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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR

One of the traditions I started when I became chancellor was giving Indiana University South Bend lapel pins to alums when I meet them. I have given away a lot of pins. You'll understand why when you read the cover story in this edition of *Foundations* about a family where all eight children followed in their father's footsteps and went to IU South Bend. The Giden family represents the strong connection IU South Bend has to the community.

Another connection is the role IU South Bend plays in producing the future leaders in the community. You'll read about how IU South Bend had nine graduates in this year's class of Michiana's Forty Under 40 named by the Chamber of Commerce of St. Joseph County as the region's most talented and dedicated young professionals.

As part of our strategic plan, athletic programs on campus continue to grow. We'll introduce you to our new men's baseball coach and the coach of women's golf. Next fall the Titans will have 12 teams taking the field as scholar-athletes.

The campus has a new police chief and we are gearing up for a Jubilee Year celebration to recognize three important anniversaries—100 years of Indiana University offering classes in South Bend, 50 years of IU South Bend conferring degrees, and 25 years of a unified Raclin School of the Arts.

Plus, you'll get a sneak preview of the musical *MEGA!* that I wrote.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue of *Foundations* and I thank you for your support of IU South Bend.

Sincerely,

Terry L. Allison | Chancellor

COVER: (Front Row, L-R) Michelle, Sardius, Dennis Sr., Seianna Giden McCray. (Back Row, L-R) Dennis Jr., Lawrence, Marcus, Andrew. Photograph by Peter Ringenberg.

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New Name, New Faces

IU South Bend alumni have a new group of leaders to help them celebrate their alma mater and a new name for the alumni organization. Alumni Affairs is now Alumni Relations. The name change brings consistency to all the IU campuses. The new faces bring new leadership, energy and expertise to the team.

Before being named director of alumni relations and campus ceremonies, Moira Dyczko, BA'98, was the production coordinator at Ernestine Raclin School of the Arts for 15 years. During her tenure, she came to admire and respect the unique education experience accessible to students at IU South Bend. "IU South Bend offers students opportunities they cannot get in bigger programs," she explained.

The new director of alumni relations wants to hear more IU South Bend alumni stories. "I want to spread our wings and serve the broader campus," she explained. "I want to find out what our alumni are doing, and what will bring them back to campus."

Dyczko understands the connections alumni feel to the campus are usually fostered through a special relationship with a faculty mentor, an opportunity to excel in a leadership position, or a unique experience in their schools while they were students. "It feels good to be in a role that renews our alumni's engagement with these people and programs again," commented Dyczko.

Through a survey of IU South Bend's alumni, Dyczko hopes to gather information about programming and services that will



Moira Dyczko

inspire greater alumni engagement. Working closely with the board, she hopes to initiate more alumni involvement with students and faculty. "The campus has grown so much," she explained. "I want our alumni to come back and see how much it has changed."

Dyczko noted alumni will have a special opportunity to re-engage this year at IU South Bend's Jubilee Year celebrations, commemorating 100 years of IU classes being offered in South Bend, 50 years of diplomas being conferred at IU South Bend, and 25 years of a unified School of the Arts. "We are planning some special events during Alumni Week in April and commencement in May to celebrate our Jubilee Year," said Dyczko. "It's an opportunity to build excitement and pride on this campus."

As she reflects on her role as director of alumni relations, Dyczko exudes confidence and excitement about expanding alumni connections with the campus that provide benefits to both IU South Bend and its proud graduates. "Our alumni, many who graduate against all odds, have a lot of pride about their accomplishments and experiences at IU South Bend," she said. "I'm looking forward to tapping into those stories and experiences, and engaging more of our alumni with our students and the campus."

Dr. Mallory Jagodzinski, IU South Bend's new assistant director of alumni relations, loves working with college students. "They help me think of things in new ways and come up with creative solutions," said the Michigan State University (MSU) alumna with a smile. "They also keep me engaged in what's cool."

After graduating from MSU, Jagodzinski earned her master's degree in popular culture and her doctoral degree in American Culture Studies at Bowling Green University.

With an eye on a career in development, Jagodzinski also pursued a graduate certificate in public history with a concentration in fundraising. An interview with a major gift officer at the Detroit Institute for the Arts for a class project confirmed she was on the right career path. "As I listened to her answers, I thought, 'I can do this,'" Jagodzinski explained. "The next step was an internship at the United Way of Toledo and second internship at the Toledo Museum of Art."

In her role in Alumni Relations at IU South Bend, Jagodzinski is focused on discovering what resonates with IU South Bend alumni. "I want to make sure we are providing programs and services our alumni want and need," she commented. "I want to raise the visibility and engagement of our alumni."

In addition to reaching out to alumni, Jagodzinski is also creating and supporting initiatives aimed at building stronger ties to the campus among current students. "Early student exposure to meaningful philanthropic experiences on campus is key to building a strong, involved alumni organization," explained Jagodzinski. "The Student Alumni Association at IU South Bend offers opportunities for students to get involved in philanthropic activities such as organizing events to raise funds for Titans Feeding Titans, a campus food bank. So after they graduate, they feel a bond to the campus, and they want to come back to connect with students and support IU South Bend."

Jagodzinski is pleased to have the opportunity to work together with Director of Alumni Relations Moira Dyczko to grow an even stronger alumni organization at IU South Bend. "We have a chance to create an innovative, dynamic program to reach new alumni populations and increase their involvement and presence on this campus," she said. "It's an exciting time."

Emili Sperling Bennett knew she wanted a career in higher education ever since she was in high school. In her new role as the associate director and career coach for Career and Professional Development with the IU Alumni Association she is helping alumni in northern Indiana and Chicago gain clarity about their professional careers. "Even the most elite Olympic athletes have coaches," said Bennett. "As a career coach, I support all phases of our alumni's careers. It's not just for alumni looking to change jobs, but also for those who want to grow in their current positions and expand their skills."

After graduating from IU Bloomington with a degree in Spanish, Bennett worked there as the assistant director of admissions, recruiting students in St. Joseph County to attend the Bloomington campus. Later, she joined the IU Alumni Association, providing transition programming and supplementary career services for Student Alumni Association members.

When a survey revealed IU alumni wanted lifetime career services, Bennett was tapped to join the IU Alumni Career Services team.

Bennett is a certified Global Career Development Facilitator and a certified interpreter for the Myers Briggs Type Indicator, the Strong Interest Inventory and Gallup StrengthsFinder 2.0. She is a frequent speaker on career empowerment and professional development.

