

July 26, 2011

Dear colleagues,

It has been another busy summer, and I would like to recognize the efforts of our faculty, staff and students who have been busy on so many fronts including (to name just a few) helping incoming students and parents at new student orientation, providing an outstanding summer of theater through the Crossroads Repertory Theater, assisting with programs that really make a difference in individuals' lives such as the Special Olympics Summer Games and Girls State, and challenging academically talented students through the Summer Undergraduate Research Experiences program and the High School Summer Honors offerings.

Most recently, I have received expressions of appreciation for the help provided by our Facilities Management and Hulman Center staffs in assisting with the Clabber Girl Brickyard BBQ Fest, one of many downtown events in which the University is involved.

On a much more solemn note, many members of our University family helped the Terre Haute community and police officers from throughout the state pay tribute to fallen officer Brent Long, a six-year member of the Terre Haute Police Department who was shot and killed on duty. Hulman Center's staff worked around the clock to provide a venue large enough for the funeral services which drew an estimated 2,200 to 2,500 people including 1,300 law enforcement officers. Public Safety helped coordinate the event and covered a portion of the Terre Haute City Police Department's jurisdiction so that the city's police officers could attend the services for their colleague. Residential Life provided rooms for officers from out-of-town, and individuals from across campus provided donations to help Officer Long's young family. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way. I extend our deepest condolences to Officer Long's family and friends and express ongoing appreciation to all of our public servants who assume tremendous risk on our behalf.

The ISU community also reached out to assist victims of the horrific tornado which devastated Joplin, Missouri. Al Perone and Stephanie Squires led a group of 19 staff members and students (including two incoming freshmen) who spent a weekend doing home repairs, picking up debris and distributing clothing and supplies. Al reports that many of the students finished finals from Summer I just before leaving and returned in time for a few hours of sleep before heading into Summer II. Thanks to these representatives of our institutional commitment to community service for devoting their time to helping others.

These and other individuals have helped Indiana State earn a place for the fifth year in a row on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. The Honor Roll is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service and recognizes higher education institutions for exemplary service efforts. Under the leadership provided by Nancy Rogers, Heather Miklozek and the staff in the Center for Community Engagement, ISU's efforts continue to grow as progress is made

toward our strategic goal of having every student participate in a significant community service activity prior to graduation.

I am proud of the many ways ISU and its faculty, staff and students contribute to our local, national and international communities.

In a few short weeks, campus will be bustling with new and returning students as another academic year kicks into gear. I am excited about the coming year and the opportunities it will bring to work together to advance our University.

The enrollment picture appears positive at this point. Despite changes that will lower and eventually eliminate the number of students enrolled in the Corrections Education Program, it appears likely that the incoming student enrollments will nearly match last year's record level which would make this the second largest freshman class in the University's history. Coupled with an increase in returning students, overall enrollment is expected to be up again this year.

The turnaround in enrollment over the past few years is the result of a lot of hard work on behalf of many people and is not something that should be taken for granted. Continued effort must be made to ensure that our enrollment goals will be met. Students have many higher education options, and the work that all of you do contributes to making an Indiana State education an attractive choice.

Other updates I would like to provide:

- The Sycamore Carnival, a new twist on the Welcome Back picnic for faculty and staff, will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, August 18, in the Student Recreation Center. I hope you will join me in celebrating the beginning of a new academic year with food, fun, games and prizes. I have asked the vice presidents and Gene Crume from the ISU Foundation to each host a carnival game booth where you will have the opportunity to win additional tickets for the door prize drawings. I hope you will stop by and visit my booth as well.
- ISU made a splash at this year's Indiana Black Expo Summer Celebration with the University's booth earning third place (behind the Marion County Fire Department and the Sheriff's Department) in the Community and Government Services and Education category. More than two dozen individuals volunteered to help staff the booth. The university had representatives and participants in events throughout the celebration including the Expo's Education Conference and the reception for local and elected officials where Rep. William Crawford was recognized for his long career in public service. At this event, Carmen Tillery was given the opportunity to provide an update on ISU to this important audience. Thanks to Carmen for leading this effort and to Regina Atkins for organizing the running of the booth. A special note of recognition to Trustee Tonya Bell who serves as president and chief executive officer of Indiana Black Expo and who saw attendance at this annual event grow by five percent to nearly 242,000 over the 11 days.
- Hulman Center has recently landed two major events. The Indiana High School Athletic Association announced last month that the 2012 girls basketball state finals will take place in

Terre Haute. Miranda Lambert, a rising star on the country music circuit, will perform in Hulman Center on Thursday, September 8. Tickets will go on sale Friday, August 5. These events not only add to the array of activities offered in our community, they are sure to draw visitors to Terre Haute who will help boost revenues for local hotels, restaurants and other retail outlets.

