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**Local hospital executive recognized by  
USI's School of Nursing and Health Professions**

Chris L. Berneking, vice president of Support Services at Deaconess Hospital, received the University of Southern Indiana School of Nursing and Health Profession's Distinguished Service Award for his work in arranging an international outreach program for students and faculty. The award was presented during Honors Week activities in March.

In 1997 Berneking, in cooperation with The Beacon Group, arranged an agreement among Deaconess Hospital, USI, and a rural community hospital in Annotto Bay, Jamaica, that resulted in an experiential multicultural learning opportunity for USI students and faculty. Two groups of students and faculty have traveled to Jamaica to learn and provide clinical services to residents of Annotto Bay. Mr. Berneking organized transportation, food and lodging, security, and shipment of supplies and equipment for the project.

The service award annually recognizes contributions made by an individual in the community to programs in the USI School of Nursing and Health Professions.

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