With family in northern Indiana, Bennett negotiated with the IU Alumni Association to be a telecommuter and support alumni in the South Bend and Elkhart area with career services at the IU South Bend Elkhart Center. She also holds office hours at IU's Chicago Regional Advancement Center the second Tuesday and Wednesday of each month.

Also a newlywed, Bennett is looking forward to establishing roots in northern Indiana with her husband, who is beginning his career as an optometrist in the area.

In addition to assisting IU alumni with their job searches, Bennett also offers career management and leadership coaching to help alumni attain their career goals. "Whether a person is currently employed, or looking to re-enter the job market, looking for a job or managing a career can be daunting," said



Mallory Jagodzinski



Emily Sperling Bennett

Bennett. "I find it very rewarding to help my clients successfully navigate the process."

For more information about IU Alumni Association Career Services, contact careers@alumni.iu.edu.

Titan Athletics Expanding their Lineup

Over the last decade Titan Athletics has grown from two sports—men’s basketball and women’s volleyball—and 26 scholar-athletes to eight sports and 125 student-athletes. “Expanding the Titans athletic program, not only creates more opportunities for student engagement on campus, it also boosts the university’s enrollment with strong, capable students,” said Steve Bruce, executive director of athletics and activities.

The expansion of IU South Bend’s athletic program continues with the addition of four new sports in 2017—women’s golf, competitive cheerleading, and men’s and women’s tennis. “With the addition of the four sports in 2017, IU South Bend will have 12 varsity athletic programs in its lineup,” said Bruce. “In addition, we have added an additional half-time athletic trainer this year, and we will have two full-time athletic trainers in 2017.”

The women’s softball team, which begins its inaugural season in spring 2017, will call Pfeil Field at Veterans’ Memorial Park its new home. IU South Bend received a generous gift from community businessman and civic leader Richard Pfeil to fund improvements to the softball facility.

Although IU South Bend does not offer athletic scholarships, coaches have been successful in their efforts to recruit talented scholar-athletes to play on their teams. “The power of the IU degree, and cost-effective tuition has made it easier for coaches to recruit the ‘right’ players,” said Bruce. “And our affiliation with the Chicagoland Athletic Conference of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Association, which is a very competitive conference, also helps us draw strong talent.”

Bruce has been instrumental in building an athletic program and hiring staff who fosters a culture of success for scholar-athletes. “We have a chance to make a positive difference in the lives of 125 student-athletes,” said Bruce. “And we have the right coaches to do that.”

Crow Named First Women’s Golf Coach

A former collegiate golfer at the University of Northeastern Ohio, Chelsea Crow, has been selected to be IU South Bend’s first women’s golf coach.

Although the team will not begin competition until the 2017-18 academic year, Crow is busy recruiting. “It’s a great opportunity for women who played golf in high school to continue to play in college at an IU program with affordable tuition,” she explained.

A late-comer to golf, Crow’s hard work and dedication paid off, and she was a successful collegiate golfer. “All the long hours of practice were worth it,” she said. “I have so many fond memories of traveling with the team and playing so many different courses, not to mention the wonderful friendships I developed with my teammates.”

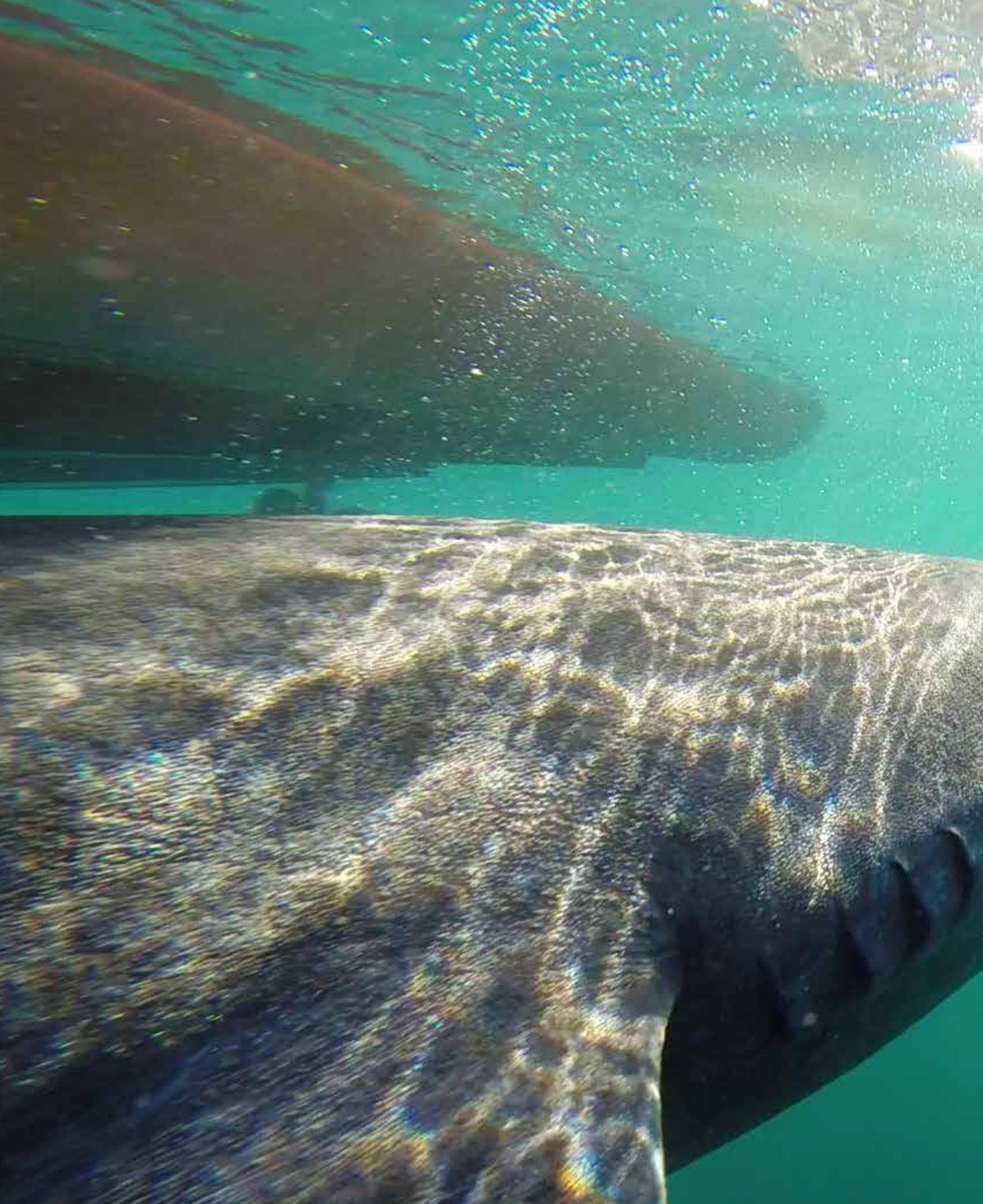
Her father and Golf Pro Steve Mulcahy were mentors and coaches to Crow during her collegiate golf career. As she begins her first coaching job at IU South Bend, she hopes to emulate their coaching style, inspiring confidence and improving her player’s

skills. “In high school, women play from the women’s red tees,” she explained. “In college, they play from the men’s black tees. My job will be to help them successfully transition to the longer distance.”

