

"Phenomenal Woman" Shelly Blunt

Growing up on the family farm, **Shelly Blunt** didn't take much interest in farm work or her father's profession. Her dad retires from Truman State University this year after 40 years as a professor of organic chemistry. But Blunt, associate professor of chemistry and associate dean of the Pott College of Science and Engineering, said her choice to go into chemistry had nothing to do with her dad.

Blunt never had a chemistry set. Around the house it wasn't chemistry, she said, it was cows. "I grew up on a 310-acre farm in Missouri. We had cattle, corn, wheat, and beans, and we baled hay," she said. The farm specializes in Angus. "I didn't really understand what my dad did until I was in high school, and I had a great chemistry teacher in high school."

She went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from Truman University, though she never took her father's classes. She earned a Ph.D. at University of Iowa and joined USI in 1999 after a year as visiting professor at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

On March 19, she was honored as a Phenomenal Woman of USI and the Community by the Multicultural Center, Old National Bank, and the American Association of University Women. The award recognized her concern for student well being and success, service to the community, and dedication to teaching, exemplified by an incident that happened during a chemistry demonstration in December.

While performing for a group of more than 100 Mt. Vernon Junior High School eighth graders – including her daughter – in Mitchell Auditorium, Blunt tripped and fell. Though her foot hurt, she made a joke and carried on for another hour. Later it was discovered that she had broken her foot. Blunt's husband, **Steve Glueckert**, instructor in chemistry, took her to the emergency room. "It was funny, but embarrassing," she said.

Blunt and Glueckert reside in Mt. Vernon. The family also includes Allyson, 14, Adam, 8, and Benjamin, 4.

Blunt was appointed associate dean of the Pott College in 2006 but she still teaches one class in organic chemistry. "I miss being in the classroom as much, but I'm still involved in other student activities, and that's rewarding," she said.

Blunt is co-director with Dave Ellert of the Pott Foundation Tri-State Science and Engineering Fair, a year-round responsibility. The fair has grown exponentially since USI took it on three years ago, due to the efforts of Blunt, Ellert, and the science fair committee. The first year, there were 356 student projects. This year, there were 560. Another 650 students came to view projects at this year's fair. "We reach out to teachers at schools within a 75-mile radius," Blunt said.

Sponsorship from the Pott Foundation has allowed science fair organizers to offer attractive prizes. "All the top winners get laptops and every student gets a T-shirt and certificate of recognition," Blunt said. "We also give six four-year renewable scholarships to USI. One recent recipient is attending Orientation this year."

Blunt oversees programs funded by the \$1.2 million National Science Foundation grant for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) initiatives, including Pathways Leading to Undergraduate Success in the Sciences (PLUSS) and the Early Undergraduate Research Program. PLUS offers assistance to students who are marginally prepared for under-

graduate courses in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. In the Early Undergraduate Research Program, first-year STEM majors will work with faculty mentors as research assistants in ongoing research projects. The first student participants will begin work this summer.

She also deals with advising and student issues. When she joined USI 10 years ago, Blunt wasn't assigned advisees. "We were a small program at the time, so most advisees were seen by the chair and senior faculty," she said. She sought advisees out by becoming a University Division advising fellow, a position she held for four years. "In graduate school, you're not prepared for teaching and advising because you're so busy with research and your dissertation. I knew that would be one of my responsibilities, so I wanted to learn more about it. It was very beneficial to me."

Blunt serves on the Advising Council and was a recipient of the 2008 Outstanding Advising Award. Last year she helped lead an advisor training workshop with faculty and staff from each college. The workshop will be offered again in May. "Advising is correlated to student retention, so this workshop is one way to facilitate that. Advising is not just selecting courses, but discussing career choices and goals. It's building relationships with students and advising the whole individual."

Thank you.

UBlog written by Mary Ann Bernard

In a few short weeks my husband **John** and I, along with various other family members, will be traveling to Indianapolis. We can't wait to get on Highway 41 North and go. We also dread the trip. Our daughter, **Lenore**, needs a kidney transplant. Her older brother, Philip, is donating one of his kidneys to her. John and I try not to dwell on the idea of having two of our kids in surgery at the same time. It's easier that way. Still, so many questions find their way into our thoughts.

Where will we all stay while we're in Indy and how much hospital food can we stand? How will we divide our time between the two of them as they recuperate? Which one of us will go home with Philip and which one stays at the hospital with Lenore? How many trips back and forth to Indy will we be making in the next few months? Who gets to do all that driving and will Beverly (our car) hold up during all those miles? Who is going to take care of the pets while we are away? How long before we can each go back to work and get on with our lives? How much is all of this going to cost?

The support of family and friends means so much to all of us. We opened the Bernard Transplant Fund in anticipation of the out of pocket expenses to be incurred by the entire family. Donations to the fund will allow us to concentrate on getting Lenore and Philip healthy again.

