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## A special reason for loving U.S. history

**W**arning! **Emili Dagher's** enthusiasm, gratitude, warmth, and beaming smile may be contagious! But if that's the case, may we all be "infected," because these qualities have helped Dagher immensely over the years. They helped her immigrate to the United States 15 years ago and become a U.S. citizen on May 30, 2002. They helped her earn an IU associate of arts in general studies degree in 2001 and her bachelor of general studies degree in 2003. And, today, they help her inspire the youngsters she teaches at Sand Creek Intermediate School in Fishers, Ind.

"I decided to pursue my general studies degrees at a distance through the IU Independent Study Program," she says. "As a full-time employee, I wanted an accredited program without having to attend a campus. Studying, turning in assignments, and taking exams at my own pace enabled me to fulfill my responsibilities as a mother, spouse, and employee."

Dagher says that she enjoyed all the



*Emili Dagher*

independent study courses she completed, but that her American history courses hold a special place in her heart. "The long hours I spent studying U.S. history made me aware of the birth of the country's Constitution, its struggles, and – most of all – its greatness! I am proud to be an American because I now know how

dear our freedom really is."

Dagher is appreciative of all the support she received while taking courses. "I wish I could meet all my IU instructors to thank them personally for their help and dedication. I'd also like to thank everyone who is part of the Independent Study Program team. Thank you, Indiana University, for encouraging me to become a better-educated person!"

Dagher isn't done with learning yet. Although she already speaks several languages, she's going to start studying Spanish. "As an instructor of English as a second language," she says, "I feel I can best help my students if I know their language. Knowing one more language will allow me to connect with students who are learning English and to encourage them to cross the [language] bridge without fear and confusion."

Dagher encourages others to take independent study courses. "With perseverance, determination, and the vital help of the IU teachers, you will make it. It is worth it!"

## Study results

### *Students fulfill dream of completing degree*

**F**ifty-year-old **Steve Miller** of Asheboro, N.C., graduated from high school in 1971, then attended a local college but did not graduate. He subsequently joined the workforce, was married, and built a 20-year career as a quality assurance manager. Despite his successes, Miller had one major regret. "I was frustrated with myself that I did not finish my bachelor's degree."

That was until 2002, when Miller was accepted into the universitywide

General Studies Degree Program in the IU School of Continuing Studies. Thanks to the program, Miller is now pursuing his IU bachelor's degree through distance education.

A recent study shows that Miller is typical of general studies distance students, most of whom have previous college experience and who apply to the General Studies Degree Program to complete their education and fulfill their desire to get a degree.

In the study, researchers looked at

applications to the universitywide distance General Studies Degree Program between January and June 2003. Of the 300 applicants studied, 86 percent reported having previous college experience. Thirty-one percent of the applicants said they wanted to enroll in the General Studies Degree Program to fulfill their desire to get a degree; 27 percent said they wanted to complete their education. Other reasons applicants gave for  
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## IU first in state to offer online bachelor's degree

Indiana University is the first Indiana institution of higher education to offer a four-year bachelor's degree entirely online. Students worldwide are now able to complete all 120 hours of course work leading to the IU School of Continuing Studies' bachelor of general studies online using their computer, e-mail, and the World Wide Web.

Students in online SCS courses access all of their lessons and assignments in one place through a secure, personalized Web site. All lesson submissions and communications take place online. In addition, student assignments are graded online by the instructor. Many of the courses feature interactive activities ranging from online quizzes and multimedia exercises to full-blown virtual tours and field trips.

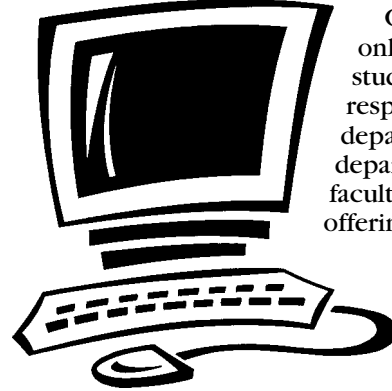
**Kathi Lyle** is a general studies degree graduate from Rowlett, Texas. She signed up for an online course, she says, because she was eager to finish her degree. "I wanted to see if I could cut a little time off the start-to-finish time frame."