Crow, also an IU South Bend admissions counselor, enjoys both her roles. “I have the advantage of recruiting high school students to IU South Bend, while I also recruit golfers for the team,” she said. Prior to coming to IU South Bend, she was an admissions counselor at Ohio Wesleyan, where she met her fiancé, Justin Akers, IU South Bend’s first men’s golf coach.

As she reflects on the impact she hopes to make as IU South Bend’s first women’s golf coach she remarked, “It’s not about winning as much as it’s about the girls growing both on and off the course.”







Record-Breaking Research

Long in the tooth, in more ways than one. The world is learning more and more about the mysterious Greenland shark, thanks to Peter Bushnell, professor of physiology at IU South Bend and his colleagues who have been part of a project studying Greenland sharks since 2011.

Research findings on Greenland sharks from Bushnell and his colleagues were published this summer in the prestigious *Science* journal and received widespread national media coverage for the discovery that Greenland sharks may even live beyond 400 years, making them the earth's longest-lived vertebras.

Due to their habitat deep in the frigid waters of the Arctic and North Atlantic Oceans, the Greenland shark (*Somniosus microcephalus*) species is notoriously elusive to study and so their lifespan had previously only been tentatively estimated. They can grow to 21 feet and 2000 pounds, live at least 272 years, and don't reach sexual maturity until approximately 150 years.

ALL IN THE EYES

Bushnell and team's paper "Eye lens radiocarbon reveals centuries of longevity in Greenland shark (*Somniosus microcephalus*)" provides in-depth evidence of the Greenland sharks' lifespan. They examined the cores of sharks' eye lenses to determine the age of

the sharks based on the level of radiocarbon, which indicates the timeframe they were born by comparing it to the radiocarbon in the ocean throughout history.

The longevity study is just one of many since the start of the Greenland Shark project in 2012. Other studies include satellite tracking to measure migratory behavior and conditions, such as where the sharks swim, how deep, and the water temperature, the metabolic rate, skeletal and heart muscle properties, and the blood oxygen-binding properties of Greenland sharks.

"There are a variety of different avenues we are pursuing in an effort to elucidate their fundamental biology," explained Bushnell.

The Greenland shark project was spearheaded by Bushnell and John Steffensen of Copenhagen University, with funding from various sources, including National Geographic, Save Our Seas Foundation, and the Danish Research Council.

Nine Alumni Named 2016 Michiana Forty Under 40

When the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce announced the 2016 Michiana Forty under 40, nine IU South Bend alumni were on the list. The annual award shines a spotlight on the region's most talented and dedicated young executives, professionals, and leaders who demonstrate career success and community engagement. "More than 70 percent of IU South Bend graduates remain in the area after graduation," said Chancellor Terry Allison, "and like these nine outstanding alumni, they make positive contributions in our community and the places they work."

The nine IU South Bend alumni named to the distinguished 2016 class of Michiana Forty under 40 are:

Nathan Boyd, MS'08, Special Education and Building Leadership, principal at Grissom Middle School, Penn-Harris-Madison School Corporation.

Andrew Chilafoe, BGS'15, insurance sales at Leliaert Insurance Agency.

Amy Simeri McClellan, BS'03, MBA'07, vice president of sales and marketing at Martin's Super Market.

Seianna Giden McCray, BS'10 Elementary Education, founder of "A is for Apple Pie," a hands-on supplementary education program for elementary-school-age children and compliance officer at DePaul Academy.

Shahir Rizk, BS'00, Biology, IU South Bend chemistry and biochemistry faculty.

James Ryan Seitz, BS'05, Education, principal at John Adams High School, South Bend Community School Corporation.

Bradford Shively, BGS'04, attorney and partner at Sanders • Pianowski, LLP.

Carmen Williams, BS'01 Education, MS'07 Educational Leadership, principal at Jefferson Intermediate School, South Bend Community School Corporation.

Victoria Wolf, BS'99, MBA'02, attorney at Leone Halpin, LLP.

Nathan Boyd, MS'08, Special Education and Building Leadership

Grissom Middle School Principal Nathan Boyd knows first-hand how strong role models can inspire children to succeed. "My high school football coach was my first real male role model," he explained. "He helped me establish goals in my life that I could not have accomplished without his encouragement." Boyd's coach inspired him to be a better student-athlete, and as a result, Boyd earned a full athletic scholarship to play football at Ball State University.

The middle school principal recently achieved three distinctions: he was named to the prestigious 2016 Michiana Forty under 40 list, and he was awarded Principal of the Year for Northern Indiana District Two and was selected Indiana's Middle School Principal of the Year. "I pride myself in being creative, and approaching this job in a different way," he commented. A self-proclaimed people-person, who enjoys kids and their families, Boyd spends his time out of the office, engaging with students and staff. He enjoys having fun with the kids, chatting in the cafeteria, making videos, or teaching the choir a new song. "Children want to do well," he explained. "We try to provide avenues so they can succeed in multiple areas."

He credits much of his career success to IU South Bend Professors of Education Dr. David Hendrix and Dr. Barbara Thomas, as well as Penn-Harris-Madison Schools (PHM) Superintendent Dr. Jerry Thacker. "I've been lucky to have strong mentors and inspirational professors in my career," he said. The middle school principal is currently pursuing a doctorate in educational leadership at Purdue University. Boyd also serves on the South Bend Housing Authority Board and the Youth Service Bureau.

Shahir Rizk, BS'00, Biology

"I had no plans for graduate school, when I came to IU South Bend as an undergraduate student," said Shahir Rizk, BS'00.

Inspired by an undergraduate research project with Professor of Biochemistry Gretchen Anderson, Rizk shared his interest in pursuing a career in academia. "I told her I wanted her job, and she said, 'you can't have my job but you can go get your own job,'" Rizk said with a smile. And he did just that.

