

April 17, 2010

Dear colleagues,

Friday was a wonderful moment in the history of our University as we recognized the achievements of the Bayh family with the formal naming and dedication of the Bayh College of Education. We were honored to have Sen. Evan Bayh share his perspectives on a variety of education issues along with his reflections on the strong ties between four generations of his family and our University.

The passion for education that the Bayh family has shared was quite evident in Sen. Bayh's comments especially as he recognized Harmony Linder, a 21st Century Scholar at Indiana State. Harmony, a junior majoring in early childhood education with a focus on special education, represented the 658 21st Century Scholars currently enrolled at Indiana State. The program, created by then Gov. Bayh, has provided more than 120,000 Indiana students with free college tuition.

I was also honored to join Board of Trustees President Ron Carpenter in presenting Sen. Bayh with an honorary doctorate awarded to his mother, the late Marvella Hern Bayh.

Having the name of one of Indiana's most prominent families grace this important part of Indiana State is a fitting tribute to the many contributions the Bayh family has made to our community, our state, our nation and our University. Friday's event drew Bayh supporters and former staff members from throughout the state, many of whom currently hold prominent positions in the judiciary system, government, business and industry. As one of our programs of national distinction, the teacher education program will be greatly advantaged by this connection.

Other updates I would like to share:

- Indiana State's Wind Orchestra and Concert Choir performed in front of a packed house last Friday (April 9) at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Indianapolis. The free concert, supported by a donor, drew more than 700 ISU alumni and friends from throughout Central Indiana. The Concert Choir, under the direction of Scott Buchanan, and the Wind Orchestra, directed by John Boyd, each performed separately before joining together to conclude the 90-minute concert. It was a wonderful evening of great music in an extraordinary venue. Congrats to everyone involved.
- On Saturday night, the Indiana State University Foundation recognized several individuals for their support of ISU. Mauri Modesitt was presented with the inaugural John P. Newton Spirit of ISU Award for his long-standing service to the University and the Alumni Association. The 2010 Philanthropic Excellence Award was presented to Randall and Nancy Minas and Beverly Spear. Emerita Professor Jan McCarthy, founder of the early childhood education program at ISU, received the 2010 Faculty and Staff Philanthropy Award, and Union Hospital received the foundation's Corporate Partner Award. New members of the Book and Torch Society and the 1865 Society were also honored. This event, a part of the Foundation's March On! Campaign for Indiana State University, was conducted in Indianapolis in recognition of the growing involvement of the university in central Indiana. To date, the campaign has received more than \$56

million in donations and pledges toward its \$85 million goal. The campaign is scheduled to conclude in December 2011.

- I would like to welcome Teri Moren as our new head women's basketball coach. A native of Seymour, Indiana, Coach Moren recently completed her third season as associate head coach at Georgia Tech, where the Yellow Jackets made three NCAA tournament appearances with a trio of consecutive 20-win seasons. She previously served as head coach at the University of Indianapolis for seven seasons and compiled a 130-73 record. She also served as an assistant coach at Northwestern and Butler. A graduate of Purdue with a bachelor's degree in therapeutic recreation, Coach Moren lettered four years in basketball and was a two-year starter for the Boilermakers. I am looking forward to seeing the impact she will have on our team this fall and wish her much success.
- I hope that many of you are planning to attend all or part of the University's 1st Annual Strategic Planning Stakeholders Conference on April 27. This will be a great opportunity to hear about the progress to date in implementing the strategic plan launched last fall and provide input on how to improve our strategies and initiatives as we move forward. A copy of the full agenda is available at: <http://www.indstate.edu/president/stakeholdersconferenceagenda.pdf>. (Please let us know if you plan to attend lunch by calling extension 4000 or emailing president@indstate.edu.)
- Many of our students took a break from studying and end-of-the-year projects this week to participate in an array of programs sponsored by the Union Board as part of its Spring Week celebration. Cheri and I enjoy participating in the parade lap for the Tandem race each year (we know better than to join in the race). Thanks to the Union Board members for providing these stress-relieving opportunities for our students.
- This week was also National Library Week, and I would like to commend Dean Alberta Comer and her staff for their efforts in building a consortium with the Vigo County Public Library and the libraries at Rose-Hulman and St. Mary-of-the-Woods. The consortium is working to integrate the search systems of these libraries to allow users to simultaneously search each of the library's holdings. The theme of this year's National Library Week is "Communities thrive at your library," and the work of our library faculty and staff certainly exemplifies that.
- Our campus grounds crew has been hard at work sprucing up campus for the spring and summer, and their work is quite visible in the beauty that we see each time we walk outside. I would like to thank Stephanie Krull and her crew for their tremendous work.
- There are several summer construction projects which will be getting underway following Commencement. These projects, funded primarily with stimulus dollars restricted for use on capital improvements, will create some challenges with campus traffic flow. More information will be forthcoming before the end of the semester.
- Congratulations to College of Arts and Sciences Dean Tom Sauer on his annual spring address during which he recognized the achievements of students, faculty and staff within

the college while also reflecting upon the challenges brought on by the state's current financial issues. Tom deserves recognition as well for the leadership he has provided during the past 20 years at Indiana State. He will be retiring this summer along with nine faculty members from the College of Arts and Sciences whom he recognized during his address. They are: John Boyd, director of bands and professor of music; Michael Buchholz, professor of communication; Michael Erisman, professor of political science; Robert Huckabee, professor of criminology and criminal justice; Frederica Kramer, professor of family and consumer sciences; Carmen Montanez, professor of Spanish; Glenn Perry, professor of political science; David Skelton, chairperson and professor of criminology and criminal justice; and John Whitaker, professor of biology and director of the Center for North American Bat Research and Conservation. Together these faculty members have served our students and our University for a cumulative total of 269.5 years. The contributions they have made are immeasurable and have impacted many lives. Best wishes to these colleagues and all of the other faculty and staff members who will begin a new phase of their lives this summer.

- Commencement is around the corner, and I am looking forward to celebrating our students' achievements. Faculty participation in this wonderful event is very important to our students and their families, and I would like to express my appreciation to all those who will be participating on May 8.

- As the close of the semester approaches, I would also like to recognize the individuals who served in our governance units for their assistance, advice and support during this past year. I would especially like to acknowledge outgoing Student Government Association President Michael Scott for his leadership and welcome the incoming President Stephen Flowers. I would also like to congratulate Faculty Senate Chair Steve Lamb, Vice Chair Virgil Sheets and Secretary Sister Alma Mary Anderson (SAMy) on their re-elections and thank them and their colleagues for their efforts during the past year. The new Staff Council, which will represent both exempt and non-exempt staff, will conduct its elections this summer, but I would like to recognize Roxanne Torrence for her leadership as the chair of the Support Staff Council and for her role in the formation of the new Staff Council. This has been a week of unusual volume in the area of shared governance, and I have appreciated the discussions I have had with members of the Faculty Senate, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and the Senate's Administrative Affairs Committee, Student Affairs Committee, and Faculty Economic Benefits Committee. I also met with the Support Staff Council Executive Committee and the leadership of the University Athletic Committee and participated in a forum conducted by the American Association of University Professors. All of these meetings provide valuable opportunities for me to receive your input.

Enjoy the renewal this spring weather brings and good luck with all of the close-of-semester responsibilities.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Bradley
President

