

IUAA IU Southeast

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1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Thank you for that introduction, JT., and thank you all for coming this evening. It is a great pleasure to be back at IU Southeast, especially as the campus celebrates its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I would like to extend a welcome to our trustees, who will be introduced more formally in just a moment.

First I would like to welcome our host, IU Southeast Chancellor Sandra Patterson-Randles.

Let me also take a moment to welcome the senior leaders of Indiana University, and please hold your applause until I have introduced everyone.

- Executive Vice President for University Regional Affairs, Planning and Policy  
John Applegate
- IUPUI Chancellor Charles Bantz
- Vice President and General Counsel Dottie Frapwell
- IU Bloomington Provost Karen Hanson
- Chancellor of IU Kokomo Michael Harris

- Chancellor of IU Northwest Bill Lowe
- Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Multicultural Affairs Ed Marshall
- Vice President for Capital Planning and Facilities Tom Morrison
- IU East Chancellor Nasser Paydar
- Chancellor of IU South Bend Mae Reck
- Vice President for Engagement Bill Stephan
- President of the IU Foundation Gene Tempel

and

- Vice President for International Affairs David Zaret.

Would you please help me welcome these university leaders?

## 2.1 BUILDING EXCELLENCE: EDUCATION

As you know, one of the fundamental missions of Indiana University has been to provide an excellent education. Across the university, we currently offer over 70 programs ranked in the top 20 nationally. The IU Southeast Business School of Business has a top-ranked business program at both the undergraduate and master's levels, according to *U.S. News and World Report*, *BusinessWeek*, and the *Princeton Review*. In addition, the campus' 10-year reaccreditation review commission described the campus as "sterling" and gave the campus high praise for "phenomenal" strategic planning and implementation.

More students than ever are taking advantage of such educational environments. This fall, Indiana University set a new record with over 110,000 students enrolling across the university. That includes a new record here at IU Southeast with 7,256 students.

And more students than ever are graduating across the university. Last spring, IU graduated a record number of students across the state with 19,017 degrees awarded.

That is roughly equal to the number of degrees awarded at both Purdue and Ivy Tech Community College combined.

### 2.3 BUILDING EXCELLENCE: THE STORY CONTINUES

Even in these difficult economic times, an IU education remains affordable and accessible to qualified students. The Trustees recently approved the IU Summer Tuition Discount Program, which will reduce undergraduate tuition by 25% for summer semester in-state students beginning in 2012. Over the past five years, we have quadrupled institutional aid to students to more than \$88 million this year university-wide.

Your gifts have also helped keep an IU education affordable and accessible, and we are deeply grateful for your support. Many of you know that Chancellor Patterson-Randles recently announced the public phase of the Shaping Powerful Futures: Campaign for IU Southeast. This campaign is well beyond the halfway point in reaching its \$11 million goal. Among other goals, it targets student scholarships.

In addition, the Matching the Promise Campaign for IU Bloomington reached a record goal of \$1.1 billion and provided \$338 million for scholarships and fellowships. And we are currently in the midst of the Impact IUPUI Campaign, the university's most ambitious campaign with a \$1.25 billion goal; we have raised \$1,084,843,479, or nearly 87% of our goal.

You are all the reason that Indiana University has been so successful in these efforts, and, again, we are deeply grateful for your support.

## 2.2 BUILDING EXCELLENCE: CONSTRUCTION

This kind of support has enabled the university to take advantage of historically low construction costs and continue building space needed for education and research. Here at IU Southeast, the five student housing lodges are at 100 percent occupancy for the third year in a row, and at a meeting earlier this year, IU Trustees approved the construction of a sixth lodge. On the Bloomington campus, we dedicated the IU Cinema and the Cyberinfrastructure Building, and in Indianapolis, we dedicated the Glick Eye Institute. Current works in progress include the Neurosciences Center of Excellence in Indianapolis and the Jacobs School of Music Faculty Studio Building. The total value of all new construction and renovations in progress or planned is approximately \$625 million.

## 3. ATHLETICS

We can feel that sense of growing momentum in IU Athletics as well. That includes the men's and women's basketball teams here at IU Southeast, which are both ranked 20<sup>th</sup> in the nation in the NAIA. It includes the baseball team here, which went to the NAIA National Tournament last spring.

The history and spirit of IU Athletics can be seen in the players on these teams and others across the university, and that great spirit extends to and includes all IU students, graduates, and the broader community. That spirit is guided by three goals:

- 1) Play to win
- 2) Play by the rules: on and off the field
- 3) Graduate!

Just like the teams at IU Southeast, the men's basketball team in Bloomington is another example of that spirit this year. Coach Crean continues to focus on rebuilding

the great strength of IU's program, and the Hoosiers are undefeated in their first 8 contests.

More important, though, in his first two years as coach, Tom Crean saw his team's Academic Progress Rating improve by 164 points for a score of 975, which is well above the average of 940 for Division I Men's Basketball programs.

The Hoosiers play next in Bloomington this Saturday against Kentucky.

#### 4. COCHRAN AWARD PRESENTATION

The progress that we are seeing in so many areas across the university has been years in the making. It results from the efforts of many people from across the state and around the world. Tonight, it is my pleasure to recognize one of these people.

Bill Cochran has been a true champion for higher education in Indiana, for IU, and for IU Southeast.

Most of you know that Bill has deep roots in this community, having been born and raised here. And those roots grew deeper during his 34 years of service in the State Legislature. In his service to the state, he represents the tradition of leadership for this district that continues today.

As Bill himself once said, "I am committed to providing education opportunities to all students, and I will continue to work for equal funding for education. I also am dedicated to making sure we get our fair share of tax dollars in Southern Indiana."

Over the years, Bill achieved those goals for his district, establishing the area's tourism and convention bureau and the New Albany police merit board; securing funding for the Providence Retirement Home in New Albany as well as for a number of road projects.

But it was Bill's efforts on behalf of IU Southeast that earned him the title "Mr. IUS" among his colleagues in Indianapolis and elsewhere. He shepherded through funding for the new library building, Knob View, and the new dormitory lodges. The end of his tenure in the legislature did not end his service to this campus and to Indiana University. He continues to serve as special assistant to the chancellor and as a link between the university and the legislature.

True testimony to Bill's impact came at a toast to his leadership arranged by Senator Connie Sipes, Baron Hill, and Mayor Doug England at which Lee Hamilton and Judy O'Bannon were among the speakers. This is the caliber of Bill's leadership, and we are deeply grateful for his many years of service.

Bill, would you please join me at the podium?

In recognition of your outstanding contributions to higher education in Indiana, to Indiana University, and to the IU Southeast campus, it is my great pleasure to present to you the Indiana University Distinguished Service Medal.

Bill, thank you and congratulations.

Would you like to say a few words?

## 5. CONCLUSION

Thank you, Bill.

In difficult times especially, not only should we take great pride in the university's extraordinary success, but we should recognize friends and supporters of the university like Bill Cochran.

Like Bill, you all have been with us during good times and bad. Your steadfast commitment to IU has enabled us to maintain our strong academic programs, retain our best researchers, and build the facilities that our students and scholars need for 21<sup>st</sup> century education and research.

On behalf of this great university, please accept my deep and enduring gratitude for all that each of you has done to help make Indiana University one of this state's most successful enterprises.