She has a wonderful sense of service and commitment to others," Pitts said. "We know she represents the very best in us."

**Betsy Semrau**, president of Indianapolis Student Government, announced the establishment of a new annual award in honor of UIndy's Miss America. The Katie Stam Service Award reflects Stam's volunteer work as a student and her pageant platform of promoting community service.

Stam urged fellow students to look outside themselves for ways to contribute their time and talents to the greater good.

"That's what is really going to make your life successful and happy," she said.

Noting that her pageant success was the realization of a lifelong dream ("It's surreal"), Stam encouraged her peers to set ambitious goals for themselves.

"Go after them with everything you have, because it's an incredible feeling when you accomplish them," she said. "And you can."

The next day in Zionsville, she crowned her Miss Indiana replacement, **Megan Meadors**, who graduated from UIndy in December with a master's degree in occupational therapy.





# Mastering the decathlon

On a June day last year  
in Joplin, Missouri,  
65-year-old Henry  
Hopkins decided to  
go for a little run.

He ran a 100-meter dash, a 400-meter dash, and a 1500-meter run. Then he decided to jump some hurdles, pole vault a bit, and leap into a long jump pit. But he wasn't done yet. He still had time to throw a shot put, cast a discus, and launch a javelin.

If you think that retirement is all about kicking back in the recliner and watching television, you'd better think again.

Henry, a member of the Class of '67, has always had a love of track and field events. As an elementary school kid, he saw a high school student participating in the pole vault and knew he wanted to do that one day. He accomplished

that goal, vaulting throughout high school. Then a meeting with famed UIndy coach **Angus Nicoson** paved the way for Henry to be on the track and field team at Indiana Central College.

"Nick told me to study physical education because he knew I wanted to coach track," Henry explains. "He was such a great guy and I owe him a lot for all the opportunities I've had."

Henry vaulted all four years he was at Indiana Central, reaching 14'8" his junior year, his personal best. He held the school and conference records for a time and achieved one of the best vaulting heights in the nation.

Injury was a constant threat, however. "We used to land in sand pits or in sawdust," Henry says, "and you had to land on your feet, which was really hard on your knees."

"The technique has changed so much over the years, though, so it's easier to jump higher now because the poles are better and you land on giant padded mats."

After Henry graduated from ICC, he worked with the Peace Corps in Ecuador coaching track and field and helping some athletes get ready for the 1968 Olympics. When he came back to the States, he returned to Indianapolis and coached at Ben Davis High School. It wasn't long before he discovered the lure of the decathlon.





Photos (left to right):

- Henry (at right) “meeting and competing with my childhood idol Bob Richards,” Olympic pole vault champion
- Henry vaulting 12'6" in high school in 1962 “with a steel pole and a sand landing pit”
- Competing in the 1500m, the final event of the Masters World Games Decathlon Competition in 1999
- “The best pole vaulter I coached” was Ray Scotten, Henry says, at Ben Davis High School. Scotten won the Indiana High School Athletic Association pole vault competition in the state meet his senior year and went on to become national champion (16'10") as a high school senior. He then went on to vault at Southern Illinois and Nebraska, qualifying and competing in the pole vault competition at the 2008 Olympic Trials with a jump of 18'6"

A decathlon involves ten track and field events completed over the course of two days. At age 36, Henry started to compete in the master's category and found that he had a gift. “I’m a good vaulter and good at the hurdles and the long jump, but I’ve had to work hard to become a good distance runner,” he says.

In order to practice his vaulting, Henry set up a pole vault pit in his backyard. “I made it slope downhill so I could get in more jumps without getting tired as quickly,” he says with a laugh.

All the training prepared him to compete in the 1989 World Games in Oregon, where he finished just out of third place in the decathlon against athletes from all over the world. “That was my moment in the sun,” he says. “I had such an amazing experience, and it’s one I’ll never forget.”

Henry went on to become the national decathlon champion on seven occasions for his age group, in addition to being the track coach at Ben Davis and helping to coach track and field at UIndy. He also was inducted into the Indiana Track and Field Hall of Fame in 2005.

“Being able to come back and help to coach at UIndy was great,” he says. “To be able to share about my experiences and what I’ve learned was wonderful. I’ve tried to lead by example, and I think it has worked in most cases. I’m proud of what I accomplished there at the University.”

Henry may have retired from teaching and coaching a few years ago, but he’s not ready to sit around quite yet. Even though he’s been dealing with knee troubles, he is hoping to participate in the 2010 International Masters Decathlon Challenge in England in the 65- to 69-year-old age group. “It’s so much fun, and the friendships that develop from those opportunities are what make it worthwhile. I’ve had a lot of fun with this and it has opened a lot of doors for me, including my dream to be an athlete and coach.

“I’ve been blessed with a great life.”

—Jennifer L. Huber '07

*‘A lot of people my age have pulled muscles. You’ve got to give it 100% to pole vault, but people my age aren’t supposed to be doing that! We’re supposed to be out jogging or walking or playing golf. But running as hard as you can and using every muscle in your body—except the ones that wiggle your ears—to launch yourself up and over a bar? Something is going to fly apart’*





*Bless*



*The 1972-73 baseball team*



*Brenneman*



*McNulty*



*Richardson*

### Four individuals, team inducted to UIndy Hall of Fame

The University of Indianapolis Athletics Hall of Fame welcomed four individuals and one team as its class of 2009. The inductees are Mark Bless (football, track), Walter Brenneman (basketball, track), Dennis McNulty (cross country, track), Andy Richardson (track, football) and the 1972-73 baseball team. The honorees were enshrined at the annual awards banquet Feb. 28.

A football and track letterwinner, **Mark Bless** graduated from UIndy in 1984. He earned first-team All-Heartland Conference honors for football in 1981 and '83. Mark also earned the most valuable player honor in the Heartland Conference in 1983. From 1990 to '95, Mark was the head football coach at North Vermillion High School, earning a 39-14 overall football record. He is currently the head football coach at Mooresville High School with a 94-47 overall record. He led the team to the sectional championship in the 2003-04 and 2004-05 seasons. His team also earned conference championships in the 2004-05 and 2007-08 seasons. Coach Bless earned the University of Indianapolis Greyhound Club Coach of the Year honor in 2001-02 and 2004-05, in addition to the Indianapolis Colts' Coach of the Year in 2003 and 2004.

**Walter Brenneman** graduated from UIndy in 1941. Walter was a four-time letterwinner in basketball and track. In the four years he played basketball, the team went 60-12. Walter was inducted into the Army Air Force at Fort Benjamin Harrison on December 11, 1941, and on August 3, 1943, on his 29th mission, he was shot down off New Guinea. The Walter Brenneman Award was created in his honor and is provided by Walter's family and friends; one recipient is selected from among all participating athletes with particular attention in the selection process given to each participant's leadership abilities, self control, cooperation, and ethical character.

**Dennis McNulty** received his BA in 1977 from the University of Indianapolis. As a cross country and track stand-out, McNulty ran in three NCAA College Division II cross country and track national championships and was the top Indiana finisher at the Boston Marathon in 1975 with a time of 2:37:00. He began his coaching career at Clarksville High School in 1977, went to Noblesville High School in '81 and Maconaquah High School in '85, and has been at Warren Central since 1987. Coach McNulty led Warren Central to four IHSAA state championships in 1995, 1996, 2006, and 2007. He has been the head coach of 13 high school All Americans and was named the National High School Federation National Coach of the Year and the Indiana All-Star Team's Head Coach in 2007.

**Andy Richardson**, a 1998 graduate of the University of Indianapolis, was a four-time track and field letterwinner and a two-time football letterwinner. Andy achieved many feats while at UIndy. He was the 1997 NCAA II Outdoor Shot Put champion and the '98 NCAA II Indoor Shot Put champion. In 1997 and '98, he finished in the top 20 at the U.S. National Championships. He set the UIndy record, the 1998 Little State record, and the 1998 GLVC record in shot put. Andy was a four-time NCAA II All-American in the shot put. He coached at UIndy from 1998 to 2002, earning six All-American certificates and 14 GLVC titles in the throws.

The 1972-73 baseball team is considered one of the finest baseball teams in school history. Coached by **Bill Bright**, the team finished the season 20-4 and went 8-0 in conference play. The team had the third-best batting average in the nation with .325. Eleven members of the team had a batting average of .300 or better.