Thank you.

The USI Foundation has reactivated the USI Family Fund in order to accept gifts of support for the family. **Lenore**, a 2004 USI graduate, is currently working part-time at the David L. Rice Library. She will be unable to work for up to three months following the transplant and will need assistance with medical and living expenses.

Friends and colleagues who want to assist the Bernard family with medical and travel expenses may make a contribution to the USI Foundation/USI Family Fund, with a memo indicating it is for the Bernard family. The entire amount will be made available to assist the family. Please note that gifts to the USI Family Fund are not tax-deductible charitable gifts for income tax purposes and no receipts will be issued.

Contributions should be delivered to the Business Affairs office, WA 102 in the Wright Administration Building. For more information, contact **Jean Devine** in the Development office at 812/464-1918.

Offices relocate to Support Services Center

Looking for the offices of Procurement, Distribution Services, Risk Management and Safety, or Maintenance? All four have moved to the new Support Services Center east of campus on Bluff Lane. Follow Bluff Lane past Lot K (the valley lot) to reach the new facility. The Support Services Center is highlighted in yellow on the campus map at www.usi.edu/visit/map/.

USI offers new scholarships for adults

The University of Southern Indiana is offering a scholarship program to recognize academic achievement and provide financial assistance to adult learners as they complete their first undergraduate degree.

"Finding the money to pay tuition and other college expenses is often difficult for adult part-time students, particularly those with family commitments and other financial obligations," said **Dr. Ed Jones**, vice provost for outreach and dean of Extended Services. "Access to financial aid for part-time students is limited, both at USI and from state financial aid programs. This new scholarship program is being established to expand opportunities for adult students to complete a degree."

The first Adult Learners Scholarships will be awarded in the 2009-2010 academic year and will offer up to \$2,000 for tuition, fees, books, and other educational expenses.

Jones said, "While each scholarship is not large, the award may be all that is needed for the student to meet a shortfall in personal finances that will enable him or her to continue their education. Completing a degree provides a valuable credential for adults, particularly in today's economic environment and our goal is to create more options for more adults to earn those credentials."

Applicants must be current students, age 25 or older, and have a completed FAFSA on file with USI. Scholarship recipients will be selected based on academic achievement, financial need, and an essay submitted with the application.

The completed application, essay, and letter of support from a USI faculty or staff member should be submitted to: Adult Learner Scholarship, Extended Services, 8600 University Blvd., Evansville, IN 47712. The deadline to apply is May 1, 2009.

For more information, contact **Lee Ann Wambach**, academic program manager in Extended Services, at 812/464-1879 or lwambach@usi.edu.

For more information, go to www.usi.edu/extserv/AdultScholarship.asp.

Phenomenal Women of USI and the community honored

Three USI employees and two students were among those honored March 19 at the eighth annual Phenomenal Women of USI and the Community Recognition Ceremony, sponsored by the USI Multicultural Center, Old National Bank, and the American Association of University Women.

Held during Women's History Month, the program honors and celebrates women from all walks of life who have made contributions to diversity in the University and greater Evansville communities. Through annual recognition of their contributions, the program aims to inspire others to embrace and promote diversity within their own lives.

USI employees honored were **Dr. Shelly Blunt**, **Jeannie Kuebler**, and **Renee Rowland**.

Phenomenal USI Faculty

Dr. Shelly Blunt, associate dean of the Pott College of Science and

Engineering, joined USI in 1999. She was instrumental in bringing the Pott Foundation Tri-State Science and Engineering Fair, now in its third year at the University, to USI. She is genuinely concerned with student well being and success, has served on the University Advising Council, and was awarded an Outstanding Advising Award in 2007-08. She also is dedicated to the community at large and often does outreach work, whether it be visiting a local high school or putting on a chemistry demonstration show on campus. Recently, she was doing a chemical demonstration for a group of more than 100 students from Mt. Vernon Junior High School in Mitchell Auditorium. Though she fell at the beginning of the demonstration, she carried on for another hour. Later it was discovered that she had broken her foot. That is a telling example of Blunt's dedication.

Phenomenal USI Support Staff

Jeannie Kuebler, senior administrative assistant in Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness, was recognized for her tremendous community service, remarkable organizational skills, social awareness, sincere loyalty, positive personality, and contributions to the highly successful Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness program. Kuebler keeps the highest level of standards and service to the University and the community through involvement in Welcome Fun Fest, The Student and Employee Wellness Fair, Rec Madness, Southern Hospitality Days, Labor Day at the Lake, Student Immunization Program, Archibald Eagle's Food Closet, USI Koman Race for the Cure team, etc. Kuebler is a friendly, vibrant, inspiring, and uplifting presence in Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness.

