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Undergraduate conference founded at USI returns for 25th anniversary

The 25th annual Mid-America Undergraduate Psychology Research Conference (MAUPRC), founded at USI by **Dr. Joseph J. Palladino**, professor of psychology, returns to campus on Saturday, April 1, 2006.

Designed to recognize and encourage research by undergraduate psychology students, the MAUPRC has become one of the oldest and most successful conferences of its kind. Palladino requested funding to establish the conference two weeks after arriving at USI in 1981.

The conference was originally called the Tri-State UPRC, and Palladino hoped to attract participants from Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky. The 1982 conference included participants from all three states, representing seven institutions, with 20 paper presentations.

Now, the MAUPRC regularly attracts an average of 20 institutions from several states, including Michigan, Ohio, and Missouri, and students deliver 100 paper and poster presentations.

Since 1990, the MAUPRC has been sponsored by a consortium of schools, including USI, Franklin College, Thomas More College, Eastern Illinois University, University of Indianapolis, and Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis.

Palladino will present the 2006 keynote address, "Myth and Mysteries of the Humor Impaired."

"It's based on my perception that academia in general and certainly my discipline tends to be humor-impaired," he said. "We tend to denigrate humor in academia. We ought to know better, given the attention humor can draw to material."

Palladino teaches a course on humor. He said it is one of the few characteristics that separates us from lower animals.

"One can argue that low animals are intelligent," he said. "They certainly problem-solve, they can make tools, and some have language. One of the characteristics that separates us is laughter and humor. Why do we shy away from it?"

All events for the 25th annual conference will be held on the first floor of the Liberal Arts Center. The registration fee for faculty, students, and non-presenters is \$20, due by Friday, March 24. After March 24, a fee of \$25 is payable at the door. The fee covers the cost of a printed copy of the conference program, continental breakfast, and lunch.

USI is partner in Healthier Evansville events

Lesa Cagle, assistant professor of nutrition and a member of the School Community Council, is chair of opening and closing events for the first annual Healthier Evansville Week, April 30-May 7. Healthier Evansville Week, announced by **Evansville Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel** in January, is designed to increase awareness of four key health areas: physical fitness, nutrition, prevention, and making healthy choices.

"The whole event is being coordinated by the School Community Council with the goal of helping Evansville choose to live a healthier life," Cagle said. "Our mission is to collaborate with community partners to provide programs and services which promote physical activity, proper nutrition, prevention and healthy life choices to positively impact the individuals and families of our community."

Departments in the USI College of Nursing and Health Professions will offer a wide variety of services and information at the opening event, a Health Fair from noon to 5 p.m. April 30 at Washington Square Mall. Food and Nutrition will provide nutrition information centering on the family and children. Occupational Therapy will present information on backpack safety and safe lifting. Dental Hygiene will have information on oral hygiene; Respiratory Therapy will provide lung screenings; and Nursing will demonstrate safe dog handling.

Many businesses and community agencies will provide a variety of free health screenings including blood pressure, cholesterol, and body mass index, and smoking cessation information.

"In Indiana, our statistics for risk factors for heart disease, including obesity and smoking, are not good," Cagle said. "Our statistics in Vanderburgh County are higher than most of the state."

The Indiana Youth risk behavior survey of 2005 shows a statistically significant increase in weight of high-school-aged students from the 2003 survey. Fifteen percent of Indiana students are overweight and 14.3 percent are at risk for becoming overweight.

The USI Physical Education Department and the YMCA will lead activities for children, including hopscotch, bean bag games, bowling, ring toss, horse shoes, shuffle board, croquet, and more. "The individual games are aimed at teaching children simple activities they can do at home," Cagle said. Group activities will alternate hourly, and include noodle ball, waffle ball, ultimate Frisbee, and deck tennis. Adolescents will have the opportunity to climb Vertical eXcape's rock wall.

There also will be prize drawings, and the public can register for the two-mile race/walk/stroll to be held at the closing event, from 1 to 5 p.m. May 7 at Garvin Park. The trek starts and ends at Bosse Field.

"The event is a beginning for our community. If we look at the lifestyle risk factors of obesity, smoking, poor diets and sedentary lifestyle, we can see a need to raise awareness of the consequences of these actions. Alone, obesity is associated with a greater risk for high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, and high cholesterol levels. All of these increase the risk for developing coronary heart disease, high levels of triglycerides, stroke, sleep apnea, respiratory problems, some types of cancer, and osteoarthritis."