Turner



Fishback

- The Great Lakes Valley Conference named its 2008 **Scholar Athletes of the Year** in each of the five fall sports. Three of the five honors went to UIndy athletes, with Greyhounds taking the men's soccer, women's soccer, and volleyball awards. UIndy's **Brian Fishback** (men's soccer), **Kyleigh Turner** (volleyball), and **Abby Tracy** (women's soccer) all took home awards. The league selects one student-athlete in each conference sport to be designated GLVC Scholar-Athlete of the Year. The award is based on athletic accomplishments, both team and individual, and academic performance in the season upon which the award is based.
- The **men's golf** team compiled a 286.4 strokes-per-round average in six autumn events, good for tops in the Great Lakes Region, third in Division II, and sixth in the nation (all divisions).
- The **women's golf** team headed into the 2009 calendar year with a No. 11 ranking in the Golf World/National Golf Coaches Association (NGCA) Division II Coaches' Poll. Senior **Kristi Piepenbrink** finished in the top three in four of five fall events and held a 73.67 strokes-per-round average, good for second in the Golfstar Cup D-II standings. Junior **Lyndsay McBride**, with her 76.33 average, held down the No. 15 ranking.
- The UIndy **baseball** and **softball** teams each received votes in their respective preseason polls. Baseball collected 18 votes in the NCAA Div. II Collegiate Baseball Newspaper Pre-Season Poll while softball garnered four points in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Division II Top 25 Pre-Season Poll.
- In **wrestling**, **Matt Irwin**, the Greyhound 141-pounder, was ranked No. 6 in the nation in his weight class for much of the season and was among the top 20 in wins.
- Wrestlers **Ethan Harris**, **Cory Fornal**, **Matt Irwin**, and **Jimmy Nichols** all have won

individual tournament championships for the Greyhounds this season. Fornal and Irwin each finished second in their weight classes at the NCAA Regional, earning the right to wrestle at the 2009 NCAA Division II Championships.

- UIndy **swimmers** set four league records at the 2009 GLIAC Swimming and Diving Championships. **Manuel Stiem** (200 and 400 IM) broke two records, while **Erica Smith** (100 butterfly) and **Isabela Tafur** (100 freestyle) etched their names with new league championship marks.
- A pair of Greyhound **women's soccer** players earned national accolades from the NSCAA for their performance in the classroom, with seniors **Alli Opfer** and **Abby Tracy** being named to the 2008 NSCAA/Adidas Women's College Scholar All-America Teams. Opfer earned a spot on the College Division second team, while Tracy was selected to the College Division third team.
- **Amy Schmitz** broke the school record in the women's **weight throw** in consecutive meets, earning a trip to the NCAA II Indoor Track and Field Championships. Schmitz helped the UIndy team to its first GLVC Indoor Track title Feb. 28. Joining her in Houston were **Emily Schaf** (high jump), **Andrea Horban** (shot put), **Willie Little** (weight throw) and **Sam Elmore** (weight throw).
- The **women's basketball** team had two separate eight-game winning streaks and was ranked as high as No. 19 in the NCAA Division II Women's Basketball Coaches Association national poll. They ended the regular season with a 22-8 mark and made their second straight trip to the NCAA tournament and fifth appearance in seven seasons. Soph **Samantha Meissel** was named to the All-GLVC First Team; junior **Jessica Canary** earned second team accolades.
- All-region **volleyball** performers senior **Beth Robbins** and junior **Kyleigh Turner** each garnered All-American honorable mention from the American Volleyball Coaches Association, while Robbins received Third Team All-American distinction from Daktronics, Inc.
- Twenty-two Greyhound student-athletes qualified for competition at the **NCAA Division II Winter Sports Festival** in Houston, Tex. Fifteen swimmers, five athletes from track and field, and two wrestlers represented the University of Indianapolis.

—*Mitch Wigness, Sports Information Director*



## Calendar

### April 18

Alumni Flag Football Game, Key Stadium

### April 22

Greyhound Club Senior Buffet: Primo Banquet Hall, 2615 National Ave.

### June 26

Greyhound Club Golf Outing: Otter Creek, Columbus, Ind.

### July 30

Angus Nicoson Memorial Golf Outing: Dye's Walk Country Club, Greenwood, Ind.

### October 19-26

Greyhound Club Online Auction

### Greyhound texting

Get free text messages with results of each UIndy contest at <http://athletics.uindy.edu/Sports/general/2008/textscores.asp>. Pick the sports that interest you; as soon as the final score is posted online, you'll receive an update.

### Greyhound blogging

*Greyhound Notebook* is a blog devoted to UIndy athletics. Check it out at [athletics.uindy.edu](http://athletics.uindy.edu).

### Greyhound giving

Make your Greyhound Club gift online: <http://athletics.uindy.edu/>; click on "Donate to the Greyhound Club." Thank you!



## Upcoming Alumni Events



### Indianapolis 500 Festival Mini-Marathon Alumni Tent

— Saturday, May 2, 2009

— Complimentary bag storage, post-race drinks & snacks, and finisher photo. UIndy running visor given to the first 50 alumni tent registrants!

Are you participating in the Indianapolis 500 Festival Mini-Marathon this year? University alumni, faculty, staff, students, families, and friends who are running, walking, or watching the 500 Festival Mini-Marathon and 5K race are invited to visit the Alumni Association tent, sponsored by Gray Goat Sports, in the rest-and-recovery area of Military Park. Even if you're not a race participant, stop by the UIndy Alumni Association tent to meet friends and support fellow grads who raced. Last year's visitors included runners **Lisa (Kocher) '04** and **Jerry Bohacik** (top photo). Be among the first 50 to register for the alumni tent and receive a free UIndy runner's visor. Show your UIndy spirit: wear it during the race!

### Alumni Weekend 2009

— May 29–31, 2009

Experience what's new at your alma mater during Alumni Weekend 2009. The weekend begins with the **Honors and Recognition Dinner** honoring the 50th anniversary class of 1959 as well as those deserving UIndy alumni who have excelled in their profession and in service to their community.

All alumni are invited to fellowship with one another at the Saturday morning **All-Alumni Breakfast**. Saturday afternoon will feature a special **luau luncheon**. (Below: **Renee Casey '06** and **Karen Roller '08** hugged it out last year in front of the Stierwalt Alumni House.)

And for the singers among you, there will be a choir rehearsal for a song to be performed during the Sunday morning worship service.

Saturday evening, you're in for a special treat. Enjoy one or both **feature films under the stars on Smith Mall** with your former classmates and new friends. You are welcome to bring your own dinner, or you can purchase a diner-style dinner on site. Bring a blanket or lawn chair if you like.

First feature: **Aladdin**, featuring the voice of Robin Williams. Rated G. The biggest film of 1992, the Disney classic tells the story of Aladdin, a street urchin living in a busy town with faithful monkey friend Abu. When Princess Jasmine tires of being forced to remain in the palace above the city, she sneaks out to the marketplace, where she accidentally meets Aladdin, and the two develop a wonderful friendship.

Second feature: **American Graffiti**, starring Richard Dreyfuss, Ron Howard, Paul Le Mat, Charles Martin Smith, Candy Clark, Mackenzie Phillips, Cindy Williams, Wolfman Jack, and Harrison Ford. Rated PG. This 1973 classic features the coming-of-age of four teenagers on their last summer night before college.



Check out the alumni event calendar at <http://alumni.uindy.edu>, then register via Alumni Central, your online connection. Or call (317) 788-3295.



Rediscover drag racing, Inspiration Point, and drive-ins in this nostalgic look at the early sixties. The incredible soundtrack brings you the most memorable rock 'n' roll hits of the era.

Sunday morning, you are invited to **worship** at the University Heights United Methodist Church for the 9 a.m. worship service. This service will feature a **choral selection by alumni** who participated in Saturday's rehearsal.

To register for Alumni Weekend 2009, visit <http://alumni.uindy.edu/AW2009>.

### **UIndy gets Wicked— Alumni Night at the Murat**

— *Thursday, June 11, 2009*

— *Orchestra Center, Murat Theatre, Indianapolis*  
— *Rathskeller Reception, 6–7:15 p.m.*

Broadway America is coming to Indianapolis, and your Alumni Association is joining in the excitement. Enjoy an evening of food, fellowship, and theatre as we gather for *Wicked*, the story behind the witches of Oz and all that happened before Dorothy dropped in. Before the performance, UIndy alumni will enjoy complimentary appetizers at the historic Rathskeller, across from the Murat Centre.

### **Young Alumni Mixer**

— *Thursday, June 25, 2009*

— *6–8 p.m.*

— *Crowne Plaza, Indianapolis Airport*  
— *2501 South High School Road, Indianapolis*

Greyhounds are invited to check out the newly renovated Crowne Plaza at the Indianapolis airport at the UIndy Young Alumni Mixer. Network with the newest class of Greyhounds and those who have been in the workforce for a few years as you enjoy appetizers and cocktails. This event is designed for you to catch up with classmates and make some new friends. The evening also features drawings for two fantastic prizes, but you must be present to win!

