

September 12, 2011

Dear colleagues,

I would like to thank everyone who helped the University commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11 this weekend. The School of Music provided two meaningful tributes for this important occasion. The first was collaboration between the ISU Marching Sycamores and the Butler University Marching Band on a joint performance during half-time of Saturday's home football game. On Sunday, the "Reflection and Hope" concert, featuring ISU's Concert Choir, the University Symphony and the Wind Orchestra, provided inspirational selections accompanied by a multimedia show of images from the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Later Sunday evening, nearly 1,200 students gathered for a candlelight vigil planned by student leaders from the Order of Omega in remembrance of those who lost their lives in the 9/11 tragedy.

A quilt entitled "September Souls" is also on display at Cunningham Memorial Library as part of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The two-sided quilt was designed and created in 2002 by Rosemary England, the late wife of emeritus Professor Gene England. The quilt, which will be on display through October, visually tells the story of the attacks and pays tribute to the victims of this tragedy. A booklet and video about Rosemary, who died in 2009, was created by Marsha Miller to accompany the display.

These events, along with many throughout our community, provided stirring and appropriate tributes to those whose lives were lost as well as the many heroes who responded to help. Thanks to everyone who participated.

I am pleased to announce a new university/community partnership between ISU and the Ryves Neighborhood. The partnership includes the entire ISU community and several non-profit agencies and organizations that serve the Ryves Neighborhood, which encompasses the area from Chestnut Street to the south to 8th Avenue to the north, and from 13th Street to the west to 25th Street to the east. Initial members of the partnership include: Saint Ann's Clinic, Ryves Neighborhood Association, and Catholic Charities agencies, including Bethany House, Catholic Charities Foodbank, and Ryves Youth Center.

ISU students, faculty, and staff have always lived and volunteered in the Ryves Neighborhood. This partnership is not intended to replace relationships that already exist between the university and partners in the neighborhood. The intention is to make new and strengthen existing connections, while initiating an on-going dialogue about how to leverage university and community resources to improve the quality of life in the neighborhood.

During the first year of the partnership, there are multiple ways for ISU faculty, staff, and students to be engaged. A mini-grant program offered through the Center for Community Engagement will provide funding for faculty to develop service-learning projects with a partner in the Ryves Neighborhood. A similar community-service grant program has been developed

for student organizations. Departments, offices, and student organizations can participate in the annual “Jam the Bus” food drive on November 15. If you have suggestions for opportunities to create partnerships in the neighborhood please let Heather Miklozek, [heather.miklozek@indstate.edu](mailto:heather.miklozek@indstate.edu), or Nancy Rogers, [nancy.rogers@indstate.edu](mailto:nancy.rogers@indstate.edu), know. Information on submitting mini-grant proposals can be found on the Center for Community Engagement website at: <http://www.indstate.edu/publicservice/>.

Faculty and staff with community service leave can use their leave time to volunteer with an agency in Ryves Neighborhood. A staff member in the Center for Community Engagement can assist individuals with locating volunteer opportunities.

I would like to remind everyone to take advantage of the community service leave which can be used for a variety of purposes. Benefits-eligible employees qualify for up to 15 hours of paid leave per fiscal year for volunteer activities during working hours. This leave is part of ISU’s commitment to help strengthen the communities in which our employees work and live.

Guidelines on the leave are available at:

<http://www.indstate.edu/publicservice/faculty/leave/default.aspx>.

Our emphasis on community service has contributed to another national recognition. This year’s Washington Monthly College Guide

[http://www.washingtonmonthly.com/college\\_guide/rankings\\_2011/national\\_university\\_rank.php](http://www.washingtonmonthly.com/college_guide/rankings_2011/national_university_rank.php) has ranked Indiana State fourth in the country among national universities for university support for service learning. The ranking is based on the level of staff, courses and financial aid in support of civic engagement by students. ISU also ranked 32<sup>nd</sup> in the country for student community service participation and hours served. Both were the highest rankings of any Indiana institution. In the general category of service we were ranked 21<sup>st</sup>. Overall, Washington Monthly ranked ISU 78<sup>th</sup> in the country with Notre Dame being the only Indiana school to achieve a higher ranking.

Other items I would to share:

- Three dedicated staff members will receive the University Medallion at next Monday’s Employee Recognition Awards Program. Jennifer Cook, Hulman Center; Joe Newport, Public Safety; and Teresa Sale, Controller’s Office, will be honored for their exceptional service and dedication to the University, involvement in community service and volunteerism outside of the University, professional achievements and efforts to help advance the strategic goals of the University. The event, which will begin at 2 p.m. in the University Hall Theater, will also honor faculty and staff who have retired during the past year, and staff members who have reached five-year milestones in their service to ISU ranging from five to 35 years. There will be a university-wide reception following the program in the University Hall Atrium.
- The Student Recreation Center’s annual Rec Fest was a huge hit this year with 2,094 students attending. That is the largest single-day attendance since the Student Recreation Center opened two years ago. In addition to providing fun (and healthy) activities, RecFest featured educational activities including a distracted driver simulator

that demonstrated the hazards of texting while driving. More than 400 students went through the simulator. Thanks to the staff and students who organized this great activity.