Phenomenal USI Administrative Staff

As lead advisor in University Division Advising, **Renee Rowland** supervises eight full-time advisors and advises 100 students. In these roles, Rowland provides leadership, personal commitment to quality service to students and colleagues, and a strong professional work ethic. She is well respected because she is knowledgeable, sensitive, and approaches every student with genuine care and interest in their academic and personal lives. Rowland demonstrates a passion for academic advising, and is constantly looking for ways to improve the services that the University Division delivers to students. Her skills and professionalism have been rewarded with a NACADA Outstanding Advising Certificate of Merit and the USI Outstanding Advisor Award.

In addition, two USI students were honored at the ceremony: **Amy Beard**, an undergraduate, and **Semise Harrison-Gary**, a graduate student.

Phenomenal USI Undergraduate Student

Amy Beard, president of the Student Government Association, has made quite a splash on campus. Under her leadership, SGA has revamped RedZone and altered the by-laws allowing more freshman representation. She's used her office as a bully pulpit to involve USI in philanthropic endeavors such as Operation Iraqi Children and Relay for Life. She also tutors students in Academic Skills, gives campus tours as a student ambassador, and holds an internship at Berry Plastics. She's a member of Econ/Finance Club, Alpha Mu Gamma Foreign Language Honor Society, Pre-Law Club, and is an Honors student. Beard manages all of this while juggling a triple major in economics, Spanish, and international studies with minors in chemistry and political science and maintaining a high GPA. She plans to attend law school after graduating in May.

Phenomenal USI Graduate Student

Semise Harrison-Gary relocated to Evansville from New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. Already a registered nurse with an associate degree, she entered USI's RN-MSN program in 2006. At the same time she took a job as a cardiology staff nurse at The Heart Hospital at Deaconess Gateway Hospital. In 2006 and 2007, she was awarded scholarships from the National Black Nurses Association (NBNA). In 2007, she was selected to

represent the NBNA in the Aetna Scholars/National Coalition of Ethnic Minority Nurse Associations (NCEMNA) program. This year the Aetna Scholars/NCEMNA program selected her as one of 10 scholars for a mentoring program. She completed a bachelor's degree in nursing in 2007 and upon graduation from the master's program in May, plans to work in primary care as a family nurse practitioner with the underserved and uninsured.

Regina Denu, Jane Kratochvil, and Sadia Ragland were honored as Phenomenal Women of the Community.

Regina Denu is executive director of the Ozanam Family Shelter, where she has written and received grants that allowed for expansion to the shelter including an addition to the shelter, more parking, and a fenced-in playground. She also created a health and nutrition program utilizing volunteer health professionals who instruct residents in the benefits of healthy habits such as exercising. She has touched many lives by helping them to reclaim their independence.

Jane Kratochvil, a nurse practitioner with IMPACT Christian Health Center, joined the facility in 1998 as a volunteer registered nurse. At that time, patients were seen for only four hours one day per week. Recognizing a need for extended healthcare in the community, she returned to college at USI and earned her Nurse's Practitioner license. Through her efforts, IMPACT now serves the community for 38-40 hours per week. Kratochvil developed partnerships with USI and University of Evansville and a patient assistance program that acquires affordable medications directly from pharmaceutical companies.

Sadia Ragland is a preschool teacher at Joshua Academy, a charter elementary school. She cheered for three years for the Indianapolis Colts and teaches at the Children's Dance Center for Education, where she is a company member. She studied dance in New York and shares her talent and enthusiasm by performing and conducting workshops in the community - for schools, Girls in Bloom, the Boys and Girls Club, the YMCA, and the African American Museum, to name a few. She is a model for young girls of color who aspire to be ballet dancers. Ragland graduated from the University of Evansville with a Bachelor of Science degree in art and a minor in education.

Nutrition class analyzes menu items at Mt. Vernon restaurant

Customers of T. Anthony's Restaurant in Mount Vernon, Indiana, will have the benefit of knowing the healthier options when they order from the restaurant menu. University of Southern Indiana students in a class on community nutrition are working with **Todd French**, owner of the restaurant, to complete a nutrition analysis of food items.

Taylor Cron, a senior in the class, said the students toured the restaurant, had lunch, and received recipes for the food items French wanted analyzed. Using information provided by MyPyramid.gov, students calculated nutrients, calories, and carbohydrates in a fruit smoothie, chef salad, club sandwich, BLT wrap, and other foods.

The nutritional outcomes will be printed on table tents along with educational information regarding how food choices effect obesity, heart disease, diabetes, and more. The table tents will be on T. Anthony tables during the fourth week of March.

French plans to share sales receipts with the college students so they can analyze whether the health and nutrition information influenced customers to choose the healthier items from the menu.

Cron said 12 students worked on the analysis, another student group in the class worked on collecting information on health issues in Posey County, and another student group wrote the text and had table tents printed.

Kathleen French, wife of the owner, connected her husband and the nutrition students. She is an assistant professor in the Occupational Therapy Assisting program in the College of Nursing and Health Professions at USI.