- One lucky Greyhound will win two tickets to our UIndy Does Symphony on the Prairie event, Saturday, June 27, which features the music of Harry Potter films.
- One lucky Greyhound will win a free night's stay and breakfast for two at the luxurious Crowne Plaza.

Check out one of Indianapolis's premier hotels while you network with Indianapolis's premier Alumni Association.

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### **UIndy does Symphony on the Prairie**

— *Saturday, June 27, 2009*

Join your Alumni Association at Conner Prairie for an Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra concert of music from the Harry Potter films. Watch for details at <http://alumni.uindy.edu>.



### **Celebrating 50 years of 'Education for Service'—the Nursing way**

— *Saturday, November 7, 2009*

The Alumni Association and School of Nursing are busy planning a special evening celebrating 50 years of nursing education at UIndy. (See page 20.) This historic evening will take place in the newly remodeled Schwitzer Student Center on UIndy's campus. Nursing alumni, be sure to visit <http://alumni.uindy.edu> for details.



### **Homecoming: Hounds go Hollywood**

— *Saturday, October 24, 2009*

Homecoming at UIndy has become one of the favorite and most highly attended campus community events. Make plans to "go Hollywood" (this year's theme) and join in all the fun and festivities for Homecoming 2009. (For two straight years, the Greyhound football team has made dramatic fourth-quarter comebacks to win, celebrating with fans under a spray of fireworks.) For details, visit <http://alumni.uindy.edu>.



*For several years, the UIndy Alumni Association has taken graduates abroad to wonderful destinations. Now, thanks to the excellent help of the UIndy-Athens faculty and staff and the campus's proximity to great destinations in Greece, the 2009 Alumni Odyssey trip is available to alumni, their families, and friends. Opa!*

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### **The Odyssey, UIndy Alumni style: Athens, Ancient Greece, the Islands**

- Sponsored by the UIndy Alumni Association and the University of Indianapolis-Athens
- **Plan A:** October 4–18, 2009 (15 days, 13 breakfasts, 7 dinners, 1 cocktail reception)
- **Plan B:** October 4–12, 2009 (9 days, 7 breakfasts, 6 dinners)
- Available to alumni, their families, and friends

Join your UIndy Alumni Association on a tour to the birthplace of Western civilization. Taste the many flavors of Greece and visit ancient monuments you have seen only in pictures. See the famous isles with photogenic fishing inlets, sheer cliffs, and pristine white houses. Experience the country's rich cultural wonders. The UIndy-Athens faculty and staff assisting in this inaugural UIndy Alumni Odyssey will enhance your vacation with personal touches and give you an inside look at Greek culture.

The tour departs from the United States. Mainland touring in Greece includes visits to the University of Indianapolis-Athens campus and the city of Athens, as well as excursions to Meteora, Delphi, Olympia, Lagadia, Mycenae, Epidavros, Tolo, Argolis, and Nauplion.

Plan B travelers then will return to Athens and begin their journey back to the United States. Plan A travelers will board a ferry and travel through the Corinth Canal and on to Naxos, one of the most beautiful islands in the Cyclades, for two nights in this island paradise.

After bidding farewell to Naxos, you will sail to the most spectacular destination in the Mediterranean for two nights on the fabled island of Santorini. Your odyssey ends when you return to Athens for a farewell dinner at the University of Athens Cultural Center with UIndy-Athens alumni before flying home the next morning.

To request a brochure, contact the Office of Alumni Relations.

### **Alumni Odyssey benefits**

- Great value—priced especially for UIndy alumni
- Free informational meeting and send-off party at the Indianapolis campus
- Two options to suit your needs: 9- or 15-day trips
- Custom itinerary designed to familiarize you with the UIndy-Athens campus and Greece
- Special educational features provided by UIndy-Athens faculty
- Custom flight departure from Indianapolis; other U.S. cities on request
- Welcome reception and farewell dinner at UIndy-Athens Cultural Center with view of the Acropolis
- Carefully selected hotels providing maximum comfort and amenities
- Expert local guide and driver service; UIndy staff accompanying the tour.
- The best of both worlds: Greece by land and sea!

**Reserve your UIndy Alumni Odyssey today!**  
Contact the Office of Alumni Relations for details.

## Pick your plan

### Plan A: October 4–18, 2009

- \$5,395 based on double room occupancy
- \$5,995 based on single room occupancy

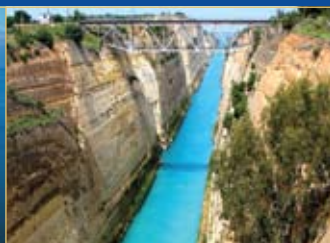
Includes round-trip airfare from Indianapolis, Indiana, to Athens, Greece, 15 days of travel and touring, ground transportation, overnight accommodations (13 nights) in hotels as described in brochure (or similar; contact the Alumni Office for details), 13 breakfasts, seven dinners, and one cocktail reception. Extras you should anticipate are tips at your discretion for guide, driver, and

## Payment terms

### Plan A: October 4–18, 2009

All fees should be made payable to the University of Indianapolis in United States dollars (USD). Fees paid are in no part eligible as a charitable donation to the University. By making a deposit, you are agreeing to the terms stated herein.

- An initial nonrefundable deposit of \$300 (USD) per person is due with this reservation.
- A second payment of \$2,000 (USD) per person is due by June 30, 2009, to continue holding your reservation.



wait staff, as well as up to \$50 euro per person for entrance fees to museums as described in the itinerary (see full brochure).

### Plan B: October 4–12, 2009

- \$3,995 based on double room occupancy
- \$4,595 based on single room occupancy

Includes round-trip airfare from Indianapolis, Indiana, to Athens, Greece, nine days of travel and touring, ground transportation, overnight accommodations (seven nights) as described in brochure (or similar; contact the Alumni Office for details), seven breakfasts, and six dinners. Extras you should anticipate are tips at your discretion for guide, driver, and wait staff, as well as up to \$50 euro per person for entrance fees to museums as described in the itinerary (see full brochure).

For both Plan A and Plan B, we are holding a limited number of seats departing Indianapolis. Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis and at prices listed above. Prices are subject to change if you are departing from a different city and are subject to availability. Prices are based on costs at time of contracting with suppliers. Should these increase, the University of Indianapolis Alumni Association reserves the right to pass on additional costs (such as fuel surcharges).

- Final payment in full (USD) is due by July 6, 2009, to confirm your trip reservation and book your flight.
- *Your final payment will reflect fees resulting from your choices of room occupancy and the purchase of travel insurance protection, and any variation of flight-departure cities other than Indianapolis.*

### Plan B: October 4–12, 2009

- An initial nonrefundable deposit of \$300 (USD) per person is due with this reservation.
- A second payment of \$1,000 (USD) per person is due by June 30, 2009, to continue holding your reservation.
- Final payment in full (USD) is due by July 6, 2009, to confirm your trip reservation and book your flight.
- *Your final payment will reflect fees resulting from your choices of room occupancy, the purchase of travel insurance protection, and any variation of flight-departure cities other than Indianapolis.*

## Refund policy

The initial deposit is nonrefundable. Cancellations received in person, by mail, or by phone between June 30, 2009, and July 6, 2009, will receive a refund of 50% of the amount paid, less the initial nonrefundable deposit. Cancellations received on or after July 7, 2009, will receive no refund.

*Request a brochure by contacting the Office of Alumni Relations.*



## Class Notes

Portico welcomes your news and photos for Class Notes, to be used as space allows. All original photos will be returned to you. Please mail a print or submit a high-resolution (300 dpi) digital image, sent as an attachment, to [alumni@uindy.edu](mailto:alumni@uindy.edu). (Unfortunately, reproductions of newspaper photos cannot be used.)

### 1930s

**Mary Noblitt Milhouse '31** died November 23.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bishop

**Paul Milhouse '32**,

who served as Bishop-in-

Residence at UIndy from

1991 to 1998. Survivors

include daughter **Mary**

**Milhouse Hauswald '56**

and her husband, **Ronald**

**Hauswald '54**; daughter,

**Pauline Milhouse**

**Vermillion '61**; son, **P.**

**David Milhouse '63**, and

his wife, **Martha Catlin**

**Milhouse '65**; sister-in-

law, **Dorothy Milhouse**

**Jacobs '39**, and brother-

in-law, **George Jacobs**

**'42 HD '77**. Surviving

grandchildren include

**Greg Hauswald '80** and

his wife, **Pam Deemer**

**Hauswald '79**; **Brian**

**Vermillion '90**, UIndy

chemistry lab director and

instructor, and his wife,

**Tracy Shope Vermillion**

**'89**; **Janice Milhouse**

**Stier '93**; **Jeffrey**

**Hauswald '82** and his

wife, **Kathryn May**

**Hauswald '82**; **Carol**

**Hauswald Wietholter**

**'86** and her husband,

**W. Kyle Wietholter '87**.

Mary Noblitt Milhouse

lived in Franklin, Ind.