After graduating from IU South Bend, Rizk earned his Ph.D. in Biochemistry at Duke University and became a National Institutes of Health postdoctoral fellow at the University of Chicago. Today, he is an assistant professor in IU South Bend's Chemistry and Biochemistry Department.

Prior to joining IU South Bend's chemistry and biochemistry faculty, Rizk was a member of the faculty at the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Notre Dame as a research assistant professor. He was also the director of external programs at the Boler-Paraseghian Center for Rare and Neglected Diseases. "I liked my job at Notre Dame, but I wanted to be more involved with teaching," he said. "When a position became available at IU South Bend, I applied. I knew the culture, and it was an opportunity to work with some of the same professors who inspired me when I was an undergraduate student."

Rizk is also a founding member and the president of Ultra, Inc., a local non-profit art organization that promotes art and art education in Michiana.

Amy Simeri McClellan, BS'03; MBA'07

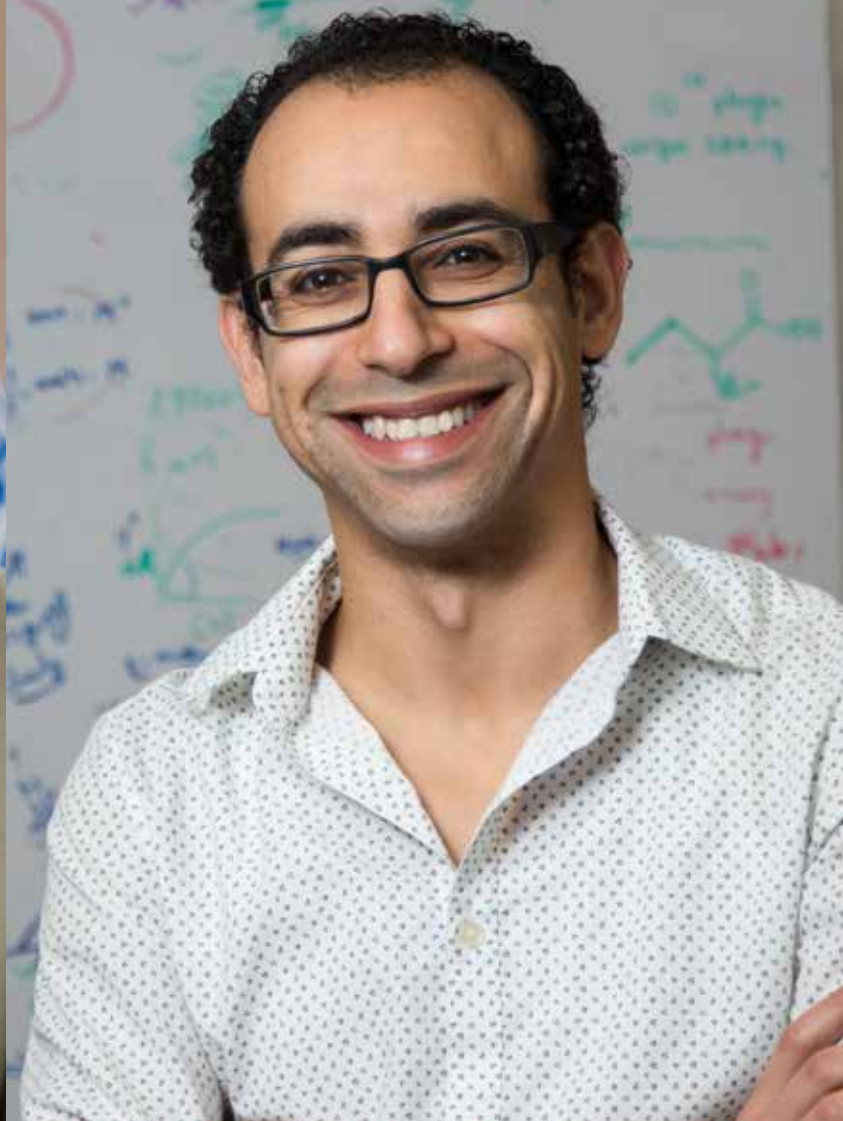
Not entirely sure she made the right choice when she transferred to IU South Bend, McClellan's doubts were quickly defeated. "I knew after one semester I made a good choice," she explained. Small class sizes and the quality of the faculty made the difference for her. "The small class sizes held me and my classmates to a higher standard."

In her position today, as vice president of sales and marketing at Martin's Super Market, she oversees the local grocery chain's marketing and merchandising initiatives. She finds her understanding of market research and

Nathan Boyd



Shahir Rizk



business statistics very relevant to her job today. “As I have had to make competitive pricing decisions,” she explained, “I know that my education has helped to guide my choices. As it relates to advertising, forms of media continue to change and evolve over time, but the science behind why and what should be communicated doesn’t change.”

McClellan also appreciated the diverse student population she found in her classes at IU South Bend, especially the international students. “It was a great experience to work in teams with talented, smart people,” she explained. “We learned how to tap each other’s skills and abilities—something I do every day in my job.”

Read more about the remarkable professional and civic accomplishments of each IU South Bend alumni chosen to join the 2016 Michiana Forty under 40 Class at foundations.iusb.edu.

Amy Simeri McClellan







Huling Ready to Lead Titans Baseball

When Steve Bruce, the executive director of athletics and activities, began his search for the Titans new baseball coach, he didn't have to look far. The team's head assistant coach, Michael Huling, was the overwhelming recommendation. "When I asked the trainers and team members for input on a new head baseball coach, the endorsements were unanimous for Mike," said Bruce. "We are excited to have him. He will be a great representative of our athletics program."

The Titans new head baseball coach brings experience to the job from both sides of the diamond. Huling played center field while he was a student at Mishawaka High School and the University of Southern Indiana. Prior to joining IU South Bend as an assistant coach in 2015, he was an assistant coach at Holy Cross College for a year and Bowling Green State University for two years.

Huling embraces the coaching style of his mentor and former college coach, Tracy Archuleta, who led Indiana State to two Division II NCAA titles—one in 2011, during Huling's senior year, and the other in 2014. "He was a great coach, who knew how to get the best out of his players," said Huling. "He urged us to take one day at a time, and expected us

to show up to practices and games ready to compete every day."

Off-field Huling has high expectations for his players, too. He expects them to attend other Titan teams' games, to show up at the team study table, and to participate in team community service projects.

As Huling recruits players for the team, he targets high school programs that embody the qualities he's looking for in his players: maturity, leadership, and character. "Their performance on the field is not my only concern," Huling explained. "I'm looking for players who display high integrity in everything they do."

