

University Notes

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Student Development Programs recognize leadership and service

Some 70 student leaders, faculty members, administrators, support staff, and student organizations were recognized for leadership and service to University of Southern Indiana during the annual Student Leadership Awards and Recognition Ceremony on April 16. The printed program offered a quote from American businessman Harold Geneen, "Leadership is practiced not so much in words as in attitude and practice."

Attitude and practice were keywords the Office of Student Development Programs considered to choose winners.

The All Campus Student Achievement Awards were presented to **Andrew McGuire** and **Jamie Johnson**.

Custodians assigned to Forum 1, the large lecture hall in the Wright Administration Building, received the Activities Programming Board's Staff Member of the Year award. The honor went to a seven-member team in appreciation for their work to return the multipurpose hall, often used for a student event in the evening, to good condition for classes the following morning. Team members are **Todd Bridgewater**, **Kent Doyle**, **Shirley Webster**, **Darryl Sandage**, **Jeff Smith**, **Skip Eagan**, and **Steve Elsfelder**.

Spirit of the Eagle awards, sponsored by the Student Government Association, were presented to Lambda Chi Alpha, student organization, and **Jennifer Graham**, student; Faculty, Staff, and Administrator awards to **Dan Craig**, assistant professor of music, **Connie Keeling**, broadcast engineer for Instructional Technology Services, and **Jann Hickey**, learning specialist in Academic Skills.

The Student Ambassadors received the Academic Achievement Award for Student Organizations.

The Vice President Award for Chapter Excellence went to Phi Delta Theta and Delta Zeta; with Silver Achievement to Alpha Sigma Alpha and Gamma Phi Beta.

Adam Trinkel, who served as president of the Activities Programming Board, received the award President of the Year. The Silent Inspiration Award went to **Kyle Knight**, Society of Professional Journalists. **Dr. Chad Tew**, associate professor of online journalism, was named the Advisor of the Year.

USI students named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges are **Abbie Balbach**, **Amanda Bacon**, **Kevi Baumgartner**, **Andrew Bender**, **Brittany Bradshaw**, **Amber Bryant**, **Shayona Davis**, **Katie Downs**, **Erika Dubois**, **Shelley Frazier**, **Samone Glenn**, **Brandon Harshman**, **Maddy Heine**, **Aphrodite Hudson**, **Kristen Jerger**, **Janelle Johnson**, **Amanda Klooppel**, **Susan Kroupa**, **Mark Kurvach**, **Alexis Lea**, **Holly Mattox**, **Susan May**, **Robin McCarty**, **Andrew McGuire**, **Shalonda Newcomb**, **Kristina Pelly**, **Cole Perkins**, **Adam Price**, **Claire Robison**, **Kali Schetzslle**, **Erik Scheub**, **Brittany Sharpe**, **Lora Traylor**, **Adam Trinkel**, **Priscilla Walker**, **Christina Warren**, and **Lea Wasson**.

Scholarship recipients announced at the award ceremony are

Roneshia Clark, Robert L. Moore Scholarship; **Jamie Johnson**, **Claire Robison**, and **Adam Trinkel**, Alpha Omega Psi Scholarship; and **Abbie Balbach**, Sherriane Standley University Service Scholarship

Nine students received the Vice President for Student Affairs Award. They are **Abbie Balbach**, **Roneshia Clark**, **Madeline Heine**, **Aphrodite Hudson**, **Jamie Johnson**, **Andrew McGuire**, **Claire Robison**, **Adam Trinkel**, and **Christina Warren**.

Roneshia Clark received the Emerging Leader Award.

A reception preceded the award ceremony.

USI Dain Garrett Merit Award winner chosen

Taryn Funkhouser, a senior history major, is the 2008 recipient of the **Dain Garrett** Merit Award for a junior or senior history student who has overcome a significant obstacle.

The award was established by **Dain Garrett**, who graduated from USI in 1999 with a perfect 4.0 GPA despite a long struggle with muscular dystrophy. After graduation, he went on to complete a master's degree from California State University Dominguez Hills, passing away just prior to receiving his degree. Garrett was the son of **Connie Pitzer**, the wife of **Dr. Donald Pitzer**, professor emeritus of history.