**Rachel Barrow**

**Christy '34** died May

13. Rachel is survived

by her children, Dean

and Donald Christy;

Tammy Wagner; seven

grandchildren; and two

great-grandchildren.

Rachel was a retired

school teacher of 35 years,

having taught in several

Indiana schools. She lived

in Bloomington, Ind.

**Elmer Brown Jr. '35**

died June 28. He and his

wife, Dorothy, traveled

around the world leading

Quaker meetings and

promoting Quaker

ideology. Elmer lived

in Greensboro, N.C.

**Kenneth L. Eller '36**

passed away November

24. He was the retired

president and founder of

Delaware Management

Consultants. Kenneth

is survived by his wife,

Gretchen; son, Fred;

daughters, Jean and

Marjorie; stepchildren,

Robert and Sandra;

sister, Jeannette; four

grandchildren; six great-

grandchildren; and two

step-grandchildren.

Kenneth lived in

Wilmington, Del.

**Mary Patrick Ralph '36**

passed away December

7. She served as a Red

Cross nurse's aide in San

Diego, California, during

World War II and was

an active volunteer in

her community. Mary

volunteered at the Leisure

Village Women's Club

and the St. John's Pleasant

Valley Hospital Auxiliary

Projects Group in

Camarillo, Calif. Mary is

survived by her daughters,

Carol Bibb and Mary

Kaneshiro. She lived in

Camarillo.

**Lavena Thorn Babb**

**'38** died January 1. She

taught in Floyd and Clark

County school systems in

Indiana. Survivors include

her son, Stephen Babb,

and several grandchildren

and great-grandchildren.

She lived in Louisville, Ky.

**Reba "Gammy"**

**Linville Macy '38** died

November 11. She taught

at the Union Township

School Corporation

in Morristown and

Arlington Elementary

in Arlington, Ind. Reba

lived in Arlington.

### 1940s

**Lester Kirk '40** died

October 3. He was a U.S.

Army veteran and served

in the South Pacific

during World War II.

He taught math, history,

and driver's education

and coached at Patoka,

Petersburg, and Pike

schools in Indiana. Lester

lived in Petersburg, Ind.

**Elizabeth Hart Allen '45**

died September 9. She was

a retired clerk/secretary.

Elizabeth is survived

by her husband, **Alva**

**Allen '48**; sons, Dennis,

Daryl, and David;

sister, Adina Grose; five

grandchildren, and three

great-grandchildren. She

lived in Jasper, Ind.

**L. Phillip Akard '48**

died November 13. He

was a teacher for 17 years

at Lawrence Central High

School in Indianapolis

and a U.S. Army veteran

of World War II. Phillip

is survived by his wife,

**Julianne Herzog**

**Akard '49**, and seven

children. He resided in

Indianapolis.

**Luella McBride '48**, widow of the late **Robert McBride '48**, died on January 11. She was president of the Simpson Guild and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from Simpson College in 1987. After retiring, Luella served as president, vice president, and chaplain of the Philanthropic Educational Organization and was a member of the Philanthropic Educational Organization singers. The McBrides will be honored posthumously on May 29, having been selected for the UIndy Alumni Association's 2009 Gene and Joanne Sease Award. Luella is survived by her daughter, Judith Bentley, and sons, Ronald and Steven McBride. Luella lived in Franklin, Ind.

## 1950s

**Eleanor Higginbotham Barkalow '50** passed away June 22. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Gale Barkalow '47**. Eleanor is survived by her sons, Dale and Keith; daughter, **Anne Marie Ward '79**; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, including her grandson, **David Sibley '02**. She lived in Lawrenceville, Ill.

**Francis "Chick" LaRussa '50** died May 9. He taught in Indiana at Sacred Heart High School and Beech Grove High

School and in California at Antelope Valley High School and was Quartz Hill High School vice principal. Chick is survived by his sisters, Jenny Patty and Mary Froelich, and daughters, Lisa Zapf and Cynthia Freeman. He lived in Temecula, Calif.

**Catherine Pflum Risch '50** died May 4. Catherine was a farmer in Fayette County, Ind., and owner/operator of Risch's Cackle House and Storage. She is survived by her husband, Lawrence, five children, and four brothers and sisters. Catherine lived in Connersville, Ind.

**Ruth Clausius '51** died November 22. She was a retired Elroy Elementary School teacher in Richland Center, Wisconsin. She also taught at the Alcade Mission School in Alcade, New Mexico, for more than 27 years. Ruth is survived by her sister, Betty Van Arsdall; and many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews. She lived in Oxnard, Calif.

**Dean Dietrich '51** passed away on December 27, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn; children, Amy Coppe and Dean Dietrich; and five grandchildren. Dean lived in Annandale, Va.

## FACULTY-EMERITA

### School of Nursing professor

**Mary Louise Martin Churchill**, School of Nursing faculty emerita, passed away at age 85 on Friday, January 2, 2009. According to her obituary in the *Indianapolis Star* on January 4, "She served in the US Army Nurse Corps during WWII. She was a . . . devout missionary in Congo, Africa, and escaped with her life after an uprising of the natives who killed most of the doctors and nurses. She worked at Community Hospital East for 44 years and later volunteered 25 years with her husband. After retirement and her husband's death, she became heavily involved with the American Red Cross, volunteering for over 25 years. She also volunteered at Old Bethel UMC."

**Richard E. Kistler '51** died November 25. He served churches in Noblesville, Bippus, Churubusco, Elkhart, Munster, and Kokomo, Ind., before retiring. He is survived by his children, Cheryl, Lucinda, Lanny, Nina, Renny, and Les; ten grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Richard lived in Frankfort, Ind.

**Lloyd C. Barden '53** died November 29. Lloyd was a retired maintenance person from Irene Byron Tuberculosis Sanitarium in Fort Wayne, Ind. He is survived by his wife, Beverly Ann; sons, **Kenneth '77**, Samuel, and Thomas; and six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Lloyd lived in Winona Lake, Ind.

**David Hilton '53** died July 27. He was a primary care physician who worked in Nigeria at a

mission hospital, training village health workers. David was also a mentor and adjunct professor at Emory University School of Public Health and the Medical School. He is survived by his wife, **Laveta Smith Hilton '52**; daughter, **Carol Hilton Brody '81**; brother, **Donald Hilton '54**; and sister-in-law, **Mary Huston Hilton '53**. David was preceded in death by his father, **Vernon Hilton '53**; brother, **Bruce Hilton '53 '75**; and sister-in-law, **Virginia Young Hilton '54**. He lived in Clarkston, Ga.

**Ruth Kopp '53** died July 21, 2007. She lived in Corydon, Ind.

**Dorothy "Dottie" Steele Timmerman '53** and her husband, Howard, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on October 26. They live in New Palestine, Ind.

## Class Notes

**James E. Allen '54** was named volunteer of the year by Catholic Charities Daybreak Center in April. He was also inducted into the Hall of Pride by Project Pride in November. James lives in Joliet, Ill.

**Abie L. Carter '54** died October 11. He is survived by his wife, Susan; sister, Kitty Wolf; and stepdaughters, Linda Noonan and Carol Mitchell. Abie was a retired psychologist at La Crosse (Ind.) High School. Abie lived in La Crosse.

**Hugh E. Jarrett '54** died September 24. He was a retired minister, most recently serving at the Fountain City Christian Church in Fountain City, Tenn. Hugh is survived by his wife, India, and son, Paul. Hugh lived in Knoxville, Tenn.

**Paul A. Mendenhall '55** passed away October 23. He was the deputy executive director for the Indiana State Teachers Association and a retired financial advisor for Smith Barney. Paul is survived by his wife, Marta; children, Paul Jr. and Shirley Waltenburg; mother, Bertha; sister, Ernestine; and five grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. He lived in Carmel, Ind.

## 1960s

**Lawrence '60 and Carolyn Devitt Bunting '60** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on December 12. The couple resides in Indianapolis.

**Marshall Goss '60** was honored by Indiana High School Cross Country and Track and Field when a qualifying state relay final was named for him. He is the assistant athletic director and director of facilities at Indiana University. Marshall lives in Bloomington, Ind.

**James Clardy '62** died December 25. He served as the minister of music at Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, St. John's Missionary Baptist Church, and the Indianapolis Charter Gospel Music Workshop of America. James's other affiliations included the Spirits of Harmony, Music Masters, and years of service with Operation Breadbasket. He retired from General Motors' Allison Division after 27 years of service. James is survived by his siblings, Brian Bland and Ann Georges. He lived in Indianapolis.