Businesses, clubs, agencies, and neighborhoods are encouraged to sponsor their own health-related events during Healthier Evansville Week. In response, the USI Wellness Committee is sponsoring a "Lunch and Learn" program by **Ann Stegall** of Deaconess Web Center, "Finding Health Info on the Internet." This program is free and open to students and employees, and will

be held from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, in Room 1006 of the Health Professions Center. For more information, contact Michelle Davis, benefits supervisor, at 464-1781.

For more information about the Healthier Evansville initiative, go to www.healthierevansville.org.

Student Art Exhibition and Juror's Lecture

Ruth Esserman, the juror for the 36th Annual USI Juried Student Art Exhibition, will present the Juror's Lecture at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 6, in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center.

Esserman, an artist and national leader in art education, will discuss her artwork and how teaching art at all levels influenced her work and life. She taught at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago for 12 years after her career as an art teacher and chair of Highland Park (Illinois) High School's Fine Arts Department. While at Highland Park, she founded the nationally known "Focus on the Arts" program.

She has served as president of the Illinois Arts Education Association, chair of IAEA and the National Art Education Association, on the NAEA Board of Directors, and is a Distinguished Fellow of both organizations.

Her paintings and drawings have been included in numerous national exhibitions including the Denver Art Museum, the Minneapolis Art Institute, and the Art Institute of Chicago.

During the lecture, she will present a short video of her unique studio house made of recycled materials. The home was featured on "Extreme Homes" on HGTV.

The Juror's Lecture is free and open to the public. The 36th Annual USI Juried Student Art Exhibition opens Sunday, April 9, in the University Conference Center. A reception will be held from 3 to 5 p.m., with the awards presentation at 4 p.m.

The exhibition will be open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily through April 16.

For more information, contact the USI Department of Art, Music, and Theatre at 812/465-7047.

Printing Services can meet all signage needs

A new, high quality, wide-format poster printer will allow Printing Services to meet the signage needs of the University community on campus.

Leslie Parker, director of Printing Services, said, "We have added this new service in response to the growing number of requests for wide-format projects. We have been outsourcing more and more in recent years, and are confident the need for this service will grow even greater once the University community realizes we have this capability right here on campus. As with other areas of the department, we are most comfortable when managing quality control in-house."

After Instructional Technology discontinued poster printing in fall 2005, Printing Services wanted to continue that service for the University, but had to outsource jobs that were greater in size than 13 inches by 19 inches.

"Now we'll be able to do it all here," said **Chris Norrick**, senior graphic artist. "We're going to be less expensive than outsourcing, but higher quality. This printer creates photo-quality prints at 2800 dots per inch, and that's top of the line."

The Epson 9800 will print up to 44 inches wide on rolls up to 100 feet long, on photo-quality papers in standard and heavy weights, and vinyl banner material (with optional grommets). Printed adhesive vinyl can be applied to corrugated plastic yard signs (with optional metal sign frames).

A wide-format heat laminator also was purchased, which will allow Printing Services to laminate up to 40 inches wide. Both gloss and matte finishes will be available, as will peel and stick laminates. The laminator also will enable Printing Services to mount prints on foam core signage.

In the past, posters were printed off of a color copier at 600 dots per inch, in four-color process. The new printer has eight-color process.

"It extends the gamut of the color it can reproduce," Norrick said.

Printing Services' graphic artists will continue to custom design projects, but clients also will have the option to choose from templates on the Printing Services Web page, in order to speed up the turnaround time for basic designs. Pricing will be posted on the Web site, or estimates can be provided upon request.

If your department or organization needs to promote an event, create a display for a conference, or requires other promotional materials, contact Printing Services at 812/464-1954.

"If someone has a specialty project, they should contact us and we can likely meet their needs," Norrick said.

National History Day contestant

Ernesto Reyes, a junior at Eisenhower High School in Houston, Texas, has a lot of support from his family in his effort to win the National History Day contest. So much so that his father, Santos, drove Ernesto, his mother, Pury, and younger brother, Alejandro, from Houston to Evansville so that Ernesto could interview **Dr. Donald Pitzer**, professor of history and director of the Center for Communal Studies.

