The IACTE Outstanding Future Educator’s Banquet was held on Friday, April 4th at the Ritz Charles in Carmel, IN. Students from across the state participated in a morning program celebrating the teaching profession. Congratulations to IU Kokomo’s Amy Jansen, who was recognized as the recipient of this award for the Division at the banquet.

**Young Authors Conference**

On Friday, March 28th, the Kokomo Area Reading Council held its Young Authors Conference in the Kelley Student Center. More than 2,000 people attended this event hosted by IU Kokomo. Professors Amber Reed and Shirley Aamidor’s Early Childhood and Elementary Childhood students created interactive thematic displays for children to enjoy while families were given corresponding booklists in order to promote literacy in the community.

On Wednesday, March 26th Dr. Ogawa’s H340 Education and American Culture class visited IPS Lew Wallace Elementary School #107 for the purpose of learning how they can become responsive teachers and how they can work successfully in a diverse environment. IPS #107 has an enrollment of approximately 430 students, with 77% African American, 8% Hispanic, 9% Caucasian, and 1% Asian. With the cooperation of the host teachers, H340 students participated in a variety of activities with the students at Lew Wallace School.

For the Spring 2008 Semester, H340 students are required to fulfill the requirements of the field experiences in four different school settings: rural public school, suburban public school, urban public school, and a private or alternative program. Dr. Ogawa commented, “Through these field experiences, our TEP students will be able to recognize diverse students as part of the learning community and respond to their needs appropriately. I also believe that they will be able to develop their own individuality and to respect the individuality of others.”