As a USI student, Garrett won many of the prizes awarded by the USI History Department, and upon his graduation, he used his award money to establish this annual cash prize to assist students who struggled against physical, economic, or other hardships.

Funkhouser is a married full-time student who works part-time to pay for her education and remains very involved with mentoring her younger siblings. Despite these demands on her time, she maintains a nearly perfect attendance record in her classes and has a high GPA.

Dr. Tamara Hunt, chair of the History Department, said, "Taryn's academic work is excellent, a fact that is reflected in the number of awards she won this year, including the USI Alumni Association Scholarship for bright and deserving full-time students, the USI Foundation Excellence in Learning Award in recognition of her excellence in learning, and the USI History Club Award for recognition of the excellence of her research paper, 'Her Eyes Turned Westward,' that examined opportunities for women in the American West."

Funkhouser plans to pursue a graduate degree after graduation from USI.

Contributions to the Dain Garrett Merit Award are accepted by the USI Foundation.

Senior receives State Department scholarship to study in Egypt

USI senior **Kelly Evans** has received the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Critical Language Scholarship and will attend an intensive summer

Arabic institute in Cairo, Egypt, where she will learn to write and speak Egyptian Arabic. She will attend a pre-orientation in Washington D.C. before departing for Egypt in June.

The Critical Language Scholarship was established in 2006. Last year, 6,000 students applied for the 367 scholarships available and only 22 were selected for the program in Cairo.

Offered through the American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE) and the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC), the program is part of the National Security Language Initiative (NSLI), a U.S. government interagency effort to dramatically expand the number of Americans studying and mastering critical-need foreign languages.

She was assisted through the application process by **Dr. Leslie Roberts**, professor of French, and **Heidi Gregori-Gahan**, director of International Programs and Services.

Through her involvement in the International Club and as an international orientation assistant for new international students, Evans made friendships that fostered an interest in Arabic culture and language. She cited her familiarity with Arabic culture and her self-study of the language in essays she submitted as part of the application process for the Critical Language Scholarship.

Evans carries a double major in biology and health services and a minor in nutrition and public health. She has worked as a pharmacy technician since she was 17 years old and planned to become a pharmacist, but a 2007 mission trip to work in a health clinic in Haiti was a turning point in her life.

In the remote mountain village where the clinic was located, electricity was only available for a couple of hours a day. Most Haitians spoke Creole, a mixture of French and African languages. "We mostly used thumbs up and 'okay,' to communicate," she said. "It renewed my interest in language and made me want to incorporate that into health care."

On her last day at the clinic, a woman brought in a newborn baby with spina bifida, a birth defect that is preventable if the mother has enough folic acid in her diet.

"The grandmother cut the umbilical cord with a Gillette razor because they didn't have anything else, and walked 20 miles to the clinic," she said. "The cord was cut too short and was open, so the infection could have killed the baby more so than a spinal deformity would have."

She found the experience of working directly with patients more rewarding than pharmacy work. "The people there have nothing, hardly any food or clean water, and they're still smiling and happy about their lives," she said.

The mission trip "motivated me to realize it's okay to change your goals," she said. Instead of pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacy degree after graduation from USI, she has decided to apply to Master of Medical Science programs and become trained as a physician assistant.

Her goal is to work in international healthcare, live abroad, and use her knowledge of the Arabic and French languages to work in medicinal and nutritional education. Her main area of interest is women's and children's healthcare, particularly prenatal nutrition.

Evans is the daughter of Charles and Debra Evans, and a 2000 graduate of Henderson County High School. Her father is a 1980 graduate of USI.

At USI, Evans is secretary of the Sigma Zeta Science and Mathematics Honorary Society; a member of Habitat for Humanity, Pre-Professional Health Club, Biology Club, French Club, and the Health Services Organization; participated in Model United Nations; and is an alumna of Gamma Phi Beta.

She expects to graduate in December.

USI in the News: Margaret Spellings, Where Are You?

[Editor's note: "Rapid Review," a program developed by **Dr. Kathy Rodgers**, chair of the Math Department, was highlighted in an Inside Higher Education article about the annual conference of the Higher Learning Commission on April 15. The article links to a presentation entitled "A Faster Track for Developmental Math" prepared by Rodgers, **Dr. Brian Posler**, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs, and **Amber Hughes**, academic advisor.]