The Titans baseball season does not begin until February, but Huling and his assistant coaches are shaping the team to compete on- and off-field. "My objective is to lead them to become better men, who are also good baseball players."

A large, light-colored stone wall with the text "INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS" engraved on it. The wall is set in a landscaped area with green grass, scattered brown leaves, and a row of red and white flowers at its base. Two dark, rounded stone pillars are positioned on either side of the flower bed. The background features lush green trees and a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS



“I was
thirty-six
when my
dream came
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DENNIS GIDEN SR., BS'90, MS'94

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“I had to put my education on hold after I was married and started my family, but the great thing about IU South Bend is it is always there whenever you reach a point in life where you can go back to school.”

After earning his bachelor’s degree in elementary education, the father of eight taught fourth and sixth graders at Swanson Primary Center for five years. Meanwhile, he earned his master’s degree in elementary education and a certificate in administration, and went on to serve as an assistant principal and principal in Elkhart Community Schools and later, as a principal in South Bend Community Schools. “As a result of my education at IU South Bend, I was able to work in a profession that provided the financial resources to raise a large family,” Giden commented. “It also led me to a profession I loved.”

As a father, Giden set the same high expectations for his children as he set for himself. “They knew that it was expected that they finish high school,” said Giden. “They saw what I did, and I encouraged them to follow my example and go to college, too.”

Giden shared memories of taking his son to class in Elkhart, so he could spend more time with him, and sitting his children in a circle around his feet to practice lessons he learned in his education methods classes. “They were seeing their dad in a different light,” explained Giden. “They saw me pursuing my college education.”

FOLLOWING IN THEIR FATHER’S FOOTSTEPS

All eight Giden siblings attended IU South Bend—five earned their degrees, two attended classes on the campus, and one son passed away from a heart condition while he was a student at the Judd Leighton School of Business and Economics. The girls, Seianna, Michelle, and Sardius, worked in the library throughout their undergraduate years. They recalled fond memories and friendships. “We spent so much time in the library studying and working that the library staff was like family to us,” said Michelle, BGS’11. “My education at IU South Bend taught me leadership skills and how to think outside the box so that I could make effective contributions in every environment.” Her sister Seianna, BS’10, also reminisced about the library’s supportive environment. “My brother passed away, and my mom had cancer while I was in school,” she said. “The library staff helped me get through those rough times, and I earned my elementary education degree.”

Sardius, BGS’15, the youngest of the eight siblings, remembers her dance classes. “I joined the IU South Bend Dance Company, and it made my college experience even more special,” she said. “I met great people. I had been dancing since I was 12, but my dance teachers at IU South Bend taught me the technical skills of dancing.” Sardius, who graduated with a general studies degree with concentrations in math and science, still remains active in the dance company.

Lawrence, BA’10, a seminary student and mental health technician at Memorial Epworth, found his niche in the Civil Rights



Seianna Giden McCray



Sardius



Michelle



(L-R) Lawrence, Dennis Jr., Dennis Sr., Andrew, Marcus

Heritage Center. As a member of the Freedom Summer class of 2002, Lawrence founded “Church the Movement,” which brought South Bend churches together for a spiritual and educational program that explored how churches were an inspiration to their members. The program is still active today. “The Civil Rights Heritage Center kept me at IU South Bend at a difficult time right after my mother passed away,” he said. “The professors associated with the center encouraged us to volunteer, but also excel in the classroom. The program was my inspiration.”

Michelle and Dennis Jr., BGS’01, are the musicians in the family along with their father who also enjoys performing in the family band. Dennis Jr. polished his vocal skills as a tenor in the South Bend Symphonic Choir, an ensemble-in-residence at the Ernestine Raclin School of the Arts at IU South Bend. “The Symphonic Choir is very dear to my heart,” he commented. “Dad taught us the basics, but my vocal teacher really enhanced my skills.” The general studies major chose a career path in social work. “Encouraging people and lifting their spirits through my music and my work is where my heart is,” Dennis Jr. explained.

Two Giden siblings, Andrew and Marcus, attended classes at IU South Bend. Marcus is employed at 1st Source Bank, and Andrew works at Mishawaka High School.

MAKING AN IMPACT

The Giden family members who graduated from IU South Bend had different academic interests and gifts, but they all praised their professors for helping them discover and nurture their individual talents.

While Dennis Sr. was a student, he appreciated the small class sizes and attentive faculty. “It was so valuable to me,” he said. “It allowed me the opportunity to interact in a meaningful way with students and faculty.” He smiled and recalled how younger students would take him under their wing when he needed extra assistance, especially in math for elementary education. With a family to support, cost-effective tuition was important too. “It was also an affordable way for a working man with seven children to get a college education,” he said. “My eighth child was born while I was a student.”

Giden is retired as a principal, but he continues to lead the church he pastors, and he assists

Seianna with “A is for Apple Pie,” her food-based interactive supplemental education program for grade school children. Seianna is also the compliance officer at DePaul Academy. “IU South Bend was a very supportive environment for me,” she said. “My professors encouraged me to know the content and be creative. I still talk with many of them today.” In 2016, Seianna was honored with the IU Schurz Library Outstanding Alumni of the Year Award, the St. Mary’s College THRIVE Champion of Community Engagement Award, and she was named to the St. Joseph County Chamber of Commerce 2016 Michiana Forty under 40 list for her efforts to support early childhood education in the community.

The father of eight is proud of his family’s accomplishments and grateful for the people and programs at IU South Bend that fostered their academic and artistic achievements. “We are all placed here for a purpose,” he explained. “IU South Bend was a place where my children and I were able to cultivate our talents, so we could make an impact.”



SHEFFER

Leaves Mark on Campus

It is hard to imagine Ilene Sheffer in retirement. Up until her last day at IU South Bend on December 30 she was a whirlwind of meetings, ideas, and conversations. In her 13 years as vice chancellor for University Advancement she never slowed down. As a result, the campus is dotted with her legacy.

In her role as chief fundraiser, cheerleader, and ambassador, Dr. Sheffer played a part in the transformation of the campus from a commuter college to a traditional regional university. She helped with the building of the pedestrian bridge, the addition of student housing, the construction of the IU South Bend Elkhart Center, the establishment of the Civil Rights Heritage Center at the Natatorium, the remodeling of the Administration Building, the renovation of the Education and Arts Building, and the naming of the Judd Leighton School of Business and Economics and the Vera Z. Dwyer College of Health Sciences. In addition there are countless endowments, scholarships, grants, equipment, and programs she helped create and support through private giving.

“She is a force to be reckoned with,” said IU South Bend Chancellor Terry L. Allison. “I will forever appreciate the help she gave me as a new chancellor in meeting benefactors in the community and building the strong relationships that are in place today.”