Indiana Commission for Higher Education faculty position opening

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education seeks a faculty member to serve an appointment on the Commission from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011.

The faculty member must be a full-time faculty member at a public institution and reside in the State of Indiana. The faculty member will be responsible to convene with and serve as a full voting member of this coordinating board, which meets approximately 20-25 days out of each year. Commission meetings are scheduled on the Thursday and Friday coinciding with the second Friday of the month, and normally involve an overnight stay at the meeting site. Hotel and mileage reimbursement is provided, along with a \$50 per day stipend.

Faculty members are encouraged to send an email message expressing interest to **Dr. Tom Bordelon**, the USI campus Nominating Committee representative, at tbordelon@usi.edu.

The application and "Agreement to Serve" forms will be attached to the reply email message. If returning the completed application by email, the applicant must have an electronic signature (scanned and inserted) on the "Agreement to Serve" form.

Candidates are to submit applications no later than midnight Monday, April 13, 2009 to rosemaryp@che.in.gov.

General information about the Commission is accessible at www.che.in/gov.

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education, created in 1971, plans and coordinates Indiana's state-supported system of postsecondary education, reviews budget requests from public institutions and the State Student Assistance Commission, and approves or disapproves for public institutions the establishment of new programs or expansion of campuses.

Heritage Artisans Week

Historic New Harmony's 24th annual Heritage Artisans Week is a five-day celebration of 19th century arts, crafts, and industry. The event will begin April 21 on the grounds of the Atheneum/Visitors Center in New Harmony with the support of the West Side Nut Club of Evansville. This event is perfect for families, clubs, groups, or groups of friends.

Heritage Artisans Week focuses on New Harmony's rich historic traditions, while featuring demonstrations by accomplished regional artisans in period costumes. Spinning/weaving, bookbinding, soap making, cordwaining (shoe making), beekeeping, woodworking, rug making, and traditional Native American life and food will be on display.

Gerry Barker of Frontier Resources will bring four oxen on a return trip to New Harmony for Heritage Artisans Week. Barker will gather volunteers for a program that will reenact how a wagon was driven two hundred years ago. Volunteers will also have the opportunity to test their skills at collecting and transporting logs with the help of oxen.

Tom Wintczak of Wadesville, Indiana, another returning artisan, will be showcasing pottery. Wintczak was featured in *Early American Life* magazine's 23rd annual *Directory of Traditional American Craft* for his handcrafted slip-trailed redware pottery and sgraffito, a technique of scratching a top layer of color to reveal a color beneath.

For those looking for an unusual shopping experience, Heritage Artisans Week offers items that have historical significance while fitting a modern lifestyle. This year the craft artisans will be selling goods they demonstrate on site. Craft demonstrations will take place rain or shine Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased at the Atheneum/Visitors Center, located at the corner of North and Arthur Streets in New Harmony. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults; \$9 for AAA/seniors; \$5 for children 7-17 years of age. Children six and under are free. Group discounts can be arranged in advance for any day. Families residing in the same household can attend for a single price of \$25 or \$20 with advanced reservations. Contact **Jan**

Kahle at jkahle@usi.edu or 812/682-4488 for more information or registration.

New Harmony Theatre holds local auditions for 2009 season

New Harmony Theatre, University of Southern Indiana's professional Equity stage, will hold local auditions for its 2009 season on Saturday, April 4 and Sunday, April 5 from 2 to 10 p.m. each day in the Liberal Arts Center on the University of Southern Indiana campus.

The 2009 season includes productions of "A Streetcar Named Desire," by Tennessee Williams, June 12 - 28; "Harvey," by Mary Chase, July 10 - 26; and "Guys and Dolls" with music and lyrics by Frank Loesser and book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows, July 31 - August 16.

According to **Lenny Leibowitz**, New Harmony Theatre's artistic director, roles are still available in all productions for both Equity and non-Equity actors.

Interested performers should prepare a short contemporary monologue. Singers should bring 32 bars from the standard musical theatre repertoire with sheet music in their key.

To schedule an audition appointment, call New Harmony Theatre at 812/465-1668 or toll free at 1-877-NHT-SHOW (648-7469).

Alumni Association announces scholarship and grant winners

The University of Southern Indiana Alumni Association is announcing the winners of Alumni Association scholarships and grants for 2009-2010.