**Daniel Havens '65** died October 15. He was a member of the Indiana High School Athletic Association from 1969 to 1984 for track and

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### Alumni Souper Supper and Pack-the-House Night

On January 24, alumni and their friends and families enjoyed comfort food: soups, made-to-order grilled cheese sandwiches, and cherry and apple cobblers—the perfect excuse to come in from the cold. Afterward, alumni packed Nicoson Hall to support the women's and men's basketball teams as they battled the Lewis University Flyers.



### Southwest Florida gathering

A number of alumni spent the evening of February 24 in Estero, Florida, both reminiscing and looking ahead. UIndy president-emeritus **Jerry Israel** (above right) and his wife, **Carol** (above left) hosted the event. Also joining the fun were president-emeritus **G. Benjamin Lantz** and his wife, **Mary Sue** (shown above with Jerry and Carol). Current president **Beverley Pitts** provided attendees with an update on all the changes taking place on campus and plans for the future.

### Faculty/Staff Alumni Appreciation Day

University employees who hold the distinction of also being UIndy graduates were treated to a day of appreciation on March 18. This special alumni group was treated to pastries, coffee, and a smile to help get their morning started, and later were welcomed to the Stierwalt Alumni House for a luncheon in their honor. **Julie Gahimer '85** of the Krannert School of Physical Therapy was recognized for receiving the 2009 Distinguished Faculty/Staff Alumni Award. Congratulations, Julie!

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# NEW GRANT COVERS TUITION FOR MILITARY VETERANS

## **UIndy Freedom Award supplements federal GI Bill's education aid**

Military veterans returning from the field can attend the University of Indianapolis tuition-free, thanks to a new UIndy grant program that supplements federal education benefits.

The University of Indianapolis Freedom Award—open to veterans who have served in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere since Sept. 11, 2001—will be especially valuable to those who want to further their education before re-entering an increasingly tight job market.

“The original GI Bill offered vital support to the veterans of World War II, and today’s military personnel deserve that same kind of assistance as they return to private life,” said **Mark Weigand**, the University’s vice president for student affairs and enrollment management. “Our program fills the gap for these people who have served our country so bravely.”

UIndy’s new grant program works in conjunction with the federal Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, which offers veterans of recent conflicts an amount equal to the highest in-state tuition at a public university in their home states.

Aimed at veterans who prefer a private university environment, the UIndy Freedom Grant and a matching award from the federal Yellow Ribbon Program will cover any remaining tuition cost, after other financial aid is calculated. Such students also are eligible for other Veterans Administration benefits, including living allowances and a \$1,000 annual stipend for books and supplies.

To be eligible for the Freedom Award, a recipient must qualify for the federal programs and be admissible as a full-time undergraduate student. The award can be renewed for as long as eight semesters for students who maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.3 while successfully completing 20 credit hours per year.

To receive the maximum possible aid, all students are encouraged to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, available at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

For more information on the University of Indianapolis Freedom Award, you may contact the Office of Financial Aid at 1-800-232-8634 or visit its Web site at <http://financialaid.uindy.edu>.

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basketball. He was a teacher in Hamilton Heights, Arcadia, Ind., where he started the cross country program and was the assistant basketball coach. At Mooresville High School, he was a teacher and a guidance department director, boys' cross country coach, and assistant track coach, and served as announcer at football games. He is survived by his children, David Havens and Leigh-Ann Glidden. Daniel lived in Mooresville, Ind.

**Jess Harper '66** is a retired president and CEO of Electronic Products Marketing Corporation in Coral Springs, Fla. He lives in Coral Springs.

**Judith Powell Birgersson '67** died November 26. She retired from Rockwell Collins as a director of information services. She is survived by her daughter, Jennifer; grandsons, Jordan and Micah; and sisters, Pat and Jean. Judith lived in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

**Jeffrey Kellams '67** is on the Indiana Medical History Museum board of directors. He lives in Indianapolis.

## 1970s



**John Bailey '70** (right) works for the Department of Defense and is retired from the Army Reserve. He lives in Frederick, Md.

**Charles Beaver '70** retired from teaching mathematics at Eastern Hancock High School in Charlottesville, Ind. He and his wife, **Linda Amos Beaver '69**, live in Wilkinson, Ind.

**Donna Davis '70** died January 2. She was a teacher for Indianapolis Public Schools and spent 30 years teaching at School #20. Donna is survived by her daughters, Diann Davis Wright and Sharon Davis Cline; sons, Robert, Joshua, Daniel, and Jonathan; and brother, Brendon Davis. She resided in Mooresville, Ind.

**Buddy Cantrell '71** died September 17. He had worked for Eli Lilly and Company for 42 years. Buddy is survived by his wife, Londa; children, Jason Cantrell and Julie Gilbert; and brother, Randy Cantrell. Buddy lived in Zionsville, Ind.

**John Hoover '71** died December 15. He served in Okinawa, Japan, as an artilleryman for the Marines. John taught computer-aided design classes at Diamond Oaks Southeastern Career College, Cincinnati State, and the University of Cincinnati. Survivors include his wife, Margaret; daughter, Rachel Hoover; and brother, Tim Hoover. He lived in Cincinnati.

**Steven Humphrey '71** was appointed executive director of the Children's Medical Fund of New York. He lives in East Northport, N.Y.

**Bina Ryker '72** died January 17. She was a former employee of the International Harvester Co. Bina is survived by her husband, Lawrence, and son, Larry. She lived in Greenwood, Ind.



**Terry A. Taylor '73** has written a book, *A Spirituality for Brokenness* (Skylight Path Publishing), which "guides you through a compassionate yet highly practical process of facing, accepting, and finally integrating your brokenness into

your life—a process that can ultimately bring mending," according to the book's cover. The book "offers a clear-eyed, kindhearted method based on teachings and practices from many religious traditions." Terry lives in Louisville, Ky.

**Joanne Williams '73** '76 died January 3. She was a middle school teacher for Indianapolis Public Schools. Joanne is survived by her daughter, Vicki Williams. She resided in Indianapolis.

**Donald E. Bales Jr. '74** was honored with an award of merit by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. Donald is the athletic director at Lowell Senior High School. He lives in Lowell, Ind.

**Stephen Arthur '76** had a second edition of his book, *Indiana Practice: Civil Trial Practice*, published. He serves on the UIndy Alumni Board of Directors and lives in Indianapolis.

**Vicky Bailey Maddy '76** was named Wal-Mart's Teacher of the Year in Martinsville, Ind. She teaches at South Elementary School. Vicky and her husband, **Rex Maddy '76**, live in Martinsville.

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**Patricia Polis McCrory '76** is vice president of the Kiwanis Club of Indianapolis board of directors and serves on the University's Board of Trustees. She resides in Indianapolis.

**Doris Zimmerman '76** died December 31. She was a teacher for 25 years and worked at Little Marion and Coulston elementary schools. Doris is survived by her husband, Richard Zimmerman; mother, Margaret Houston; and children, David Zimmerman, Denise Hilton, and Diane Francis. She lived in West Lafayette, Ind.

**Richard "Rick" France '78** is secretary of the Optimist Club of Indianapolis board of directors. He lives in Indianapolis.

**Donald Snyder '78** is general music vocal specialist with the Prince George's County Public Schools in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, D.C. He is also a professional chorister at St. John's Episcopal Church in Chevy Chase, Md. Donald lives in Silver Spring.

**Jacqueline "Jackie" Whitney '79** is the academic advisor for the Indiana University

School of Education in Indianapolis. She lives in Indianapolis.

**Nancy Dinkledine Weber '79** is a clinical research associate at OmniCare Clinical Research Organization. She and her husband, **Douglas Weber '78**, live in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

## 1980s

**Caroline Fisher '82** was featured in an *Indianapolis Star* article focusing on her work as a trained sexual assault nurse examiner and highlighting her dedication to the rights of the sexually assaulted. She lives in Greenwood, Ind.

**Marcy L. Patrick '82** graduated from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis with a master of divinity degree. She serves at Centenary United Methodist Church in Lebanon, Ind., as an associate pastor. Marcy lives in Indianapolis.

**Kyle Malone '83** and wife, LaTasha, announced the birth of Zion on March 22. The family lives in Indianapolis.

**Nicholas Peters '83 '95** passed away December 30. He was active in the Franklin Township Youth Softball League. Survivors include his wife, Kathy Peters; children, Nicholas

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### How ya gonna keep 'em down on the farm?