Margaret Spellings, Where Are You?

Inside Higher Education, April 15, 2008

Walking from meeting room to meeting room at this week's annual conference of the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, and scanning the program, it was impossible not to be struck by the fact that a good half of the hundreds of sessions have embedded in their titles the words "student outcomes," "assessment," or "accountability."

Granted, that may not be surprising given that, as noted by Steven D. Crow, the commission's departing president, the theme of the meeting was "Finding Common Ground: Accreditation, Assessment and Accountability."

But in session after session — with titles such as "Starting and Promoting Learning Outcomes: One College's Story," "Faculty Ownership of Academic Assessment," and "Student Learning Outcomes Assessment: Creating Change in Pedagogy") — officials from colleges (in the aforementioned cases, Indiana's Holy Cross College, Terra State Community College, and Columbia College Chicago) described for eager colleagues their various, diverse attempts to figure out what they want their students to learn and to measure how well they have learned it. The presentations were replete with examples of changes made to curriculums in response to the results of the experiments, and of occasional false starts and missteps that required new tacks.

The volume and earnestness of the efforts was particularly jarring in the context of the mantra that has been heard so much from Education Secretary Margaret Spellings and other policy makers in Washington in the last two years, suggesting that colleges have been doing far too little to measure and make publicly available results about how much, and how effectively, their students are learning.

Read the rest at www.insidehighered.com/news/2008/04/15/assess.

View a photographic slide show of the John David Mooney art installation

The College of Liberal Arts hosted the urban designer and major artist John David Mooney as artist-in-residence April 9-16, 2008. During that week, Mooney created a temporary art installation on the USI Quadrangle in collaboration with USI art students and faculty. The 1,740-foot spiral drawing, made with sawdust and multi-hued flags, was illuminated with 1,200 tiny lamps for an opening and lighting ceremony on the evening of April 16. Mooney said the work was reminiscent of the patterns, rhythms, and cycles of nature; Native American designs; the contemplative nature of study and research; and the labyrinths located at USI and Historic New Harmony. Mooney has executed large-scale, site-specific pieces encompassing architecture and landscape for such clients as the U.S. State Department, the Australian government, the Vatican Observatory, the IBM

Corporation, the British Foreign Office, the Maltese government, and American Airlines. Mooney will return to work with students at USI and Historic New Harmony in fall 2008.

Go to www.usi.edu/newsinfo/photos/Mooneyart2008/ to view the slideshow.

Growing...Building

Renovation of Science Center begins this summer

The original Science Center, which opened in 1969 as the first building on campus and was last renovated in 1999, will get an update over the next three summers.

Conner Architecture of Evansville has prepared the plans. The renovation will include improvements to office areas and conversion of some storage space to laboratory space. Improvements also will make laboratory space more efficient and bring it up to the demands of modern teaching and learning.

Phase one of the project will begin on the third floor with renovation of offices, classrooms, and labs. The improvements will include a study lounge for students; new chemistry, geology, and physics labs; and a boardroom for the Pott College of Science and Engineering.

In 2009, the project continues on the second level with renovation of offices and upgrades to classrooms and labs as well as improvements that will make the corridors more consistent with the appearance of the Torrington Wing which opened in 2003. Similar renovations on the first level in 2010 will complete the project.

Completing the project in three phases over the summers will provide minimum disruption to class schedules.

USI News Stand:

In Harmony newsletter features new column by Pitzer

The spring 2008 issue of In Harmony PDF, the newsletter of Historic New Harmony, features the debut of "Harmonizing," a column by Dr. Donald Pitzer, professor emeritus of history. Also included is a story about the winner of the contest to name the new guest house in New Harmony, and much more. Produced by News and Information Services and Publishing Services in cooperation with Historic New Harmony, the newsletter is published twice annually, in the spring and fall, and provided free of charge to all donors. To read the newsletter, go to www.usi.edu/hnh/pdf/InHarmonyS08.pdf.

