

# Take Five

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## This Week in Academic Affairs



Most of us are familiar with the sports highlights we see on television from time to time. Those of you who attended last week's budget hearing saw

something similar as units summarized their accomplishments in 2015. Instead of buzzer-beating shots and spectacular catches, we saw eye-popping pass and placement rates, graphs showing dramatic gains in various areas, and slides summarizing the countless impressive ways that IU Kokomo educates students and serves its community. In Academic Affairs, we saw, among other highlights, Allied Health's outstanding job placement rate for students in radiologic sciences (100 percent), the library's increase in information-literacy activities for our students (up nearly 100 percent over last year), Nursing's strong NCLEX pass rate (94.9 percent), and, in the School of Sciences, substantial increases in the numbers of informatics majors and graduates over the past two years. Faculty in Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, and Business have been involved in community partnerships, the Honors Program (which has doubled in size), study abroad, IU Kokomo's new *Field* magazine, various joint programs, and more. It's hard to imagine a set of highlights more impressive or inspiring—but imagine we should. With plans for the Kokomo Experience under way, we can envision countless highlights still to come: Sophomore Sojourns that immerse students in the world and their future professions, rich FLC experiences that give our freshmen "The Best Year Ever," and any number of activities that connect classes to Student Activities, Career and Accessibility Services, and other invaluable campus resources. If you thought this year's highlights were impressive, just wait until next year (and the year after that and the year after that . . .).



A new "Harmony" exhibit recently opened in the campus art gallery.

## This Week at IU Kokomo

2/15: Go Places: Making Travel Happen (11:30 a.m., KC 130B)

2/15: [Black and Jew Dialogues](#) (7 p.m., Kresge Auditorium)

2/19: VIP Day (8:15 a.m., Alumni Hall; noon, KC 130)

2/19: [Authentic Conversations](#) (1 p.m., Cole Room)

2/20: Basketball Games (noon & 2 p.m., Cougar Gym)

## Kudos for Kokomojo

- Todd Bradley contributed an [article about the Iowa caucuses](#) to the *Kokomo Perspective* last week. Thanks, Todd, for using your expertise to serve our community.
- The School of Sciences turned out in droves to support the Science Fair on campus on Saturday. Faculty and students who judged or otherwise helped make the fair possible include Christian Chauret, Denise Chauret, Patrick Motl, Hisako Masuda, Carrie Kinsey, Jeff Batis, Sara Devo, Ashley Duffitt, Mike Finkler, Joshua Gotteemoller, Diane Hampshire, John Hughey, Kasem Kasem, Linda Krause, Diana Mishler, Lina Rifai, TJ Sullivan, Madison Heflin, Jayesh Lalla, Teng Lee, Tabitha Pelgen, Ashleigh Skiles, Brandon Wysong, Matthew Floyd, and Hannah Randall. Thanks go out to all of you, along with the Facilities staff who helped, as well.