The scope of Ilene’s success at IU South Bend is clear. When she arrived in 2003 the principal market value for IU South Bend fundraising accounts was \$4.1 million. As she leaves this year, it is over \$11 million, an increase of 265 percent.

However, Ilene did more than just raise money for the university. She was a mentor to many of her staff members over the years and provided career and personal advice whether they wanted it or not. She also served on many community boards and was always willing to help others with their philanthropic endeavors.

“To me it has always been about changing the world... albeit a small part of the world,” said Sheffer. “IU South Bend gave me the opportunity to positively affect people and places. The campus in South Bend and the center in Elkhart look so different today compared to 2003. It is thrilling to have been part of this transformation.”

Ilene will continue to help people and organizations raise money for good causes in her retirement but she will always be known for the impact she had at IU South Bend.

Sturman Named Vice Chancellor of University Advancement

Stephen Sturman was named the next Vice Chancellor for University Advancement at Indiana University South Bend. He comes to IU South Bend from Valparaiso University where he has been serving as senior major gifts officer. Previously, he was vice president for advancement at Antioch College when it was re-opening in Ohio. There, he established a new development office and was a member of the College’s leadership team. Prior to that he was senior development officer at The Culver Educational Foundation supporting the Culver Academies in Culver, Ind.

Sturman replaced Ilene Sheffer who is retiring at the end of December after 13 years of service at IU South Bend. He has a Bachelor of Science in Management from Purdue University and experience in private sector sales and sales management in the Indianapolis area.

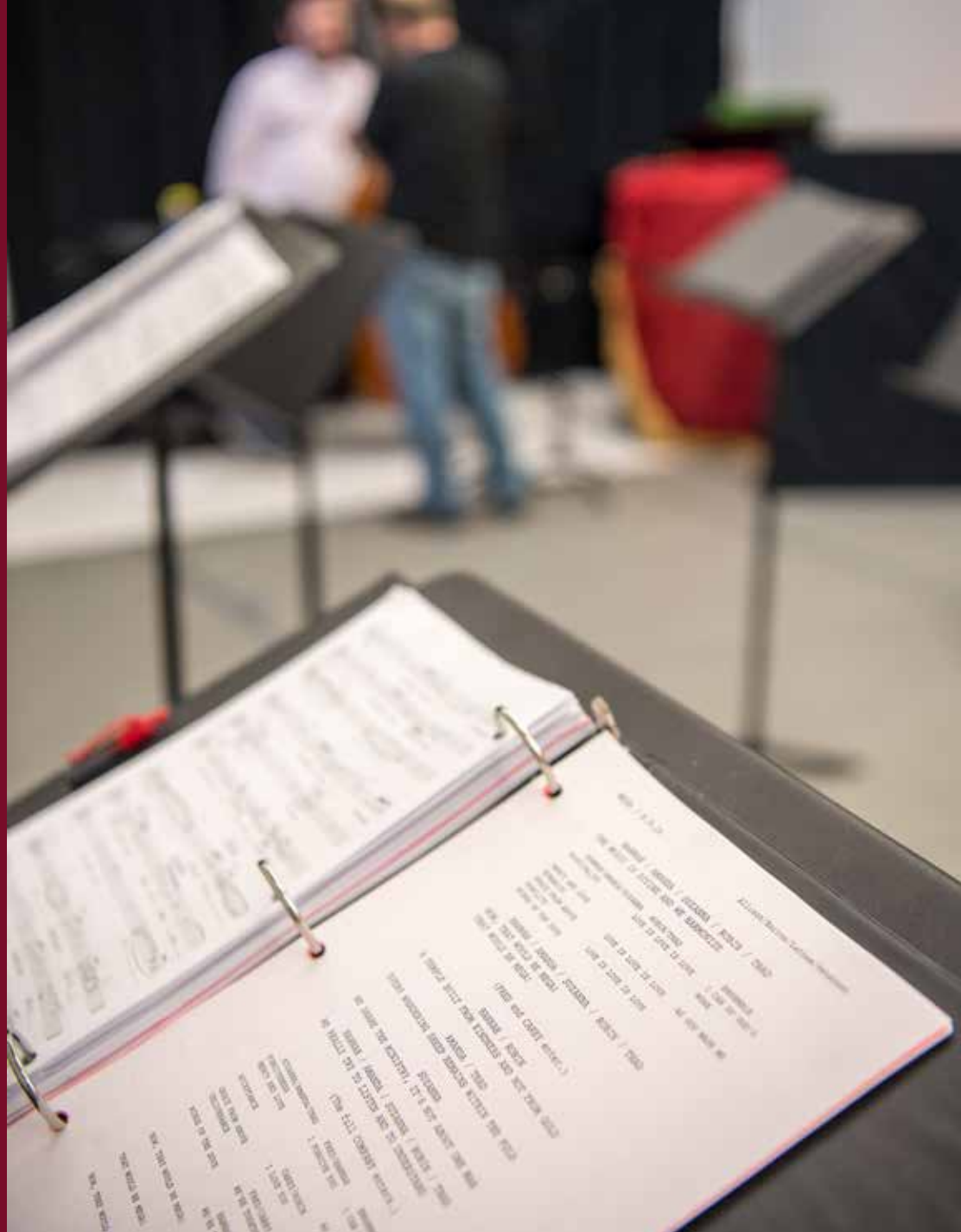
Three Anniversaries Make for a Jubilee Year

Chancellor Terry L. Allison has declared 2016-17 a Jubilee Year at IU South Bend. The special designation is to celebrate the convergence of three important anniversaries:

- 100 years of classes being offered by Indiana University in South Bend
- 50 years of diplomas being conferred at IU South Bend
- 25 years of providing academic programs through the Raclin School of the Arts

The chancellor has convened a Jubilee Year Celebration Task Force to plan the events for the coming year. Posi Tucker (Class of 1967) and Ken Baierl, chief of staff, director of Communications and Marketing at IU South Bend, are serving as co-chairs. The task force is comprised of about 20 people including representatives of the first three classes ('67, '68, '69), alums, students, faculty, staff, and community members.

The mission of the task force is to plan and execute the events and activities celebrating these anniversaries, culminating in commencement in May 2017. Alumni, students, faculty, staff and community residents will be receiving information about events you can participate in to celebrate the history of IU South Bend. The spring edition of *Foundations* will have complete coverage of Jubilee year events.