The scholarship recipients are:

Dale

Alicia G. Ricklefs
Cody M. Schaefer

Evansville

Samantha Marie McDonald
Mallory B. Schenk

Fort Wayne

Olivia Jane Bearman

Huntingburg

Breanne S. Sollman

Petersburg

Ashley Jeane Whitney

Speedway

Keri M. Larsen

Grant recipients are:

Boonville

Cindy L. Criss

Evansville

Amy J. McDaniel
Jessica S. Pajdo

Jasper

Danielle R. Shreve

Mount Vernon

Dana L. Allyn
Rachel M. Kitterman

New Haven

Sarah L. Upton

Patoka

Zachary W. Schlumpf

Iris Phillips receives Berger Faculty Community Service Award

Dr. Iris Phillips, associate professor of social work, has received the 2009 Sydney L. and Sadelle Berger Faculty Community Service Award. The award, given annually to a member of the faculty to recognize his or her distinguished community service, was presented at the Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services Honors program on Tuesday.

Dr. Julie H. Edmister, dean of the college, said, "In the seven years she has been employed at USI, Iris has engaged in significant community service by working with a remarkably large number of local agencies. More than 36 social service agencies have benefitted from her tireless efforts as friend, consultant, and passionate advocate for improving the delivery of social services."

Phillips has targeted a wide range of social problems, investigating causes and providing tangible solutions to community leaders. She involves her students in the community through service learning projects.

Some of the projects her students have engaged in include placing more than 1,000 phone calls in two days to collect data for the 10-year strategic plan to end homelessness; raising \$1,300 to provide landscaping at Kennedy and Buckner Towner senior housing, and holding a cook-out for residents when the work was through; and writing grants for learning centers at Carver Community Organization and inviting the community to view them at an open house. She serves on the board of directors of the Carver Community Organization, where she has assisted with grant proposals and helped with the Adult Day Service program, among other contributions.

David Wagner, executive director of the Carver Community Organization, said, "Iris took the lead in assisting the design team with selection of material, color schemes, and layout to develop a state-of-the-art senior services center. She used best practice program and safety models to assist Carver in developing this outstanding center. Once the center was developed, Iris assisted in program design, staffing, and research on cutting-edge industry developments, training, and fund development."

In addition, Phillips has provided administrative training, program evaluations, and assistance with grant writing to numerous other agencies in the Tri-state area, including Evansville Psychiatric Children's Center, Youth Build, Deaconess Family Practice, Patchwork Central, Youth Car Center, Evansville Coalition for the Homeless, Evansville Housing Authority, Evansville Black Coalition, and ECHO Community Health Care.

She's also a member of the Tri-State Food Bank boards of directors, has served as the Evansville Housing Authority grievance officer, and

works with the Vanderburgh County Day Reporting Drug Court, as well as with drug and alcohol programs in the Posey, Warrick, and Dubois county court systems.

A summary of her community service projects this academic year provide a glimpse into the level of her commitment. She recently completed a Habitat for Humanity study on the social impact of home ownership and will soon submit it for publication. She submitted an international presentation proposal regarding Rapid Repeat Pregnancy, a project with Deaconess Family Medical Practice Residency (DFMPR).

On her agenda is training at the Evansville Children's Psychiatric Center, a project in conjunction with the University of Louisville OVAR-Geriatric Education Center to provide interdisciplinary training to USI students, and coordination of faculty and student participation in the National Hunger study with the Tri-State Food Bank. Along with other social work faculty, she also is preparing a campus suicide prevention grant proposal.

Dr. Thomas Bordelon, associate professor of social work, said, "Iris has demonstrated exemplary service to our community in both the number of agencies she serves and the extent of services provided to them. She is deeply committed to improving the quality of life in our community."

Phillips joined USI in 2001. Previously she taught in the Kent School of Social Work at the University of Louisville. She holds a Ph.D. and Master of Science in Social Work degree from the University of Louisville, and a bachelor's degree from Indiana University Southeast in New Albany.

The Sydney and Sadelle Berger Faculty Community Service Award is made possible by the Bergers' son Charles and his wife Leslie. Selected by the USI Faculty and Academic Affairs committee, the award winner is given a plaque and a stipend. Previous recipients are listed at www.usi.edu/relations/honorpast/berger.asp.

Plain White T's coming to USI

The University of Southern Indiana's Activities Programming Board (APB) will host a concert by punk-pop outfit Plain White T's on Tuesday, April 21, in the Physical Activities Center (PAC). Danger Radio and Single File will open the concert, which starts at 8 p.m. Doors will open at 7 p.m. The concert is open to the public.

According to allmusic.com, Plain White T's hail from the suburbs of Chicago, where they formed in 1997, 10 years before the acoustic ballad "Hey There Delilah" made them stars. They received a Grammy nomination for the song in 2008. Members are Tom Higgenson, (vocals, guitar), Dave Tirio (guitar), Mike Retondo (bass guitar, backing vocals), Tim G. Lopez (guitar, backing vocals), and De'Mar Hamilton (drums, percussion).

The opening acts are of a similar alternative musical style. Danger Radio is from Seattle, Washington and Single File formed in Westminster, Colorado.

Ticket sales start Monday, March 30. Tickets can be purchased from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday in the USI Bookstore. Tickets are \$10 for USI students with ID (limit one) and \$15 for non-students. Discounted USI student tickets are made possible by the student activity fee paid by every student.

