

- The IU Kokomo Division of Education selected Billy Ratliff, Brittany Ravas, and Jamy Wisher as the Division's Outstanding 2008-2009 Student Teachers.

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Campus to Protect Core Mission

“May you live in interesting times,” so goes the old saying attributed to an ancient Chinese curse that was supposed to be followed by two additional, more severe curses. Given the economic challenges we have been experiencing in every sector of private and public life, including at Indiana University, I will gladly forego the other two curses. At the same time, and despite the difficulties inherent in any budget-cutting scenario, I have been buoyed by the positive spirit with which our faculty, staff, and supporters have come together to develop scenarios that will continue to move the campus towards its strategic goals.



**Interim Chancellor
Stuart Green**

The campus was able to offset the initial state-mandated budget cut of \$103,075 using salary savings from the current year budget. However, as we enter the final month of this legislative session, no one can predict the final shape of our state appropriation. The House version was generous, calling for a 1 percent increase in our operating budget and supporting our capital request for a new Health Education and Wellness Center. As expected, the Senate has already sent signals that their version of the budget will be far more fiscally restrained.

Whatever the outcome, the campus has prepared budget scenarios that will protect its core mission in the areas of teaching (learning), research (scholarship), and service (engagement). We also have engaged vigorously in efficiency and cost-saving measures in the areas of energy, course schedule management, and by reorganizing and reallocating tasks and responsibilities in areas such as academic affairs, advising, admissions, and financial aid.

At IU Kokomo, our approach to the current budget difficulties has been to prioritize those activities that support our Mission and Strategic Plan. A key component of both must be how the campus can contribute to and hasten the revival of our regional economy. The Regional Leadership Institute and our new Master's in Public Management cohort program are two examples of the many initiatives underway related to the region's economic development.

I am particularly grateful to the community which has received our efforts so positively and to our dedicated faculty and staff who have embraced the work of engagement with enthusiasm.

Best regards,

IU Kokomo, RLI Seek to Establish Plan for Region

Indiana University Kokomo and the Regional Leadership Institute (RLI) have hit the trail running to help establish a plan for the future economic development and potential business ventures for the Howard County region.

“We're in a real transition period right now, economically,” said Jan Hendrix, general manager of Inventrek Technology Park and a Regional Leadership Institute member. “We need to identify the direction and vision for where our region needs to go in this new economy.”

Hendrix, along with other team members of RLI, recently visited a similar regional initiative in Michigan to gain insight on approaching such a complex issue. Visits to North Carolina and Kentucky have also taken place.

“The Michigan leaders put in a considerable amount of effort in studying and identifying what truly is their region,” Hendrix said. “Those of us in North Central Indiana need to establish a common vision and destination for our region so everyone is on the same page.”

The RLI will present findings from the three trips and suggestions for implementing a regional plan at its meeting May 7 and 8 at the IUPUI Conference Center. Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman is expected to speak at the event.

The RLI, sponsored by IU Kokomo, has challenged 50 community leaders from 14 North Central Indiana counties to develop a regional response to the stresses and strains currently felt from global and economic pressures.

Funded by a \$240,000 Indiana WIRED grant, the goal of the institute is to develop a network of regional leaders to work on projects together across county boundaries.

**Higher Learning Commission
Accreditation Visit Complete**

A comprehensive review of Indiana University Kokomo has been completed by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. A team of five consultant/evaluators completed a three-day campus visit on April 8, during which time they convened more than 50 meetings with students, faculty, staff, and community members. The campus received a 10-year accreditation renewal during the last visit in 1999, and is striving for similar results this time around. The 10-year time frame is the maximum period granted by the HLC.



A group of students met with officials from the Higher Learning Commission during the accreditation visit.

Taking on the theme, “The Journey from Good to Great,” a self-study report was created, published, and submitted to the HLC in preparation for the visit. The report included information on the history of the campus, accomplishments, and its mission and vision for the future.

The HLC will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation. The HLC accredits and grants membership in the Commission and in the North Central Association to degree-granting educational institutions in the North Central region. The final report is expected this fall.

- Indiana University Kokomo's Nancy Greenwood, associate professor of sociology, has been selected to receive the 2009 Faculty Colloquium on Excellence in Teaching (FACET), joining 16 other IU faculty across the state with this honor.

Master's Degrees Close to Home

Earning a master's degree will provide a competitive edge in the market place, and Indiana University Kokomo's graduate programs provide that opportunity close to home.

IU Kokomo offers four graduate degrees: Master of Business Administration, Master of Science in Education, Master of Liberal Studies and Master of Public Management. Graduate student enrollment saw a 15 percent increase this spring semester, with specific interest in the public management and business programs.

A recent graduate open house on campus drew dozens of interested students and prospective students to hear from representatives of all four programs, who provided enrollment information and discussed the career advantages of earning a master's degree.

For more information about the graduate programs visit www.iuk.edu/grad, or call (765) 455-9590.



A student generates energy as he rides a bicycle during a demonstration from Cris Dorman with the Indiana Office of Energy Development. This was one of many informative presentations on campus during Green Week, sponsored by the Student Government Association.



A School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) representative talks to interested student Kelly Brown at the Graduate Program Open House.



The 24th Annual Old Ben 5K Run/Walk took place Saturday, March 14, at Highland Park in Kokomo. Proceeds benefit the Indiana University Kokomo Alumni Association Student Scholarship Endowment Fund.


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Calendar of Events

Visit www.iuk.edu for details.

April 14
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Campus Beautification Day
Register at Kelley Student Center, Room 130
Rain Date: Thursday, April 16

April 16
5:30 p.m.
2009 New Professionals Conference/Etiquette Dinner
Kelley Student Center Room 130

April 20–May 26
2nd Annual IU Kokomo Student Art Exhibit
Art Gallery

April 21
7 p.m.
Alexandra McHale comedienne
Kelley Student Center Commons

April 21
8:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
NIMS Open House for Taylor High School

April 22
10 a.m.–3 p.m.
Indiana Collegiate Career Fair - ICCF
Crowne Plaza at Union Station, Indianapolis

April 28
5:30 p.m.
Take Back the Night/Angel Walk
Kelley Student Center

April 29
6–8 p.m.
Early Childhood Fair
Sycamore Elementary

April 29 and 30
9 a.m.–6 p.m.
Cap and Gown Delivery
Alumni Hall

May 2
6 p.m.–9 p.m.
IU Kokomo Alumni Association

Cream and Crimson Dinner
Alumni Hall

May 11
6 p.m.–8 p.m.
Honors Convocation
Havens Auditorium

May 11
8 p.m.–10 p.m.
Cosmic Bowling
Kokomo Sport Bowl (formerly Cedar Crest Lanes)
Kokomo

May 12
10 a.m.
IU Kokomo 40th Commencement Exercise
East Parking Lot