MEGA! **The Musical**

Add producer, lyricist, and composer to the resume of IU South Bend Chancellor Terry L. Allison. His dream of creating a new work for the American musical theatre came a step closer this summer when a workshop of his musical *MEGA!* was performed in front of an audience on campus.

"It's always nerve wracking to present one's creative work for judgment," said Allison. "But I appreciated the audience's positive responses and constructive comments for improvement."

MEGA! is an original two-act musical loosely inspired by the story of a minister in Colorado



Springs who resigned after a scandal involving sex and drugs. Allison conceived the story, then began to write lyrics and melody to bring it to life. The feminist story reflects on homophobia, religion, and politics in recent American society.

The summer workshop was made possible by a \$50,000 grant from the New Frontiers Program at Indiana University. The program supports research, scholarship, and creative activity that sustain and enhance the reputation of IU as a leader in arts and humanities.

“Writing lyrics and melodies represents a new venture for me,” Allison said. “But I keep learning more about song writing and may try a second musical in the future.”

The chancellor assembled a team of IU South Bend faculty and staff in the Ernestine M. Raclin School of the Arts to work on the project. Our students made up 12 of the 15 member cast. Visiting artists also played key roles in the production and collaborated with Allison on story-telling and musical arrangement.

“There is still a lot of work to do,” said Allison. “We learned so much from staging the entire piece.”

Next steps include refining *MEGA!* based on the workshop feedback and then submitting the work to competitions to receive a wider range of professional feedback. A full public performance at IU South Bend may be in the future.



Matz Sworn In as New Police Chief

IU South Bend's new police chief, Kurt Matz, is still reeling after a summer full of exciting new changes. "My first grandson was born on July 30, and three days later, I was offered the position of Chief of Indiana University Police Department at IU South Bend," he said. "All of these happy events were just swirling around all at once."

Prior to joining the IU Police at IU South Bend, Matz served for 32 years in the Munster Police Department, most recently as a lieutenant and patrol division commander. His first law enforcement career position was at IU Northwest. "I was looking for a new opportunity to lead," he explained. "I'm excited to be back in a university setting. A big upside to the position is it allows more opportunity for me to get out of the office and engage with students, faculty, and administrators," he said.

A long, successful career in law enforcement and his personable nature made Matz an ideal candidate to lead the campus police department according to IU South Bend Chancellor Terry L. Allison. "Chief Matz's approachable manner will contribute to community engagement efforts, where the police, campus, and community work together to continue to make IU South Bend a safe place to study and work," said Allison.

The new police chief is responsible for 12 full-time IU South Bend police officers and

additional staff. He provides leadership, direction, and oversight for all campus enforcement functions. In addition, he serves on various university, local, and state law enforcement committees and acts a liaison between the campus department and local municipal agencies and courts.

Matz earned a Master of Public Affairs, with a focus on law enforcement from IU in 1993, and an undergraduate degree in criminal justice from Saint Xavier University.

"I love working in law enforcement," said the new chief. "Even as a young child, I wanted to be a cop."

During his swearing in ceremony, which was attended by his family, including his 9-week-old grandson, Matz commented, "Everyone I have met at IU South Bend has been friendly and welcoming. My wife and I are excited to join IU South Bend and be a part of this community."

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Class Notes

1970s

Alice Marie Beard, BA'76, published her third law review article, "Gay Rights Strengthen Gun Rights," in the *South Texas Law Review*.

Amelia (Amy) Hazelwood, AS'78, and Tamera R. Davis, AS'99, co-founded a non-profit dental program, Dr. Angie Dental Health Exchange, which coordinates dental care for low income adults in exchange for community service in St. Joseph County. The program was named in memory of Angela Hazlewood Murat, DDS, AS'00, who passed away in 2011.

In October 2014, the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards authorized **Elaine Posthuma Kendell**, BS'79, MBA'11, as a certified financial planner. She is a financial adviser in the Mishawaka, Ind., office of financial services firm, Raymond James. Kendell, who joined the company in 2010, has more than 30 years of experience in advertising, marketing, legal, and financial services.

Gail Hinchion Mancini, BA'75, MLS'94, and her husband, **Joseph A. Mancini**, BS'78, have endowed the Joe and Gail Mancini Photographic and Visual Arts Scholarship at IU South Bend. The intent is to support photography education through scholarships for undergraduate students in the photography program at IU South Bend. The couple lives in South Bend.

Cheryl D. Moeller, MS'74, and her husband, David, are retired and live in Bloomington, Ind., where they enjoy taking advantage of the many activities in the city and at Indiana University. Prior to her retirement, Cheryl

taught special education in Bloomington.

Vincent M. Phillips, BA'74, works as a lobbyist for the Pennsylvania State Grange as well as several other agricultural organizations.

Dennis D. Rossow, BA'79, director of human resources at Comcast in Schaumburg, Ill., was recently elected president of the board of directors for the Center for Changing Lives in Chicago. The agency provides one-to-one employment, financial, and resource development coaching for residents of Chicago's northwest side who are homeless or at-risk for homelessness. The agency also provides IT training, assisting clients in transitioning to a two-year degree in computer science. In addition, Rossow is vice president of the board of trustees of the award-winning Ela Area Public Library District in Lake Zurich, Ill. He and his wife **Gail (Hamilton)**, BA'82, reside in Lake Zurich.

1980s

In July 2015, South Bend, Ind.-based 1st Source Bank appointed **Christopher L. Craft**, BS'89, president and chief operating officer of the 1st Source Specialty Finance Group. Craft, who has 30 years of experience in banking, began his career with 1st Source Bank in 1985 and later served as vice president of commercial banking. In his new role, Craft will continue as a member of the bank's strategic deployment, senior management, asset liability, and credit policy committees. A former volunteer chairman of the IU Alumni Association, Craft lives in Mishawaka, Ind.

Jay R. Howard, BA'88, is a sociology professor and dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Butler University. In 2013-14, he was recognized by the American Sociological Association for his outstanding contributions to scholarship and teaching. He also received the Aida Tomah Distinguished Service Award, given by the North Central Sociological Association for outstanding service. In 2015, he authored *Discussion in College Classroom: Getting Your Students Engaged and Participating in Person and Online*, published by Jossey-Bass.

Patrick J. Ryan, BA'85, MBA'04, his wife, **May Beth (O'Donald) Ryan**, BGS'99, and their daughter, **Madeline H. Ryan**, BS'12, recently returned to the Indianapolis area. Patrick is a sales executive at BestTransport and Mary Beth is senior administrative assistant in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health on the IUPUI campus.

Charles "Mike" Settles, BS'85, serves as a pastor at Claypool United Methodist Church in Claypool, Ind.

