

CONTINUING

SCS celebrates 30th anniversary with pride

On July 11, 1975, the founding fathers of the School of Continuing Studies signed the enabling document that officially established a school designed, as the first SCS dean Robert W. Richey put it, "to serve the needs of students who cannot take advantage of traditional formal programs at fixed campus locations."

As the school begins a yearlong celebration of 30 years as the best in lifelong learning, we'll take great pride in looking back on the school's accomplishments and ahead to its future successes.

UFC votes to maintain SCS

It is appropriate, as the school approached its 30th anniversary, that IU President Adam Herbert established a task force committee to review the school and its programs. In February of this year, the University Faculty Council

voted on the committee's findings, and it recommended that

- the School of Continuing Studies be maintained as a university school charged with the oversight and administration of the programs now housed in it;
- the School of Continuing Studies continue to award the associate and bachelor's degrees in general studies; and
- the Faculty Council of the School of Continuing Studies be enlarged to include not only the chair of the General Studies Committee on each campus, but also an additional representative from each campus, along with appropriate administrators of the school.

New agreements help students earn a degree

The review of the school was only one of many highlights during the past year. Major accomplishments included the following:

Judy Wertheim was appointed as interim dean in December 2003.

The School of Continuing Studies now boasts more than 23,000 alumni, including Chinese students who recently earned their associate of arts degree in general studies under an agreement between the school and the **Academy for Continuing Education in Hong Kong**. More Hong Kong students will graduate this fall.

The school also has an agreement with the **American Academic Alliance in Singapore**. Like the Hong Kong students, students in Singapore will take SCS



Judy Wertheim

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The first Hong Kong graduating class celebrates during a commencement recognition ceremony in China.

Endowment to honor former SCS dean James Weigand

For more than a decade, former School of Continuing Studies dean James Weigand has led trips to Washington, D.C., as part of the Indiana University/Smithsonian Associates educational program.

Twenty-seven people took advantage of the most recent Smithsonian program in September 2004. The program's theme was "NATO in the 21st Century," and its presenters included U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar and Lee Hamilton, director of the

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and vice chair of the 9/11 Commission. The next Smithsonian program, to be held April 4-7, 2006, will look at the role of the media in world affairs.

To help support the program, the School of Continuing Studies is establishing a James Weigand Endowment Fund that will recognize Dean Weigand for his outstanding service to the Smithsonian programs, the university, and the com-

munity. Contributions to the endowment will not only honor Weigand, but also will help ensure that the Smithsonian programs continue, giving others the opportunity to take advantage of this superlative educational experience.

If you would like additional information about the IU/Smithsonian program or about the endowment fund, please call SCS interim dean Judy Wertheim at (812) 855-1538.

Anniversary

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independent study courses to earn their IU degree.

A 2003 agreement with **Excelsior College in New York** continues to be very successful. Excelsior offers courses to the military. In conjunction with Excelsior, the School of Continuing Studies has been offering independent study courses to military personnel via CD-ROM. More than 1,540 Excelsior students registered in courses in 2003-04.

The school is always looking for creative ways to help people earn a degree. Under the new **90 > 30 Program**, students at cooperating community colleges are able to earn their associate degree at their community college and then continue at their community college for an additional year, earning up to 90 transferable credit hours at their home campus. Those students may then apply for admission to Indiana University and, once admitted, complete 30 hours of upper-division credit through the SCS Independent Study Program. By taking

independent study courses, students can fulfill the requirements for the IU bachelor of general studies.

To date, six community colleges outside the state of Indiana have entered into 90 > 30 agreements with the school.

Innovations help to serve students better

Students in all of the programs mentioned above can choose from more than **190 correspondence courses and 59 online courses**. They can earn both the associate and bachelor's degrees in general studies by taking only online courses, and the school is continually adding to its online inventory.

In addition to continuing its development of innovative distance education courses, the School of Continuing Studies has made significant improvements to its student information system. During 2003-04, SCS staff began development of a **new student information system, Dragon**. The initial goal was to replace the functionalities of the old student information system, IS00. Additional functionalities will be added in the com-

ing months that will enable the school to offer even better customer service, provide a seamless registration process for students, and enhance its research capabilities.

SCS staff also launched the school's **redesigned Web site** at <http://scs.indiana.edu>. The new site, based on the IU gateway pages, is clean, fast, and easy to use. In addition to information about programs and courses, the site features news stories, student profiles, and important announcements. It also includes IU Online, which provides a comprehensive listing of distance education courses from all IU campuses and schools, as well as resources for faculty and students.

We invite you to learn more about the school's accomplishments by reading its annual report, which is available on the Web at <http://scs.indiana.edu/aboutus/aboutus.html>.

Even as we celebrate our past, we are looking forward to the future. As we do, we see the school concluding an even greater number of agreements to help students attain their degree, getting all of its courses online, and making its new student information system fully functional. The future is bright, and we hope you will continue to stay in touch with us as we continue to grow and thrive.

