

May 11, 2012

Dear colleagues,

Congratulations to everyone who participated in last weekend's Commencement ceremony. It was exciting to see so many students and families in attendance.

Former **Chief Justice Randall Shepard** delivered an inspiring commencement address as did student speaker **Morgan Wendlandt**. Our faculty members were resplendent in their academic regalia and enthusiastic in their support for the students who have reached this milestone. Twice a year, I have the honor of participating in this wonderful ceremony, and those are always among my favorite days.

Commencement exemplifies our primary purpose for existing as an institution of higher education and showcases hundreds of examples of student success. Everyone who works at Indiana State plays a role in helping these students succeed. Thank you for your contribution to fulfilling our mission.

Just as we say goodbye to many of our students this time of year, we also celebrate and recognize the service of employees who are retiring either at the end of the academic year or the end of the fiscal year. This year, this includes **Judy Conner, Ron Dunbar, Paul Hightower, Gloria Plascak, George Bakken, Marlene Buzald, Terrie Troxel, Ralph Boyd, and Roberta (Bertie) Wilson**. In addition, **Harriet Hudson** is retiring from her administrative role but will be teaching during the coming year. As I attend various retirement celebrations, I am frequently moved by the heartfelt comments made about the impact our employees have. There is a barrel of truth behind the oft-used phrase of how universities "transform lives." I wish all of these individuals the best of luck and a healthy and enjoyable retirement.

Cheri and I are currently on a trip with 13 of our president's scholars along with Greg Bierly, Chris Olsen, and Diann and Craig McKee. The trip involves visiting and learning about Civil War sights as well as other educational opportunities available in the general Washington D.C. area. It is always a pleasure to spend time with these bright students.

Other items I would like to share:

- The **Staff Council** will host its annual meeting on Thursday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to noon in the new Sycamore Banquet Center located in the former bookstore facility in Hulman Memorial Student Union. A healthy breakfast from Sodexo will be served, and Spectrum's Chief Operating Officer Warner Roberts will be speaking. In addition to various updates, there will be door prizes, a sharing of wellness stories by various staff members, and a surprise fitness guest! I encourage supervisors to make arrangements so that as many staff members as possible can attend this important event.
- **The Indiana Statesman** has received several awards in the past few weeks. Graphic Designer **Shannon Call** won second-place honors in the Best of Collegiate Design

Contest from the College Media Association. Adviser **Rachel Wedding McClelland** was a nominee for the 2012 Honor Roll Advisee Award for excellence in newspaper advising. Graphic Designer **Brandon Samuels** won a second-place award from the College Newspaper Business and Advertising Managers. The paper's staff earned three awards from the Indiana Collegiate Press Association including first place for best special publication for the ISU 101 June orientation issue; second place for best editorial for **Brianne Hoffman's** opinion piece about people who were killed after tweeting about the actions of the Mexican drug cartel and third place for best in-depth reporting for **Jessica Squires'** report about ISU's top-paid employees. Congratulations to Rachel and the Statesman staff and to **Nolan Davis** who also works closely with them.

- ISU's viewbook, an impressive and beautifully designed publication used to recruit incoming students, has earned a Best of Show award in the 27th Annual Educational Advertising Awards. Our entry was one of 16 recognized with this top award out of more than 1,800 total entries. This is the second award the publication has received this year, also snaring a bronze medal in the Higher Education Marketing competition. Congratulations to **Christopher Moore** for outstanding design, **Tony Campbell** and **Kara Bercham** for their incredible photography, and **Melissa Hughes** for organizing the project.
- Last week, I received a nice letter from **Terry Henry**, a college admissions coordinator at Ben Davis High School. He expressed appreciation for the presentation made by ISU students **Adam Edwards, Traquincey Wilson, Julian Woods,** and **Keonna Allen** along with staff member **Regina Atkins** to more than 600 students at Ben Davis High School. The panel discussions and question and answer periods will also be telecast throughout the school district. Thanks to Regina and the students for this outreach effort.
- Congratulations to **Kathleen Dannelly** for being named the recipient of the 2012 College of Arts and Sciences Educational Excellence Award for Teaching.
- This Saturday, bring your old athletic shoes to ISU Parking Lot #15, located at 9th and Chestnut, to be recycled into running tracks, basketball courts, synthetic turf, gym mats, playground surfaces, carpet underlayment, tennis courts, gym flooring, and other new uses. The recycling effort will take place between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Please tie your shoes together. Shoes containing metal cannot be accepted.
- The **Indiana State University Foundation** is hosting a blood drive today from 1 to 4 p.m. in the parking lot by their building at Fifth and Cherry streets. It is recommended that donors have a light snack before donating. Juice and cookies will be provided at the drive. Please bring a photo ID with you.
- A new solution for student printing has been implemented by OIT. Previously, students could print primarily in open computer labs and at the Library. With the new solution, students can send a print job from a computer, wherever they are, to any one of 26 printers that will be located around campus, in academic buildings, public spaces and residence halls. After downloading a driver for their laptops, students need only print to one of two print queues (black and white, or color), and then find a printer that is

convenient to them. At the printer, students will swipe their ID cards (or enter their ID and password), and select the job they wish to print. Print jobs will stay in the queue for 24 hours. This new solution adds convenience and flexibility for students, and enhances campus sustainability efforts, since print jobs will no longer require individual header pages and duplex printing is available. In the near future, the system will allow printing directly from mobile devices such as smart phones and iPads. Instructions can be found at: <http://www.indstate.edu/oitlabs/printing/index.html>.

Enjoy your weekend.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Bradley
President