No recording devices will be allowed at the concert. All bags will be searched upon entry.

Kathy Jones, program advisor for Student Activities, is enthusiastic about the concert. "As the University continues to grow, we want to offer events that have campus-wide appeal. This is a great way to get the APB name out there, as well as bring entertainment to the students."

For more information call 812/465-7167 or apb@usi.edu and visit www.usi.edu/apb.

Greek Week starts Monday

Greek Week 2009 will be held at the University of Southern Indiana from Monday, March 30 to Sunday, April 5. Greek Week offers a week of

competitive, philanthropic, and social events planned by student leaders. For USI fraternity and sorority members, it is a week to celebrate being Greek, build unity among the Greek community, and show chapter pride. The activities planned will serve the community, build friendships, and offer a good time.

Every year, Greek Week includes a philanthropic event. This year, chapters will participate in the Relay for Life to be held on the USI campus on Saturday, March 28. Greek Week kicks off on Monday with a basketball tournament at 9 p.m. on the Recreation and Fitness Center outdoor courts. On Tuesday, fraternities will participate in "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, the Men's March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault, and Gender Violence," and chapters will compete in bowling and euchre tournaments at Franklin Lanes. The annual Greek Dance Competition will be held Wednesday at 9 p.m. in Mitchell Auditorium. On Thursday, Greeks will show their appreciation for faculty and staff by delivering treats to the colleges.

Greek Week culminates on Sunday with the Greek Olympics, including a relay race, "climb to Olympus" (pyramid), "chariot" race, tug of war, quiz bowl, and "Greek Squeeze" - in which as many members as possible will try to pile into a car in an event reminiscent of the 1960s. The Greek Awards, recognizing the chapters that win Greek Week, the Greek Olympics, and other awards, will be held at 7:30 p.m. that evening in Carter Hall.

USI has six fraternities and four sororities. The Interfraternity Council includes Alpha Sigma Phi, Kappa Alpha Order, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Pi, and Tau Kappa Epsilon. The Panhellenic Council includes Alpha Sigma Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Delta Zeta, and Gamma Phi Beta.

Trustees Award goes to Priscilla Walker

Priscilla Walker, a senior majoring in food and nutrition, is the recipient of the 2009 Trustees Distinguished Merit award, the highest honor presented to a University student during Honors Week.

The recipient of a USI Baccalaureate/Doctor of Medicine award, Walker plans to pursue a career as a physician. She will enroll in the fall at Indiana University School of Medicine. Walker looks forward to using her knowledge of food and nutrition to benefit patients whose conditions can be helped or managed with a healthy diet.

She participated in summer 2007 in a virology course taught by USI faculty in England and spent summer 2008 as an intern on a medical mission trip to Nairobi, Kenya, where she worked with HIV/AIDS patients.

Walker documented her work in Kenya for a project in a humanities class. **Emily L. Synowiec**, humanities lecturer, said, "Her project showed her recognition of Kenyans' necessity for medical treatment; her openness for experiencing foreign cultures; her compassion for humankind; her artistic talent in capturing her thoughts and feelings in writing; and most of all, her passion for a better future by helping people who lack hope."

Another faculty member described her as a "great student and an even greater person."

Walker is a resident assistant in USI housing and works part-time teaching youngsters about healthy eating through the Professor Popcorn program of the Vanderburgh County Extension Office. She is a member of the Food and Nutrition Student Organization and the USI chapter of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. She has earned a 3.8 grade-point average overall. She is a former student worker in the microbiology lab.

She is from Indianapolis.

The Trustees Distinguished Merit Award, which includes a \$1,000 stipend, recognizes outstanding achievement not only in the student's major but also in the liberal arts and sciences that form the core curriculum of a college education. Selection is made by the Student Affairs Committee.

Kevin Valadares named Distinguished Professor

Dr. Kevin J. Valadares, associate professor of health services/administration, is the 2009 recipient of the Integra Distinguished Professor Award recognizing significant achievement in teaching, leadership, and service.

A faculty member since 2001, Valadares is program director of the undergraduate program in health services and the Master of Science in Health Administration program.

His highly interactive teaching style and commitment to advising are well known on campus. He has been a leader in using technology to enhance student learning activities in classes he teaches on campus as well as online. He was instrumental in working with the technology team to implement the use of podcasting for the college. He also was the leading advocate for the redesign of two classrooms in the Health Professions Center to facilitate collaborative learning and for the use of tablet computers to support more dynamic faculty-student learning interaction.

Valadares employs service-learning activities in his teaching. A recent study was commissioned by Evansville Mayor **Jonathan Weinzapfel** to assess the cost effectiveness and quality of the Evansville area ambulance service. The study provided the city with important information and students with research, public policy, and presentation experience.