Share your story

With the 30th anniversary celebration, we thought we would check in with our graduates and see what they doing. Enclosed in this newsletter is a survey that gives you the opportunity to tell us some of your thoughts about your IU general studies experience and about what you are doing now. We sincerely hope you will take a few minutes to fill out the survey and mail it back to us, postage paid. Thank you — we look forward to hearing from you soon!

Earn a master of science in adult education at the SCS

Since your graduation, have you become involved in teaching and training other adults? The School of Continuing Studies offers a graduate degree in adult education that may be for you! It can be earned primarily online to meet your professional needs and to fit your schedule.

The master of science in adult education is designed to support the development of both a theoretical and an applied knowledge base in teaching or planning educational programming for adults. Prospective students may learn more about the graduate degree and how to apply at the following Web site: <http://scs.indiana.edu/univ/msae.html>. Specific program and application information is under the "Prospective Students" link.

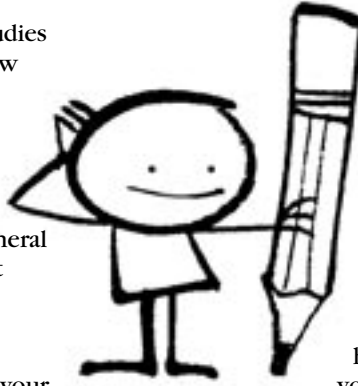
Greetings from the IU School of Continuing Studies!

As a graduate of the Indiana University general studies degree program, you undoubtedly remember how nervous you were when you returned to school as an adult student, as well as the intense pride you felt when you received your degree.

Please help others achieve the same success by taking a few minutes to answer the questions below. Your responses will show others what they can do with a general studies degree, as well as provide valuable feedback that will help us continue to improve the degree program.

Your participation in this survey is voluntary. Your name will not be used without your permission, and if you wish, you may fill out the survey without including your name. You may skip any questions you wish.

After answering the questions, please fold and tape this sheet so that it is addressed to us. Then drop it in the nearest mailbox.



If you have any questions at any time about the survey, you may contact the researcher, Dr. Frank DiSilvestro, at the School of Continuing Studies, Owen Hall 105, 790 E. Kirkwood Ave., Bloomington, IN 47405; (812) 855-6520; disil@indiana.edu. If you feel that you have not been treated according to the descriptions in this survey or that your rights as a participant in the survey have not been honored during the course of this study, you may contact the office for the Indiana

University Human Subjects Committee, Carmichael Center L03, 530 E. Kirkwood Ave., Bloomington, IN 47408; (812) 855-3067; iub_hsc@indiana.edu.

Many thanks for taking time to update your School of Continuing Studies!

Your current name (PLEASE PRINT): _____
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Name at the time you earned your degree: _____
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Home address: _____

Home phone: () _____ E-mail: _____

Current employer: _____ Work phone: () _____

Work address: _____

Current occupation/title: _____

Degree(s) earned in School of Continuing Studies: Associate degree Year _____ Bachelor's degree Year _____

Campus from which you graduated: _____

Did you continue your education after earning your degree in the School of Continuing Studies? Yes No

If yes, in which academic areas did you continue your education? _____

Were these credit or noncredit courses?

Further degree earned (and level), if any: _____ Year _____

Institution: _____

Are you currently working on a degree? Yes No

If yes, title and level of degree: _____

What year did you enter the IU general studies degree program? _____

Why did you select the general studies degree program? _____

How did you take (complete) the courses for your general studies degree program?

- Independent study On campus Combination of independent study and on campus

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Did your general studies degree meet your expectations? Yes No

What did you like most about the degree? _____

What improvements would you suggest for the degree program? _____

What contributed most to your success in completing the degree? _____

Do you have other comments you'd like to share about your general studies experience that might be better handled in a personal interview? If so, be sure you have provided a phone number where we can reach you. Yes No

Would you be willing to participate in a study about how your general studies degree has affected your career path? If so, be sure you have provided a phone number where we can reach you. Yes No

What are your current continuing education needs? _____

Is there any information we can send to you? _____

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Thanks for your help!



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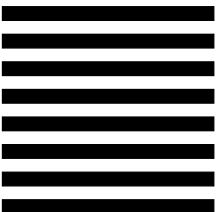
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Alumni news

1990s

Susan G. Cooper, BGS'92, writes, "My partner and I own the largest independent chain of drive-through espresso bars in Orange County, Calif." She lives in Seal Beach, Calif.

In February 2005, **Roy J. Durnal**, AGS'93, CLS'96, BGS'97, MS'05, was promoted to associate director for the Office of Student Financial Assistance at IU Bloomington. He lives in Unionville, Ind.

Neil F. Omansky, BGS'94, writes, "After living in Washington, D.C., for over seven years and working at the White House and the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Congressional Relations, I moved to Chicago in January 2004 to accept a position with the U.S. General Services Administration. I serve as the Great Lakes Region's lead communications specialist for GSA's Public Building Service. In August 2004, I married Rachael Berman. I can be reached at nomansky@sbcglobal.net or neil.omansky@gsa.gov."