- Congratulations to this year's recipients of the Staff Scholarships provided by the ISU Staff Council. They are: Louise Montgomery, purchasing; Sue Murphy, Upward Bound; Kelly Pierce, Admissions; Roxanne Torrence, College of Arts and Sciences, and Teresa Williams, facilities management. Recipients of the John and Jacque Phillips Scholarships are Donna Ring, Student Financial Aid; and Janet Rose, AHEC.
- The ISU Performing Arts Series kicks off September 21 with a production of "Letters Home," a Griffin Theater Production about the stories of men and women who have served our country. On October 18, the Ragamala Dance Company will present "Sacred Earth," a performance in the classical tradition of Bharatanatyam, the dance of southern India. Other shows in the series are: "Ricky Nelson Remembered" with Mathew and Gunnar Nelson on November 9; "A Christmas Carol" performed by the Nebraska Caravan Theatre on December 13; "Cinema Vivant, a Gypsy swing band performing to two vintage silent films by Ladislav Starewicz; and "The Glenn Miller Orchestra" on March 28. For tickets, call 877-ISU-TIXS.
- The 2011 recipients of the Charlotte Zietlow Research Grants were honored at the recent Equality Day program. The recipients of their research topics are:
  - Tonya Balch, "Next Steps toward Intercultural Competence."
  - Linda Luebke, "Elementary Music Education in the Field: The Impact of Improvement Status on Specialist Teaching."
  - Robyn Osborn, "Parenting Self-Efficacy and its Influence on Childhood Obesity."
  - Bridget Roberts-Pittman, "Overlap between Traditional Bullying and Cyberbullying in College Students."
  - Jacqueline Shin, "Cognitive and Brain Processes underlying Skill Learning in Elderly People and Patients with Neurodegenerative Diseases."
  - Cha Nam Shin, "Barriers for Culturally Diverse Students in Clinical Nursing Courses."
- Leadership ISU's 2011-2012 class has been selected. Members are: Stacey Barnett, Kurt Fowler, Jack Fox, Eric Hampton, Kara Harris, Missy Hawthorne, Amanda Hoit, Aimee Janssen-Robinson, Jim Johnson, Christine Knight, Amber Northam, Jayme Payne, Matt Pearcey, Mike Snyder and Tami Weinzapfel-Smith. Best of luck for an informative year of learning and networking!
- A selection of Works Projects Administration paintings, prints and drawings dating from 1935 to 1941 is currently on display in the University Art Gallery located in the Richard G. Landini Center for Performing and Fine Arts. "Faith, Fear and Failure: Selections from Indiana State University's WPA Art Collection" will continue through September 24. Jim Zimmer, director of Lockport Gallery at the Illinois State Museum, will discuss "Work,

People, Art: Federal Art Projects and the Great Depression at 5:30 p.m. on September 22 in the Center's Recital Hall. The gallery has also produced a wonderful exhibition catalog that is being distributed along with WPA Christmas cards.

- The President's Council on Diversity was recognized at last week's Celebration of Diversity Recognition Banquet sponsored by the City of Terre Haute Human Relations Commission. Several members of the Diversity Council, including co-chairs Mary Ferguson and Josh Powers, were on hand to accept the award for the great work they have been doing. ISU is also a partner with two of the other award recipients – the Business Leadership Network, a group that promotes the hiring of persons with disabilities; and the Disabilities Awareness Work Group (DAWG), a group of individuals and organizations working together to break down barriers that prevent individuals with disabilities from full participation in community life. The fourth recipient was Saint Mary-of-the-Woods Anti-Racism Team. ISU alumnae Erika Cantin, who teaches German at Terre Haute North, received the Alan Hill Award.
- A special performance of the memory play, "Yellowman," will take place at the African American Cultural Center on Wednesday and Thursday. A tragic love story set in the 1960s and 1970s in South Carolina, the play showcases intraracism, familial dysfunction, and alcoholism among the Gullah people, descendants of slaves from West Africa. Performances will be at 7 p.m. Tickets are required but the event is free. Tickets are available in HMSU 808 between 8 and 4:30 p.m. The play was brought to our campus by the Division of Student Affairs and the Office of Residential Life with the support of several offices across campus.
- The downtown community was hopping again this weekend with another successful Blues Fest. Downtown Terre Haute Inc. has created a useful portal for those wanting to know about this and other events taking place in our community as well as services, shopping, accommodations, restaurants, museums, etc. The portal is accessible at [www.choosedowntown.com](http://www.choosedowntown.com).
- Thanks to everyone who participated in the new employee reception on September 1 and the new employee tailgate party prior to Saturday's victory over Butler (GO SYCAMORES!). Both were planned by the Quality of Life Committee working on the strategic goal of attracting and retaining new employees. Special thanks to Al Perone, Freda Luers and Rex Kendall for expanding their regular tailgate to our new and current employees.
- Our student-athletes are excelling both on and off the field with 132 named to the 2010-2011 Missouri Valley Conference Honor Roll and another 28 football student-athletes named to the Missouri Valley Football Conference Honor Roll. Four students received the President's Academic Award which requires a minimum 3.8 grade point average, participation in athletics for at least two years and being within 18 hours of graduation. A total of 48 student-athletes were honored with the Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award which recognizes non-freshmen with a minimum grade

point average of 3.5 for the previous two semesters and a cumulative grade point average of 3.2. Keep up the good work!

Have a great week.

Sincerely,

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President