**Craig Koors '09**, featured in the Winter 2009 edition of *Portico* ("The farmer with a Dell," by **Valerie Miller Wahlstrom '07**) will receive his MBA in finance in May with plans to put his newfound knowledge to work on the 1,000-acre family farm in Greensburg, Indiana. But in a bit of serendipity, another alumnus, **Mark St. Clair '78** of Consolidated Grain & Barge, saw the article, got in touch with him, and has since offered Craig a job with the firm. Craig does plan to go back to the farm, he says, but "I am not sure of the timeline." Consolidated is a major grain exporter to the Asian market. "The opportunity that I have taken (because of a UIndy alum) will give me valuable knowledge that is needed to be the most productive farmer," he says, "but will move me away from the farm for a while. I am going to work for a grain company that buys from farmers directly, including my parents' farm." Craig starts his new job on June 1.



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and Elizabeth; mother, Agnes Peters; sisters, **Eleanor '73 '77** and Mary; brothers, **Joseph '79 '82**, **John '78**, and Andrew. Nicholas lived in Indianapolis.

**Sarah Evans Barker HD '84** has joined the Indiana Historical Society board of directors. She lives in Indianapolis.

**Deborah Marr '85** will be inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame on April 25. She lives in Columbus, Ind.

**Kathleen Shaul Hash '86** is an attorney for Johnson County. She lives in Bargersville, Ind.

**Joyce Merriman Schooley '87** is immediate past state director of the Indiana State Council of the Society for Human Resource Management board of directors. She lives in Indianapolis.

**Ron Wilks '87** received the Dorothy Cheesman Distinguished Service Award from the Association for College Admission Counseling. He is the director of admissions at UIndy. Ron lives in Indianapolis.

### 1990s

**Linda Kunkler Niewedde '90** is a teacher at Irvington High School in Indianapolis. She lives in Indianapolis.

**Jennifer Forrest Smith '90** died December 7. She was a program director for Indiana Mentors of Indianapolis. Jennifer is survived by her husband, Steve; sons, Aaron, Noah, and Adam; stepdaughter, Megan; parents, Thomas and Rita Forrest; and brother, Rod Forrest. She lived in Pendleton, Ind.

**Dan Hollis '91** and **Tony Schantz '94** began construction of Sugar Grove Senior Living in Plainfield, Ind. They expect a grand opening

in August 2009. Dan lives in Fishers, Ind., and Anthony lives in Indianapolis.

**Clifford Petersohn '91** is director of global operations planning at Harman International. He lives in Antioch, Tenn.

**Roberta Sutton-Stent '92** is the nursing quality specialist and magnet coordinator at Clarian West Medical Center in Avon, Ind. She lives in Pittsboro.

**Christel DeHaan HD '93** joined the Indiana University Foundation board of directors. She resides in Indianapolis.



**David Howey, Jr. '94** and **Rebecca Howey '94** celebrated the birth of Caroline Marie on December 28. David serves on the UIndy Board of Directors. Caroline joins her brother, Ben, at the family's home in Mokena, Ill.

Dr. **Michalis Poulakis '94 '98 '02** (assistant professor of Psychology & UIndy-Athens Academic liaison) recently published a book, *The Adolescent Group to Explore ADHD Management*. He also presented a poster, "The Application of Empowerment Feminist Therapy with Incarcerated Women," for Division 35 in the American Psychological Association Conference in Boston in August 2008.

**Mohammed Sayeed '94 '99** has joined Thomas Bastin CPA & Associates. He lives in Indianapolis.



**Gabriella Calini Petzetakis '95** was honored for her exemplary community service with the Distinguished Alumni Award in this year's Commencement in Athens, Greece. Gabriella is the founder of the Make-a-Wish Foundation in Greece, through which children with life-threatening illnesses are granted their dream of a lifetime. She lives in Athens, Greece.

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**Bobbie J. Nowland Sides '95** and her husband, Eduard, announce the birth of Arianna Brielle on November 20. The family resides in Seymour, Ind.



**Jessica Greenlee Whitley '95 '97** and her husband, Brent, announce the birth of Alyssa Catherine, born August 12. The family resides in Landisville, Pa.

**LeWana Britt '96 '98 '01** is the officer manager for Indianapolis Ten Point Coalition as well as the youth minister at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. She resides in Indianapolis.



**Jamie Wickens Farley '96** and her husband, Robert, announced the birth of Ian Robert on

February 18, 2008. He was welcomed home by his sisters, Emilee and Abigail. The family lives in Cayuga, Ind.

**Nancy Werne Kendall '96** and her husband, Corey, welcomed Audra Kathleen into their home November 20, 2007. Audra was welcomed by her brother, Andrew. The family resides in Indianapolis.

**Andrew McDaniel '96** is a customer insights manager for Crowe Horwath LLP, an accounting and consulting firm in Indianapolis. He lives in Indianapolis.



**Shariq Siddiqui '96** and his wife, Sobia, announce the birth of their third child, Zaki Ahmed, on December 1. The family lives in Plainfield, Ind.



**Angela Sefcovic Bowen '97 '99** and her husband,

Matthew, welcomed Cooper James Bowen into the family on August 24. Cooper was welcomed by step-brother and step-sister Kyler & Elise. The family lives in Brooklyn Park, Md.



**Marvin Pavlov '98** is on the Indiana Association of Mediators board of directors. Marvin also serves on the UIndy Alumni Board of Directors. He lives in Columbus, Ind.

**Scott Armstrong '99** was graduated from the Fort Wayne Medical Education Program and became board certified as a family practice physician. He owns and practices in Armstrong Family Medicine, PC, and lives in Auburn, Ind.

**Nikos Botopoulos '99 '00** and his wife, Maria, announce the birth of Ioannis on July 23, 2007. Nikos is a businessman and an actor. The family lives in Athens, Greece.

**Chandra Bramlett '99** and Eric Mitchell were married October 18. The wedding party included **Angela Padol Lortie '99**. Chandra works in Akron,

Ohio, for the county government and Eric is employed at Alcan Plastic Packaging. The couple resides in Akron.

**Stacey Conk Aug '99** and her husband, Joe, celebrated the birth of Katelyn Susanne on October 20. The family lives in Greensburg, Ind.



**Paula Doering Skurka '99 '01** and **Kevin Skurka '00** announce the birth of Kailey Elizabeth on September 26. Paula is a physical therapist in St. John, Ind., and Kevin is a math teacher and basketball coach in Munster. The family lives in St. John.

## 2000s

**Jason Collins '00** was promoted to supervisory analyst with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Jason lives with his wife, **Eve Murray Collins '01**, in Centreville, Va.

**Lara DePoy '00**, MS, OTR, announces that the Jackson Center for Conductive Education has relocated to its own facility in Mooresville, 10 minutes from the new airport. Lara is a founder

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as well as the center's program director.

**Mary Ernsting '00** passed away August 25. She was a registered nurse and a case manager on the medical surgical floor at St. Francis Hospital. Mary is survived by her sister, Kriss Ernsting Bowes; brother-in-law, Andrew Bowes; niece, Katie Bowes; and nephews, Daniel and Erik Bowes. She lived in Indianapolis.



**Julie Kiefer '00 '04** is serving on the Semester at Sea Board of Directors. (Here she is during her own stint in the Semester at Sea education program in 2000.) She is working toward a PhD at Ball State University and teaches Spanish for Indianapolis Public Schools. Julie lives in Fishers, Ind.



**Emily Lefforge LeMay '00** and her husband, Dustin, celebrated the birth of Maxwell George

on April 25, 2008. The family lives in Avon, Ind.

**Michael Scott '00** has received his PhD in physics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He owns his own business developing Web-based learning materials for instructors and students in college-level science courses. His wife, **Stephanie '00**, and the couple's two young children, Joshua and Elizabeth, live in Mahomet, Ill.

**Mandi Clossey '01** was promoted to manager in the Health Care Group at Somerset CPAs, PC, in Indianapolis. She is also a certified public accountant. She lives in Indianapolis.

**Cheryl Livingston Cohen '01** announces the birth of a son, Jacob, on August 31. The family lives in St. Louis, Mo.

**Chris DesJean '01 '07** and **Stacy Clapp DesJean '04** celebrated the birth of a daughter, Claire, on June 28. Chris is the community bank president of Wells Fargo Bank in Decatur, Ind., and Bluffton, Ind. Stacy is a nurse at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne. The family lives in Ossian.



**Shalimar Holderly '01** has been selected for the Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program through Wabash College in Indiana. She lives in Fort Wayne.

**Jessica Guy James '01** and her husband, Michael, celebrated the birth of Rylen Cirie on May 12. Rylen joins their daughter Leila Marie in the family's home in Indianapolis.

**Christine Weisner Johnson '01** married James Johnson on October 11. Christine is the human resources database specialist for Tangram Inc. in Indianapolis. James is a student at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, working toward his bachelor's degree in elementary education. The couple lives in Indianapolis.

**Gennelle Lucid '01** has been appointed manager of the Intensive Care Unit/Adult Critical Care at St. Francis Hospital in Beech Grove, Ind. She lives in Indianapolis.