Lyle's experience in the course was positive. "If I had to start on my degree from scratch," says Lyle, "I would do it entirely online. The online format is interactive and dynamic, and it helps engage and encourage the student. There are so many new tools online, whether it's the complete text

of a Shakespeare play or access to scholarly journals, artworks, or music — all at four o'clock in the morning if that is what you need."

Courses leading to the online bachelor of general studies are approved by their respective IU academic departments and are taught by departmentally approved faculty and instructors. Current offerings include courses in anthropology, business, classical studies, communication and culture, comparative literature, computer science, criminal

justice, economics, English, fine arts, geography, geological sciences, history, philosophy, political science, religious studies, and sociology.



### *Tell a friend!*

## *Title I allows general studies associate's degree*

The Indiana University associate of arts in general studies is suitable for Title I instructional paraprofessionals needing to meet the requirement of an associate's degree (60 credit hours) or the recognized equivalent as specified in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

Courses that paraprofessionals may find especially useful include

- S320 Deviant Behavior and Social Control;
- S316 or S316w The Family;
- K205 Introduction to Exceptional Children;
- P101 Introductory Psychology;
- S163 or S163w Social Problems; and
- S230 Society and the Individual.

The IU associate of arts in general studies meets the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act. However, some districts may have specific requirements. Paraprofessionals should check to make sure the degree meets their district's requirements.

For more information, call (800) 334-1011.



*Paraprofessionals can earn an IU associate of arts in general studies to make sure "no child is left behind."*

## Wertheim approved as SCS interim dean

On Dec. 5, 2003, the Indiana University Board of Trustees approved Judith B. Wertheim as interim dean of the School of Continuing Studies.



Wertheim

Wertheim has worked for continuing studies for 23 years. She says she is happy and proud to serve as interim dean and that the appointment will be an exciting challenge. Noting that enrollments in SCS courses are increasing and that the school continues to put more courses online, Wertheim says, "All of the things we do testify to our commitment to serving students."

Wertheim's tenure as interim dean is expected to last six to eight months. During that time, a University Faculty Committee task force will review the school. The task force will present the first draft of its review on April 1.

## Kreitzer receives 2003 SCS Distinguished Alumni Award

Donald J. Kreitzer, BGS'94, received the 2003 SCS Distinguished Alumni Award. The award recognizes outstanding service to the public or university. All alumni (except current board members) are eligible for the award.



Kreitzer

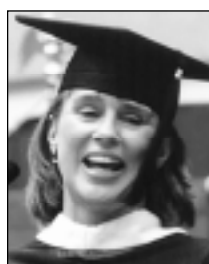
In announcing the award at the spring meeting of the IU Alumni Association's Executive Council, former School of Continuing Studies Dean Jeremy Dunning stated that Kreitzer was recognized for his outstanding service to IPFW, continuing studies, the IU community, and the Fort Wayne community.

Kreitzer, former president of the IPFW Alumni Association, is proud of what he has "given back" to the

university. "Not everyone has it in them to give back to the university, and some don't believe they need to give anything at all, be it money, time, or advice. To those, I'd say you're missing out on a lot of fun, friendship, and intrinsic reward. Being able to help students and the university advance, seeing both grow over time, and knowing that you had a hand in it – now, that's rewarding!"

## Toschlog receives IU East Distinguished Alumni Award

The Indiana University East Alumni Association honored **Ingrid Y. Toschlog**, BGS'87, CPM-G'99, with the IU East Distinguished Alumni Award at the May commencement ceremonies.



Toschlog

Toschlog has acquired the distinction of having been a student and employee at three IU campuses: IU Bloomington, IU East, and IUPUI. "My 25 years of being a nontraditional student and employee of IU have been so rewarding and fulfilling," she says. "My gratitude to everyone there really knows no bounds."

Toschlog, who serves as bursar for the IUPUI campus, is a lifetime member of the IU Alumni Association.

She is a former IUAA Executive Council member, member of the IUAA Visioning Task Force, and vice president of the School of Continuing Studies Alumni Association. She currently serves as treasurer of the IUAA Board of Managers.