- The National Association of Schools of Music has voted to continue Indiana State University in good standing following a review of ISU's School of Music programs. The next full accreditation review is scheduled for the 2018-2019 academic year. Congratulations to Nancy Cobb-Lippens and the faculty and staff of the School of Music.
- Applications are being accepted for the 2011-2012 class of Leadership ISU. This is a great opportunity to build leadership skills, develop a greater understanding of the university and how it works and meet colleagues from throughout campus. The deadline for applications is August 29, 2011. The application form is available at: <http://www.indstate.edu/lisu/documents.htm>. This Leadership ISU site also offers more specific information about the year-long program and its objectives.
- This has been a banner year for Sycamore athletics both in competition and in the classroom. The most recent achievements include:
 - ISU graduate Kylie Hutson won the U.S. outdoor track and field championship in the women's pole vault with an outdoor personal best of 15-feet-3 inches. That height is the best in the nation this season and the third-best in the world. The four-time NCAA champion will now compete with the U.S. national team at the 2011 World Championships in Daegu, Korea. Her former teammate, Erica Moore, placed sixth in the nation with her personal best 2:00.17 time in the women's 800 meters.
 - Team USA, led by Sycamore Coach John McNichols, dominated the Pan American Junior Championships in track and field winning 26 gold, 21 silver and 12 bronze medals during three days of competition in Florida. Canada had the second best tally with 14 total medals. The medal total was the highest in Team USA history at the Pan Am Championships since the all-time high of the 1999 men's team which John also coached. Congratulations to John for once again bringing national and international attention to Indiana State.
 - Scholar athletes in three ISU sports have been recognized recently for excelling in the classroom. Congratulations to these students for their hard work:
 - ISU's volleyball team earned the American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award for the 13th year in a row, the longest active streak among Division I programs. The award recognizes collegiate and high school volleyball teams that maintain at least a 3.3 cumulative team grade-point average on a 4.0 scale.
 - The 2010-11 Women's Basketball Team ranked sixth in the nation in academics this past season, marking the tenth consecutive season that the Sycamores have appeared in the Women's Basketball Coaches Association Top 25 Honor Roll. The Sycamores, who topped the list in 2003, 2005 and 2009, compiled a 3.518 cumulative team grade point average this past year.
 - Five members of the 2010-2011 ISU Women's Golf Team have been named All-American Scholars by the National Golf Coaches Association. Christina Beyerl,

McCall Christopher, Emily Dixon, Britney Martin and Diana Price were among 566 female collegiate golfers across the country who received the honor.

- Nominations are being accepted for the 2011 University Medallion. This award recognizes exempt and non-exempt staff members who have demonstrated exceptional service and dedication to the university. Criteria include involvement in community service and volunteerism outside of the University, professional achievements, and efforts to help advance the strategic goals of the University. Nominations should be submitted to Human Resources no later than Wednesday, August 24. The medallions will be presented during the Recognition of Service Ceremony this fall. Nomination forms can be accessed at: <http://www.indstate.edu/humres/docs/UnivMedallionNomForm.pdf>.
- Marlene Lu received the President's Award from the Society of Government Meeting Professionals at its National Education Conference in Norfolk, Virginia, last month. Marlene was one of 10 Indiana participants recognized at the conference.
- Megan Marvin, a 2011 graduate, has received the Stella George Stern Perry Award for Most Outstanding Collegiate Chapter President of the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. The award is the highest distinction given to a collegiate member of the sorority. Megan received the honor at the organization's Founder's Convention last month in Arizona. Congratulations, Megan!
- Susan Moncada has received the MERLOT Business Classics Award for Exemplary Online Learning Resources. She received the award for a game she adapted and enhanced based on the Financial Account Jeopardy Games application developed by Michael Seda, a professor at St. Augustine's College who was also recognized. The game is similar to Jeopardy, and Susan uses it in her accounting classes as alternative to lecturing.

Enjoy what is left of the summer!

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Bradley
President