Since joining USI, Valadares has authored or co-authored 10 peer review articles and has an additional 10 articles under review or in process. A co-authored book, *Ethics and Health Care in a Pluralistic Society*, will be published in January 2010 by Health Administration Press. He serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of Health Administration Ethics*.

Valadares shares his expertise in ethics and health administration with community organizations. He earned a doctorate in healthcare ethics from St. Louis University in 2003.

The recipient of the Integra Distinguished Professor Award is chosen by colleagues on the USI faculty. As Distinguished Professor, Valadares will receive a grant from Integra Bank, select a student to receive a scholarship in his name next year, deliver the Distinguished Professor lecture during the next academic year, and deliver the address at the fall Commencement in December 2009.

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes on March 31

Inspired by the old saying, "You can't understand a person's experience until you've walked a mile in their shoes," on March 31, 2009, men will literally walk one mile in women's high heeled shoes on USI's campus to protest rape, sexual assault, and gender violence. **Eric Williams**, Vanderburgh County Sheriff, **Stan Levco**, Vanderburgh County Prosecutor, **Charlie Berger**, a local attorney, **Terry Winkler**, Assistant Chief of Police for Boonville, **Barry Schonberger**, USI dean of students, and others are scheduled to walk in high heels and address participants at a pre-march rally. Albion Fellows Bacon Center and USI are co-sponsoring this event to raise awareness about rape.

Registration for the walk will begin at 5 p.m. under the University Center "Bridge" on USI's campus. Williams, Levco, and Schonberger will speak at 5:20 p.m. and the walk will begin at 5:30 p.m. Men, women, and children are invited to participate. At 6:30 p.m., **Bob Hall**, a gender violence speaker, will give a public address in Carter Hall. Hall will present "Nonviolent Sexuality, Because Sex is Powerful and People are Squishy," a humorous discussion about dating and safety. More information on Hall can be found at www.nonviolentsexuality.com.

The Walk is sponsored by a number of USI campus organizations, including Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, Order of Omega, Student Government Association, Rugby Club, and Wrestling Club. USI also has an active men's awareness group called Male Allies Against Rape and Violence (MAARV). For more information on MAARV's role in the walk call **Dr. Todd Schroer**, associate professor of sociology, at 812/464-1723. Community sponsors include Altstadt Office City, American Pool Players Association, B & S Home Improvements, The Duell Family—Evansville Chrysler Kia, Fraternal Order of Police #73, Holly's House, Premiums Plus, and SouthWest Graphix.

A woman is raped every 90 seconds in America. Albion Fellows Bacon Center provided sexual assault services to 467 primary and secondary victims in 2008. Albion is a non-profit agency serving victims of domestic and sexual violence. For more information, call Albion Fellows Bacon Center at 812/422-9372. More information about the national "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes: The Men's March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault and Gender Violence" can be found at www.walkamileinhershoes.org.

Celebration of Scholarly, Creative, and Professional Achievement is April 12

The Center for Academic Creativity is organizing a second annual reception to recognize the accomplishments of USI faculty and staff members. "A Celebration of Scholarly, Creative, and Professional Achievement at USI" will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12, in the Grand Reading Room on Rice Library's second floor.

In anticipation of her new role as acting provost, the reception will be hosted by **Dr. Nadine Coudret**. A brief program will include announcements of sabbatical awards and summer research fellowships, as well as remarks on balancing scholarship with teaching and service by faculty members including **Dr. Jim Bandoli**, professor of biology, **Dr. Michael Kearns**, professor of English, **Dr. Marie Opatrny**, assistant professor of social work, **Dr. Maryann Shifflet**, instructor in economics, **Dr. Michael Strezewski**, assistant professor of anthropology, and **Dr. Katie Ehlman**, assistant professor of health services.

Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact **Dr. Karyn Sproles**, director of faculty development, at 812/461-5476 or kzsproles@usi.edu.

New Employee Welcome

Danielle Beebe has accepted a position as senior program assistant in Extended Services. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from the University of Georgia. Beebe was employed as a sales administrative coordinator at Corporate Design Incorporated.

Amy Fisher has accepted a position as manager of University Budgets. She holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and Master of Business Administration degree from USI. Fisher was employed as a staff accountant at Harding Shymanski & Company.

Cathy Goldsborough has accepted a position as assistant director of Residence Life. She holds a Master of Business Administration degree from James Madison University and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of North Carolina Charlotte. Goldsborough was employed as an assistant director of housing at James Madison University.

Michael Parker has accepted a position as senior maintenance mechanic in the Physical Plant. He holds an Associate of Applied Science degree from Ivy Tech. Parker was Self-employed with A&E Contractors.

Sean Riley has accepted a position as senior administrative assistant in Student Financial Assistance. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in health services administration from the University of Evansville.