Toschlog earned an associate degree in business in 1984 and a bachelor's in general studies in 1987. She also has a certificate in public management from IUPUI and is currently working on a master's in adult education through the School of Continuing Studies.

## Inauguration ceremony set for IU president

Inauguration ceremonies for IU President **Adam W. Herbert** will be at 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 15, at the IU Auditorium in Bloomington. A reception will follow in the auditorium lobby.



Herbert

Herbert became IU's 17th president on Aug. 1, 2003. He follows Myles Brand, who stepped down at the end of 2002 to become president of the NCAA. Former IUPUI Chancellor Gerald Bepko served as interim president prior to Herbert's arrival.

The inauguration is open to the public.

## Cunningham receives President's Award

**Susan J. Cunningham**, AGS'90, received the President's Award from the IU Alumni Association in December 2002. The award is given to individuals who help lead the way in providing opportunities for fellow alumni and friends to stay connected with their alma mater. They help strengthen the bond of alumni with the university.

Cunningham received an associate of general studies degree at IU East in 1990. She is a board member for the School of Continuing Studies Alumni Association. As an active member of the alumni admissions team, she participated in the Regional Campus Student Recruitment Workshop and helped organize the seminar "What Do I Do with a BGS Degree?" She has been involved in nearly every program sponsored by the IU East Alumni Association.

The President's Award is the highest honor the IU Alumni Association bestows on a volunteer.

## Eight students receive Lorenz Scholarship

Three students pursuing their general studies degrees through distance education were awarded William Lorenz Scholarships in fall 2003. The recipients were **Lori Green, Kelley Harrison, and Nelma Jean Miller.**

In fall 2002, scholarships were awarded to **Suzanne Jensen, Helene D. Kukielka, Kay Lindner, Kathi Lyle, and Amparito T. Solis.**



Lorenz

William Lorenz earned his bachelor of general studies degree in December 2001. He established this scholarship to help other students reach their goal of completing an IU degree at a distance.

## Four receive 2003-04 SCS Scholarships

School of Continuing Studies Scholarships have been awarded to four students for 2003-04:

- **Sharon Lesniewski**, IU Northwest, Ford P. Hall Scholarship
- **Diana McGrady**, IUPUI Columbus, Ford P. Hall Scholarship
- **Tiffany Tellez**, IPFW, Ford P. Hall Scholarship
- **Ursula Williams**, IUPUI Columbus, Dean's Scholarship



**Remember to vote!**

The IU alumni trustee election is coming up soon!

*Ballots will be mailed to graduates in May and must be returned by the end of June.*

*For information about the candidates, see your May/June INDIANA ALUMNI MAGAZINE or go to [www.alumni.indiana.edu/magazine/](http://www.alumni.indiana.edu/magazine/)*

## SCS bids fond farewell to retirees



The School of Continuing Studies wishes the very best for retirees **Larry Onesti, left, and Irv Levy.** Levy served as director of general studies at IUPUI, and Onesti was executive director of the universitywide Office of Academic Programs.

## Check out our new Web site!

<http://scs.indiana.edu>

In mid-February, the School of Continuing Studies launched a new Web site. The new site has been streamlined to make it easier to find information about SCS programs, activities, and people. View the site at <http://scs.indiana.edu>.

We will continually modify the site to better meet user needs. If you have suggestions for improvements, please contact us at [scs@indiana.edu](mailto:scs@indiana.edu).

## Study results

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applying to the program included the following: to develop a personal interest, enter a professional field, be promoted at work, and change careers.

"When you look at these data," says SCS Interim Dean Judy Wertheim, "and consider that the average age of the general studies distance student is 37, you get a clear picture of the

School of Continuing Studies helping working adults to fulfill their dream of completing a degree."

Steve Miller couldn't agree more. Even as he is making progress toward his IU bachelor's degree, he is thinking about the future. "Once I finish my general studies degree," he says, "I might teach, I might work on a master's degree, or I might just be satisfied with the knowledge that I finally completed something I started more than 30 years ago."

## Alumni news

### 1980s

**Edwin M. Carroll**, BGS'82, MS'83, is currently stationed with the U.S. Coast Guard in Seattle, Wash. His wife, **Kimberly K. Carroll**, BS'78, MS'83, is teaching and coaching at a junior high in Silverdale, Wash.

