

December 12, 2011

Dear colleagues,

The semester is coming to a close and Commencement is only days away. It has been a productive semester, and I know everyone is ready for Winter Recess to begin.

Last week, the results were announced of a nearly year-long process, during which faculty, staff and students as well as nationally recognized academic leaders reviewed proposals submitted under the university's "Unbounded Possibilities" initiative.

Eight proposals were selected for the five-year, \$5 million program to help the university do more to address community and societal needs.

The Unbounded Possibilities projects are:

- Center for Genomic Advocacy
- Center for Global Engagement and International Programs
- Center for Health, Wellness, and Life Enrichment
- Center for the Study of Health, Religion, and Spirituality
- Center for Unmanned Systems Outreach and Human Capital Development
- Community School of the Arts
- Institute for Community Sustainability
- Rural-Urban Enterprise Development Institute

Congratulations to the faculty and staff involved in the research and development of these proposals which have the potential to make an impact on society. They will also help in advancing the strategic goals of our university and should ultimately enhance the university's image and reputation.

I would also like to thank Jack Maynard and Josh Powers for their leadership in driving this program and all those who submitted proposals (whether they were selected or not). I also would like to recognize those who served on the internal and external review panels. I look forward to seeing these programs move forward.

Other items I would like to share:

- The ISU Board of Trustees will meet at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Dec.16, in the State Room in Tirey Hall. The agenda is posted at <http://www.indstate.edu/trustees/docs/Agenda.pdf>.
- Please consider joining colleagues, parents and friends as we celebrate our students' accomplishments at Saturday's Commencement ceremony which will begin at noon in Hulman Center. ISU alumnus Dean Hirsch, an international humanitarian and former president of World Vision International, will provide the alumni address. Judy Branham, a non-traditional student from Parke County, will be the student speaker. Judy is

completing a bachelor's degree in communication and journalism from ISU after earning an associate's degree in visual communication and photography from Ivy Tech Community College.

- Three of our graduates have earned special recognition. Shelley Mitchell of Batesville is receiving the President's Medal for Leadership, Scholarship and Service while Alissa Miller of Evansville and Rachel Posey of West Harrison have earned the Hines Memorial Medal for their academic accomplishments.
- Cunningham Memorial Library will be open 24 hours a day until Friday, Dec. 16, at 5 p.m. At 5 a.m. each day, a breakfast will be provided for students studying in the library. Snacks will be served throughout each night beginning at midnight. Thanks to all the ISU Deans who helped with funding the food and to the library faculty and staff for organizing these activities. ISU Public Safety will provide security, and only ISU students will be admitted between 2 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. IDs will be checked at the door.
- The ISU Commons has also been experimenting with special late-night hours this month as students prepare for their finals. The Commons has been open until 2 a.m. on weeknights and until midnight on weekends. On Wednesday, Dec. 14, the Commons will host a free Midnight Breakfast. Door prizes will also be given away. I appreciate the efforts of the HMSU staff and Sodexo in extending these hours.
- Our students, faculty and staff continue to show their concern for our community and those in need during this holiday season. Here are just a few examples:
  - Led by the efforts of the Indiana State women's soccer team and the entire body of student-athletes, more than \$2,500 was raised for the Ryves Hall Community Center Christmas House. The student-athletes were assisted by many others from around Indiana State and the Wabash Valley community. Donations were accepted at an ISU's women's basketball game, with more than \$900 being raised. The ISU Foundation donated \$500, matching the donations by ISU student-athletes. ISU's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee donated funds they collected during their talent show last week. Local businesses also got involved, as both Wal-Mart locations and Kohl's were supporters and donors to the cause.
  - The Women of ISU hosted its fourth annual holiday celebration and participants brought in enough gifts to fill a van and a truck! The gifts were donated to Bethany House and the Council on Domestic Abuse to brighten the holidays of women in need. Cheri would like to thank everyone who participated.
  - Several offices have brought in gifts for the Ryves Hall Christmas House in lieu of their normal office gift exchange. If your office is participating, please remember to fill out the form located at: [https://indstate.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_3pHUlsq1jtTZ8j2](https://indstate.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_3pHUlsq1jtTZ8j2) so that the Center for Community Engagement can track the impact of these efforts.
  - The HMSU staff will be collecting storage totes of any size or color for the Ryves Neighborhood Association's Common Cents Quarter Store. Donated totes should