**Allison Baut '01** married Bryan Sorgen on September 27. The wedding party included **Regan Matasovsky Omaley '02 '05** and **Kelly Eder '01**. Allison is a pediatric physical therapist at Turnstone Center for Children & Adults with Disabilities in Fort Wayne, Ind. Bryan is a firefighter for the city of Fort Wayne. The couple lives in Huntertown.

**Jared Tucher '01** and his wife, Gwen, announce the birth of Wesley Michael on July 31. The family lives in Gillette, Wyo.

**Anne Cook '02** and her husband, Paul, welcomed Noah Michael into their home July 21. The family resides in Indianapolis.

**Tricia Bultemeyer-Ripley '02** and her husband, Jeff, announced the birth of a son, Colin, October 4. The family resides in Decatur, Ind.

**Amanda Schlotterbeck Owens '02 '05** and **William "Travis" Owens '03** welcomed Ethan Timothy into their home December 11. The family lives in Indianapolis.



### **Melanie Prapopoulos '02**

has a solo art exhibition entitled "Explorations" on display in Ico Gallery in New York, N.Y. It features many of Melanie's current abstract works. She divides her time between living in New York, N.Y., and Athens, Greece.

**Eric Stone '02** and his wife, Kelly, welcomed Olivia Grace into their home June 30. The family lives in Indianapolis.



**Tiffany Asberry Thompson '02** celebrated the birth of Liam Ryan on October 30, 2007. Tiffany is a fourth grade teacher at Bunker Hill Elementary in Indianapolis. She lives in Fountaintown.

**Stacy Bailey '03** and her husband, Brad, announce the birth of Addisyn Savannah on January 8, 2008. The family lives in Indianapolis.



### **Tania Valverde Beckman '03**

married Ray Beckman on December 29, 2007. The bridal party included **Emily Haag '04**, **Katy Kessler '03**, **Kim Jones Spoonmore '03**, and **Lesley Hughes Woodruff '04**. Tania earned her master's in science in organizational behavior management. An office manager at Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute, she lives in Indianalantic, Fla.

**Brandon Cook '03** is a manager at Greenwalt Sponsel & Co. in Indianapolis. He lives in Indianapolis.



**Nicole Greer Gillespie '03** and her husband, Jared, celebrated the birth of Hailey Sue on December 15. The family lives in Greenville, Ohio.

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Being an alumnus/a of UIndy also entitles you to receive free future Greyhound T-shirts for the newest additions to the family, audit select University classes at no cost, obtain a membership discount at the Ruth Lilly Fitness Center, receive access to the University's Krannert Memorial Library, and much, much more!

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**Rob Mager '03 '04**, **Cesare Manning '04**, and **Matthew Kohn '05** have signed contracts to play with the Rochester Raiders of the Indoor Football League in Rochester, N.Y., following suspension of operations in the Arena Football League. Rob lives in Schaumburg, Ill., Cesare lives in Indianapolis, and Matthew lives in Adrian, Mich.

**Kristy Baker Showley '03** and her husband, Wyatt, announce the birth of Joel Matthew on September 11. The family lives in Knox, Ind.

**Joshua Brock '04** is a product support scientist with Polymer Technology Systems. He lives in Indianapolis.

**Abigail Danner '04** and her husband, Cory, announced the birth of Kathryn Ann on March 3. The family lives in Brownsburg, Ind.

**Megan Grunert '04** completed her master's degree in chemistry with a concentration in chemical education from Purdue University in December. She is working on her PhD in chemistry at Purdue University and is employed as a teaching assistant. Megan lives in West Lafayette, Ind.

**Lauren DeWell Parcell '04** is the MBA program advisor at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio. Lauren lives in Batesville, Ind.

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**Lindsay Coffing Pursley '04** married Ryan Pursley on May 31. Lindsay is a Cardiac Intensive Care Unit registered nurse for Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane, Wash. The couple lives in Spokane.

**Paul Schneider '04** is a staff attorney with the Indiana Department of Child Services in Brookville, Ind. Paul lives in Greensburg.

**David Turner '04** is teaching at Stephen Decatur Elementary School and is a judge for the Indiana State School Music Association. He lives in Indianapolis.

**Joann Hofer-Varela '04** is one of the WFYI Public Broadcasting "Speaking of Women's Health" honorees for 2008. She lives in Westfield, Ind.

**Kara Lewis '04** and **Joshua Vetter '05** were married May 17. The bridal party included **Namoi Meredith Trojan '05**, **Amy Remsburg '05**, **A. J. Rogers '06**, **Mike Wells '04**, **Ben Stephens '05**, and **John Cogswell '04**. Kara is registrar for the Indiana State Museum. The couple resides in Indianapolis.

**Elena Bogdanou '05 '08** has been awarded a graduate membership at the British Psychological Society.

**Laurel Cornelius '05** is a registered nurse in the neuropsychiatry unit of Cincinnati Children's Hospital. She is working toward her master's in nursing at the University of Cincinnati. Laurel also lives in Cincinnati.

**Julie Ruehl '05** and Sean Ernst married on August 23. The wedding party included UIndy alumni **Stephanie Kalogeros Russo '05**, **Megan Archer Arthur '05**, and **Kyle Race McClarnon '05**. Julie is an occupational therapist at Heartland of Woodridge and Sean is an insurance underwriter. They live in Cincinnati, Ohio.



**Alicia Locke Rader '05** and her husband, Kenneth, celebrated the birth of Aiden Rader on December 13. The family lives in Indianapolis.

**A. Nicole Spears '05** is the program coordinator for the State of Indiana's Healthy Indiana Plan. She lives in Indianapolis.

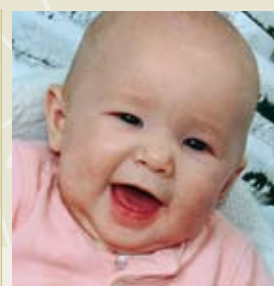
**Brandon '06** and **Melinda "Mindy" Robinson Bangel '06** married on December

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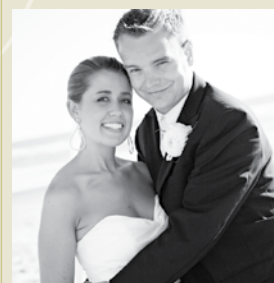
Continuing with its efforts to provide the UIndy community with historical material, the Frederick D. Hill Archives has announced that the complete run of *Alumni News* (1946–1993), as well as the first ten years of its successor, *Portico* (1994–2004), can now be searched online on the Archives Web site. Archivist **Christine Guyonneau** invites you to browse feature articles and revisit news of the University and its people at the Archives Web site (<http://archives.uindy.edu/Resources-Digit.php>).

27. **Brandon** teaches health and coaches track and cross country at Whiteland Community High School. **Mindy** teaches physical education and coaches track and field at Custer Baker Intermediate School and Union Elementary School. They live in Camby, Ind.



**Amber Riley Degitz '06** and her husband, Jon, celebrated the birth of Audrey Elizabeth on August 11. Amber is a registered nurse at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind. The family lives in Huntington.

**Rachel Mitchel '06** and David Bopp were married May 3. Rachel works at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. David attends Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis and is working toward a paramedic sciences degree. They live in Indianapolis.



**Stacey Targgart '06** married Travis Holton on August 2. Stacey is a freelance marketing coordinator for BN Research and Branding in Portland, Ore. Travis is a field electronics specialist for International Road Dynamics in Saskatoon,

# 'I BELIEVE IN THIS SCHOOL'

*Barnetts help students reach their goals*



When **Louise Dragoo** was five years old, she started telling people that **Bob Barnett** was her boyfriend. To 12-year-old Bob, nothing could be more embarrassing. Since their families were good friends, Louise and Bob spent a lot of time together while growing up, but Bob and Louise didn't get the chance just yet to see if they were meant for each other.

As soon as Bob was old enough, he joined the ROTC and eventually became part of the 90th Chemical Mortar Battalion of the United States Army. His battalion was sent to England in 1944 and entered World War II in 1945, shortly after the Battle of the Bulge. Bob's battalion moved right into the heart of battle against the Germans along the Roer, Rhine, and Danube rivers.

(He and **Robert Brooker** were among the first Allies crossing the famed bridge at Remagen on March 7, 1945. Dr. Brooker became the longtime chair of UIndy's Chemistry Department; he passed away in 2000. Bob went on to receive a regular Army appointment and retired as a colonel after 31 years, including six years on staff at the Pentagon and a stint in Vietnam in addition to other assignments.)

Thousands of miles away in Indianapolis, Louise was getting ready to enter Indiana Central College as an education major with a penchant for theatre.