**Rob E. Newell**, BGS'84, of Midlothian, Texas, was promoted to general manager at Transport Industries.

**Beatrice L. Cork**, AA'83, AGS'84, BGS'86, recently received the CFRE Credential, an internationally recognized certification that identifies fund-raising professionals who demonstrate knowledge, skills, and commitment to the highest standards of ethical and professional practice in serving the philanthropic sector. She is the director of development for the School of Social Work at IUPUI and lives in Indianapolis.

### 1990s

**Christopher S. Cockerham**, BGS'93, is an investment real estate broker in Orange County, Calif. He and his wife, **Andrea Cockerham**, BA'93, recently celebrated the birth of their first child, **Layton Christopher**.

**Damon L. Bailey**, BGS'94, co-wrote *Damon: Beyond the Glory*, a 151-page book that outlines his NBA dreams, his Bedford, Ind., business operation, and his relationship with his former basketball coach, **Bob Knight**. He co-runs the **Hawkins Bailey Warehouse**, a sales and delivery company specializing in heavy-duty maintenance products, in Bedford.

**Emily Meyers Farley**, BGS'95, MBA'03, writes,

"Believe it or not, I have an agent and am working as an actor while searching for my 'real' job in the business side of the film/television industry. The other day, I was struck by the irony that most people in L.A. seem to be doing it the other way around, working their 'real' job while trying to become an actor! Hopefully, we'll be switching places sometime soon!" She lives in Venice, Calif., and can be reached at [meyers.farley@earthlink.net](mailto:meyers.farley@earthlink.net).

**Keith Smart**, BGS'95, was promoted to head coach of the Cleveland Cavaliers after serving three seasons with the team. It is his first NBA head coaching job.

**Derek Mayfield**, BGS'96, a captain in the U.S. Army, was deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in December 2001 and was later deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He can be reached at [onepintforu@earthlink.net](mailto:onepintforu@earthlink.net).

**Jenny (Massey) Dillman**, BGS'97, is manager of client services for Ginovus, an economic development services affiliate of the law firm Sommer Barnard Ackerson Attorneys. She lives in Peru, Ind., with her husband, **L. Scott Dillman**, BGS'97, and can be reached at [jrdlsd@yahoo.com](mailto:jrdlsd@yahoo.com).

**Lori B. Collins**, AGS'98, BGS'01, is working toward a master's degree in adult education. She lives in Russiaville, Ind.

**Theresa A. Ranieri**, AGS'98, is intensively studying the genome while living in Indianapolis.

**Jennifer N. McGuire**, AS'99, BGS'00, was named community action coordinator for the city of Richmond, Ind. She serves as a liaison for the city government with residents and organizations.

### 2000s

**Kelli S. Crockett**, BGS'00, is communications coordinator for Conseco Insurance Group in Carmel, Ind.

**Eric P. Lawhorn**, AGS'00, and his wife, **Wanda Lawhorn**, BS'98, celebrated the birth of their son, **Evan Paul**, on Feb. 20, 2002. They live in Charlestown, Ind.

**Laura M. Brown**, BGS'01, is working toward a master's degree through the online degree program at the University of Wisconsin, School of Information Studies. She lives in Brunswick, Md.

**Eriko T. Dodge**, BGS'01, is working toward a graduate degree at the Columbia University School of Social Work. She lives with her husband, **Brian M. Dodge**,

MS'99, and their dog, **Barney**, in Manhattan, N.Y.

**Angelica P. Williams-Rice**, BGS'01, graduated in August with an MA in business management from Indiana Wesleyan. She lives in Noblesville, Ind.

**Randolph W. Hoerschgen**, AAGS'02, is working toward a bachelor's degree in business. He owns **HomeTech**, which provides contracting, inspections, and appraisals in Jefferson City, Mo.

**Alexander W. English**, BGS'02, is a graduate student at Ball State University.

**Janet H. Ra**, BGS'02, is living in Washington, D.C., and working at a law firm. She can be reached at [jhra7@aol.com](mailto:jhra7@aol.com).



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