Names in the news

Accomplishments

A 10-member team from the USI nursing program competed in the annual Critical Care Challenge, besting nursing students from Ivy Tech, University of Evansville, and Henderson Community College for the trophy. This is the fourth consecutive year the USI nursing team has been named champion, and over the last dozen years, USI has received the trophy seven times. In the competition, five team members compete in the first half and five members in the second half. They answer questions about critically ill patients.

Coaches for the USI team this year are nursing instructors **Tracy Kinner** and **Marilyn Ostendorf**.

The challenge is sponsored by the American Associate of Critical Care Nurses, Greater Evansville chapter.

Erin Gibson, instructor in journalism, accepted first place in the radio documentary category of the Broadcast Education

Association (BEA) Audio Festival at the BEA Convention in Las Vegas on April 17. Gibson's documentary, "Internationally Born, Indiana Raised," was produced in conjunction with WSIU as part of Gibson's graduate research project at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Matthew Graham, professor of English and director of Creative Writing, was a featured writer at the Alabama Book Festival in Montgomery, Alabama, April 18-19. Graham gave a reading of his new poetry.

Dr. Darrel Bigham, professor of history, has been invited to deliver the annual public lecture on American Democracy at Messiah College in Grantham, Pennsylvania in spring 2009. Previous lecturers include Civil War historian James McPherson of Princeton University; religious historian Harry Stout of Yale University; and Jefferson scholar Peter Onuf of the University of Virginia. Bigham graduated from Messiah College in 1964.

Dr. Teresa Huerta, associate professor of Spanish, is the co-author of a chapter for a book recently published in Spain. The chapter title is "El ascenso de la mujer al poder: análisis del discurso político de Michelle Bachelet" ("Woman's ascent to power: analysis of the political discourse of Michelle Bachelet"). It is chapter VIII of *Memoria histórica, género e interdisciplinarietà: los estudios culturales hispánicos en el siglo XXI* (Santiago Juan-Navarro y Joan Torres-Pou (eds.), Madrid: Biblioteca Nueva, 2008, pp. 101-111). Co-authoring the chapter is Dr. Carolina Latorre Huerta, currently with Dominican University, Chicago and the daughter of Huerta and **Dr. Guillermo Latorre**, professor of Spanish.

Sarah O'Donoghue, a junior biology major and student researcher in the lab of **Dr. Cindy DeLoney-Marino**, assistant professor of biology, received first place in the undergraduate poster competition at the Indiana and Ohio joint Branch meeting of the American Society for Microbiology at Ball State University in Muncie, IN, March 28-29, 2008. The award was \$150, and she will be submitting a summary of her research to the Indiana Branch for the American Society for Microbiology newsletter.

A social simulation created by **Dr. Charles Petranek**, professor emeritus of sociology, and **Dr. Randy Hollandsworth**, instructor at Athens Technical College, in Athens, Georgia, was published this month by Pfeiffer Wiley. "Team Spirit: A Fun and Interactive Simulation of Teamwork and Effective Leadership", designed for company training, teaches teamwork and identifies good leadership.

FYI

Starbucks will remain open this summer

The Starbucks in Rice Library will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. during the summer sessions. **Laura Dimmett**, Starbucks manager, said the coffee shop would be open this summer in response to customer requests. The Starbucks opened in August 2006. For more information contact Dimmett at 812/461-5448.

Employee Summer Social is May 21

USI Staff Council is hosting its annual Employee Summer Social from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, in the area between the Physical Activities Center and the Recreation and Fitness Center. There will be plenty of food, fun, games, and door prizes. Archie's Silent Auction will be resurrected, and each employee will receive five tickets upon arrival. With a donation to Archibald Eagle's Food Closet, you can receive five more tickets for the auction. (Due to the abundance of canned goods, please bring paper and/or personal care products, or \$5 food

gift cards. For more information, contact council member **Lisa Staples** at 812/465-1084.

Lisa Schaefer, assistant director of Alumni and Volunteer Services, at 812/465-1215.

Art and fine craft fair in New Harmony coming up

Arts in Harmony, an open air art and fine craft fair, will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 3, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 4, in Church Park in Historic New Harmony. Shop from a selection of local arts and crafts including hand-blown glass, ceramics, wood and metal work, paintings, prints, jewelry, textiles, and furniture. Entertainment will be provided by Rowan Tree and local bluegrass artists. Arts in Harmony is sponsored by the New Harmony Business Associates. Go to www.newharmony.biz for more information or contact **Erika Myers-Bromwell** at 812/382-3156.