The family arrived in the area after midnight March 15, and spent the afternoon in the Center for Communal Studies, located in the Liberal Arts Center. Ernesto and his team are producing a documentary on Robert Owen, founder of the second Utopian experiment at New Harmony, Indiana, for this year's contest. The 2005-2006 theme is "Taking a Stand in History: People, Ideas, Events."

"We chose Robert Owen because of the stands he took for workers, education, and Utopian ideas," Ernesto said. "Dr. Pitzer's name kept coming up in our research, because of everything he's written."

This will be Ernesto's fourth year competing in the national contest. He has placed fourth in the competition in two previous years. Before they reach the national level, students must compete on the district, regional, and state levels.

The family also has traveled for Alejandro's projects in the contest, which is for students in sixth- through 12th grades. "We are great supporters of the history fair," said Pury Reyes. "This research prepares them for college."

Pitzer was pleased to see the young man's interest in Robert Owen and New Harmony.

"New Harmony is the epicenter of communal Utopianism and socialism in America. It was the first secular communal society of any note," he said. "New Harmony is of world-wide interest."

The Reyes family planned to tour Historic New Harmony and meet with Dan Goodman, collections manager, on March 16, and return to Houston that night.

Joint efforts contribute to learning

Leah Greene of Princeton, Indiana, and **Gary Whitney** of Central City, Kentucky, are two of more than 250 USI students from the Physical Education Department and the College of

Nursing and Health Professions who are participating in a coronary heart disease study.

Students of nursing, nutrition, and community health are conducting cholesterol and blood glucose screenings and measuring height, weight, and body mass on students in PED 186, a fitness and wellness class in the core curriculum. The testing is done in the Human Performance Laboratory and in an adjoining laboratory in the Health Professions Center in March 2006.

The curriculum in the physical education class requires each student to establish behavior modification strategies to address personal health concerns that need improvement. The screening results will provide the physical education students individual documentation of what areas need attention.

Greene and Whitney are testing cholesterol and blood sugar of the students from physical education. Greene is a senior in the RN to BSN program in the College of Nursing and Health Professions. She plans to graduate in May. She is currently working at Deaconess Women's Hospital in Newburgh, Indiana. Whitney is a graduate student who is taking courses through distance education. He works at the Regional Medical Center in Central City.

Both students agree the hands-on learning is beneficial. Greene said she finds it is useful to practice, and she learns the healthy and not-so-healthy ranges of the screenings. Whitney likes the classroom setting and talking with other students since most of his course work is done over a computer. He admits the distance education classes are a convenient resource for the nurse who works full-time like he does.

Gale Hoehn, instructor in nursing, said the event offers a safe setting to learn. She said nursing students learn to use the equipment, how to administer the test and record findings, and talk with other students about risk factors under the supervision of the faculty.

Students enrolled in community health classes are interviewing staff from offices and areas of campus that have an impact on the health of students. They are talking to Residence Life staff, food services people, and vending machine operators. The interviews will be part of the study.

Dr. Glenna Bower, assistant professor of physical education, said the interaction between students and the faculty is all important. This collaborative effort shows what can be done in terms of research when groups of people work together on a project. She said the results of the study will be distributed to campus departments who can benefit from knowing what health risk factors USI students exhibit.

Other faculty members working with the students are **Stephanie Bennett**, **Dr. Raymond Leung**, and **Dr. Guoyuan Huang** from physical education and **Dr. Julie McCullough**, **Julie St. Clair**, **Beth Thompson**, and **Lesa Cagle** from nursing and health professions.

The study is being funded from grants offered by the USI Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services Faculty Enhancement efforts and the Indiana Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance.

Greek Week 2006 is April 3-9

The Inter-Greek Programming Council's Greek Week events kick off Monday, April 3, and culminate Sunday, April 9, with the Greek Olympics and awards presentation. No events will be held Friday and Saturday, April 7-8, during SpringFest 2006.

Here's the schedule of events:

Monday, April 3:

Can Castle Competition, 3 to 6 p.m., Carter Hall, University

Center. The event is a competition between fraternities and sororities in which the most creative castle built from canned food items wins. After the competition, the items will be donated to the Tri-State Food Bank.