Matthew N. Gifford, BGS'95, is vice president/general manager of the Springfield (Mo.) Cardinals, the double-A affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team. He has worked in the St. Louis Cardinals organization since 1996 in ticket sales, community relations, corporate sales, and marketing. He lives in Ballwin, Mo.

Susie M. (Burchyett) Grover, ACJrn'96, BGS'96, MLS'98, is a librarian at Avon-Washington Township Public Library. Her husband, Monty C. Grover, BS Ed'72, retired in spring 2004 after 32 years as a teacher. He taught at Mooresville (Ind.) High School for 31 years. The Grovers live in Plainfield, Ind.

Michelle A. (Hildenbrand) Artmeier, BGS'97, MIS'04, is associate director of

sponsored program administration at IUPUI. She lives in Carmel, Ind.

Alberta D. Comer, ACJSt'97, BGS'97, MLS'02, is associate dean of the Indiana State University Library. She lives in Bloomington, Ind.

Kris D. DiMartino, BGS'97, writes, "I was at IU Bloomington from '89 to approximately '93. I finished my degree in '97 from Omaha, where I live today. Haven't married yet. I live in West O. and work down the street at a real estate office/recording studio. I'm working on a third album. This one will be Christian contemporary (krisdimartino.com). Call or e-mail me at (402) 312-5000 or kdimart@yahoo.com."

In 2004, **Robert Lewellen**, AGS'97, BGS'98, started Great White Painting Co. in Bloomington, Ind.

David A. Beed, BGS'99, MLS'02, MIS'02, is a systems manager for Excel Manufacturing. He lives in Seymour, Ind.

Marisol C. Cisneros, BGS'99, is a pharmacist and pharmacy manager at Marsh Pharmacy in Muncie, Ind. She received a doctor of

pharmacy degree from Purdue University in 2003. The Lake Station, Ind., resident can be reached at cisnerosrph@hotmail.com.

2000s

Randall S. DeCleene, BGS'00, is an account director at Ogilvy Public Relations in Washington, D.C. He previously served as deputy press secretary on Vice President Dick Cheney's staff. He lives in Alexandria, Va.

Grant T. Farnsworth, '00, married Mary E. (Beatty) Farnsworth, BS'00, on October 16, 2004. They live in Westfield, Ind.

Alicia L. Gunn, BGS'01, writes, "I have had two successful years at SBC Midwest." She lives in Indianapolis and can be reached at ag2698@sbc.com.

Paul E. Norris Jr., '70, BGS'01, has been elected secretary of the Virginia Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (VA-CLEA). He writes, "I will move up each year until becoming president of the organization." He lives in Charlottesville, Va., and can be reached at

pn6c@virginia.edu.

Tara L. Hufford, BGS'02, received a BSN from Purdue University School of Nursing in May 2003. She lives in Rossville, Ind.

Anthony Q. Thompson, BGS'02, was featured in a May 2004 article in the Bloomington (Ind.) *Hoosier Times* about his work as a pastor at Lighthouse Community Church in Bloomington, Ind. Thompson is also assistant director for development for the IU Varsity Club.

In August 2004, **Kacie M. Crocker**, BGS'03, began studies in physical therapy at IUPUI. She can be reached at kitcrocker@yahoo.com.

Joshua J. Rininger, CBusF'03, BGS'03, writes, "Since graduation I have worked at Welch Packaging in Elkhart, Ind., learning the corrugated box business." He can be reached at JoshR20202@aol.com.

Sgt. Timothy E. Miller, BGS'04, writes, "In January 2005, I was deployed to Iraq for 489 days. I received a combat medic award in March." He is a soldier in the Army National Guard.

New online!

Preparing for the TOEFL Written Essay

International students needing to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) to gain admission to a U.S. college or university can help prepare themselves by taking Preparing for the TOEFL Written Essay, an online, noncredit course offered by the School of Continuing Studies.

Dr. Bruce Leeds, adjunct assistant professor with the Indiana University Center for English Language Training, developed the course. CELT instructors read and score student essays and provide individualized feedback on grammar, punctuation, word choice, and style.

"There are many organizations that provide online practice questions and guides for the TOEFL," Leeds says, "but none allow students to interact with a real, live instructor and receive personalized feedback. Indiana University is the first institution of higher education to offer such an opportunity online. Using the instructor's responses," he continues, "students can find patterns in their errors and improve their writing and test scores."

Sections of the course begin every two weeks.

Additional information is available online at <http://scs.indiana.edu/international/toefl.html>.

Staff news

On Jan. 1, 2005, **James Schellhammer** became the interim director of the universitywide general studies degree program. Schellhammer, the former academic adviser for the program, retains some of his advisory responsibilities. **Julia Story** has been hired as a new full-time adviser.

Former GSD director **Frank DiSilvestro** will continue to work for the School of Continuing Studies as a full-time faculty member in the master of science in adult education program.

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