"Being involved with theatre was my whole passion," she says. "I loved being in Alpha Psi and acting in as many plays as I could." Times spent with her theatre friends top the list of her Indiana Central memories.

After graduation in 1950, Louise went on to teach junior high English and guidance, staying in the profession for "a thousand years," as she puts it. She and Bob both met and married other people, but in the 1970s, fate brought them together again after both of their spouses had passed away. They married in 1978 and have been together ever since, living in the University Heights neighborhood next to the University of Indianapolis.

"Louise always wanted to live around this area," says Bob. "She liked the school and liked the community and it's where she wanted to retire."

After retirement, she and Bob wanted to help the students of the University. In 2001, they created the Colonel Robert B. Barnett and M. Louise Dragoo Scholarship to help UIndy students from Johnson County. They started the Ralph F. Dragoo Scholarship in 2005 in honor of Louise's father to help students who live in the area near the University.

"I've met a lot of fine people at UIndy," says Bob. "We both have enjoyed going to athletic events and social events and being involved with the University."

More recently, Bob and Louise set up a charitable gift annuity as a way to further support the University. They not only provided a gift to UIndy but also received a tax deduction and fixed income payments for their lifetimes.

"We've been able to keep tabs on the school and it's just been wonderful," says Louise. "I believe in this school."

"I just believe in it, that's all. If you can help kids do things and reach their goals, that's what it's all about."



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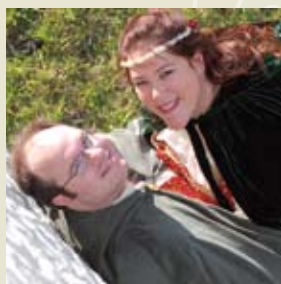


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Saskatchewan, Canada. The couple lives in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.



**Mindy Westrick '06** works for Baker & Daniels LLP as a specialist in the firm's government services practice group. Mindy lives in Indianapolis.



**Rebekah Gholdson '06** and **Clinton Worthman '08** were married on September 20. They live in Indianapolis.

**Andrew Adams '07** is working toward her master's in social work at the University of Michigan. He resides in Ann Arbor, Mich.

**Diana Allen '07** works at Family Services of Indiana in Indianapolis as a home-based case manager. Diana lives in Plymouth, Ind.

**Cassandra Baker '07** is a crisis counselor for Youth Emergency Services in Indianapolis. She lives in Indianapolis.

**Erin Betlej '07**, the recipient of the 2007 Harvey M. Showalter Future Alumni Award, is working toward her master's in social work at North Carolina University. Erin lives in Staunton, Va.

**Julie Hendricks '07** and Ryan Bowman were married on October 4. They live in Carmel, Ind.

**Jonathon Carolin '07** is a support specialist with Big Brothers Big Sisters. He lives in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

**Michelle DeBolt '07** was accepted into the Valparaiso University School of Law. She lives in Valparaiso, Ind.

**Ellie Despotaki '07** and her husband, Eden Tipene, announce the birth of a son, Theodore Tiari, on January 4, 2008. Ellie works as an academic advisor and Eden as a security officer at the University of Indianapolis-Athens. The family lives in Athens, Greece.

**Nikki Grotenhuis '07** is the morning show cohost and promotions director at WRZQ in Columbus, Ind., on the Q Wake Up Crew. She also is working part-time as the administrative assistant for the Honors College at the University of

Indianapolis. Nikki lives in Greenwood, Ind.

**Elizabeth Herron '07** is the assistant branch manager for Forum Credit Union's Southport (Ind.) office. She lives in Indianapolis.

**Megan Meadors '07 '08** was named Miss Central Indiana 2009 on October 25. She claimed the competition's "People's Choice Award." Megan is also the new Miss Indiana. (See page 26.) Megan lives in Auburn.

**Andrew J. Nafziger '07** won best of show in the Midwest Museum of American Art's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Exhibition. He lives in Goshen, Ind.

**Amy Ochsendorf '07** and her husband, Jason, announce the birth of Alaina on May 12. The family lives in Indianapolis.

**Jennifer Packer '07** works in the Marion County Superior Court Drug Treatment program. She lives in Indianapolis.

**Alexis Kelich '07** and Brian Shaw were married August 9. Alexis is a student at the Indiana University School of Nursing. Brian is a network engineer with International Medical Group in Indianapolis. The couple lives in McCordsville, Ind.

**Justin Spradlin '07** works at the Damar Center and Southport Day Adult program in Indianapolis. He lives in Indianapolis.

**Scott Strahm '07** is a financial representative at Financial Partners Group LLC in Indianapolis. He lives in Indianapolis.

**Anne Wetzel '07** is finishing her remaining classes in preparation for a master's in the social work program next year. She lives in Leo, Ind.

**Keia Pensinger '07** married Joe Wood on July 12. Keia teaches second grade at Northaven Elementary School in Jeffersonville Ind. Joe is an airline pilot for Republic Airways. They live in Charlestown, Ind.

**Jessica Zimmer '07** is working at Northwest Memorial Hospital in Chicago in the Obstetric and Gynecology Department, advocating for and serving clients. Jessica lives in Beecher, Ill.

**Jonathon Edwards '08** is the director of bands at North Decatur Jr./Sr. High School in Greensburg, Ind. Jonathon lives in Greensburg, Ind.

**Erica Gardner '08** is an account executive at Roundpeg. She lives in Arlington, Ind.

# Enimerosi (update) from UIndy-Athens

## **'Journey to Greece' student program**

The University of Indianapolis-Athens and the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association have teamed to offer young people an unforgettable cross-cultural experience with lasting educational benefits.

The majority of the students attending are Greek-Americans, some of whom are visiting Greece for the first time. This past year was special because it was the first year that the program was offered in two sections, offering opportunities for even more students to attend.

Activities included classes in Greek studies; excursions to Delphi, Olympia, and the island of Aegina; visits to archaeological sites and museums; and an Aegean cruise in which seventy students and counselors spent a week island-hopping to some of the most popular islands of Greece, such as Mykonos and Paros, as well as a visit to Bodrum in Turkey.

## **New appointment at UIndy-Athens**

Dr. Ioanna Mastora, an internationally acknowledged curriculum specialist supervising cross-cultural educational projects, has been named Acting Director of Graduate Admissions.

Her most recent work is the International Olympic Committee Toolkit, "Teaching Values," for the Beijing Olympic and Paralympic Games, where she participated as international reviewer. Dr. Mastora has served as a professor for more than 10 years and continues her academic duties at the University of Indianapolis and in the National Police Academy. She has participated in several national and international radio and educational TV broadcasts and documentaries as scientific advisor.

## **Enrollment and Student Affairs**

Vice Chancellor for Enrollment and Student Affairs **Bill Kiritsis** made a live appearance on Extra Channel regarding the educational system of the United States in comparison to the European and Greek systems. In September he granted an interview for the Greek Diaspora of the United States on matters concerning the U.S. elections, emphasizing the ethical and political obligation of every citizen to vote.



## **Ancient Greek Philosophy & Mysticism**

Dr. Stanley Sfekas, Professor of Religion and Philosophy, attended the International Conference on Ancient Greek Philosophy and Mysticism in September at Samothrace, titled "Esoteric Quest" and sponsored by the N.Y. Open Center. Dr. Sfekas, whose ground-breaking work on Aristotle has won international acclaim, was keynote speaker with a paper titled "Aristotle's Concept of God."

## **TESOL Greece Conference at the UIndy-Athens Cultural Center**

In September, TESOL Greece (an independent, volunteer, nonprofit professional association for teachers of English as a foreign language and other ELT professionals working in Greece) organized a conference, "Revitalizing Your Classroom," at the University of Indianapolis-Athens Cultural Center, located across from the Tower of the Winds in Plaka. Dr. **Susie Michailidis**, vice chancellor of Academic Affairs and chair of the English Department at UIndy-Athens, and Ms. **Niki Stavrou**, senior lecturer of English and Comparative Literature, presented a paper, "Teaching Language through Literature; or How to Convey the True Spirit of Language."

## **Feeling the need to see Greece?**

See pages 34 and 35 for details on the October trip to the cradle of Western civilization! The trip, scheduled for October, will include mainland touring in Greece, including Athens, Meteora, Delphi, Olympia, Lagadia, Mycenae, Epidavros, Tolo, Argolis, and Nauplion, as well as tours of the stunning Greek islands of Naxos and Santorini.

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This section contains Class Notes as well as a new feature called "Tell Us About U." We are looking for stories to inspire, encourage, and invoke UIndy pride, not only in the University but also in its graduates. Let your Alumni Association know what you've done!

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### Award nominations

The new streamlined system allows you to submit award nominations for your favorite and well-deserving UIndy graduate—even if that happens to be you. Use the online community to upload any supporting documents to help your nominee stand out from the crowd.

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