Spring concert will kick off Chamber Choir tour of Ireland

The USI Women's Choir, Chamber Choir, and Rowan Tree, an Irish traditional group (featuring **Dan Craig**, director of music), will perform a spring concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 27, at Old North United Methodist Church, 4201 Stringtown Road. The concert is free and open to the public. The concert will open with the Women's Choir singing a selection of sacred and secular pieces, including Aaron Rosenthal's "Voices of Terezin," inspired by three poems written by survivors of the Terezin concentration camp. The Chamber Choir and Rowan Tree will perform early sacred music and Irish traditional music for choir and instruments. The performance will kick off the group's eight-day concert tour to Ireland, during which they will perform in Dingle, Ennistymon, and at the Galway Early Music Festival.

Travel policy addition

Several airlines have adopted a policy that requires the passenger to pay a \$25 fee to check a second piece of luggage. The University considers this expense to be personal, and therefore, not eligible for reimbursement unless:

The business period of the trip is greater than one week. There are presentation/exhibition materials the traveler needs to transport. USI travel policy can be found at www.usi.edu/busoff/travel/policy2.asp.

Student Alumni Association hosts 19th annual Breakfast with the President

The 19th annual Breakfast with the President will be held from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. Thursday, May 1, in Carter Hall in the University Center. This annual tradition, created by the Student Alumni Association, brings students together with the president as well as with members of the administration and faculty.

All students, faculty, staff, and alumni are invited to gather for this informal breakfast with **President H. Ray Hoops**. Breakfast is free to all students who attend. A panel of six USI students will ask Hoops a series of questions about the University and campus policies. This year's panel will include a representative from each of the following organizations: Student Government Association, Activities Programming Board, Emerging Leaders Living Learning Community, Black Student Union, Alpha Kappa Psi, and Student Housing Association.

Students with a valid Eagle Access Card may pick up a free ticket at the Student Development Office, located in the lower level of the University Center. Others may call 812/465-1215 to make reservations for the breakfast. Tickets are \$6 for non-students. Reservations are required. For more information, contact

USI Day at Churchill Downs is June 21

The Greater Louisville USI Alumni Chapter invites you and your family and friends to join them for a perfect view of the finish line at USI Day at Churchill Downs on Saturday, June 21 in Louisville. Gates open for the Stephen Foster Stakes at 11:30 a.m.; post time is 1:15 p.m. Cost is \$31 for adults, \$22 for children ages 12 to 4, and children ages 3 and under are free. Price includes admission, reserved seating in Millionaires Row-Level 4, lunch buffet, USI souvenir, race program, and tax and gratuity. A round-trip motor coach from USI will be offered for an additional \$20 per person. To make reservations, email alumni@usi.edu before May 15 to receive advance tickets by mail. For more information, call Alumni and Volunteer Services at 812/464-1928.

Skoglund to lead tour to Spain and Morocco

Margaret Skoglund, associate professor of art, is again organizing a two-week trip to Spain and Morocco, May 22-June 4, during Summer I. Places to be visited include Madrid, Toledo, Jaen, Antequera, Seville, Granada, Cordoba and Cadiz in Spain, and Tangier, Casablanca, Marrakech, and Rabat in Morocco. The tour, limited to 25 people, may or may not be taken for University credit and is open to members of the community as well as university students, faculty and staff. For more information, contact Skoglund at 812/465-1023.

Open Enrollment for USI Summer Camps

USI offers full-time summer child care to USI and community families, starting Tuesday, May 27 through Friday, August 1. Children entering kindergarten or first grade are eligible to enroll in the Kindergarten Camp, housed at the USI Children's Center. Children entering second through fifth are eligible to enroll in the Summer Enrichment Camp, housed at Messiah Lutheran Church on Middle Mt. Vernon Road, just a mile from campus. To receive an enrollment packet or for more information, contact **Jaelyn Dumond**, program coordinator, Family, School, and Children's Programs, at 812/465-1274.