Tuesday, April 4

Bowling Competition, 9 to 11 p.m., Franklin Lanes. Teams of four can bowl for \$2.50 per person. Shoe rental will be free.

Wednesday, April 5

Dance Competition, 9 to 11 p.m., Forum I, Wright Administration Building. Each chapter will perform a dance for faculty judges, and the University community is encouraged to attend. "It's awesome to come and watch everyone compete," said Heather Opolski, Panhellenic vice president of programming and a member of Delta Zeta. "They get really creative and it's funny to watch."

Thursday, April 6

Volleyball Competition, 9 to 11 p.m., Recreation and Fitness Center Sand Volleyball Courts.

Sunday, April 9

Greek Olympics, noon to 3 p.m., Rugby Practice Field. Events include Mount Olympia human pyramids, pie-eating contest, "chariot" races, and a "Fear Factor" event.

Greek Awards, 6 to 8 p.m., Carter Hall, University Center. Awards are presented to individuals and chapters for the highest and most improved GPA, and for event-winners.

In addition to these events, the chapters will raise money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Members will collect cash "votes" for the best banner. The banners will hang from the University Conference Center and money will be collected from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 3-7 in front of the University Center.

Thompson named All-American twice

University of Southern Indiana senior forward **Chris Thompson** was named second team All-American for a second time, this time by the Division II Bulletin. Thompson, who was named to the Daktronics All-American second team, becomes the 14th USI men's basketball player to be named All-American and only the eighth to appear on more than one All-America team.

Since the end of the regular season, Thompson also has been named the Daktronics Great Lakes Region Player of the Year and first team All-Region; co-GLVC Player of the Year and first team All-Conference; and to the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional All-Tournament team. He was named GLVC Player of the Week four times and Division II Bulletin Player of the Month twice.

The Physical Education major led the Screaming Eagles and ranks fourth in the GLVC with 18.3 points per game. He also grabbed a team and GLVC best 9.8 rebounds, tying for 14th in the NCAA II. Thompson recorded a team best 16 double-doubles, two short of the USI single season record, posted a season-high 35 points against Caldwell College, and tied a career-best with 15 rebounds on three different occasions.

During his two year career at USI, Thompson averaged 14.9 points and 9.5 rebounds per game; shot 61.1 percent from the field (382-625) and 76.0 from the line (200-263); had 28 double-doubles; and 31 double-figure rebound games. The two-time All-GLVC performer helped lead the Eagles to a GLVC regular season and tournament crown, the GLVC West Division co-championship, a pair of NCAA Division II Tournament appearances, and a 54-12 (.818) two-year record.

GLVC Baseball Player of the Week

Freshman centerfielder **Chad Werry** is the GLVC Baseball Player of the Week after he led the Screaming Eagles back to the .500 mark. USI, 4-2 last week, split a doubleheader with Kentucky Wesleyan College (6-1, 0-3) and went 3-1 against the University of Wisconsin-Parkside (1-0, 8-6, 8-7, 2-4) last week-end.

Werry started the week with a two-run home run against KWC in the 6-1 USI victory. In the two come-from-behind victories over UW-Parkside, Werry had six RBIs (four in one innings) and five hits. Of the five hits, one was a home run and one was a triple.

For the week, Werry hit .429 with nine hits, eight RBIs, two home runs, a triple, a .520 on-base percentage, and an .810 slugging percentage.

Court of Appeals to meet at USI

The Indiana Court of Appeals will hear oral argument at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 6, in Mitchell Auditorium in the Health Professions Center.

Judge Melissa S. May, Judge Michael Carr. L. Darden, and Judge Edward W. Najam will hear the case of Marshall & Ilsley Trust Co. v. Robert G. Woodward Sr.

The primary issue on appeal in this case is whether a contingent beneficiary of a trust is entitled to an accounting from a trustee under Indiana law.

The case will be argued by appellant's attorney, Brian P. Williams of Kahn, Dees, Donovan, and Kahn, LLP of Evansville, and appellee's attorneys, Marco L. DeLucio and Allyson R. Breeden of Ziermer, Stayman, Weitzel, and Shoulders, LLP of Evansville.

Each side will be given 30 minutes to argue their case. Often, the judges will ask questions during the presentation. The panel of judges will take the arguments under advisement and issue an opinion in the near future.

