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Lisa Gish named USI Distinguished Nursing Alumna

Lisa Gish of Newburgh, Indiana, is the 2007 recipient of the Distinguished Nursing Alumna Award presented by the University of Southern Indiana Nursing Alumni Society.

Gish is executive director of the nonprofit association Tri-State Business Group on Health (TSBGH), a coalition of employers concerned with health-care costs and quality.

Gale Hoehn, USI instructor in nursing, said, "Lisa not only believes in adequate health care for all but has made it her life's mission. She is a person who usually stays under the 'radar' but gets work done efficiently and effectively."

Gish was recognized with the award for her work in the establishment of the Tri-State Case Manager's Network. She was charter treasurer and is a past president of the group. Prior to joining TSBGH in 1998, Gish was manager of quality, utilization, and case management for Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Evansville.

Gish earned two degrees from USI, a bachelor's in nursing in 2000 and a master's in health administration in 2004. She holds affiliate status on the graduate faculty at USI.

She is a member of the Board of Directors of Cancer Care Options and chair elect of the American Diabetes Association Leadership Council. She serves on the Plan Sponsor Advisory Council of the Pharmacy Benefit Management Institute, Inc. and has served on the Board of Governors of the National Business Coalition on Health.

The Distinguished Nursing Alumna Award was presented October 16 at the annual meeting of the USI Nursing Alumni Society.

Keynote speaker for the event was Elizabeth "Betty" J. Brown '92 M.B.A. '04, vice president of quality and performance improvement for TriHealth in Cincinnati, Ohio. Brown also was Alumna-in-Residence for the day, making a presentation to faculty and students on the topic, "It's Apparent. Health Care is Transparent."

Brown joined TriHealth in July. She was previously vice president of strategic physician integration at St. Mary's Health System in Evansville. Brown was the 2005 recipient of the USI Distinguished Nursing Alumna Award.