



- IU Kokomo collected 70 units of blood for the IU vs. Purdue 2006 Blood Donor Challenge. IU won with a total 4,700 units, versus Purdue's 3,895.
- Students In Free Enterprise members registered 171 new voters on campus in fall, exceeding their goal of 156.

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Learning opportunities in regional partnerships

This issue of Connections highlights once again the many ways that IU Kokomo engages with our region. Our campus has developed hundreds of partnerships and service opportunities with organizations throughout north central Indiana. These partnerships often involve a class of students, or employees and alumni. Sometimes, these activities are about just one or two people making a difference.



Photo by Heather Hill

**Chancellor
Ruth J. Person**

Our challenge in the coming year is to deepen and strengthen our partnerships. We need to choose partners with whom we can make a real impact, and develop partnerships wherein the issues addressed are appropriate for a public university's involvement and relevant to our curriculum. In these collaborations, our students should receive real-world experience in applying what they've learned in the classroom. In other words, when choosing partners, the fundamental questions need to be, "What's in it for IU Kokomo students? How will they benefit? What kind of learning will take place?"

One of the best examples of partnerships is our involvement with Family Service Association (FSA) of Howard County, Inc. around the issue of domestic violence. Last year, hundreds of students, employees, and community volunteers participated in the "Angel Walk/Take Back the Night" march, raising funds and awareness for FSA and presenting class projects focused on domestic violence issues. This year, we deepened that relationship when education students and community volunteers developed a children's learning center at FSA's domestic violence shelter. What a perfect example of the elements of a good partnership that I outlined above!

If you know of other opportunities for engagement, we would love to know about them. IU Kokomo is always searching for ways to provide learning experiences for our students as we help them prepare for a successful future. We look forward to new ideas.

Ruth J. Person

Student health check at Mission a life-saver

A client of the Kokomo Rescue Mission might owe his life to IU Kokomo B.S. in Nursing student Jessica Glass. As a service learning project, Glass and classmates conducted blood pressure, body mass index, and glucose screenings for 58 Mission clients in November. Assistant Professor Mary Bourke, R.N., said Glass noticed one man with "dangerously high blood pressure." Verifying Glass' measurement, Bourke advised shelter director David Boss to send the man to an emergency room. The man was treated and "is doing better now," Boss reported.



B.S.N. students Jennifer Moore of Marion, left, and Randee Bowser of Upland display materials their Community Nursing class gave to Kokomo Rescue Mission clients. Moore holds a cookbook of simple recipes compiled by students.

The screenings were part of health care interventions designed and implemented by students in Bourke's Community Health Nursing course. The curriculum focused on assessing the health care needs of underserved groups within a community, such as the clients of the Mission's men's and women's homeless shelters. Learning through interviews that many of the men lacked basic food preparation knowledge and subsequently had poor diets, the students created a cookbook of nutritious, low-cost recipes. Bourke and her students secured a grant from Indiana Campus Compact to purchase two glucose meters for diabetes testing. The students donated the meters to the shelters and trained shelter staff in their use.

A second clinical group performed developmental assessments on children living at the women's shelter. The students then educated mothers about the results and provided information about immunization schedules and local resource information.

"The end products were service-learning projects solving real world problems, in the community, based on the needs of the community," Bourke said. Following the project, her students scored a cumulative 99 percent on the nationally administered ATI (Assessment Technology Inc.) test for student experiential learning. ATI is considered a reliable predictor of how nursing graduates will do on the licensing exam to become registered nurses.

Workshop explores ethics in public leadership

IU Kokomo's School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) and the City of Peru will present a Public Service Ethics Workshop on Thursday, January 18, at Peru City Hall. The 9 a.m.–4 p.m. workshop will examine ethical standards for law enforcement officers and senior/middle managers in government, business, and nonprofit organizations.

Workshop registration is \$125 per participant and must be received by January 8. Contact SPEA at (765) 455-9417.

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- A December Battle of the Bands sponsored by the Student Union Board raised \$900 for Hemophilia of Indiana, Inc.
- Seventy IU Kokomo education students distributed early learning tips to an estimated 1,500 people during Walk and Talk Kokomo in October.



Landon Turner, ATA's CEO Subodh Karnik to speak at IU Kokomo

Come to IU Kokomo to hear former IU basketball great Landon Turner and new ATA Airlines CEO Subodh Karnik in early 2007. The public is invited to both of these free lectures.

Karnik will speak on February 21, at 5 p.m. in Kresge Auditorium, for the School of Business Leadership Lecture series. Karnik's topic—leadership in business turn-around management—reflects his role in leading ATA through an arduous chapter 11 reorganization. A speed networking event for alumni and students will follow. For more information, call (765) 455-9275.



Subodh Karnik



Landon Turner

Speaking at 7 p.m. in Kresge Auditorium on March 22, Landon Turner will recount his personal transformation following a car accident in 1981, four months after he and his IU teammates won the NCAA Championship. Left paralyzed, Turner is now a motivational speaker, advocating winning attitudes for life. He will sign his book, *Landon Turner's Tales from the 1980-'81 Indiana Hoosiers*. The Office of University Division invited Turner to campus for Disabilities Awareness Month; call (765) 455-9309 for details. Turner will join the IU Athletic Hall of Fame on March 21.

Art for Downtown

Education major Tyler Dwight of Peru works on a clay-and-wire figure, later paired with the piano behind Dwight to form a multi-media sculpture. Challenged by instructor Gregory Steel to create works addressing the role of fine art in Kokomo's urban culture, four student teams collaborated on works, including *Tower*, shown far right. Sycamore Market Place in downtown Kokomo hosted a one-night display of the works on December 7.



Calendar of Events All events are open to the public. Visit www.iuk.edu/events for details and even more events.

January 10

IU vs. Purdue TV Basketball Party
7 p.m. Buffalo Wild Wings Pub, Kokomo.

January 24 and 25

Movie: *The Prestige*
7 p.m. Kresge Auditorium.

January 16–February 25

Human Nature Show. IU Kokomo Art Gallery.*

January 20

Book Signing by Terri Bourus
1–4 p.m. Don's Books, 815 N. Washington, Kokomo.

January 28

Stratford Festival Trip Preview
2 p.m. IU Kokomo Art Gallery.

January 31

Movie: *An Inconvenient Truth*
7 p.m. Kresge Auditorium.

February 5

African American Read-In
8 a.m.–8 p.m. Commons.

February 19

Blood Drive
10 a.m.–4 p.m. Kelley Student Center.

February 20

Hoosiers for Higher Education Day
Bus Trip to Statehouse
Leave campus 11:30 a.m. RSVP by February 13 to alumni@iuk.edu or (765) 455-9411.

February 21

Community Service & Internship Fair
10 a.m.–2 p.m. Kelley Student Center.
Have volunteer and internship opportunities? Call (765) 455-9203.

Poetry Jam

3–6 p.m. IU Kokomo Art Gallery.

Lecture: ATA Airlines CEO Subodh Karnik
5 p.m. Kresge Auditorium.

February 27

Wellness Fair
10 a.m.–2 p.m. Kelley Student Center.

*Gallery hours Monday–Thursday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.; Wednesdays, until 8 p.m.; Saturdays noon–4 p.m.; Sundays, 1–5 p.m.



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