Due to the Code of Judicial Conduct, the judges will not be able to answer any specific questions about the case, but can respond to general inquiries about the legal system. The judges will be available for photographs either before or after the oral argument.

The public is encouraged to attend. Normal courtroom rules of decorum will apply.

For more information, contact **Linda Cleek**, associate director of Extended Services, at 812/464-1863.

The Stratford Festival

College of Liberal Arts faculty will lead an annual trip to the Stratford Festival of Canada in Stratford, Ontario, Canada, August 24-27.

Theatergoers, actors, and playwrights flock to Stratford to take part in the festival. It was one of the first and is still one of the most prominent arts festivals in Canada. As of 2006, the festival runs for seven months and there are four permanent festival venues: the Festival Theatre, the Avon, the Tom Patterson Theatre, and the Studio Theatre.

Although the festival was originally named for Shakespeare, and still concentrates on his works, Shakespeare is not the only playwright produced. The USI group will focus on Shakespeare's plays, however, with tickets to see performances of Coriolanus, Twelfth Night, The Duchess of Malfi, and King Henry IV, Part I.

Senior English literature major **Clinton Omohundro**

attended the Stratford Festival with the USI group in 2004 and 2005. "Anyone who studies Shakespeare should go. It adds a whole new dimension to his work," he said.

He also appreciates the city's culture and natural beauty. "Stratford is very European, with a lot of bookshops, pubs, and cafes," he said. "You don't see fast food restaurants. It's not Americanized."

The cost for the trip is \$350 per person for two persons to a room, and \$300 per person for four to a room. Tickets to four plays, three nights' lodging at the Arden Park Hotel, and transportation are included.

The deadline to register is Sunday, April 30.

To reserve one of 15 spaces, contact **Eric von Fuhrmann**, associate professor of English, at 812/464-1749, or **Paula von Loewenfeldt**, assistant professor of English, at 812/465-1258.

Academic Bowl challenges students

The USI Foreign Language Department's annual Foreign Language Academic Bowl will attract hundreds of high school students from throughout the Tri-state to the USI campus from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6.

The 16th annual Language Bowl will be the largest yet, with 40 schools scheduled to compete. Five-member teams compete in French, Spanish, German, and Latin.

"All of the Vanderburgh County schools compete in at least one language, and very often all of them. They are big contenders," said **Dr. Leslie Roberts**, acting chair of the Foreign Language Department. "It's a big competition among the teachers as well."

During the language rounds, each team is asked 25 questions of increasing levels of difficulty. Topics include grammar, culture, spelling, and geography. Most questions are asked in the target language.

The competition encourages high school students to develop their language skills. "It's very good for the high school students because they are motivated to win. It concentrates their studying," Roberts said.

The language rounds are followed by a song contest that inspires creativity in the teams. "The students love it," Roberts said. "One German group once did a rap song in German. A French group did a French fairy tale. Very often, students wear costumes and use props."

While the high school teams are on campus, they meet and talk to USI faculty and students. Foreign language faculty act as facilitators and USI students assist with registration, contests, and refreshments.

"I consider the language bowl a very strong recruiting tool because high school students get to talk to students here," Roberts said. "They see what USI is like and meet the professors of foreign languages, and see our enthusiasm."

"We also distribute materials from International Studies and other majors, and International Programs and Services. Students find out the amazing array of opportunities to study abroad if they choose USI."

High schools pay a fee to participate in the language bowl. Money remaining after expenses is used for small scholarships for the foreign language student who makes the most progress in scholarship in his or her sophomore year. "Some years, the recipient is someone who was in the language bowl a few years before," Roberts said.

Names in the news

Welcome to the USI family

Amy Dillworth, administrative clerk, and Jason Stills, announce the birth of their daughter, **Avery Elizabeth Stills**, born Tuesday, February 7 at 4 p.m. Avery weighed 7 pounds and 12 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. She has a six-year-old brother named **Brayden**, and a four-year-old brother named **Evan**.

In appreciation

"It is with a grateful heart that I thank my friends, colleagues and students for all their good thoughts, words and prayers at the passing of my mother, **Ruth Skoglund**. Thank you too for the beautiful peace lily sent by the university to the funeral. Special thanks for the numerous charitable donations made in my mother's honor." **Dr. Margaret Skoglund**, associate professor of art.