be brought to HMSU on Friday, Dec. 16, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. If you prefer to donate money to be used to purchase totes, a donation box will be available during those hours. If enough storage totes are collected, volunteers will be needed to sort and organize the Common Cents Quarter Store stock on Monday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, at 9 a.m. in Dede II. Watch for a global email invitation to participate in the sorting party if enough totes are collected. The Ryves Neighborhood Association's Common Cents Quarter Store resells donations of gently used items such as clothing, household items, books, and toys. If you have any questions or wish to get involved, please contact the HMSU staff x3818.

- More than 40 students from the Indiana Statesman, Student Government Association and the Theater Department's Theta Alpha Phi worked together to organize the First Amendment Free Food Festival last week. Lunch was served to 242 students and staff who gave away their first amendment rights during the two-hour event in exchange for free food and t-shirt. Congratulations to Rachel McClelland and the students who organized this unique opportunity to better understand the freedoms our constitution provides.
- Indiana State University Alumni Brian Miller, Adam Paulson, and Kevin Wool, the authors of The Ugly Christmas Sweater Party Book (and blog: [www.uglychristmassweaterparty.com](http://www.uglychristmassweaterparty.com)), will be at Barnes & Noble for a book signing from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15. A reception hosted by the Wabash Valley Alumni Association and the Indiana State University Alumni Association will follow from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the adjacent ISU Foundation Building. Wear your ugliest Holiday Sweater for your chance to win a special prize. Cookies and hot chocolate will be provided. RSVP to [alumni@indstatefoundation.org](mailto:alumni@indstatefoundation.org) or by calling 1-800-258-6478.
- College of Education Dean Brad Balch, along with Diana Quatroche, Susan Kiger, and Marie Theisz were invited to share innovative teacher preparation practices in Washington D.C. earlier this month. The seminar was hosted by the Teachers-for-a-New Era Learning Network and FHI 360. The Annenberg Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation of New York supported the event and assisted with the ISU Team's travel. ISU was one of three institutions highlighted for our strong clinical practices.
- Carmen Tillery and Greg Bierly have been recognized by the National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society for completing five years of service to the society. Alpha Lambda Delta is a national honorary recognizing first-year students who achieve at least a 3.5 grade point average during their first term of college.
- Congratulations to ISU alumnus Craig McKee for being the 2011 recipient of the Chapman S. Root Award during the annual Hospice Holiday Celebration on December 1. Craig was honored for his many contributions to our community including serving in leadership roles with the United Way, the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Goodwill, Hospice, Boy Scouts, the Terre Haute Symphony, and the National Cathedral.

- ISU Trustee Bob Baesler has received the North Star Award at the Wabash Valley District of the Crossroads of America Council, which serves Vigo, Clay, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan and Vermillion counties. The North Star Award is a new award for the Boy Scouts, and Bob Baesler is the first person in Crossroads of America Council to receive the award. It is given for distinguished service to youth by a non-registered Scouting supporter. Bob has sponsored Baesler's Cookout for Scouting for nine years. The cookout helps Scouts earn service hours to pay their way to summer camp.

During this busy season, I would like to express my deep appreciation for everyone's dedicated efforts in serving our students and our community and in advancing our strategic initiatives. I recognize that a lot is being asked for and a lot is being given. The enthusiasm, concern and compassion expressed on a daily basis is helping drive significant progress making our University and Community better places to live, work and go to school.

Have a wonderful holiday. See you in 2012!

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Bradley  
President