1990s

Gary Browning, AS'97, BGS'07, accepted a new position last February at Indiana University Public Safety and Institutional Assurance/University Information Security Office. In his new position, he helps protect Indiana University's data and resources by assessing applications and services to determine if they meet industry standards.

In addition, he serves as a senior liaison and information security investigator, providing guidance to the IU regional campuses.

Chad M. Crabtree, BA'98, is associate director of admissions for Ivy Tech Community College's Elkhart (Ind.) County campus. A member of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, he is the IU South Bend advisor at his alma mater for the Iota Gamma chapter. Crabtree can be reached at chad@alumni.iu.edu.

Sara Cierzniak Egnatz, BS'93, was named to the prestigious 2016 "Great 100 Nurses" list in North Carolina, an award that recognizes nurses who exemplify the qualities of an outstanding nurse in the workplace and the community.

Laura J. Freeman, BA'91, released her album, *Something Coolin*, in 2014. She is also a member of Girls Like Us, a female ensemble featuring versatility in solo performance, wit and charm in story-telling, and shimmering vocal harmonies.

Mary Morgan, MS'99, and her husband opened Morgan Counseling Services, LLC, in downtown South Bend to serve individuals with addictions and mental health issues. In addition, they serve as volunteer supervisors for several IU South Bend students, who are interns in the Counseling and Human Services program.

Teacher **James T. Smith**, BS'94, MS'01, lives in Crown Point, Ind. with his wife of 30 years, who is also a teacher. I graduated from the IU South Bend campus in 1994, with a bachelor's degree in special education. I received my master's degree in 2001."

2000s

Saulo I. Delgado, BA'07, joined the law firm Sanders • Pianowski, LLP in Elkhart, Ind., as an associate in 2013. While he was in law school, he clerked for Judge Cale J. Braford of the Indiana Court of Appeals, interned at the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic, and externed at the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Kelly Jewell, BS'03, taught in Chicago, Ill., immediately after her graduation from IU South Bend. After earning her master's and doctoral degrees, she accepted a position as an assistant professor in the College of Education at Troy University in Alabama.

In June 2015, **Penny R. Nichols**, BS'05, quality systems supervisor at Abbott Laboratories in Sturgis, Mich., was certified as a registrant of the National Registry of Certified Microbiologists in the area of food safety and quality microbiology. The NRCM is a voluntary body that certifies microbiologists in all 50 states, D.C., and Puerto Rico, and on six continents. NRCM strives to minimize risk to the public by identifying qualified microbiologists and to foster professional pride and a sense of accomplishment. Nichols lives in Elkhart, Ind.

Monica Escalante Mendoza, AA'01, BA'02, is a project coordinator for a grant that helps students at Jacinto College in Houston, Texas, pursue their career dreams and guides them through the process. Prior to accepting her current position, she was an academic counselor and adjunct professor at the college. Her experiences as a student at IU South Bend taught her the value of education for which she is very grateful.

Lucas Miles, AGS'02, is a film producer (*Rodeo Girl*, *Crowning Jules*, and *The Penitent Thief*) and author of *Good God: The One We Want To Believe In But Are Afraid To Embrace*, published in the spring. He is senior pastor of Oasis Granger, a church community he and his wife, Krissy, began in Granger, Ind., in 2004. Miles is also president of the Oasis Network for Churches, which services churches in more than ten countries. He frequently appears on television, in churches, on podcasts, at universities, and at conferences throughout the U.S. and abroad. Miles, who lives in Granger, is principal and founder of Miles Media, Inc., a film and television production company.

James A. Ramer, BS'05, was elected to the Goshen Community School Board of Trustees in January 2012 and ran for Elkhart

County Corner in 2016. During his 32-year career as a firefighter in Goshen, he served as assistant fire chief for ten years. He plans to retire in June 2017.

In 2015, **Lucas A. Sawyer**, AS'03, BS'05, of Fort Worth, Texas, was honored by the *Fort Worth Business Press* as a 40 under 40 award recipient. He is vice president of commercial lending at Worthington National Bank in Fort Worth. Sawyer also serves as chairman on the board of directors for the Fort Worth Business Assistance Center.

2010s

Allison Bishop, BGS'10, and Joseph Bishop were married in August 2016.

Jeff Carrier, BS'13, lives in Chicago, Ill., and works as a tech support specialist and project manager for a software company located in the Wrigley Building, which affords him a fantastic view of the Chicago River and Lake Michigan. He fondly remembers the faculty at IU South Bend, especially Gary Kern and Kelcey Parker Erivck, who helped him get where he is today.

Amy N. Clark, BA'14, is now an HR professional at Oaklawn Psychiatric Center in Mishawaka, Ind. She is engaged to be married and has a one-year-old daughter. Clark lives in South Bend, Ind.

Kelsi Clark, BS'11, accepted a new position as client relations account manager at Andretti Autosport in Indianapolis, Ind.

In July 2015, the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation named three recent IU graduates among the newest class of Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellows. The 49 fellows include **Sarah K. Cukrowicz**, BFA/BS'13, **Thomas A. Sheppard**, BS'15, and **Caitlynn Richardson**, BA'15. The highly competitive program recruits recent graduates and career changers with strong backgrounds in science, technology, engineering, and math and prepares them to teach in high-need secondary schools. Each fellow receives \$30,000 to complete a specially designed master's degree program.

In return, fellows commit to teach for three years in urban and rural Indiana schools that most need strong STEM teachers.

Chris Klein, BA'11, and Indiana University-Bloomington alumna Christina Bills, who met while studying abroad in Freiburg in Breisgau, Germany, were married in June 2016. They reside in Bloomington, Ind., where Chris works as a career advisor in the College of Arts and Sciences Walter Center for Career Achievement at Indiana University and his wife works at Bedford Public Library.

Kayla M. (Wallace) Myers, AS'10, BDH'11, is a program associate at the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County (Ind.). Currently, she is completing an MPA degree at IU South Bend. Kayla and Craig Myers were married in June 2016.

Mark Piechowiak, MSW'11, recently accepted a position at Life Treatment Centers, Inc. (LTC), a non-profit focused on treating addictions in homeless individuals. Prior to joining LTC, he worked at Choices Recovery.

In January 2015, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, JD'86, named **Rudolph C. "Rudy" Yakym III**, AS'09, BS'11, to the Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission. Yakym represents the third district on the commission and his three-year term continues through December 2017. Yakym, of Granger, Ind., is a senior vice president for Midwest-based real estate firm Bradley Company, sits on IU South Bend's Alumni Board of Directors.

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