Melissa Woods has accepted a position as administrative clerk in Residence Life. She holds an associate's degree from John A. Logan College. Woods was employed as a night computer operator at *The Southern Illinoisan*.

Announcements

USI Day at the Zoo

The USI Alumni Association invites the University community to join us at Evansville's Mesker Park Zoo for a day of fun, crafts, refreshments and animal encounters. Children will enjoy making crafts at the Student Alumni Association booths located at the Lion's Plaza. Refreshments and animal encounters will take place at the large outdoor tent. Zoo hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the entrance group admission charge is \$6.50 for adults and \$5.50 for children ages three and up. Craft booths will be

open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and animal encounter tents will be open from 11 to 11:30 p.m. and 2 to 2:30 p.m.

Contact Alumni & Volunteer Services at 812/464-1924 or alumni@usi.edu to make reservations.

Berridge presents workshop

Dr. Gina Berridge, assistant professor of education, presented a workshop, "Social Literacy: Integrating Language Arts and Social Studies Standards in an Elementary Classroom," at the Association of Teacher Educators conference this month in Dallas, Texas.

USI Family Fund accepting gifts of support for Bernard Family

The USI Foundation has reactivated the USI Family Fund in order to accept gifts of support for the family of colleague **Mary Ann Bernard**, senior administrative assistant in the development office. Mary Ann's daughter Lenore is awaiting a kidney transplant from her brother. Lenore, a 2004 USI graduate, is currently working part-time at the David L. Rice Library. She will be unable to work for up to three months following the transplant and will need assistance with medical and living expenses.

Friends and colleagues who want to assist the Bernard family with medical and travel expenses may make a contribution to the USI Foundation/USI Family Fund, with a memo indicating it is for the Bernard family. The entire amount will be made available to assist the family. Please note that gifts to the USI Family Fund are not tax-deductible charitable gifts for income tax purposes and no receipts will be issued.

Contributions should be delivered to the Business Affairs office, WA 102 in the Wright Administration Building. For more information, contact **Jean Devine** in the development office at 812/464-1918.

National Alcohol Screening Day

National Alcohol Screening Day will be held on Thursday, April 9. The Counseling Center will be offering free and confidential screenings in the Orr Center in Room 1051. The screenings will be available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All USI students, faculty, and staff are invited to take the screening. For more information, please contact the Counseling Center at 812/464-1867.

Priority Registration for Fall 2009 is April 6-17

Teaching faculty: Please announce to your classes that Priority Registration for Fall 2009 will be April 6-17; encourage your students to register early. Students can still register for summer, too!

Students register online via MyUSI (www.usieagles.org). Priority registration begins at 8 a.m. on April 6, and progresses according to the schedule found on page four of the class schedule and at www.usi.edu/reg/early.asp. Students register according to the total of their earned plus currently enrolled hours, and are encouraged to register on their first day of eligibility.

All continuing and readmission students are eligible to register online, but are urged to first meet with their academic advisor to review their course selection prior to registering. Contact your advisor to schedule an appointment (subject to availability).

Degree-seeking undergraduate students with less than 32 earned hours (freshmen) will have a registration hold placed on their record, and will be eligible for registration only after meeting with their academic advisor to review their course selection and remove the registration hold.

Degree-seeking undergraduates who began at USI in summer 1995 or later should review their Degree Evaluation (through MyUSI) prior to registration to check their progress toward degree completion and verify acceptable course options.

Don't wait - enroll now, pay later!

Students who sign up for fall classes during Priority Registration will not be billed until August 10, and expected to settle their account with the Bursar's Office by August 20.

Saturday art workshop

On Saturday, March 28 and April 4, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., children ages 6 through 14 can join USI art students and faculty in the USI Technology Center to create two- and three-dimensional artwork including collages, paintings, printmaking, sculptures, and more. Students will be grouped by age with a maximum of 20 per group. There is a registration fee of \$30 which includes supplies and lunch. Call coordinator **Dr. Joseph Uduehi** at 812/465-1068 with questions. To register call Extended Services at 812/464-1989.

Promote campus events on widely read online calendar

The online calendar on the USI web site publishes campus events daily on the front page of the site and on pages throughout the site. If you have an event coming up in March, April, or May, take the time to post it to the calendar.

You'll need your MyUSI username and password to load information. You'll be prompted to add the name of the event, date and time, information about the event and why people should attend, keynote speakers, fees that apply, location, and who can attend. It is an easy way to promote campus events at no charge to you. Load an event when you want—up to six or eight months ahead or a week ahead. The longer it is loaded the more exposure you will gain.

Access the online calendar at https://www.usi.edu/webservices/calendar_03/ or go to www.usi.edu and scroll to campus events (right hand side of page) and click on "more" to reach the calendar page. Click on the "sign in" icon at the top right to get started. Questions about the calendar may be directed to the Web Services team at 812/465-1080 or to News & Information Services at 812/465-7050.