Accomplishments

Dr. Karen H. Bonnell, professor of communication and director of Instructional Technology Services, has been elected chair of the American Association of University Women International Fellowship Panel during its annual meeting in Washington, D.C. The panel awarded over \$840,000 in fellowships to international women pursuing graduate study in the coming year.

Katie Waters, professor of art and chair of the Department of Art, Music, and Theatre, has artwork appearing in two national juried exhibitions. Her art is in The LaGrange XXIV National Biennial Exhibition at the Chattahoochee Art Museum at LaGrange, GA, and in the 19th Annual McNeese Works on Paper Exhibition at the Abercrombie Gallery at McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA.

Jim McGarrah, assistant professor of English, and **Tonya Northenor**, instructor in English, were featured readers at Brescia University's Third Tuesday Coffee House on March 21. McGarrah and **Ron Mitchell**, instructor in English, also brought a group of student writers to the venue who read from their original works. The students included Halvor Aakhus, Amanda Brant, Brittney Scott, and Heidi Weaver.

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17th Annual Breakfast with the President

The 17th Annual Breakfast with the President will be held from 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. Thursday, April 20, in Carter Hall. All students, faculty, staff, and alumni are invited to gather for this informal breakfast with **President H. Ray Hoops**. Breakfast is free for all students who attend.

Created by the Student Alumni Association (SAA), this annual tradition has proven to be a great way to bring students together with the president as well as with members of the administration and faculty.

A panel of six USI students will ask Dr. 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, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, 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 (\$5.50 per person) for the breakfast. Reservations are required.

For more information, contact **Lisa Schaefer**, assistant director of Alumni and Volunteer Services, at 812/465-1215.

Employee Savings and Retirement Fair

Human Resources will host an Employee Savings and Retirement Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 18 in Rooms 203-204 in the University Center. The fair will include exhibits and informational presentations from various financial institutions and University-related pension companies. The event is free and open to all employees and retirees. For more information, contact **Michelle Davis**, benefits supervisor, at 464-1781.

Berger Faculty Community Service Award winner

Dr. Joseph Uduehi, associate professor of art education, has been awarded the 2006 Sydney L. and Sadelle Berger Faculty Community Service Award. The award, presented by the USI Faculty and Academic Affairs committee, was announced during the College of Liberal Arts Honors Program on March 19.

Uduehi has been active in bringing art and art lessons to children in the community through art workshops, classes, and projects. Since 2000, he has organized and led the Saturday Art Workshop for Children series, offered each semester and during the summer at USI. Recently, he worked with the USI Art Club to create five scholarships for children to participate in the workshops each semester.

In addition to the instruction he provides through the Saturday Art Workshop and at the USI Children's Center, Uduehi teaches children's art classes in the community. He has led classes at Hands on Discovery Children's Museum, Patchwork Central, and elementary and middle schools. In 2004, he worked with children in the Saturday Art Workshop program and USI art education students to create a 4 foot by 16 foot mural at Tekoppel Elementary School. He also has lectured area art teachers about multicultural art history.

Joan A. Kempf, associate professor of graphic design, nominated Uduehi. In the nomination, she wrote, "At a time when budget pressures in most elementary and secondary school systems have caused art programs to be decreased or cut, Dr. Uduehi's Children's Art Workshops and other service projects bring art and culture to our young students – and an exposure to the arts that they might not receive otherwise. In addition to his teaching responsibilities at USI, Dr. Uduehi does this extensive service on his own time, often on weekends and as a volunteer.

She continued, "Whether in his courses or in his contacts with the community, Dr. Uduehi has served as a role model and inspiration to us all as he encourages his students and others to offer service in areas of need. This recognition is a wonderful opportunity to express our appreciation and thank him for all of his efforts in bringing art, culture, and diversity to the community, but most importantly to our children."

Uduehi holds a Doctor of Education in art education and a Master of Art degree in art education and cinematography from University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and a Bachelor of Art degree in painting and drawing and certificate of education from Ahmadu Bello University in Nigeria. He has been with USI since 1999.

The Berger Faculty Community Service Award recognizes a University faculty member for distinguished community service to groups, agencies, and institutions. The award was established in 1996 by Charles L. and Leslie Berger in honor of his parents, Sydney and Sadelle Berger.

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